

OCEANS OF FUN

NEWSLETTER

March 2009

WHAT'S NEW AT OCEANS OF FUN?

This past winter season has brought many exciting changes to Oceans of Fun. We were approached to extend our Oceans of Fun family to provide a seasonal sea lion presentation at Hershey Park in Hershey Pennsylvania. We have gladly accepted the invitation and are excited to extend Oceans of Fun to another area. Two of our animals and two staff members will be heading out at the end of February to give them time to acclimate to their new environment and to train new and exciting behaviors.

These new behaviors will be showcased in presentations beginning in mid April and concluding in early October when they will then return to Oceans of Fun in Wisconsin.

The two animals traveling to Hershey Park are "Geneva", our 10 year old female and "Diego", a 5 year old male. These two animals have done wonderful in presentation at Oceans of Fun; they are full of energy and will do fantastic in their new environment.



With animals heading out to Hershey Park, we are preparing to bring two new arrivals into our population here in Milwaukee. Joining our family will be "Harley" a male California sea lion and "Scooter" a male Pacific harbor seal. These two will be traveling North from the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois this April. We are all very excited and eagerly awaiting their arrival.

For more on Harley and Scooter check out the next edition of the Oceans of Fun Newsletter or come see them in a presentation this summer!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW WEEKLY UNDERWATER JOURNEY SUMMER CAMPS!!



Come and join the FUN at Oceans of Fun where we are introducing our **NEW 5-Day Marine Mammal Summer Day Camps**. These camps are designed for children ages 7-12 years old. Each day is designed around a specific theme including: Seals and Sea Lions, Training, Animal Behavior, Animal Care, and Conservation. Come and learn about our flippered friends, have loads of fun. This camp experience is one your kids won't want to miss!!

- *Prepare animal diets*
- *Learn how to train!*
- *Work alongside professional trainers*
- *Animal discussions and educational games*
 - *Feed our seals and sea lions*
- *Help out with animal enrichment sessions*
- *Interact one-on-one with animals poolside*
- *Take part in art projects and zoo activities*

Advanced reservations are required. Camps are available throughout the summer for children ages 7-12 years. For more information or to make a reservation, contact us at 414-453-5527 ext. 1.

SPRING SPECIAL!!!

We are currently accepting reservations for our 2009 season. Bring a friend to camp and you will both receive \$50 off of your program cost.

Spring Specials are not honored online

Space is limited so make your reservation today!

414-453-5527 ext 1

FEATURE ANIMAL OF THE MONTH: **SPORT**



Sport is our 27 year old California sea lion making her our eldest animal. Currently she is weighing in at 200 pounds (Adult females usually weigh between 180 – 230 pounds). Sport came to Oceans of Fun in May of 1990. This veteran performer is also a grandmother and has given birth to four very healthy pups. Through the years, Sport has learned approximately 100 behaviors and continues to learn new behaviors every year. At 27 years, Sport has developed cataracts in both of her eyes which has impaired her vision. However due to her eagerness to train and her wonderful and trusting relationship with her trainers we have been able to alter her training to utilize verbal and tactile or touch signals. Sport has adapted very well to her environment and training is a very positive part of her life. She has shown us that she is nowhere near retirement. If you are visiting the zoo come by and see a presentation and you may be able to see this amazing lady in action!



CONSERVATION CORNER

“GREEN” IDEAS



What does going “green” mean? Going “green” is simply making eco-friendly choices in the products we purchase and the food we consume for a healthier lifestyle.

Here are a couple tips on how we can all help to conserve energy!

- Change regular light bulbs for more energy efficient fluorescent light bulbs.
- If each American changed out just 5 bulbs we would keep more than 1 trillion pounds of green house gases out of the air. That is equal to \$6 billion in energy savings
- Turn out lights when you leave a room.
- Use timers instead of letting lights on 24/7
- Doing these simple things on a regular basis or when on vacation can save you up to 75% in energy savings.

HAVE A SPLASHIN’ GOOD TIME IN OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS!

Oceans of Fun is currently accepting reservations for all our unique seal and sea lion programs. We offer a variety of interactive programs for individuals ages 5 and up. **Sea Lion Splash**, our junior trainer program, is an exciting poolside experience for children ages 5-10. This year we are premiering our new **5-Day Underwater Journey Camp** for ages 7-12. For more details on this new and exciting program see page 1 of this newsletter. If you are looking for a summer highlight, our **Aquatic Adventure** program invites you to enter the water with our seals and sea lions.

