

Shark Week Coming to Stockton University April 6 -9

Presentations by Local Shark Experts, Florida Research Scientist,
American Red Cross

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Galloway Township, NJ – A few Stockton University students have come face-to-face with a sand tiger shark (well, sort of). The toothy smile appeared on a computer monitor while they were capturing underwater footage with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

The Marine Science program at Stockton University is hosting Shark Week, April 6 -9, 2015 on the main Galloway campus to give the Stockton and greater community the chance to see and learn about what they study.

The Marine Science Club will educate their peers and the community while addressing misconceptions about the top-tier predators that keep our ocean ecosystems in balance as well as the conservation efforts to protect them.

Dr. Elizabeth Lacey, assistant professor of Marine Science, asked her students what topics they'd be interested in learning more about. "Sharks were at the top of their list," she said, so together she and her students planned a week of presentations.

The week kicks off on Monday, April 6, with educational games and trivia. Games including fact or fiction, pin the fin, and sharks and minnows will break common shark myths and educate the community about the illegal shark-fin trade.

"'Sharks attack people often.' That's actually fiction. There were seven shark-related deaths worldwide in 2014," Lacey explained.

Sharks want to give us hugs, but it's with their teeth

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Thursday, April 9 , 6-8 p.m.

A class on shark conservation awareness will be led by Dr. Pete Straub, professor of Biology, and Steve Nagiewicz, a Stockton alumnus and chairman of The Shark Research Institute based in Princeton, NJ, in the Unified Science Center room 360.

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