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**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM'S SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
MAKE A SPLASH WITH OCEAN ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES**
Reserve Space Now for May through August 2010 Classes and Activities

Honolulu, Hawaii (May 17, 2010) – The Waikiki Aquarium continues to open its doors to explorers of all ages to have a *fantastic* time with more than 3,500 marine specimens during its educational programs and events. The summer line-up of programs, classes and events includes:

Summer Nights at the Aquarium

Looking for something different to do on the warm summer evenings? After the beach, cool off at the Aquarium, where the exhibits will be open, the lights will be on and the interpreters will be in the galleries all evening. Summer Nights will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, offering guests the opportunity to explore a different educational theme each night. World Oceans Day will be highlighted in June; July will be all about sharks, leading into the ever-popular Shark Week; and August will feature the wildlife of Waikiki. \$6/adult, \$3/child (\$7/4 for non-members).

June 8, Tuesday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

July 13, Tuesday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

August 10, Tuesday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Oceans Alive!

Sing, dance, move and groove. Draw, color, create and play. Observe, watch, look and touch. Learn more about the sea during Oceans Alive! Children will move through stations and enjoy a variety of hands-on activities. Designed for keiki 2 to 5 years old, accompanied by an adult. \$5/person (\$7 for non-members). Pre-registration recommended.

Movement: Fins, Jets, Arms & Legs

June 9, Wednesday 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Animal Homes: Sand, Seaweed, Coral & Water

June 10, Thursday 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Summer by the Sea

What's the best way to learn? By doing! Spend a week of summer learning what lives in Hawaiian waters. Snorkel, swim and explore Oahu's coast from Waikiki to Diamond Head. After a morning of outside adventures, the Aquarium turns into a living classroom. Learn about the animals on exhibit and watch them being fed on special behind-the-scenes tours. On the final Friday evening, families are invited for a student-led tour of the Aquarium. For marine biologists ages 8-12 years. All students should be confident swimmers and enjoy snorkeling. \$250/child (\$300 for non-members).

June 21-25 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., every day
7:00-9:00 p.m., Friday

Ke Kani O Ke Kai: Summer Concert Series

The Waikiki Aquarium once again hosts its popular Ke Kani O Ke Kai summer concert series featuring Hawaii's hottest entertainers performing live on the lawn. Among this year's performers will be HAPA, Makana, Amy Hanaiali'i, Willie K and Ho'okena. Concert-goers will also enjoy food by various restaurant partners and access to the Aquarium galleries. Each concert is priced at \$30 for adults, \$10 for children aged 7 to 12, and is free for children 6 and under (\$18/\$7 for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium "FOWA" members). Special series pricing, including single admission to all five concerts, is available for \$120 general admission (\$40 for junior series 7 to 12 years) and \$75 for FOWA members (\$28 for junior series). For tickets, call the Honolulu Box Office at 550-8457 or order online at www.honoluluboxoffice.com.

June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, and August 12, Thursdays

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., music begins at 7 p.m.

Small Fry

For the youngest learners! An adult and their 1- to 3-year old team up to discover the amazing undersea world at the Aquarium. Five weekly sessions include crafts, song, play and exploration of the exhibits. For adult-child teams. \$65/adult & child (\$90 for non-members).

June 29-July 27, Tuesday

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

B Session 10:30 a.m.-noon

Tidepool Exploration

Spend a morning discovering sea slugs, collector crabs, brittle stars, spaghetti worms, ghost shrimp and a variety of other animals that the tide reveals. Explore shoreline, reef flat and tidepool habitats with Waikiki Aquarium naturalists. Participants must provide their own transportation to the field site. Minimum age 5 years; youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. \$12/adult, \$8/child (\$15/\$10 for non-members).

July 11, Sunday 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Coral Spawning and Reef Romance

Each summer, rice corals in the Aquarium's Edge of the Reef exhibit (and all over Hawai'i) spawn two to four days after the new moon. Celebrate this rite of reef renewal with Aquarium staff. Learn a little coral biology and join a tour of the exhibits with Aquarium biologists. Courtship and nesting behaviors of many of the fish will also be observed on this special night. Minimum age 14 years. \$12 (\$16 for non-members).

July 13, Tuesday 8:00-10:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii 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

Hawaii 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.

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