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GATOR INVASION!

Atlantis Marine World Aquarium Announces Special Summer Exhibition.

After much anticipation and hard work, guests at Atlantis Marine World are invited to experience *Gator Invasion*, a special two-month exhibition opening on Saturday, July 4, that will be home to several reptiles from Southeastern Florida.

The seasonal exhibit is a first for the Aquarium, which up until now, has only opened permanent exhibits.

"We believe that families will be staying closer to home this summer," explains Aquarium General Manager, Bryan DeLuca. "So if families aren't going to Florida, then we're bringing a bit of Florida to Long Island by building an exhibit featuring their most recognizable animal - the gator!"

The nearly 900-square-foot exhibit will house one 12' American alligator and a 3' crocodile, along with six 2' baby American alligators, obtained from Gatorama, the largest gator farm in Florida, which is located in the city of Palmdale. Their trainer, Ben Register, will be on hand all summer to answer questions and share stories about the animals, as well as hold a series of scheduled interactive shows and talks.

The daily schedule is as follows:

Baby Gator Bites (Talk & Hold): 11:15am; 12:30pm; 2:15pm; 3:30pm

Gator Invasion Show (Gator & Crocodile): 12:15pm; 3:15pm

"Now, more than ever, we know how much families appreciate affordable and fun interactive learning," continues DeLuca. "With all we are offering, we are certain families will add us to their must-do-and-see list this summer."

Gator Invasion runs through August 30.

Atlantis Marine World was recently ranked by *Parents Magazine* as one of the "Top Aquariums for Kids." The Aquarium is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

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About Atlantis Marine World Aquarium

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Situated on 3.2 acres along the Peconic River, AMW is open from 10:00am to 5:00pm daily (closed December 25). General Admission Rates are \$18.50 (plus tax) for Children 3 - 17 and Seniors 62+; \$21.50 (plus tax) for Adults 18 - 61; Children 2 and under are always free at AMW. AMW is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. Additional information can be found at www.atlantismarineworld.com.

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