

## **Policy or Perk**

Educational enrichment is a valuable benefit for you as a volunteer. Check out the Educational Enrichment opportunities list below and stimulate your brain! This month we're also offering an educational field trip all about Salmon facilitated by the Hyde Creek Hatchery on Saturday Oct 28 ~10am-2pm. Sign up at Volunteer Services or by emailing [Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org](mailto:Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org).

## **Spooktacular Fright Night!**

*Is Fear a Factor for You?*

Here's something really spooky! An event for **youth** that's totally **FREE!** That's right - on Friday October 20 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, the Aquarium will be hosting a Halloween party for all Aquarium youth members and volunteers between the ages of 14 and 18. Try to get through the Fear Challenges and our World of the Weird; get an airbrush tattoo while listening to DJ music by Hot Wax; and let's not forget the door/costume prizes! Bring a friend (must also be 14-18). RSVP before October 17 to Anne Cole at 604.659.3478 or

[Anne.Cole@vanaqua.org](mailto:Anne.Cole@vanaqua.org)

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Q. What do fire extinguishers, toothbrushes, and adult DVDs have in common??**

A. They're all items that were found on shorelines in the 2006 Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup!

The data is coming back in huge amounts and we need your help to sort it manually, and then get it into the computer.

If you have time to spare, please lend your hands to Christina and Tiffany in the trailer.

Christina will be in on Sundays (starting Oct. 15th) if the weekend works better for you.

Please call or email us to coordinate times that you're available: [christina.bellis@vanaqua.org](mailto:christina.bellis@vanaqua.org), [tiffany.lavigne@vanaqua.org](mailto:tiffany.lavigne@vanaqua.org), 604.659.3506

Thank YOU!!!

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Interested in getting involved with the Community Consultations?**

We are looking for volunteers interested in connecting with the public in 1:1 consultations on behalf of the Aquarium. Shifts are 2 hours in the morning or 2 hours in the afternoon at the West End Community Centre. Discussion guides are provided and the expansion model will be available for viewing. Volunteers will ask people if they have 5 minutes to answer some questions about the Aquarium expansion (it helps having the model). If they do then we review the feedback form. If they don't we offer them a discussion guide and point out that there is a feedback form on the back page or it can be accessed on-line. We also try to get these people to at least answer question #11 re: overall support, then we fill out that question on the feedback form. We count how many people we intercept as well as we collect the feedback forms that we fill out. If you are interested in this opportunity contact Karen at 659-3477 or [Karen.Howe@vanaqua.org](mailto:Karen.Howe@vanaqua.org) for more details and availability.

## **Volunteer Opportunities - learn a new program!**

We are still recruiting Volunteers for Salmon Tales, Staying Alive and our new preschool program Aquatic Adventures.

We also invite our experienced active Volunteers to attend training for the programs you are interested in. Sign up with Volunteer Services or email [Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org](mailto:Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org).

Specific training times are listed on the next page:

Volunteer Opportunity	Training Date/Time	# of spaces
Water Wonders	Fri. Oct 13, 10:30-12:30 OR Mon. Oct 16, 10:30-12:30	6
Anatomy of a Rain Forest	Wed. Oct 11, 1 - 3pm OR Thurs. Oct 12, 10:30-12:30	6
Intertidal Marine Biology	Tue. Oct 10, 9:30 - 11:30 OR Wed. Oct 11, 9:30 - 11:30 OR 1:00 to 3:00 OR Thurs. Oct 12, 1:00 - 3:00	8
Arctic Adventures	Wed. Oct 11, 10:00 - 12:00	4
Art of Experimental Design	Fri. Oct 13, 9:30 -12:30	5
Aquatic Adventures	<b>Rescheduled</b> to Thurs. 10:00 - 12:00	4
Les Merveilles de la Mer	Mon. Oct 16, 10:00 - 1:00	6
Les Invertebres Marin de la Colombie-Britannique	Fri. Oct 20, 10:00 - 1:00	5
Salmon Tales	Tues. Oct 10, 10:00 - 12:00	4
Spineless Wonders	Fri Oct 13, 100 - 3:00	2
Diving	Wed. Oct 18, 6:00 - 9:00 & Sat. Oct 22, 8:30 - 11:30 (open-water checkout)	10
AquaNews and Windows on Research	<b>Rescheduled</b> to Wed. Oct 18, 6:00 - 8:00	4
BCCSN & KWAP Admin	Wed. Oct 25 6:00 - 8:00	3
River Works	Wed. Oct 18, 6:00 - 8:00	10
Catering & Events	TBA	5
Gallery Greeter	Tue. Oct 17, 5:30 - 7:00	5
Family Programs	Wed. Oct 18, 6:00 - 9:00 <b>AND</b> Sat. Oct 21, 9:00 - 12:00	

### **Educational Enrichment: The Secret Life of the Great White Shark**

by: R. Aidan Martin / ReefQuest Centre for Shark Research

7:30 PM Thursday October 12, 2006  
Vancouver Museum  
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver

Presentation by the Marine Biology Section of the Vancouver Natural History Society  
Programs are free, open to the public, and members are encouraged to invite their friends. For  
more information and suggestions for future programs, please contact Sheila at  
[scbyers@telus.net](mailto:scbyers@telus.net). VNHS events website - [www.naturalhistory.bc.ca/VNHS](http://www.naturalhistory.bc.ca/VNHS)

### **Educational Enrichment: Occupational First Aid**

If you are interested in becoming certified or need recertifying for OFA Level 1 first aid, a class will be held on Nov. 1 from 0830-1630 in the Ralph Shaw room. The cost will be approx.\$65-70.00. If you are a diver/tender it is a requirement that you have a current cert. If you are a youth interested, please contact Anne Cole at [Anne.Cole@vanaqua.org](mailto:Anne.Cole@vanaqua.org). All others should contact Laura Hardacre by Oct. 16th.

Laura, Health and Safety Advisor, ph: (604) 659-3517 e: [Laura.Hardacre@vanaqua.org](mailto:Laura.Hardacre@vanaqua.org)

### **Animal Updates:**

#### **Jumping for Joy**

Laverne, our oldest pacific white-sided dolphin, is currently working on her breach (leaps, turns in the air and lands on her side, creating a BIG splash) and she doing very well. Check her out on the Wild Coast following that long, white target pole. Helen and Hana are working on tail walks.

Kudos to all the trainers for the hard and wet work they do day after day.

#### **Pre-octupied**

We now have another giant Pacific octopus in the Port Hardy exhibit. Her name is Trinity after Trinity Bay where she was found. Feel free to give her a warm hello and welcome her to our aquarium family.

### **Job Opportunity: Interpretation Specialist with the Vancouver Aquarium**

Contact Volunteer Services for details. **Deadline For applications:** 12:00 Noon October 14, 2006

**Fax:** 604-659-3515

**Email:** [careers@vanaqua.org](mailto:careers@vanaqua.org)

### **Job Posting: Alaska SeaLife Center Internships**

We are currently recruiting for our winter (beginning in January), spring (beginning in March/April), summer (beginning in May) and fall (beginning in September) 2007 sessions. We are hoping to reach your volunteers! Learn more about our organization at <http://www.alaskasealife.org/> . Contact [Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org](mailto:Rachelle.Davidson@vanaqua.org) or stop by the office to get the full package emailed to you.