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San Antonio Aquarium Opens Major Expansion

San Antonio Aquarium opens expansion to includes new animal species, pony rides, child-sized roller coaster and merry-go-round.

San Antonio Aquarium expansion includes new interactive animal exhibits and children centered rides. Alui Cleaver, Aquarium COO explained, "We are always improving what we offer in our exhibits for the public. People can come back often because there is always something new to experience. Inside we have added Blacktip Sharks and Cownose Rays to our marine exhibits that people won't want to miss. But the majority of this expansion is outside where we now have a 7,000 sq. ft. exotic bird aviary with ducks, geese, peacocks, lovebirds, parakeets, cockatiels, Quaker parrots, conure & violet turaco. The area also features a new Koi Pond, a Caiman alligator exhibit complete with our trademark feeding opportunities, Shetland Pony rides and a child-sized roller coaster and merry-go-round."

Ducks and Geese added to the exhibits are not your ordinary barnyard species! Included are blue Swedish, black Swedish, khaki campbell, and Cayuga ducks, red head pochard, ring teals, eytons tree duck, ruddy shelduck, cape shelduck, and paradise shelducks and bar headed geese.

City officials from Leon Valley who helped facilitate the arrival of the San Antonio Aquarium had requested more trees and landscaping and got their wish with this expansion, which includes an elaborate \$500,000 landscape addition. City officials had glowing feedback. Mayor Chris Riley of Leon Valley commented, "Really enjoyed the visit and will give an update to council and citizens - very impressed with your additions to the Aquarium in less than a year! 750,000 expected visitors in your first year is another exceptional number." Kelly Kuentler, Leon Valley City Manager's response to the

new addition was, "IMPRESSED is the only word that comes to mind. The improvements, number of visitors and the civic minded nature of the Aquarium are huge assets to the community of Leon Valley."

San Antonio Aquarium guests can save money on all interactive experiences with discount tokens, \$20 for 10 tokens, with additional savings online. Each token provides one animal feeding and can also be used for concessions. Memberships also offer savings for those that choose to come often. Visit the admissions page at sanantonioaquarium.net for details.

Memberships are more valuable than ever before. For the remainder of 2015, annual memberships are 50% off and include exclusive member only access to recent expansions before the general public has full access. A membership to San Antonio Aquarium also includes membership access to Austin Aquarium. Visit the membership page at sanantonioaquarium.net for details.

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About San Antonio Aquarium:

San Antonio Aquarium opened in San Antonio, TX in December, 2014 at 6320 Bandera Rd with a mission to provide children and families access to the excitement and learning opportunities of the ocean. Exhibits include sea jellies, sea horses, caiman crocodiles, rare and colorful corals, sharks, stingrays, and thousands of other species. In addition to marine life, guests can interact with tropical birds and friendly reptiles, and even enjoy animatronic dinosaur displays. Popular activities include [Birthday Parties](#), [Snorkel With the Stingrays](#), [Sleep with the Sharks](#), [Private Events](#) and [Field Trips](#). [I-Guana Jump Bounce House](#) is a sister facility in a separate yet adjoining building next door.