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IT'S A WINTER WONDERLAND AT ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD! *Aquarium Plans Upcoming Winter Events*

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) has decked its halls and is waiting for your visit with lots of special events planned this winter season.

Priceless Parrot Preserve will be visiting on December 26 through December 31. The only 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in New York dedicated to the permanent care of abused, unwanted, exotic birds, PPP rescued and cares for all of the parrots inhabiting the AMW's exhibit, Amazon Aviary. Visit with them to learn about and interact with these endangered animals.

Through December, visitors can decorate their very own holiday ornament and place it on a special tree displayed in the Aquarium. Also, visitors can drop off new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items. All monies raised or items received goes directly to Operation Holiday Spirit, a 12-year-old toy and food drive run by Long Island Beach Buggy Association (LIBBA). Families in need, right here on Long Island, receive these generous donations.

The Aquarium is also offering for the first time a family New Year's celebration, "Fishes, Wishes, and Gourmet Dishes!" on Monday, December 31 from 6:30 to 11:00pm. There will be plenty of great food and great fun, plus entertainment not found anywhere else on New Year's Eve – the Aquarium's captivating exhibits and displays. Kids are invited to their very own "Winter Wonderland," which includes unlimited Submarine Simulator rides, animal encounters, Ray Bay feeding, face painting, sand art, crafts, movie and story time, and more! Prices are: Children 3-11: \$49.00; Adults 12+: \$85.00; Children Under 3: Free. Guests can call 631.208.9200, ext. H2O (426) for reservations.

The upcoming months offer plenty of time for exploration, discovery, and family fun. On December 22, Atlantis Marine World will launch a special exhibit at its Focus Tanks called, "New Year's Babies," that offers a close-up, interactive look at some of the babies in our

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Aquarium. There will also be special behind-the-scenes tours that invite guests to take a look at the breeding program. From February 16 to 24, the Aquarium will offer Reptile Encounters and Live Animal Interactions at 1:00pm each day, with special guests Reptile Edventures and Reptile Rob. On Friday, February 22, the Aquarium will host a reptile-themed sleepover for its Members. Again, guests can call 631.208.9200, ext. H2O (426) for reservations.

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's 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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