

2018 Members' Programs and Events

Harbor Discoveries
Summer Camps members-only
advance registration starts
January 8, 2018.



**New England
Aquarium**

Protecting the blue planet



Thank you!

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we depend on the support of our members and year after year look forward to providing you with exciting and engaging ways to learn more about the beautiful blue planet we share. There's always something going on at the New England Aquarium, so use this guide as your starting point for a great membership year. Thank you again, and enjoy!

Please note: Memberships are nonrefundable and nontransferable, and are revocable licenses. Membership levels, benefits, and prices are subject to change without notice. Membership benefits may not be used in conjunction with school or group trips.

Program Registration

All programs require preregistration, unless otherwise noted. Programs generally fill up quickly, so be sure to mark your calendar for registration start dates. The Aquarium has a no-refund, no-cancellation policy. Full payment with a credit card is required at the time of booking. If the Aquarium must cancel a program, we will notify you prior to the program and you will receive a full refund.

Details are subject to change without notice. For up-to-date information on all of the opportunities listed in the guide, and late-breaking new ones, visit us online at neaq.org.



We're always on the lookout for new opportunities for members, so keep an eye on neaq.org/memberevents and sign up at neaq.org/seamail to make sure you're getting all of our late-breaking announcements and alerts.

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Members-Only Events

Members, let us show you our appreciation with an entire year of opportunities for you to enjoy *your* Aquarium!

Unless otherwise noted, reservations are required and dependent on the number of admissions permitted with your membership level. Space is limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Questions?

Email members@neaq.org or call the Membership events line at 617-973-6564.

For details and late-breaking listings, stay tuned to neaq.org/memberevents.

Family-Friendly Fun!

Dive In!

Explore your Aquarium after hours and away from daytime crowds during school vacation weeks.

Free, reservations are not required.

Thursday, December 28, 2017

Monday, February 19, 2018

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Stay tuned to *blue*, your quarterly members' magazine, and SeaMail for April and December dates to be announced.

Fish, Fun, and Fright

Join us for tricks and treats and a lot of fun at this annual family-favorite Halloween party!

Friday, October 26, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Adults-Only Member Events!

That's A-Moray

Celebrate Valentine's Day with drinks, a strolling buffet dinner, and unparalleled ambiance.

Friday, February 9, 2018

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Fin & Tonic

Why should kids have all the fun? Leave the little ones at home and come enjoy all *you* love about the Aquarium.

Thursday, August 23, 2018

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Premium-Member Exclusive!

VIP Early Morning Sundays

Get an early start on adventure with these VIP mornings.

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Holiday Breakfast

Celebrate the holiday season with us—fun for the whole family!

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Family Programs

The Aquarium offers a variety of fun and educational programs for families to enjoy together. Members receive discounts on program fees where applicable.

You can find program details online at neaq.org/family.

Festivals!

Bring your friends and family to a festival on Central Wharf! Meet scientists and community partners, engage in hands-on activities, and learn about our oceans during these all-ages events. All festivals are free and open to the public, no preregistration is required (Aquarium admission is not included).

Sunday, May 6, 2018

New England Right Whale Festival

Sunday, June 10, 2018

World Oceans Day Celebration

Sea Squirts

(Ages 2 – 4)

Learn about the blue planet alongside your young child as we focus on developing motor, language, and socialization skills, and encourage early science skills. Classes are an hour long and include free play, art projects, games, and circle time. Classes are held in the Aquarium's Ocean Center.

Choose *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday classes at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 2:30 p.m.*

Colder Climates **NEW!**

Find out how animals stay warm when it's cold outside.

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays: January 11, 18, 25, February 1

Sundays: January 14, 21, 28, February 4

Ocean Giants

Learn about whales, sharks, sea turtles, and octopuses as we discover the giants of the sea.

Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 27, March 6

Wednesdays: February 7, 14, 28, March 7

Thursdays: February 8, 15, March 1, 8

Sundays: February 11, 25, March 4, 11

Amazing Amazon **NEW!**

Explore the Amazon and its fascinating freshwater species like anacondas, piranhas, electric eels, and more.

Tuesdays: March 20, 27, April 3, 10

Wednesdays: March 21, 28, April 4, 11

Thursdays: March 22, 29, April 5, 12

Sundays: March 18, 25, April 8, 22

Ocean Babies

Being small in the big ocean isn't easy. Learn how these little critters grow to be adults!

Tuesdays: April 24, May 1, 8, 15

Wednesdays: April 25, May 2, 9, 16

Thursdays: April 26, May 3, 10, 17

Sundays: April 29, May 6, 13, 20

Masters of Disguise

Investigate and learn how animals use different types of camouflage to hide.

Tuesdays: May 22, 29, June 5, 12

Wednesdays: May 23, 30, June 6, 13

Thursdays: May 24, 31, June 7, 14

Sundays: June 3, 10, 17, 24

Ocean Motion

Can you swim like a fish? Walk like a crab? Dig like a clam? Float like a jelly?

Tuesdays: September 11, 18, 25, October 2

*Wednesdays: September 12, 19, 26,
October 3*

Thursdays: September 13, 20, 27, October 4

Sundays: September 16, 23, 30, October 7

Ocean Adventurers

Come along as we explore the ocean by boat, plane, submarine, and scuba gear!

Tuesdays: October 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesdays: October 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays: October 11, 18, 25, November 1

Sundays: October 14, 21, 28, November 4

Wicked Local Critters **NEW!**

Lobsters, horseshoe crabs, and whales—oh my! Learn about the fascinating animals that call New England home.

Tuesdays: November 6, 13, 27, December 4

*Wednesdays: November 7, 14, 28,
December 5*

Thursdays: November 8, 15, 29, December 6

Sundays: November 11, 18, December 2, 9

Sea Squirts Preview

(Ages 12 – 24 months)

Through this class, you and your child will be introduced to the ocean world, while your youngster becomes comfortable in a classroom setting and at the Aquarium.

