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SeaWorld San Antonio Kicks Off 2018 with Expanded Offerings

New attractions, new events highlight 2018 calendar

SAN ANTONIO (Feb. 16, 2018) – SeaWorld San Antonio opens for the 2018 season on Saturday, February 24, celebrating its 30th anniversary with an expanded lineup of attractions, events and shows. Headlining the new additions are a Sesame Street[®] Party Parade, a competitive racing waterslide, a dance party and a beer festival.

“We are extremely excited about what we have in store for our guests this year,” said Park President Carl Lum. “We’re constantly looking for new ways to amaze and inspire our guests and that’s why we’ve added major events and attractions to the SeaWorld San Antonio experience for the fourth-consecutive year.”

Opening Day – February 24

World renowned conservationist and marine wildlife artist Guy Harvey will be on hand to celebrate opening day, visiting with park guests and hand-signing his popular signature clothing line and art. As conservation partners, SeaWorld and Guy Harvey work together to increase public awareness and collaborate on science and research efforts about ocean health and the plight of sharks in the wild.

Wild Days – March 3-4 and 9-18

Timed to coincide with Texas spring break, Wild Days returns with an action-packed month of events and unique animal shows featuring TV favorite “Jungle” Jack Hanna and other celebrity wildlife experts.

NEW Taumata Racer – Opening March 10

Making its debut just in time for spring break is Taumata Racer – a high-speed competitive mat ride featuring six riders racing down a staggeringly steep hill, head first. Positioned in six side-by-side lanes, riders will zoom in-and-out of an entry tunnel and around a swooping 180-degree turn before racing down the 375-foot slide and across the finish line in under 10 seconds.

EXPANDED Seven Seas Food Festival – April 20 to May 28

A favorite annual event, the Seven Seas Food Festival will expand its selections of flavors, cuisines and cultures from around the world with a new location featuring Hawaiian dishes.

NEW Sesame Street[®] Party Parade – Opening May 19

The iconic brand expands out of the Sesame Street Bay of Play[®] and on to the pathways with the addition of a neighborhood street party parade. This daily event features everyone’s favorite Sesame Street friends, 10 themed floats, contemporary tunes including Sesame Street favorites and two show-stopping performances along the parade route.

NEW Electric Ocean – June 15 to August 12

An all-new nighttime celebration – Electric Ocean – headlines SeaWorld’s summer offerings with exotic worlds of light and music. Guests will enjoy a nightly fireworks display and party zones with electronic dance music that will create an electrifying dance club atmosphere.

NEW Bier Fest – September 1 to 16

Inspired by more than 200 years of Oktoberfest traditions, Bier Fest will feature a lineup of more than 100 beers from around the globe, including a variety of local favorites. The Bavarian celebration will also feature authentic German food and festive music.

EXPANDED Howl-O-Scream and Spooktacular – September 28 to October 28

Fright by night and fun by day, both sinister Howl-O-Scream and kid-friendly Spooktacular will feature more to do in 2018. New terrifyingly entertaining Howl-O-Scream activities will include an all-new Monster Stomp stage and an Escape Room attraction where guests will race against the clock to unveil a hidden plot using clues, hints and strategies hidden around the room.

EXPANDED Christmas Celebration – November 17 to January 6, 2019

To make spirits brighter than ever, SeaWorld San Antonio will expand the number of sparkling Christmas lights to 11 million, thus making it the largest lighted display in North America. Coincidentally, it will be the 11th year of the Christmas Celebration, so why not illuminate a million lights for each year of the festivities' existence? Adding to the holiday ambiance will be appearances by live reindeer.

Best Value

For a limited time, guests can get unlimited admission to SeaWorld San Antonio by purchasing a SILVER Pass for only \$79 and get Aquatica FREE. The SILVER Pass also includes discounts on parking, as well as in-park discounts on merchandise, special dining offers and other exclusive benefits. For more information or to purchase a SILVER Pass, visit SeaWorldSanAntonio.com.

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