



The Marine
Mammal Center

News Release

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BASEBALL AND SEALS - THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER INVITES THE PUBLIC TO THE 7TH ANNUAL MARINE MAMMAL DAY!

(SAUSALITO, Calif. – June 16, 2009) – The seventh Annual Marine Mammal Day event hosted by the San Francisco Giants, Chevron and The Marine Mammal Center, will take place on Wednesday, June 17 at AT&T Park. The event is designed to encourage fans to inquire about the Center's work in rescuing and treating hundreds of seals, sea lions and other marine mammals each year. The SF Giant's mascot, Lou Seal, as well as the Center's own Frannie the Fur Seal will cheer the Giants on as they take on the Los Angeles Angels during the afternoon game. Proceeds from the sale of The Marine Mammal Center's merchandise and donations for the signature Marine Mammal Day t-shirts and pins will all benefit the Center.

"Marine Mammal Day is really special this year because we just opened our newly rebuilt facility in Sausalito this week, and we want invite fans to come visit, see our new exhibits and viewing areas, and learn about our work and connections we all share with marine mammals and the ocean," explains Jim Oswald, communications manager at The Marine Mammal Center. "It's also a perfect time for us to ask the fans to get involved and help the Center with its mission of rescuing and treating hundreds of seals and sea lions each year and furthering our science work and education outreach in order to inspire stewardship of the oceans. The Giants and Chevron host this event each year and we are grateful to them for doing so and helping us spread the word about our important work."

Inspiring fans about the wonders of marine mammals is the goal of the day. Both the Center's "Whale Bus," which will be parked on Willie Mays Plaza, and an educational area near the Coca Cola slide in the Fan lot, among others, will be equipped with fun activities for kids and adults to take part in and representatives from The Marine Mammal Center will be on-hand to answer pinniped-related questions.

Fans who donate \$20 or more during the game, will receive the official Marine Mammal day T-shirt and commemorative pin. Donations of \$100 or more will be entered into a drawing for Giants and Chevron prizes including game tickets and autographed memorabilia. In addition, the Center is encouraging fans to text the words "**Lou Seal**" to **69866** between now and June 30 in order to be entered into a drawing for a special prize from the Giants and for a chance to win guided tours of The Marine Mammal Center's new facilities.

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Gates at AT&T Park open at 10:45 A.M. and the game begins at 1:00 P.M. For more information, please visit www.MarineMammalCenter.org. Tickets for the game may still be available by calling 877-473-4849 or online at www.sfgiants.com.

Visitor Information:

The Marine Mammal Center is open daily 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended. March – November is peak season to see patients. Visitors who want to make a day of it can hike the miles of park trails around the facility and picnic along the beach. Other attractions in the park include the Nike Missile Site and Cold War Museum, Point Bonita Lighthouse, Fort Cronkhite, Headlands Center for the Arts, and the Headlands Visitors Center (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/index.htm>). Visitors to the park can stay at the Youth Hostel or the new Cavallo Point hotel and spa at Fort Baker (<http://www.cavallopoint.com/>)

About The Marine Mammal Center:

The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit veterinary hospital, research and educational center dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of ill and injured marine mammals - primarily elephant seals, harbor seals and California sea lions - and to the study of their health. Since 1975, the Center has been headquartered in the Marin Headlands, within the Golden Gate National Parks and has rescued and treated more than 14,000 marine mammals. The Center's newly rebuilt headquarters in Sausalito gives visitors the unique opportunity to learn about marine mammals through animal rehabilitation, meal preparation, and post mortem viewing platforms, as well as educational exhibits. The Marine Mammal Center is open to the public every day 10 A.M.-5 P.M. except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, visit www.MarineMammalCenter.org.

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