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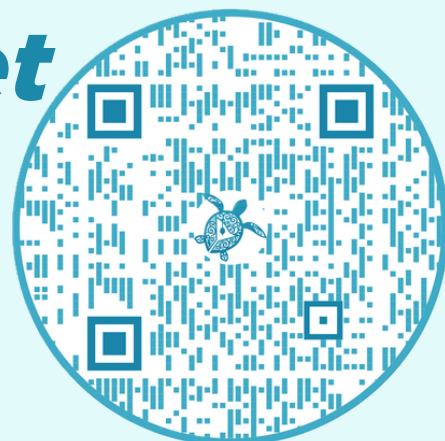
2026

Sponsorship Packet

Friday, September 11

7:30 p.m. at Newport Aquarium

*VIP Pre-Party 6:00-7:30 p.m.

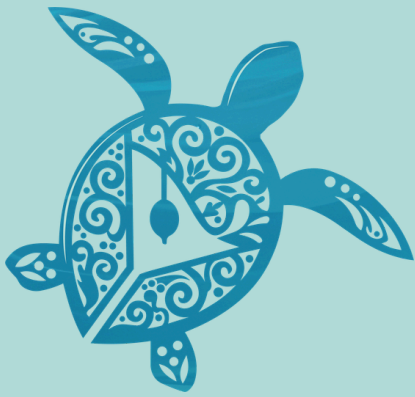


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What is
MAKE WAVES
Gala

The word 'Gala' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The letter 'a' at the end is stylized to resemble a turtle's head, with its shell and flippers integrated into the letter's structure. The entire graphic is in shades of blue.

Make WAVES Gala (formerly Nauti Nite) is WAVE Foundation's annual 21+, after-hours event, at Newport Aquarium. By attending, you are directly supporting WAVE's education programs and conservation efforts. Your ticket includes dinner by the bite from over 20 local restaurants and drinks throughout the aquarium. You'll love the silent auction filled with unique items, live music, raffles, silent disco, live animal encounters and more!



Your Impact

Your participation directly supports WAVE's community impact

Education

WAVE reached over 23,000 participants through our WAVE on Wheels program in 2025. Out of 398 WoW programs, 205 were fully funded through the Community Outreach Scholarship Fund.



Conservation

WAVE's annual River Sweep collected 444 pounds of trash along 1.3 miles of the Ohio Riverbank. In partnership with ReNewport, WAVE also planted 25 trees around the city.

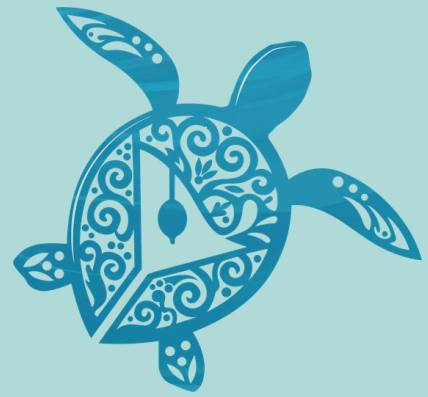













Volunteerism

In 2025, WAVE had 310 volunteers donate 15,749 hours. 48 teenagers participated in our Teen WAVE and 10 young professionals interned in Animal Care, Communications and Education.



Sponsorship Opportunities



Sponsor Benefits	General Admission	Marketing	Event Signage	* VIP Pre-Party	Behind the Scenes Tour	Impact
Presenting Sponsor \$7,500	10	Premium	Premium	20 Seats 2 tables		25 Camp WAVE Scholarships
Water Warrior \$5,000	10		Premium	10 Seats 1 table		10 Free Community Programs
Conservation Champion \$2,500	4			10 Seats 1 table		River Sweep Supplies for 100 Volunteers
Aquatic Ambassador \$1,500	8					1 Accessible Shark and Ray Tank for Programs
Diver Sponsor \$1,000	4					40 Volunteer Background Checks Covered
Porthole Sponsor \$500	2					1 Free WAVE on Wheels Program



*VIP Pre-Party
6:00-7:30 p.m. in the
Riverside Room at
Newport Aquarium

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor Name/Organization: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

I(We) would like to sponsor the Make WAVES Gala on Friday, September 11, 2026 at the following level:

~~\$7,500 Presenting Sponsor (Sold Out)~~

\$5,000 Water Warrior Sponsor (number in order of preference):
 _____ Silent Disco _____ Theater _____ Penguin Palooza _____ Stingray _____ Shipwreck _____ Surrounded by Sharks

\$2,500 Conservation Champion (number in order of preference):
 _____ Shore Gallery _____ Freshwater Falls _____ Gator Alley _____ Hatchling Harbor
 _____ Shark Central _____ Seahorse _____ Ring of Fire

\$1,500 Aquatic Ambassador (number in order of preference):
 _____ Animal Encounter _____ Entertainment _____ Turtle Pond _____ Nauti Nite Swag

\$1,000 Diver Sponsor

\$500 Porthole Sponsor: What tank would you like to sponsor: _____
 (You will be contacted by the WAVE Foundation if the tank you list has already been requested.)

Company Website: _____

Payment Information:

Please fill out the payment information below or register online at: <https://MakeWAVES2026.givesmart.com>

Please charge \$_____ to my: Visa AMEX MasterCard Discover (circle one)

Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please send an invoice to the attention of: _____

Enclosed is my check made payable to the WAVE Foundation. Check # _____

Mail Completed form with payment to: WAVE Foundation, 1 Aquarium Way, Newport, KY 41071

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR EPS & JPG LOGO BY July 1, 2026 TO juffman@wavefoundation.org

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