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<u>EDGAR ALLAN COHO, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!</u>

Shedd Aquarium Presents "Creature Feature," Oct. 26-31.

CHICAGO--All creatures--and we DO mean creatures--great and small and sometimes a bit weird will be up for your viewing pleasure soon at your favorite neighborhood theater of the deep.

Often-overlooked but creepy stars of the sea will slip into sight when Shedd Aquarium presents "Creature Feature," Thursday through Tuesday, Oct. 26-31. Guests will discover the truth about some of the more unusual residents against a Hollywood "B"-monster-movie backdrop.

Even wily old veteran performers in the Aquarium's six galleries may be "discovered" during the event, which includes a fun-filled week of scavenger hunts for children, a movie trivia quiz for adults, clips from those "B" movies, crafts and such hands-on activities as clownfish face-painting. (That is, the kids' faces will be painted.)

Speaking of clownfish, they'll be at home as always in Gallery Two, which will offer a special presentation of "Attack? Of the Tomato Clownfish." Sharing the spotlight will be sea anemones.

Featured in the other gallery stations-open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day-will be "The Iguana: Scared Out of Your Skin;" "Lure of the Giant Snapping Turtle;" "Lamprey: Invaders of the Great Lakes;" "Monster Mollusks" (nautilus, cuttlefish and octopuses) and the ever-popular "Piranhas: Fact or Fiction," not to mention the extended special exhibit, "White Alligator: Secret of the Swamp." Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and seniors.

Included in the family fun will be interpretive stations, turtle tattoos, piranha puppets, touchable snakes, iguanas and leeches (periodically throughout the event) and specimens. There will be an interactive activity that simulates the grabby feeding behavior of cuttlefish, and a touch station of funny-feeling fish food.

Come and learn little-known fun facts about these internationally famous stars of the deep. Our informative staff members will be on-hand live and in person to tell the stories of the "stars," answer your questions, and correct some of the celebrity gossip. Especially about the piranhas.

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Note to editors: Photos are available. For more information or to set up an interview, please call Amy Ritter at 312/986-2313 or Pat or Cliff Terry at 312/871-0087.