

Professional Training Seminars at Shedd Aquarium

Animal Training Seminar with Ken Ramirez Environmental Quality Seminar with Allen LaPointe

August 24–28, 2009

Learn from our experts in the fields of animal training and environmental quality. With more than 32,600 animals, including fishes, invertebrates, reptiles, birds and mammals, Shedd Aquarium offers an extraordinary working environment for these one-of-a-kind professional development opportunities.

Seminars include:

- Course materials and exams
- Ken Ramirez's book *Animal Training* (animal training seminar only)
- Personal consultation time with instructors
- Morning and afternoon coffee breaks
- Daily lunch
- Two social dinners (Wednesday and Friday)
- Two optional working dinners (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Admission to the aquarium

LOCATION:

John G. Shedd Aquarium
1200 S. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60605

DATES:

Aug. 24–28, 2009

FEE:

Early registration fee: \$1,275
before June 15, 2009

Regular registration fee: \$1,500

REGISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION:

Adult programs coordinator
T: 312-692-3351
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GRADUATE CREDIT OPPORTUNITY:

Graduate credit is available through Western Illinois University.

Please contact the adult programs coordinator at adults@sheddaquarium.org for more information.

Animal Training Seminar with Ken Ramirez

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This five-day seminar offers zoo and aquarium professionals in-depth animal training at Shedd Aquarium, with unique access to Shedd's diverse animal collection. Participants will experience our unique training techniques and how to adapt them to any species, from marine mammals and a host of terrestrial exotic species to pet dogs and cats. As a master instructor and trainer, Ken Ramirez tailors experiences to match the skill level and interest of his audience.

Key topics include animal intelligence, human emotion and anthropomorphism, basic operant conditioning, informal interactions, husbandry training, social groups, advanced training techniques, aggression, advanced training games, problem-solving techniques and complex training.

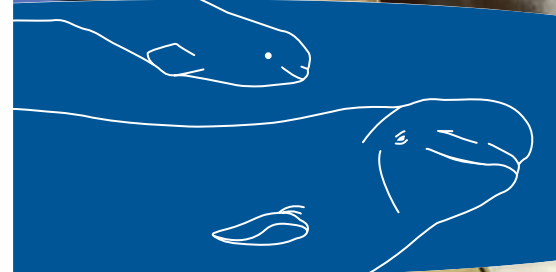
Environmental Quality Seminar with Allen LaPointe

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This intensive five-day seminar offers environmental quality professionals direct access to Shedd Aquarium's state-of-the-art water-quality analysis laboratory, life-support systems and environmental quality experts. With experience as both a chemist and an instructor, Allen LaPointe, director of water systems and analysis, makes concepts clear enough for those new to the field yet sufficiently in-depth for experienced professionals. Each day of the seminar is filled with engaging

in-class presentations and hands-on experiments in Shedd's lab. The seminar also includes tours of Shedd's life-support infrastructure for exhibits and rare access to back-of-house operations.

Key topics include physical and biological processes, life-support systems, environmental parameters, closed and recirculating systems, in-line probe and remote probe analyses, system additions, record keeping, results and corrective action.



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS:

Ken Ramirez, senior vice president of animal collections and animal training, develops and supervises animal-care programs, staff training and development as well as public presentation programs for the animal collection at Shedd Aquarium. He joined Shedd in 1989.

A 30-year veteran of zoological animal care and training, Ramirez worked nine years at Marineworld of Texas, coordinated marine-mammal-care programs at Ocean Safari in South Padre Island, Texas, and served as a consultant to many zoos and aquariums throughout the world. He began his training career working with guide dogs for the visually impaired and has maintained a close affiliation to pet training throughout his career. Ramirez has been active in several professional organizations, including the International Marine Animal Trainer's Association (IMATA) and the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

Allen LaPointe is Shedd's director of water systems and analysis. Before coming to the aquarium in 1997, he spent three years at the Hammond (Indiana) Sanitary District in water-analysis instrumentation. Allen began his career at Shedd as a chemist. He studied chemistry and aquatic zoology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, receiving a B.S. in 1993, and recently received an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix. Allen now manages Shedd's environmental quality laboratory, where he monitors animal habitats, manages laboratory staff and directs life-support strategy. He has conducted a variety of water quality trainings for several zoological organizations as well as taught classes in chemistry, including a two-semester course entitled "Water Works."

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