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DIVE INTO SUMMER AT ATLANTIS! *Seasonal Exhibits Now Open at Atlantis Marine World*

Atlantis Marine World's summer season is in full swing with ten of its seasonal attractions now open, including: Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat, Saturday Evening Osprey Cruise, Snorkel with the Rays, Trainer for a Day, Summer Adventure Days, Outdoor Ray Bay, Interactive Salt Marsh, Scoops Ice Cream & Candy, Nemo's Family Fun Center, and the brand new for 2006, Poseidon's Peak & Playground, featuring a 25-foot climbing wall.

Aquarium visitors can take to the water and jump aboard the Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat. This unique two-hour environmental tour boat adventure navigates the Peconic River and Flanders Bay. Conducted by Naturalists, the cruise educates about the abundance and importance of the ecosystems on Long Island. This "floating classroom" includes trap pulls, interaction with and learning about horseshoe crabs and other marine life, and a stroll along the shore when the Atlantis Explorer beaches itself in a remote region along Flanders Bay. The Atlantis Explorer runs daily at 11:30am and 2:00pm from May through October.

Guests visiting the Aquarium without the kids can relax and climb aboard the Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat on a Saturday evening for an Osprey Cruise. Led by a naturalist on a birding trip that focuses on the osprey, as well as other local birds, guests are treated to refreshments, and the view, as they spend a Saturday evening in July or August cruising the Peconic River and into Flanders Bay. The fun begins at 5:30pm.

Imagine swimming side by side with exotic stingrays, breathtaking tropical fish, and white-spotted bamboo sharks...now do it, right here on Long Island at Atlantis Marine World's Snorkel with the Rays. Everything is provided for this hour-long immersion below the surface - a wet suit, snorkel, towel, and experience of a lifetime. Space is limited, with our season running from July to September.

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So, what does it take to work with Seals or Seal Lions? Guests can find out at the Trainer for a Day program, running through September. Kids (10 years and up) and adults join our Marine Mammal staff on a Saturday to go behind-the-scenes at Atlantis Marine World. Part of the more than two-hour session even includes private observation of the California Sea Lion Training and Feeding Session. The experience is capped off with a photo of the "Trainer for a Day" getting a kiss from a Seal.

And what about summer camp - Atlantis style? Summer Adventure Days offers weeklong programs for kids ages 4 to 14 from July through August. Learning about the environment by immersing themselves thoroughly within it, kids are introduced to the importance of their surroundings and their role in protecting it.

Guests are also encouraged to cool off on a hot summer day in our Interactive Salt Marsh. Visitors can roll up their pants and take off their shoes to get an up-close look at Long Island's marine life. An Aquarium educator will guide visitors through the marsh while describing the many inhabitants of our local salt marshes.

A summer 2006 addition, Poseidon's Peak & Playground provides visitors with the opportunity for invigorating playground fun in a beautiful outdoor setting along the Peconic River. Adventurers can add an extra dose of excitement to their visit by scaling our 25-foot climbing wall!

Other outdoor attractions, including Ray Bay, Scoops Ice Cream & Candy, and Nemo's Family Fun Center are also now open.

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's own full-scale Aquarium, is located in downtown Riverhead on 3.2 acres along the scenic Peconic River. By capturing our visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental conservation and preservation, Atlantis Marine World's mission is to provide visitors with an interactive and exciting educational experience. Atlantis Marine World 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.

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