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BEST FAMILY SLEEPOVER EVENT AWARDED TO VANCOUVER AQUARIUM AT WESTCOAST FAMILIES SECOND ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Vancouver, B.C. – The results are in for WestCoast Families Magazine's second annual Readers' Choice Awards and the Vancouver Aquarium received a gold medal for Best Family Sleepover Event.

"It has been an amazing year for sleepovers at the Vancouver Aquarium. This year alone, we have hosted over 100 sleepovers with approximately 5,000 participants," said Craig Levido, Director of Food Services, Vancouver Aquarium. "Sleepovers run 365 days a year, seven days a week. It is a unique opportunity to have an exciting, engaging and educational experience at a fantastic venue."

An incredible overnight adventure, the Aquarium offers sleepover participants a chance to explore the magic of the Aquarium after everyone else has left for the night through a variety of special activities, tours, presentations and guest speakers. The adventure continues by getting up close and personal with local invertebrates including sea stars, sea urchins and anemones in our behind-the-scenes marine lab.

The Aquarium offers several unique sleepover programs for children of all ages, even adults! Couples can spend Valentine's Day at the Aquarium on February 12, 2011 accompanied by over 70,000 fascinating animals within a breathtaking atmosphere.

For more information on sleepovers at the Aquarium, visit www.vanaqua.org/visit_us/sleepovers.html
To reserve your sleepover spot today for an amazing overnight journey, please contact 604.659.3504 or sleepovers@vanaqua.org.

About Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to our natural world, and a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, education, research, and direct action. Learn more at www.vanaqua.org.

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