

# *2019 Members' Programs and Events*

Harbor Discoveries  
Summer Camps members-only  
advance registration starts  
January 7, 2019.



**New England  
Aquarium**

*Protecting the blue planet*

## Thank you!

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we depend on the support of our members. Each year we provide 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](http://neaq.org).



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

## Members Events

Members, let us show you our appreciation with an entire year of opportunities for you to enjoy at *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](mailto: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](http://neaq.org/memberevents).

### Family-Friendly Fun Member Appreciation

These special evenings allow you to explore your Aquarium after hours and away from daytime crowds during school vacation weeks throughout the year. Reservations are not required for these free evenings.

Stay tuned to *blue*, your quarterly members' magazine, and *SeaMail*, your monthly email with news and event updates, for our February, April, June, and December 2019 dates to be announced. Don't miss the fun!

### Halloween Festival

Join us for tricks, treats, and a lot of fun as we celebrate a very spooky time of year on Central Wharf! Big ghouls and tiny monsters are all invited to this event, and we always have surprises in store.

### Adults-Only Member Events

#### That's A-Moray

Celebrate Valentine's Day with drinks, a strolling buffet dinner, and unparalleled ambiance. Bring friends, family, or your sweetheart to this 21+ member event.

#### Fin & Tonic

Leave the little ones at home and enjoy all you love about the Aquarium, plus a cash bar, tasty treats, and fun activities. Members receive discounted tickets.

#### Making Waves with *The Tide*

Join the Aquarium's young supporters at this fun annual event. It's a party you and your friends won't want to miss!

### Premium-Member Exclusive

#### VIP Early Morning Sundays

Start your adventure early with these VIP mornings. We are adding more of these events in 2019 than ever before, so stay tuned!

*Sunday, January 20*

*Sunday, March 24*

*Sunday, April 28*

*8:00 a.m.*

#### Holiday Breakfast

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

*Sunday, December 1, 2019*

*8:00 a.m.*

## Teen Programs

### live blue™ Ambassadors

(Ages 14 – 18)

The *live blue*™ Ambassadors Program is a field conservation initiative for teens who are interested in serving 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 before their first event. Locations and times vary by event and are listed in the weekly email updates.

For more information and for the link to join our mailing list to start receiving sign-ups for orientations and events, visit [neaq.org/lba](http://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 for middle and high schoolers, and an opportunity to delve deep into a component of what it is to be a marine biologist.

#### Grades 7 – 8

**Spring Session: MBIT – Your Local Ocean**

*Saturday: April 20*

*Sundays: April 28, May 5, 12, 19*

**Fall Session: MBIT – Scientist**

*Sundays: October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24*

#### Grades 9 – 11

**Spring Session: MBIT – Fish**

*Sundays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7*

**Fall Session: MBIT – Field Work**

*Sundays: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6*

Members receive a discount on MBIT programs. Financial aid is available. Program admission is application-based.

[Learn more at neaq.org/mbit](http://neaq.org/mbit).

## 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.

[Learn more at neaq.org/family](http://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 5, 2019*

*New England Right Whale Festival*

*Sunday, June 9, 2019*

*World Oceans Day Celebration*

[Learn more at neaq.org/festivals](http://neaq.org/festivals).

## Early Learning at the Aquarium

Aquarium educators set the stage for an early love of the ocean and the animals within while incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) skills through hands-on learning and fun, unique Aquarium experiences. All classes are held in the Aquarium's Ocean Center.

### Sea Squirts Preview

*(Ages 12 – 24 months)*

Through this class, you and your child will be introduced to the ocean while your youngster becomes comfortable in a classroom setting and at the Aquarium. Each session consists of four classes. Three series topics are offered: Movement, Shapes, and Colors. Series are repeated throughout the year as repetition is one way to support your growing toddler's development.

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

***Movement** January 14, 28, February 4, 11*

***Shapes** February 25, March 4, 11, 18*

***Colors** April 8, 22, 29, May 6*

***Movement** May 13, 20, June 3, 10*

***Shapes** September 9, 16, 23, October 7*

***Colors** October 21, 28, November 4, 18*

***Movement** November 25, December 2, 9, 16*

[Learn more at neaq.org/seasquirtspreview.](https://neaq.org/seasquirtspreview)

### Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Advanced

*(Ages 2 – 4, and ages 4 – 5)*

Learn about the blue planet alongside your young child as they develop motor, language, socialization, and early science skills. Classes are an hour long and include free play, circle time, art projects, STEAM activities, and time exploring an Aquarium exhibit. Each session consists of four classes (once per week).

*Sea Squirts (ages 2 - 4) classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.*

*Sea Squirts Advanced (ages 4 - 5) classes meet on Sundays and Tuesdays at 3 p.m.*

[Learn more at neaq.org/sea-squirts/.](https://neaq.org/sea-squirts/)

### Giant Ocean Tank

Each week we will learn about a different kind of animal that lives in our largest exhibit as we explore the diversity found top to bottom in our Giant Ocean Tank.

