

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Coming to the Topeka Zoo

California's **Monterey Bay Aquarium is coming to the Topeka Zoo** for a special presentation to the public on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 pm, as the Topeka Zoo & Conservation Center celebrates World Oceans Day. The Topeka Zoo is partnering with The Ocean Project and the World Ocean Network, as well as zoos and aquariums around the world for this celebration of World Oceans Day on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Oceans cover 70% of our earth's surface, provide most of the oxygen we breath, feed us, and sustain all life on earth.

Special exhibits, presentations, and activities around the zoo throughout the day will celebrate our connection to the world's oceans, emphasize the challenges they are facing and highlight direct actions that can be taken from here in NE Kansas to protect and preserve the health of the world's oceans.

As part of the zoos celebration and to cap off the day's activities, Ed Prohaska from The Monterey Bay Aquarium will be at the Topeka Zoo on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM to provide a presentation to the public on the world's oceans.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium presentation will occur in the zoos Living Classroom, on zoo grounds, Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM. Immediately following the presentation, guests attending the program will be invited to a behind the scenes tour of the zoos River Otters with the opportunity for all guests to get up close and personal with the zoos otters.

Admission to the program and behind the scenes tour is **free** to the public. Zoo gates will open at 6:15 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> for free admission to the program.

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