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Your chance to make waves Adventure Aquarium marks World Ocean Day.

By Kristin Granero For The Inquirer

Camden Adventure Aquarium will celebrate World Ocean Day beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday with a full day of activities and attractions dedicated to changing the way families and friends look at oceans, the creatures and habitats they house, and the effects people's actions have on them.

In addition to eco-friendly exhibits and activities presented by conservation-minded organizations, including the New Jersey Wetlands Institute, the Aquarium will feature an appearance by comedian Joe Piscopo. He plans to entertain while teaching visitors about how to make a positive change in the environment. The performer then will lead a World Ocean Pledge to keep oceans clean, which guests will be able to take during their visit.

Making a positive change and raising awareness of the world's oceans will also provide themes for the aquarium's seal presentation. A 530-pound artificial reef ball will be placed in the aquarium's underwater exhibit. Visitors can learn about seafood, dive equipment, and the care of the aquarium's animals throughout the day.

World Ocean Day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Camden Adventure Aquarium, 1 Aquarium Dr., Camden. Aquarium admission: \$18.95, \$14.95 for children ages 2-12. Information: 856-365-3300 or www.adventureaquarium.com. A schedule of activities will be provided on event day.

Children's Art Festival

The Main Line Art Center in Haverford will host the 16th Annual Children's Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, combining environmental awareness with art, food and activities.

At the festival, children can use natural objects, either provided or found on the premises, to create crafts including weather grams, secret gardens, birdbuses and paper.

The Cat's Pajamas, a kid rock band which will focus on living in harmony with the environment, will perform at 1 p.m. Polly Wally, a clown, will use face paint to give children the appearance of endangered species.

The center, which will continue to explore its "Going Green" theme through August, will offer one- and two-week camp stays for children ages 5-13 and a two-week Teen Studio session for teens 14-18 to explore art beginning in June.

Sixteenth Annual Children's Art Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Road, Haverford. Free (food and refreshment prices will vary). Information: 610-525-0272 or www.mainlineart.org.

Media Theatre's 'Aladdin'

The Media Theatre in Media will host performances of Aladdin every Saturday morning throughout June beginning this Saturday at 11 a.m. The production, featuring 35 young performers from The Media Theatre's Camp and Theatre School who will play townspeople from the city of Agrabah, will explore the popular Disney movie through singing and dancing alongside adult actors, including Tim Haney as the Genie and Christine Petriani as Jasmine.

"Aladdin," 11 a.m. Saturdays through June 28 at The Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, State and Monroe Streets, Media. Tickets are \$10, \$9 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$8 for children 12 and under. Information: 610-891-0100 or www.mediatheatre.org.

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