

Mystic Aquarium

2007 Overnight!

CAUTION

Please note that this event fills up within two months of it being announced. Please register as soon as possible to ensure space is available. If you wait until the deadline, you will probably be too late.

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Have you ever had the opportunity to sleep among fish and other aquatic wildlife? Connecticut Yankee Council and the Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration are pleased to provide Cub Scouts with a unique overnight experience. Mystic Aquarium is a living museum and your Cub Scouts will have a unique opportunity to learn about the world under the ocean from trained marine educators. When the overnight experience has concluded, participants will be allowed to spend the day in the Aquarium as part of the package.

Cub Scouts and parents must arrive at the Mystic Aquarium no later than 6:45 the day of the overnight. The doors of the aquarium are locked to the outside after 7:00 so arriving on time is very important. On the agenda for the overnight are a lot of hands on experiences with marine life.

This is a parent, son weekend. Each Scout must attend with their parent or guardian. Registration must be submitted to the Council Resource Center before **March 10, 2007**. Details will be provided, via e-mail, upon registration.

Questions?? Contact Christopher Guarniere at 1-800-333-7905 ext. 254 or via e-mail at cguarnie@bsamail.org

Agenda

Evening Activities

7:00 - Participants enter the Aquarium

7:30 - 10:00 - Activity Sessions, including night-time observations, marine trivia contest, invertebrate touch & learn session and snack.

10:00 - 10:30 - Movie

10:30 - Ready for bed

11:00 - Lights Out

Morning Activities

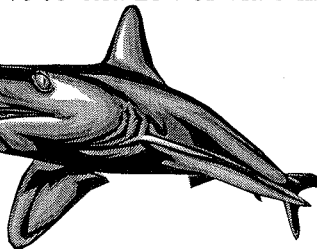
6:30am - Rise & Shine, Pack up belonging

7:00 - 7:45 - Morning observations / activities

7:45 - Continental Breakfast

8:30 - Goodbyes

9:00 - Aquarium Re-entry (optional)



WHO: Cub Scouts
WHAT: Hands on marine wildlife experience and overnight
WHERE: Mystic Aquarium
WHEN: Friday: April 20, 2007 to Saturday: April 21, 2007
6:45 pm until next day.
COST: \$50.00 per participant (\$100 for youth / adult pair)
- Evening snack, overnight, breakfast, Next day aquarium admission, patch

Cub Scout Overnight - Mystic Aquarium (Please Print Information)

Pack # _____ District: _____ Parent Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Address: _____
E-Mail: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip-Code: _____
(All event details are communicated via e-mail after registration.)
Scout Name: _____ Scout Age: _____ Total Payment: _____

Mail registrations to: Connecticut Yankee Council - Mystic Overnight
P.O. Box 32
Milford, CT 06460

Please mail back this registration form along with one Group Leader contract for each Pack or Den or Individual Pair attending.

Notes
\$50.00 per participant (Parent + Scout = \$100.00)
Please fill out separate sheet for each parent Scout pair
Checks payable to: Connecticut Yankee Council
Contact Chris Guarniere prior to paying or setting date
1-800-333-7905 ext. 254

Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration Group Leader Contract

To be filled out by the program's Group Leader and returned no later than 1 month prior to the program.

Has your group been on overnights at other educational/cultural institutions? Where?

In the space provided, please let us know of any special requirements (dietary, physical, etc.) that your group may have. We will make every attempt to accommodate these needs.

Please read the following statements and initial each one.

_____ I understand that I have signed up for the Mystic Aquarium Overnight program, and that the program begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:30 am the following morning.

_____ I understand that free admission to the aquarium is non-transferable and is only available on the day following the overnight.

_____ As a group leader, I understand that no one in my group, be it chaperones or kids, shall go outside to the exhibits or through any unopened doors unless accompanied by Aquarium staff.

_____ As a group leader, I am certain that all chaperones understand that they are responsible for the participants in their group, and take responsibility to account for these participants throughout the overnight program.

_____ As a group leader, I understand it is my duty to communicate clearly about the program to all students and chaperones. I will distribute all necessary information to my group.

_____ As a group leader, I understand it is my duty to collect program fees and submit them to the scout council by the designated deadlines.

_____ I understand that overnight activities are subject to change due to group needs, animal needs, or aquarium program and policy needs.

_____ I understand that if the aquarium cancels the overnight due to weather or other circumstances, a full refund will be issued. However, no refunds will be given for groups that cancel inside of 30 days prior to the program, or for individual or group 'no-shows.'

I accept the terms of the Mystic Aquarium Overnight Program. I have thoroughly reviewed all materials in this packet and have distributed the 'overnight expectations,' 'what to bring list' and related materials to the group chaperones.

Date of Program: _____

Program Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PROPOSED 2006 – 2007 OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE

Please be aware that this schedule may be modified as needed by the Mystic Aquarium staff.

EVENING

6:45 PM – Groups should arrive at the Aquarium

7:00 PM – Groups are allowed to enter the Aquarium. Please take note how many adults and children are in your group. Please have your entire pack/troop enter as one.

