



**BERMUDA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
*"to inspire appreciation and care of island environments"*



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# June NEWS

## 'I Am BZS!' Photo & Poetry Competition



Turn on your creative juices—it's time for the annual **BZS Photo & Poetry Competition!** This year's theme is "I Am BZS," including categories like The Natural Environment, Challenges in our Environment, Digital Creations (photos only), and "I Am BZS—what I am doing to protect the environment." We're encouraging all members to capture the essence of what it means to appreciate our natural heritage, or be a nature-loving BZS member, in photos or verse.

The contest will have four entry categories: ages five to 13, open amateur (14 years-plus), professional, and BZS/BAMZ staff and JVs. As always, we'll have a slate of fantastic prizes for the winners, including the honour of having their entries published in our members' magazine, *WILD*.

As BZS/BAMZ celebrates our heritage along with Bermuda's 400th anniversary this year, we're also inviting members to send us any good photos of themselves or their friends and families, at the Aquarium & Zoo over the years. We know there are probably loads of great images showing members having fun at our facility as it evolved over the decades—and we'd love to see, display and publish them! (We will return them.)

Entry forms for the BZS Photo & Poetry Competition will be available at BAMZ reception and online at [www.bamz.org](http://www.bamz.org) at the end of June. The deadline for entries is September 18 and winners will be announced in October.

## BZS in BRIEF

### Coming up...

Get ready for Aqua Camps! Our popular summer camp programme kicks off at the end of June and runs through the summer. We welcome all participants and hope you enjoy every minute!

Aqua Camps (June 29 to August 29) will affect some of our regular features:

- The Discovery Room will be closed, but re-opens in September.
- Our outdoor playground, Discovery Cove, will be closed for cleanup and renovation leading up to Aqua Camps (June 22–28).
- Our regular Friday Story-time will be suspended until September, as our Education Auditorium will be in use.



### Annual Meeting

Don't miss the BZS AGM, to be held at 7 pm, Thursday, June 25, in the Education Auditorium at BAMZ. Agenda and proposed amendments to the bye-laws are at BAMZ reception and [www.bamz.org](http://www.bamz.org).

## BZS Nature Encounters

*Sign up now for these exciting June Nature Encounters*

### NONSUCH ISLAND TOUR

**Sunday, June 7, 1–5 pm, ages 10 to adult**

Tour this unique and beautiful nature reserve, where endemic species and local habitats can be seen. Participants should be reasonably fit and comfortable on boats. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: Members \$40, non-members \$45. Booking deadline: Noon, Thursday, June 4.

### PAGET ISLAND FAMILY DAY

**Saturday, June 13, 10 am–4 pm**

Family day for BZS members at Paget Island in St. George's Harbour. Bring a picnic lunch, drinks and swim gear. Also enjoy wooded trails on a tour by BZS guides. Transport by government boat from Town Square, St. George. Fee: Members \$40, non-members \$45. Booking deadline: Noon, Thursday, June 11.



### NORTH ROCK SNORKEL

**Saturday, June 20, 11:30–3:30 pm, ages 12 to adult**

Venture offshore aboard *Endurance* and go snorkelling amid the coral-reef beauty of North Rock. Participants must bring their own snorkel gear and be strong, capable swimmers. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: Members \$35, non-members \$40. Booking deadline: Noon, Saturday, June 20.

*For more information or to register for any of our events, visit [www.bamz.org](http://www.bamz.org).*

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