You are able to feed, pet and play with these incredible animals. This is an experience you won’t want to miss! This program is available to ages 6 and older. We offer **Private Party’s** to celebrate special occasions, birthday parties or scout outings. Summer programs fill fast, so make your reservation today! Take advantage of our spring specials. Visit us at www.oceansoffun.org or call 414-453-5527 ext. 1.



ARE YOU INTERETED IN THE ANIMAL TRAINING FIELD?

Oceans of Fun offers intern and volunteer programs that will teach you the basics of daily animal care and training to get you started. As an intern or volunteer, you will assist the animal care staff in both environmental and animal care. We are looking for individuals that are 18 years of age or older and that are highly motivated. Applications are being accepted for the spring and summer seasons. If you are interested in interning or volunteering with us, please contact our coordinator, Kelly Kamrath, at (414) 453-5527 ext. 2 or kelly@oceansoffun.org by **March 15th**.



SPONSOR A SEAL OR SEA LION



Oceans of Fun is a privately owned Wisconsin corporation, located inside the Milwaukee County Zoo. It is our goal to provide the best possible environment, training, husbandry, and care for our marine animals with the focus of educating the public about marine life, environmental preservation, and conservation. You can help care for our animals by donating items from our wish list and by sponsoring one of our beautiful animals!

BECOME A SEAL AND SEA LION SPONSOR!

By sponsoring one of our seals and sea lions, you will be contributing directly to the animal's care. Sponsorship is a great way to get involved and can also be a wonderful gift for that special occasion or holiday! When you sponsor an animal we will send you a special gift of appreciation for your donation. Choose any one of our amazing animals at Oceans of Fun to sponsor and see the chart below for special gifts. To sponsor an animal, contact us at [414-453-5527 ext. 1](tel:414-453-5527).

Sponsorship Gifts of Appreciation

Oceans of Fun Sponsorship Levels	Annual Donation	E-Newsletter & Updates	Personalized Adoption Certificate	5 x 7 Photo Of Your Animal	Official Oceans Of Fun T-Shirt	10% Discount At the Sea Lion Shoppe	Sea Lion Show Tickets	Painting Session for One With an Animal	Original Seal or Sea Lion Canvas Painting	Private Behind The Scenes Tour	Private Animal Training Demo 15 min
Copper Sponsor	\$50	X	X	X							
Bronze Sponsor	\$75	X	X	X	X						
Silver Sponsor	\$125	X	X	X	X	X	4 Tickets				
Gold Sponsor	\$250	X	X	X	X	X	10 Tickets	X	X		
Platinum Sponsor	\$500	X	X	X	X	X	15 Tickets	X	X	15 Guests	15 Guests

Which Animal Should I Sponsor?

Choose any one of our animals to sponsor! To view information about each of our animals, visit us at www.oceansoffun.org and select our animal page for biographies on each of our slippery stars. Then, once you decide which animal you would like to sponsor, contact us to sign up for a one year sponsorship!

Learn More About the Oceans of Fun Animals!



Meet Slick...

Slick is our Dominant Male Sea Lion. He weighs in at over 700 lbs!

Meet Cypress . .

Cypress is our 6 year old female. She is a very playful young animal, learning new and exciting behaviors each and every day!

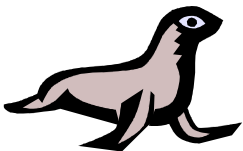


FACILITY WISH LIST

If you would like to help us care for our animals through donations, periodically we will have a list of items that would benefit our animals and their care. Donations can be sent to or dropped off at:

Oceans of Fun, Inc. 10001 W. Bluemound Road Milwaukee, WI 53226

- ◇ 4 quart to 9 quart Coolers
- ◇ Durable Wall Shelving
- ◇ Rubbermaid Vertical Outdoor Shed
- ◇ Tall Office Storage Cabinet with Lockable Door
- ◇ Large Floor Scale with 1000lb Weight Capacity



**All donations and animal sponsorships are 100% tax-deductible!*

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SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

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SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____ DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

DESIRED ANIMAL'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____

BUYER'S NAME: _____ *CHECK NUMBER: _____
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OCEANS OF FUN)

BILLING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(LEAVE BLANK IF INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS ABOVE)

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

*CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AVAILABLE BY PHONE: 414-453-5527 ext. 1.

*CASH PAYMENTS AVAILABLE AT OUR SEA LION SHOPPE AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DONATION ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO:

OCEANS OF FUN 10001 W. BLUEMOUND ROAD MILWAUKEE, WI 53226

414-453-5527 ext. 1 www.oceansoffun.org

**Once your payment is received, all animal sponsorships and donations will be processed and gifts of appreciation will arrive to your mailing address in 7 - 10 business days. Thank you!*