MARINELAND DOLPHIN ADVENTURE CELEBRATES 80th ANNIVERSARY WITH A MONTH OF FESTIVITIES

MARINELAND, Fla. — After eight decades of family fun and conservation education, Marineland Dolphin Adventure will celebrate its historic 80th anniversary with a month of special events and activities.

"We're excited to present a number of family-fun events to celebrate 80 years of welcoming guests from across the world and our ongoing mission to preserve Our World Ocean," said Gary Inks, Vice President/General Manager of Marineland Dolphin Adventure.

The festivities will begin with the reopening ceremony for Marineland's renovated arch on May 31, 2018 and continue throughout June. From family fun and Hollywood magic, to a special Florida Gator event with Steve Spurrier, the month-long celebration will feature a wide range of activities for guests of all ages.



Highlights of the upcoming anniversary events include:

- *Arch Reopening:* Historic reopening ceremony for the Marineland arch entrance off A1A on Thursday, May 31 at 11:30 a.m.
- *Meet Our Trainers*: Twice daily in June, guests can learn about Marineland's dolphin family and see trainers interact with our dolphins.
- *Farmers Market*: Each Sunday in June with live entertainment.
- 80 Years of Animal Love and Care: A special evening event every Saturday in June with a movie filmed at Marineland, guided tours, live music, a free souvenir booklet, the chance to meet 15 dolphins, and more from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (\$35 for adults/\$15 for children.) Food will be offered by Rype and Readi for an additional charge. (Special ecotours and discounted docking at the Town of Marineland Marina are also available.)
- *Bernie the Dolphin Night*: Saturday evening, June 2, guests will have the opportunity to meet the child stars of *Bernie the Dolphin*, a family movie filmed at Marineland in 2018, as well as to learn about the premier and a possible sequel.
- *Family Sunday Fundays:* Children's events, games, and education programs each Sunday in June, plus admission for two kids free with one paid adult.
- **BOGO Mondays:** Buy one get one free for General Admission and Marineland's Behind the Seas Tours in June.

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- *Hospitality Days*: Free admission for everyone working in the hospitality industry June 1 to 8.
- Save Our World Ocean Event: Beach cleanup June 8 with free Marineland passes to participants, live music, and more.
- Lecture Series at Lohman Auditorium: Learn more about Marineland history, dolphin research, and conservation June 10.
- *Gratitude America 5k Run:* Special run starting at Marineland at 8 a.m. June 16. The event will benefit our USA Veterans.
- *Gator Night at Marineland:* Enjoy an unforgettable evening June 16 as Steve Spurrier feeds dolphins and re-enacts the experience he had at Marineland in the 1960s.
- *Official Anniversary Celebration Day:* Featuring special guests, proclamations, food and beverages, a silent auction, and a free souvenir booklet in celebration of our official anniversary June 23.

Marineland Dolphin Adventure opened as Marine Studies in June 1938. Over 30,000 guests visited on opening day, and the park quickly became known as the world's first oceanarium. Marineland's three founders – Douglas Burden, C.V. Whitney, and Ilia Tolstoy (the grandson of author Leo Tolstoy) – were each involved in the motion-picture industry, and it became a premier facility for shooting underwater footage for both feature films and newsreels.

Since that time, marine conservation and educational outreach have been important hallmarks of the non-profit organization's mission. Today, Marineland Dolphin Adventure continues to be a center of education and family fun that showcases marine life through one-of-a-kind interactive experiences. Guests from the world over visit Marineland annually to see and swim with dolphins, to learn about marine ecology, and to make memories for a lifetime.

More information about Marineland Dolphin Adventure and its 80th anniversary celebration is available online at www.Marineland.net, or by calling 877-933-3402.

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