



Aquateam kids return to Halifax after exploring underwater world

(Halifax, August 21, 2008)—Aquateam, a 13-part kids underwater real-life adventure series produced by Halifax-based Arcadia Entertainment for Discovery Kids and YTV, returns from six weeks of international ocean expeditions.

The Aquateam (a diverse group of five girls and three boys ages 12 to 16 who had little experience with the ocean or diving, all from Nova Scotia, Canada) became certified open water divers, documented shipwrecks, surveyed historic sites with marine archaeologists, repaired coral reefs, dove with sharks, turtles, rays, sea lions and dolphins, searched for lost treasure, discovered underwater caves, experienced night dives and 'drift' dives, investigated the infamous undersea 'Road to Atlantis', experienced underwater crime scene investigation and even worked as marine mammal trainers, all part of their "Aquamissions" that challenged them to learn new skills and work together to achieve their goals learning about the ocean and exploring the sea.

"On land we have to wait to be old enough," says Nick (14), one of the now closely knit Aquateam members, "but on the water we can pilot boats, dive and explore, it's awesome!"

"When we started the kids knew little about the ocean and diving." says John Wesley Chisholm, president and producer for Arcadia Entertainment, "Now they have over 50 dives under their belts and have explored some of the most important issues facing the ocean today." The kids have explored underwater in exotic locations in the Bahamas, Key West, the ABC Islands and the British Virgin Islands.

The kids answered an open casting call and were chosen from hundreds of applicants based on their curiosity and ability to communicate their feelings and experiences for the show.

"This has been an amazing experience for the kids which they are very keen to share with the world" says Chisholm, "the series is a totally new type of television program combining the best of children's entertainment with grown-up real-life adventure on the ocean, which our company specializes in."

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Arcadia Entertainment is a television production company in Halifax, Nova Scotia with a special interest in ocean related documentary programs. They have produced specials and series for Discovery Channel, National Geographic, History, Vision, CBC, Life, IFC, Historia and Z TV. Their programs have been broadcast in over 140 countries in 26 languages.