



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

PRESS RELEASE

Clearwater Marine Aquarium to Accept \$25,000 Grant from AT&T to Support STEM Afterschool Program for Underserved Schools

- Friday, November 13, 2015
- Attending: Pinellas Park middle school children / AT&T / city, county, and state representatives

Clearwater, FL (November 9, 2015) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), a marine life rescue center, will accept a \$25,000 grant from AT&T on November 13, 2015 to support a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) afterschool program to students in Pinellas County. The program will allow for 11-14 year old underserved students to gain hands-on experience and inspire a greater interest in math and science programs.

The education programs at CMA have reached more than 9,800 students in 2014 through sleepover programs, seasonal camps, group visits, and group add-on educational programs. In the CMA educational facility, 24,102 guests from schools, scout groups, and senior centers have received opportunities to learn more about their ocean environment. Educational programs at CMA include workshops, camps, and a free monthly speaker series to involve all ages into environmental conservation education.

CMA's afterschool program supports local, Title I schools, where 40% or more of the student body comes from low-income families, in many ways. CMA exposes students to science who otherwise may never have the opportunity to see the ocean. The aquarium's programming also provides fun and immersive STEM curriculum for the "middle school juncture", where children (particularly girls) are likely to lose interest in these subjects. CMA also provides content specialists to help supplement science curriculum and support teachers by offering hands-on and interactive activities. CMA strives to excite students about math and science by engaging children in the real-world application of these subjects.

Representatives from AT&T will present the check at CMA on November 13, 2015. CMA administration will be joined by representatives of the Pinellas County Commissioners office. After the presentation, CMA will provide hands-on demonstration of some of the research field work completed at CMA with the students of Pinellas Park Middle School. Activities include an immersive boat ride and net pull in Clearwater Bay along with microscope exploration, utilizing equipment purchased from the grant.

Day-of Details

- Media are invited to film, itinerary below
- 3:00pm check presentation with AT&T representation
- 3:15pm on-the-water boat exploration with interactive net pull
- 4:00pm hands-on classroom experience with new equipment

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival, after the injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, Dolphin Tale, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, Dolphin Tale 2, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

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