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## SEAWORLD & AQUATICA SAN ANTONIO TO DEBUT EXHILARATING NEW ATTRACTIONS IN 2019

***For a limited time, guests receive 30 percent off all SeaWorld & Aquatica annual passes.***

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Sept. 27, 2018) – A new, interactive sea turtle attraction and thrilling new rides will bring more waves of adventure to SeaWorld® & Aquatica® San Antonio in spring 2019.

SeaWorld will unveil *Turtle Reef™*, a fascinating habitat that will enable guests to get an up-close look at threatened and endangered sea turtles, plus learn about the threats the species face in the wild. The focal point will be a 126,000-gallon coral reef-themed environment, with a unique and natural bio filtration, featuring rescued and non-releasable green sea turtles, along with hundreds of multi-colored Caribbean fish.

Located between Shamu Stadium and Rio Loco river rapids ride, Turtle Reef also will feature SeaWorld's second underwater viewing area where guests can watch from a floor-to-ceiling, panoramic portal as turtles swim just inches away.

"Our guests not only will learn about amazing sea turtles but also how all of us can improve ocean health," said Chris Havel, SeaWorld San Antonio senior aquarist. "One big way is to keep plastics out of the aquatic environment. Thus, it's no coincidence that almost a decade ago SeaWorld started limiting plastics in its parks."

In conjunction with the opening of Turtle Reef, two new family rides will debut – *Riptide Rescue™*, where guests can board a boat and set out on their own sea turtle rescue mission aboard this classic spinner ride, and *Sea Swinger™*, a thrill ride that swings riders 180-degrees in both directions.

Another important aspect of Turtle Reef is a new partnership between SeaWorld San Antonio and The University of Texas Marine Science Institute's Amos Rehabilitation Keep (ARK), which will receive 5 percent of the net proceeds from turtle-themed merchandise sold at SeaWorld. ARK's primary mission is to rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured sea turtles, birds, terrestrial turtles and tortoises found along the South Texas coast, with the goal of releasing them to their native habitat.

"We're excited about the partnership with SeaWorld San Antonio and the opportunity it will provide to help continue rehabilitating and educating new visitors about endangered and majestic sea turtles," said Sally Palmer, Communications Coordinator at The University of Texas Marine Science Institute.

“ARK, one of the nation’s most-dedicated animal rescue organizations, is very focused in its work to help animals in the wild,” said Carl Lum, SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio Park President. “This is an excellent fit for us since, in our more than 50-year history, SeaWorld has rescued more than 33,000 animals in need. This partnership will continue our company’s commitment to be the largest marine animal rescuer worldwide.”

Premiering at Aquatica in 2019 will be *Ihu’s Breakaway Falls*®, a new, steep, one-of-a-kind, multi-drop tower slide, which is named after Ihu, Aquatica’s colorful gecko, who searches for the biggest thrills, steepest hills and coolest spills in the waterpark.

SeaWorld & Aquatica have introduced an assortment of guest-pleasing attractions in recent years. SeaWorld’s *Wave Breaker: The Rescue Coaster*™ debuted in 2017, while the *Sesame Street*® Party Parade at SeaWorld and Aquatica’s new, high-speed competitive mat ride, *Taumata Racer*®, opened this year.

“With the addition of Turtle Reef, Riptide Rescue, Sea Swinger and Ihu’s Breakaway Falls, we’re continuing to demonstrate our commitment of investing in new, innovative experiences year after year,” Lum noted. “We’re continuing to add new attractions and experiences for all ages.”

### **Special Admission Offer**

Guests looking to take advantage of everything the park has to offer this fall – including Halloween and Christmas events, as well as the new Three Kings Celebration – can purchase any SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio Annual Pass beginning today through Oct. 31, 2018, at a 30 percent discount.

“We’re offering guests unlimited visits of fun and entertainment to SeaWorld & Aquatica by purchasing any of the parks’ Annual Passes at a tremendous value, Lum said. “The Passes not only provide unlimited admission to SeaWorld & Aquatica but also include our popular Howl-O-Scream and Christmas events.”

### **Still To Come in 2018**

- **Howl-O-Scream** – Hair-raising Howl-O-Scream 2018 promises to be the scariest year ever with a new haunted house, two new scare zones – or Terror-tories – bars and *Monster Stomp*, a thrilling new live show. Open select dates from Sept. 28 through Oct. 28.
- **SeaWorld’s Christmas Celebration** – Guests will stroll through a sea of 9 million lights. Festive food and drink, holiday shopping and heart-warming shows make the spirit of the season come alive. Open select dates from Nov. 17 through Jan. 6, 2019.

For more information on the new attractions or to purchase Annual Passes, visit [SeaWorldSanAntonio.com](http://SeaWorldSanAntonio.com).

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