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**Jingle Shells Arts and Crafts Festival—Sunday, December 10, 2017, 12–5:30 PM.**

SANTA CRUZ, CA—Celebrate the holidays – Santa Cruz-style! The Seymour Center hosts its annual *Jingle Shells Arts and Crafts Festival*, on Sunday, December 10, from 12–5:30 PM.

This holiday tradition features local artists and crafts people who will tempt you with their ocean- and nature-inspired gifts. Festivities culminate outdoors at 5:30 PM as we celebrate with song in the belly of the whale! Join local songster Ginny Mitchell as she sings in a welcome to winter under a sparkling Ms. Blue, our awesome blue whale skeleton.

The festival features ocean-themed gifts, while proceeds directly support marine science education. Meet artists, shop for unique holiday gifts, enjoy live music, hot apple cider, free gift wrapping, children's activities, and explore Seymour Center exhibits, aquarium, and touch pools. Where else can you touch a shark and get your holiday shopping accomplished all while supporting ocean conservation? Entrance fees to the Center are reduced during the entire day. Adult admission is \$6; seniors and students \$4; kids 2 and under are free.

The Seymour Center will also stay open for extended holiday hours until 7 PM on Thursday, December 14. Between 5-7 PM, the public can enjoy free admission, holiday treats and free gift-wrapping on Ocean Discovery Shop purchases.

Located on the bluffs overlooking Monterey Bay, the Seymour Center is dedicated to advancing human understanding of the world's oceans. Come explore the endeavors and discoveries of our affiliated scientists, and learn about ocean conservation and fascinating careers. Exhibits and aquarium feature research conducted in the Monterey Bay and around the world by UCSC scientists. The Seymour Center is located at the end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz.

Our gratitude to our 2017 Jingle Shells Sponsor: Elizabeth Quinn, MS DC

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WHEN: Sunday, December 10, 12–5:30 PM

WHERE: Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab, 100 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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