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## PRESS RELEASE:

### **A Child's Sanctuary: Bottom of the Sanctuary** *Presented by Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary*

Did you know there's a wild ocean place just off the Massachusetts coast? Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, just 10 miles off the coast of Scituate, is home to an amazing array of wildlife, some you have to dive deep to find!

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, come explore the ocean floor. Map a shipwreck, drive a model remote operated vehicle, learn about plants and animals found on the bottom of Stellwagen Sanctuary, such as sponges, anemones, and hermit crabs, listen to a story. Arrive at 11 and stay for the full session, or stop in and try an activity or listen to a story. This program is for grades Pre-K to 6.

NOAA's Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is partnering with Scituate Town Library to produce "A Child's Sanctuary," a series of educational events targeting pre-K through upper elementary school students. The events are designed to connect students and parents to their local sanctuary. By presenting marine-themed activities, science, math, art and language arts content is offered through a real-world context. Also highlighted are library resources and information about Stellwagen Bank and the National Marine Sanctuary system.

For information or to volunteer at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, contact Anne-Marie Runfola, Volunteer Program Coordinator at 781-545-8026, x240 or [anne-marie.runfola@noaa.gov](mailto:anne-marie.runfola@noaa.gov)



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