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**KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH EVENTS & PROGRAMS  
AT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM**

Honolulu, Hawai'i (FINAL) – The Waikiki Aquarium continues to offer explorers of all ages a *fantastic* time, with its monthly educational programs, classes and events. January's line-up includes:

**1) Small Fry**

**Wednesdays, January 12 to February 9**

**A Session: 8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**B Session: 10:30 a.m.–noon**

For the youngest learners. An adult and their 1- to 3-year old team up to discover the amazing undersea world of the Aquarium. Five weekly sessions include crafts, song, play and exploration of the exhibits. For adult-child teams. \$60/adult & child (\$80 for non-members). Pre-registration is required.

**2) Exploring the Reef at Night**

**Tuesday, January 18 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Aquarium staff and participants waded up to their knees on these wet and wild excursions. Test your nocturnal vision as you search for crabs, shrimps, eels and octopus. For adventurers aged 5 and up; youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. \$15/adult, \$9/child (\$18/\$12 for non-members). Pre-registration is required.

**3) Photographers' Night**

**Thursday, January 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

An evening with and for photographers. This program is for amateur photographers to snap pictures without the crowds. Professional photographers will be on hand to offer tips on technique. Attendees can then send in their favorite photos, which may get posted on the Aquarium's website. Recommended for photographers 16 and up. \$8/person (\$10/non-members). Pre-registration is required.

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### **4) Aquarium After Dark**

**Friday, February 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Discover if fish or sea snails sleep on an after-dark flashlight tour of the Aquarium exhibits. Minimum age 5 years; youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. \$10/adult, \$7/child (\$14/10 for non-members). Pre-registration is required.

### **5) Afterschool at the Aquarium**

**Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.**

Looking for something to do after school? Every Wednesday, the Aquarium hosts a fun activity on the lawn such as stories by the sea, a critter encounter or a creative movement session. The activities last anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes and are designed for ages 4 to 8, but everyone is welcome. Free with admission to the Aquarium.

### **ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM**

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – third oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,500 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawai'i and the tropical Pacific. The Aquarium welcomes more than 320,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$9 for visitors; \$6 for local residents, active duty military with ID, students with ID and seniors; \$4 for youths ages 13-17 and persons with disabilities; \$2 for juniors ages 5 to 12; and free for children 4 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call 808-923-9741 or visit [www.waquarium.org](http://www.waquarium.org).

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