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BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo opens new aquarium
Exhibit will open in 2017

BATON ROUGE, La., Thursday, April 28, 2016 – BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo will open a new 250,000-gallon marine life exhibit including penguins, manatees, sharks, sea turtles and various species of fish. The exhibit will open to the public in spring 2017.

“After meeting with our sponsors and executive board, we agreed that this marine exhibit will offer our visitors a new experience at the zoo,” said Phil Frost, director of the BREC Baton Rouge Zoo.

The possibilities of having a marine life exhibit have been discussed for many years now. With the zoo moving to a new location with more space, the exhibit can finally be built. The board will meet with potential contractors in the next month to finalize the blueprints.

This exhibit will offer many hands-on activities, including interactive penguin and shark exhibits. Guests can pay \$50 to go behind the scenes and interact with the African penguins. They experience how the penguins are kept up and then at the end, are able to meet and feed one. The shark exhibit is a 360-degree aquarium tank that guests can walk through. At the end of the tank, guests can touch the sharks found in a small pool.

“Guest interaction is our new key element. We want our guests to leave feeling more connected to the animals they encounter,” said Frost.

About BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo

BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo opened to the public on Easter Sunday in 1970. The zoo has grown to be the top year-around family attraction in Baton Rouge, and features many different animals including alligators, tigers, giraffes and black rhinos.

BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo is owned and operated by the Recreation and Park Commission for East Baton Rouge Parish (BREC). The Friends of the Baton Rouge Zoo organization helps support the zoo. The mission is to support the zoo and its programs by helping to raise funds for projects, increase attendance with community events while helping promote community involvement.

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