Each session consists of four classes.

Sessions are repeated throughout the year.

Classes take place Mondays at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Session A: January 22, 29, February 5, 12

Session B: February 26, March 5, 19, 26

Session C: April 9, 23, 30, May 7

Session A: May 14, 21, June 4, 11

Session B: September 10, 17, 24, October 1

Session C: October 15, 22, 29, November 5

Session A: November 19, 26, December 3, 10

Space is limited for Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Preview, and advanced registration is required. For program details, please visit neaq.org/family.

Programs for Teens

live blue™ Ambassadors

(Ages 14 – 18)

The *live blue*™ Ambassadors program is a field conservation program for teens who are interested in serving the Aquarium's mission beyond the walls of the Aquarium. Participants may take part in habitat cleanup and restoration, invasive species removal, and citizen science. All new participants are required to attend a one-hour orientation at the Aquarium prior to their first event. Locations and times vary by event and are listed in the weekly update emails.

For more information and for the link to join our mailing list and start receiving sign-ups for orientations and events, visit neaq.org/lba.

Marine Biologist in Training Programs

(Grades 7 – 11)

These courses are challenging opportunities for students to learn about marine science at the Aquarium and build skills for problem solving, leadership, and environmental stewardship.

Marine Biologist in Training (MBIT) provides an exploration of marine science skills for high schoolers, and an opportunity to delve deep into a component of what it is to be a marine biologist.

Grades 7 – 8

MBIT – Your Local Ocean

Sundays: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Grades 9 – 11

Spring Session:

MBIT – Fish

Sundays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 31 (Saturday), April 8

Fall Sessions:

MBIT – Field Work

Sundays: September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7

MBIT – Scientist

Sundays: October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

Members receive a discount on MBIT programs.

Financial aid is available.

Program admission is application-based.

For program details and applications, please visit neaq.org/mbit.

Harbor Discoveries Summer Camps

Experience this popular marine science summer day camp for students entering grades 4 through 10, complete with an *overnight experience for all levels*. Choose from programs that include hands-on encounters with animals and unforgettable peeks behind the scenes at the Aquarium.

Please note that confirmations of reservations and associated paperwork will be emailed as attachments upon registration.

Members receive a discount on all camp programs.

Register online at neaq.org/camps or by calling 617-973-5206.

Scholarships are also available based on household income. To learn more, please visit neaq.org/campscholarship or call the Camp Office at 617-226-2425.

This camp complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is licensed by the Board of Health.

Junior Programs

Entering grades 4 and 5 in the fall of 2018

July 23 – 27: *New Balance Foundation*

Marine Mammal Maniacs

July 30 – August 3: *Fishellaneous*

August 20 – 24: *Tidepool Trekker*

Senior Programs

Entering grades 6 and 7 in the fall of 2018

July 9 – 13: *Harbor Island Hopper*

July 16 – 20: *Mysterious Ocean*

August 6 – 10: *Coastal Quest*

August 13 – 17: *Vibrant Vertebrates*

Advanced Programs

Entering grades 8 and 9 in the fall of 2018

July 9 – 13: *Coastal Zone Studies*

July 30 – August 3: *New Balance Foundation*

Mammal Mentors

August 20 – 24: *Aquarist in Training*

Entering grades 8 through 10 in the fall of 2018

July 16 – 20 and July 23 – 27:

Marine Science 101 (two-week program)

August 6 – 10 and August 13 – 17:

Field Expedition (two-week program)



Member registration begins
January 8.
General registration begins
February 5.

Other Opportunities

Behind-the-Scenes Tours and Animal Encounters

Take your Aquarium visit to an entirely new level with unique Animal Encounters. Meet a seal, join staff on the platform above the Giant Ocean Tank for a Myrtle feeding, or go behind the exhibits to learn what it takes to care for our amazing animals.

Premium members receive a 50% discount on Behind-the-Scenes Tours, and all members receive a 10% discount on Animal Encounters programs!

Some program availability is seasonal.

Check prices and book your encounter online at neaq.org/encounters or call 617-973-5206.

Birthday Parties at the Aquarium



Celebrate your special day with all of your favorite marine friends! The Aquarium offers on-site birthday party packages that can include admission, Behind-the-Scenes Tours, and movies in our Simons IMAX® Theatre. Finish off your party with a trip to one of our restaurant partners, such as the Hard Rock Café for burgers. You can also have the Aquarium brought to you with our On-the-Road Parties, which feature sea stars, urchins, and crabs! All parties are for individuals turning 3 and older; some restrictions apply.

For details, visit us online at neaq.org/birthdays.

Volunteer!

Classic Volunteer Corps

(Ages 16+)

Each year, hundreds of volunteers cumulatively contribute over 100,000 hours of service across nearly every department, and they are one of the most important parts of the Aquarium team. If you're interested in pursuing a career in marine science or conservation, or if you're just looking for a meaningful way to donate some of your spare time and energy, consider applying for a volunteer position here at the Aquarium. We would love to welcome you aboard!

To learn more or apply now, please visit us online at neaq.org/volunteer.

live blue™ Service Corps

(Ages 18+)

Can't commit to a regular volunteer schedule at the Aquarium but still interested in getting involved? No problem! The *live blue*™ Service Corps offers episodic volunteer opportunities so you can volunteer on a schedule that works for you. Through this program, we partner with local environmental agencies and organizations to provide a growing calendar of opportunities for you to roll up your sleeves with fellow volunteers and help protect the blue planet.

To join, simply attend an orientation and start signing up for projects at neaq.org/volunteer!



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Start here to make the most of your 2018 New England Aquarium membership.