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The Living Planet Aquarium creates adventure and education with *Journey To South America*

Sandy, UT (March 9, 2009)---Beginning on **Friday, Feb. 28**, members and visitors will take a journey through the new 7,000 square foot expansion of an aquatic-themed rain forest exhibit when ***Journey To South America*** debuts at The Living Planet Aquarium. Visitors will enjoy the vivid sights, sounds and intriguing animals, such as giant anacondas, piranhas, poison arrow frogs and giant Amazon fish, found in the South American rivers and rainforests. The exhibit will also educate guests about the biodiversity of rainforest ecosystems, the benefits rainforests provide us and how we can all help protect these amazing habitats!

The journey begins in the northern region of South America and Brazil where you will explore animals found along and in the Amazon River such as Caiman Alligators, Poison Arrow Frogs, Electric Eels and Piranhas, to name a few. You will then travel to the Western shores of Chile where you will learn about carnivorous plants and jungle insects.

Journey To South America captures the essence of our mission to celebrate life on Earth by fostering a greater awareness and knowledge of Earth's diverse ecosystems. In Utah, there is an enormous focus on providing children a sound education, not the least of which is environmental education. We believe that children are the future custodians of the environment. They cannot be expected to meet this challenge without the necessary expertise; yet the majority of our young people have never come into contact with the ocean, nor had the opportunity to understand their own water-dependent environment.

As part of the exhibit's debut in Sandy City, The Living Planet Aquarium will host a "Sneak Peek" of the new exhibit on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 11AM-7PM specifically for all Aquarium members. Byron Jorgenson, Chief Administrative Officer of Sandy City and the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will perform a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11AM.

Visit **www.thelivingplanet.com** or call 801-355-FISH(3474) for more information about the exhibit, aquarium hours of operation and membership, tickets and prices.

The Living Planet Aquarium was designed to create and present stimulating educational programs that establish an understanding of the critical nature of environmental conservation and stewardship with Salt Lake County residents, Utah students, educators and families, and visitors from around the country and the world.

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