*Tuesdays: January 8, 15, 22, 29*

*Wednesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30*

*Thursdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31*

*Sundays: January 13, 20, 27, February 3*

### Deep Ocean

Dive down and explore the swiggly, wiggly, and glowing animals of the deep ocean.

*Tuesdays: February 5, 12, 26, March 5*

*Wednesdays: February 6, 13, 27, March 6*

*Thursdays: February 7, 14, 28, March 8*

*Sundays: February 10, 24, March 3, 10*

### Ponds and Rivers

Come join us to learn about some of the amazing things the animals of freshwater habitats do, including going through metamorphosis.

*Tuesdays: March 19, 26, April 2, 9*

*Wednesdays: March 20, 27, April 3, 10*

*Thursdays: March 22, 28, April 4, 11*

*Sundays: March 24, 31, April 7, 14*

### Just Like You and Me

Compare how animals at the Aquarium live their lives similarly to ours. They learn, play, and even go to the doctor just like we do!

*Tuesdays: April 23, 30, May 7, 14*

*Wednesdays: April 24, May 1, 8, 15*

*Thursdays: April 25, May 2, 9, 16*

*Sundays: April 28, May 5, 12, 19*

## Hide and Seek

Some animals really love to hide by blending in. Join us as we look for them!

*Tuesdays: May 21, 28, June 4, 11*

*Wednesdays: May 22, 29, June 5, 12*

*Thursdays: May 23, 30, June 6, 13*

*Sundays: June 2, 9, 16, 23*

## Rainbow Tidepool 1

Part 1 of an eight-week series. Learn about local tidepool animals that are red, orange, yellow, and green.

*Tuesdays: September 10, 17, 24, October 1*

*Wednesdays: September 11, 18, 25, October 2*

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

*Sundays: September 15, 22, 29, October 6*

## Rainbow Tidepool 2

Part 2 of an eight-week series. Learn about local tidepool animals that are blue, purple, white, and black.

*Tuesdays: October 15, 22, 29, November 5*

*Wednesdays: October 16, 23, 30, November 6*

*Thursdays: October 17, 24, 31, November 7*

*Sundays: October 20, 27, November 3, 10*

## Fishy Friends **NEW!**

Each week we will learn a bit more about our fantastic fishy friends; what makes a fish a fish and what makes each one so uniquely cool.

*Tuesdays: November 12, 19, December 3, 10*

*Wednesdays: November 13, 20, December 4, 11*

*Thursdays: November 14, 21, December 5, 12*

*Sundays: November 17, 24, December 8, 15*

*Space is limited for Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Preview, and advanced registration is required.*

**Learn more at [neaq.org/family](http://neaq.org/family).**

## AquaSTEAM **NEW!**

This new hands-on, afterschool series for students in kindergarten through Grade 2 follows a project-based learning model. In this six-week, drop-off program, students use the Aquarium's exhibits to enhance learning and STEAM skills. Classes meet on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Aquarium's Ocean Center.

**Learn more at [neaq.org/AquaSTEAM](http://neaq.org/AquaSTEAM), including 2019 dates.**

# Summer Camps

Experience this popular marine science summer day camp for students entering grades 4 through 10, complete with an overnight stay for all levels. Choose from programs that include hands-on encounters with animals, unforgettable peeks behind the scenes at the Aquarium, and daily field trips to explore a variety of marine habitats. Members receive a discount on all camp programs.

Scholarships are also available based on household income. To learn more, please visit [neaq.org/campscholarship](http://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.

### **Program Levels:**

**Junior Programs** (entering grades 4 and 5)

**Senior Programs** (entering grades 6 and 7)

**Advanced Programs** (entering grades 8 – 10)

Programs run July 8 through August 23. Session descriptions and dates will be available on the camp website ([neaq.org/camps](http://neaq.org/camps)) no later than Thanksgiving.

**Learn more at [neaq.org/camps](http://neaq.org/camps) or call 617-226-2425.**



**Member registration begins January 7.**  
**General registration begins February 4.**

## 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.

Learn more at  
[neaq.org/encounters](http://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.

Learn more at  
[neaq.org/birthdays](http://neaq.org/birthdays).

## Volunteer!

### Classic Volunteer Corps

(Ages 16+)

Each year, hundreds of volunteers cumulatively contribute more than 100,000 hours of service across nearly every department, and they are one of the most important parts of the Aquarium team. If you are interested in pursuing a career in marine science or conservation or if you are 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!

Learn more at  
[serve.neaq.org/volunteer](http://serve.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 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.

Learn more at  
[serve.neaq.org/calendar](http://serve.neaq.org/calendar).



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