

SEAWORLD® SAN ANTONIO SAYS GOOD-BYE TO PLASTIC BAGS

SAN ANTONIO, TX. (May 9, 2013) – As a way to support SeaWorld® San Antonio’s conservation practices, the park has discontinued its use of plastic bags in its gift shops. The park, which uses half a million gift bags each year, is now offering guests paper bags made from 100 percent recycled paper or giving them the option to purchase a reusable bag.

“Eliminating plastic bags from our park is another way we can help the animals that live in the water,” said Dan Decker, park president of SeaWorld & Aquatica, SeaWorld’s Waterpark™. “SeaWorld is proud to offer this alternative to help make a difference on our planet.”

Caring for the world’s oceans is a central theme throughout the SeaWorld parks and is emphasized in education programs and park exhibits. Turtles, sea lions and dolphins often misinterpret floating plastic bags or soda carriers for food. Some animals become trapped in the matter, while others perish after ingesting plastic bags.

Removing plastic bags from the park is just one element of SeaWorld’s conservation efforts. Every year, SeaWorld recycles thousands of pounds of paper and plastic products, metals, greenery, food scraps, wetsuits, pallets, cooking oil, batteries, as well as traditional recyclable materials.

SeaWorld San Antonio may be over one hundred miles from the ocean, but at least once a year, employees of the marine life park participate in the “Texas Adopt-A-Beach” cleanup program. The crew cleans a two-mile stretch of the Malaquite Beach section of the Padre Island National Seashore just south of Corpus Christi collecting trash of all kinds, including discarded plastic bags.

About SeaWorld

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment is one of the world's foremost zoological organizations and a global leader in animal welfare, training, husbandry and veterinary care. The Company maintains one of the largest animal collections in the world and has helped lead advances in the care of species in zoological facilities and in the conservation of wild populations. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment also operates one of the world's most respected programs to rescue and rehabilitate ocean marine animals that are ill, injured and orphaned, with the goal of returning them to the wild. The SeaWorld® rescue team has helped more than 22,000 animals in need over the last four decades.

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment employs more than 21,000 people nationwide.

The SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, a registered non-profit conservation foundation, has granted more than \$9 million to wildlife research and conservation projects that protect wildlife and wild places. The Fund commits 100% of donations to on-the-ground wildlife conservation efforts.

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