

tain the lighthouse. The historical significance of the lighthouse and its accompanying museum attracts hundreds of visitors each weekend from states across U.S. and countries across the world. "We get people from all over traveling to see the lighthouse," said Hesse. "Everyone signs the guest book, and this week, the furthest away was from Estonia."

The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum is open on weekends only. For those interested in checking out the historical attraction this year, the 2009 schedule is as follows:

June 15 through Sept. 7 (Labor Day), the museum is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From Sept. 7 to Oct. 12 (Columbus Day) the museum is open on weekends from noon to 3 p.m.

Fall weekends from Sept. 12 to Oct. 11, the museum is open noon to 3 p.m.

The museum closes until spring 2010 after Columbus Day, but visitors are welcome to schedule a group tour.

Group tours of the museum are held from April 1 through Nov. 15. Tours are limited to 25 and require at least 2 weeks notice to be scheduled.

To schedule a group tour after Columbus Day or to learn more about the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum, contact the BLMA at 401-423-3270 or



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Aquarium

The Beavertail Aquarium is a small, ultra kid-friendly room adjacent to the lighthouse museum that is filled with creatures from the nearby water and shoreline. Complete with touch-tanks, the aquarium schedules group activities, particularly for younger children. The aquarium facilities and naturalist programs are available seven days a week and are completely cost-free.

The location and composition of Beavertail allows for incredible youth exploration, discovery and learning. Children in group or class tours can study the physical, geological, chemical and biological aspects of the Atlantic Ocean.

"We offer campus in the summer and scavenger hunts for the kids," Hesse said. "We ask them to bring back starfish, crabs and other animals to the aquarium and show them the difference between a fish and an invertebrate."

Tidal excursions, aquarium scavenger hunts and Geological Explorations are some of the current programs provided to young learners. ▲