

# Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

## Mobile Aquarium - Event Application



The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission began an innovative mobile aquarium program in 1991 to increase awareness and appreciation of aquatic resources and environmental issues in the Natural State. Four aquaria of differing sizes are now available free of charge for display at qualifying community events, such as fairs or festivals, outdoor shows, youth organizations, and church gatherings. At each appearance, the aquaria are stocked with a large variety of native fish species and aquatic turtles. A program member will be in attendance to answer questions concerning aquatic resources, while also providing educational literature.

Since the program's inception, a steadily increasing number of requests for the mobile aquarium have been received. A database has been developed allowing us to view past and present applications. Events that apply on an annual basis are placed on a rotation appearance schedule. Some events we may be able to attend every two or three years, but for others it could be up to five. This is based on the number of applications received for a date and if they meet all requirements.

Requirements for the aquariums are as follows:

For the tiny (320 gallons), small (1000 gallons), and mid-size (1500 gallons):

- 1) Shade during the summer months
- 2) Solid level ground with ample parking space.
- 3) A dedicated 110-volt - 15 amp electrical outlet.
- 4) If a multi day event, night security will be required.

The large (largest of the four aquaria), which holds 3000 gallons, demands the highest degree of commitment from the event organizers. The specific requirements for the large aquarium are as follows:

- 1) A well shaded area with ample solid and level parking space.
- 2) 3 or more day event with a large attendance.
- 3) A dedicated 110-volt - 20 amp electrical outlet.
- 4) Night security with communication capability.
- 5) A water source (tap water is sufficient).
- 6) A water drain area.

Those wishing to schedule a mobile aquarium appearance for an event must complete the attached application however, due to the large number of requests received on an annual basis, completion of the application does not guarantee that a mobile aquarium will be provided. Application materials should be submitted well in advance of the events. Additionally, applicants should be aware that event selections are partially based on expected attendance and prior application submission. Applications received from event organizers that do not provide the necessary setup requirements will not be accepted.

Please feel free to contact the Aquatic Resources Education Program toll free at 1-877-676-6963 if you have any question regarding setup requirements or the application process.

***AGFC MOBILE AQUARIUMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL EVENTS.***

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**Mobile Aquarium Event Application**

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City

\_\_\_\_\_ County

Dates of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Related Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the exhibit been displayed at your event before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / Post Office Box

\_\_\_\_\_ City

\_\_\_\_\_ State

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work

Home

Cell

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Approved for \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(AGFC Personnel)

Confirmation Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Report Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_