

## **“Beluga Encounter”**

### **Interactive Program Conditions of Participation**

I understand that I will be entering shallow water to directly interact with beluga whales. I understand that my feet will remain in contact with the bottom of pool and that I WILL NOT be swimming with the whales.

I consent to the use of my likeness in photographic, digital or electronic media, by Sea Research Foundation, Inc. (DBA Mystic Aquarium).

**I attest that I meet the following requirements for the program:**

- All participants must be five feet or taller.
- The ability to read, speak, and understand the waiver, release of liability and interactive program conditions.
- The ability to walk unassisted.

I understand that if I am under 18 years of age that I must have a parent or legal guardian report to the program with me to sign my liability waiver.

I understand that children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult who has also paid to participate in the program.

Insulated waders are provided by the aquarium up to a chest size of 57 inches. I will provide my own gear to protect me from the cold water in the pool if I require a larger size.

I understand that if I am under the influence of alcohol or any type of controlled substance that I will forfeit my right to participate in the program and will not receive a refund of any fees I have paid.

I understand it is my responsibility to inform the Aquarium if I have any medical condition that may interfere with the ability to abide by the requirements of the program.

**I agree to abide by the following instructions and conditions:**

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| 1. No personal cameras or video equipment are allowed on the beach. Professional photography is available for purchase of photos. | 11. Watch footing. The beach may have an irregular surface and the pool bottom may be slippery. |
| 2. Stay together as a group at all times.   | 12. Wear Aquarium-issued flotation device, as instructed.                                       |
| 3. Follow directions at all times.  | 13. Disinfect hands, as instructed, prior the program.  |
| 4. Do not enter animal areas until instructed.  | 14. Do not feed the whales.   |
| 5. No jewelry.  | 15. Do not touch the whales until instructed.   |
| 6. No food or drink in animal areas.  | 16. Be very careful around the whale’s eyes, blowhole, and ears.                                |
| 7. No chewing gum.  | 17. No sudden movements or yelling.   |
| 8. No sunglasses or other eyewear unless prescription for vision correction.  | 18. Wear sweatpants or other warm clothing (optional). The water is COLD ~ 55°F.                |
| 9. No skirts or dresses.  | 19. Bring a change of clothes in case I get wet.  |
| 10. No strollers will be permitted in the encounter.  | 20. Exit the program area when instructed to do so.   |

*I understand that Mystic Aquarium reserves the right to cancel the Beluga Encounter program at any time where the best interest of the animals is concerned. I understand that I will be removed from the program for failure to comply with established rules and guidelines as set forth here and as communicated by Aquarium Staff members. I also understand that Mystic Aquarium reserves the right to decline to accept any person for participation in the program and to terminate the participation in the program at any point before completion, as circumstances demand. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above rules and conditions and agree to follow them.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_