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ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD HOSTS SCIENTIST CHALLENGE *Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge is Scheduled.*

On Monday, April 18 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Atlantis Marine World is hosting the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge (DCYSC), sponsored locally by the New York State Science and Engineering Fair, for students in the fifth through eighth grades.

The competition, which was created in 1999 by Discovery Communications, Inc. in partnership with Science Service, is designed to encourage elementary and middle school students with an interest in science to continue those pursuits. This state fair is the first step in the process. Ultimately, finalists will be competing for a share of over \$100,000 in scholarships, experiences, and prizes.

“Atlantis is very excited that the first, of what we hope to be an annual, science event, is the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge,” explained NYSSEF Board Trustee and Atlantis Marine World’s Director of Education, Veronica King. “This competition is a wonderful opportunity for young budding researchers to test the waters and participate in a rewarding life experience.”

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's newest 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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