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## **National Aquarium in Baltimore Throwing Party for the Planet** *Special Earth Day events encouraging changes in our own backyard*

The National Aquarium in Baltimore will be honoring the planet in a big way this Earth Day. Special events begin April 19 featuring celebrity guest Tyrone, star of Nickelodeon's hit TV show "The Backyardigans." Guests will explore ways to save the planet starting with small changes in their own backyards and special frog events continuing with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) year long celebration of the frog.

**What:** Party with Aquarium frogs, staff and Nickelodeon's Tyrone during special Earth Day events!

- FREE photo opportunity with Tyrone, Nickelodeon's very own Backyardigan\*
- Backyardigan Breakfast – Join Tyrone, the confident young moose, for a continental breakfast! †
- Amazing Amphibians! Special animal presentations and activities.
- Go Green: Eco-friendly tips and ways to live.
- FREE Face Painting – See what it's like being green with your very own Frog Face.
- Meet local Backyardigans at special exhibit featuring Maryland amphibians!
- Interact with the Frog Keepers as they share some of their favorite frogs.
- Is that a diver or a frog? Aquarium divers dress up for the occasion.
- Frogs! A Chorus of Colors: Discover frogs – some of the most visually stunning, vocally pleasing and adaptive life forms on earth. (exhibit open daily)
- Aquadopt! Help support the care of Aquarium frogs by adopting your own for \$70. (available all year)

\* Photo opportunity available Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

† Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call 410-727-3474 for a reservation. \$20 members, \$40 non-members

**When:** The weekend *before* Earth Day  
Saturday, April 19: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.\*  
Sunday, April 20: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.\*

\* Earth Day events included with price of admission, with the exception of the Backyardigan Breakfast

**Why:** Even the smallest changes in our daily lives can have a BIG impact on the planet. Since the first Earth Day in 1970, organizations and communities all over the world have come together to spread awareness and make a difference bettering the environment we live in. According to the Earth Day Network, more than a half billion people world-wide participate in Earth Day every year.

### **Interview Opportunities:**

- **On-site interviews** with our Animal Encounters team. Animals include birds, amphibians and a sloth!
- Aquarium staff accompanied by **LIVE FROGS** available for in-studio interviews
- Frogs! A Chorus of Colors exhibit creates a **great visual** of frogs in their habitats
- Reporters can get **behind the scenes** to view the Aquarium's onsite breeding program