7:30 PM – Opening meeting

7:45 PM – Activity sessions: Outdoor tour, invertebrate lab touch and learn, dried specimens & snack, squid dissection, and Mysteries of The Deep.

10:15 PM – Wrap – up meeting

10:30 PM – Get ready for bed

11:00 PM – Lights Out – Sleep

Morning

6:30 AM – Rise and Shine. Pack all of your belongings

7:00 AM – Move belongings to your car. You will then be escorted on a morning observation tour of the exhibits.

7:30 AM – Breakfast is served after your morning tour

8:00 AM – Gift shop opens

8:30 AM – All participants must exit the Aquarium. Participants' hands are stamped for same day re-entry, and scouts receive a patch.

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**WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR 2006-2007 MYSTIC
AQUARIUM LARGE GROUP OVERNIGHT**

Please be sure to label all of your belongings.

1. Sleeping Bag and Pillow
2. Sleeping Pad (due to space limitations, we ask that you not bring an air mattress unless it is absolutely necessary)
3. Flashlight
4. Toiletries
5. Face Towel/Washcloth (large towels are not needed, as showers are not available)
6. Pajamas
7. Outer clothing for the **nighttime outdoor tour** (this may mean hat, gloves, raincoat, or even boots. Please dress accordingly)
8. Change of clothes
9. Notebook & pen or pencil (if you want to take notes)
10. Camera
11. Money for the Aquarium store (opens at 8:00 am the following morning)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

1. Cigarettes
2. Drugs & Alcohol
3. Food & Beverages (we will provide a snack)
4. Gum
5. Walkmans, Discmans, IPODS
6. Video Games and Players
7. Sneakers with roller skates inside

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2006 – 2007 Mystic Aquarium Overnight Expectations

We are so excited that your group has decided to join us for an overnight adventure in our fabulous underwater world. Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration is a living museum, and your group will have the unique opportunity to sleep amongst our animals and their homes. We expect the utmost respect from our slumber-party guests towards our collection of animals. With this in mind, we look forward to sharing a great night with you and your group! There's no doubt that all will leave with lasting memories of this experience.

AS A CHAPERONE, we ask for your assistance in enforcing the following guidelines, during the overnight, with each participant. While our staff is responsible for providing an unforgettable overnight experience, **you** are responsible for insuring appropriate behavior and involvement from your participants. We appreciate your commitment to this educational event.

Overnight Guidelines – Please inform groups of these “rules” prior to their event.

- Follow staff instructions at all times
- Refrain from putting hands or objects in exhibits, or tapping on the glass
- Please use indoor voices, yelling and loud talking is not necessary
- Clean-up materials and personal belongings during your stay
- Understand that “lights out” means sleep
- Do not bring video games, walkmans, or any other distracting devices
- There is no smoking or chewing gum while at the aquarium
- Alcohol is prohibited
- Please do not climb on rocks, walls, or benches
- Do not run, or skate while at the Aquarium
- We ask that no one bring their own food or beverages into the Aquarium. A light evening snack and continental breakfast will be provided. *Exception: Participants with specific food allergies or requirements please notify Becky at 860-572-5955 ext 158*
- Do not leave the Aquarium without a staff member
- **Dinner will not be served. Please eat prior to arrival**
- **Chaperones must remain with their group during each activity, providing assistance when necessary.**

OVER PLEASE

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR VISIT:

1. Please be sure that your group eats dinner prior to their arrival. We will provide a light evening snack & continental breakfast.
2. Groups must remove all belongings from the Aquarium by 8:30 am following the overnight, in order for the facility to open to the public at 9:00 am.
3. Upon leaving at 8:30 am, group members will receive a handstamp that entitles them to unlimited re-entry that day.
4. During your stay, groups will use the indoor public restrooms. Sorry – no showers in the morning.
5. Should an emergency occur, Mystic Aquarium Staff are well-practiced with the facility's medical and evacuation plan and procedures.
6. The Mystic Aquarium Gift Shop will be open at 8:00 am the following morning.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE AQUARIUM

1. Please park your vehicles in the main parking lot (Coogan Blvd).
2. **Doors will open at 7:00 pm.** Your entire group needs to arrive at this time in order to facilitate the check in process. Please have everyone enter together.
3. Aquarium doors are locked at night. Early-birds and late comers may find themselves out in the cold. If you arrive after check-in time, please call 860-572-5955 ext 425. We will come let you in as soon as someone is available.
4. Since your group will have pre-paid for the event, no exchange of money will take place at the door.

FEES – REFUNDS – CANCELLATIONS

- * Participants will be registering through their council. Minimum chaperone ratios are as follows (Kids ages 8 –12 require a 1:5 adult to child ratio, Kids ages 13-17 require a 1:8 adult to child ratio).
- * A minimum of 75 and a maximum of 150 participants can be accommodated, including chaperones.
- * A non-refundable deposit and headcount is due to the Aquarium from the council within 30 days of booking a date.
- * One final group headcount and one full group payment is due the Aquarium from the council no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled overnight.
- * Inside 30 days, no refunds will be given for group cancellation or for individual no-shows. We encourage finding replacements for kids who may be sick or unable to attend.

HOW TO FIND US

We are conveniently located off of Interstate 95 at Exit 90 (Mystic).