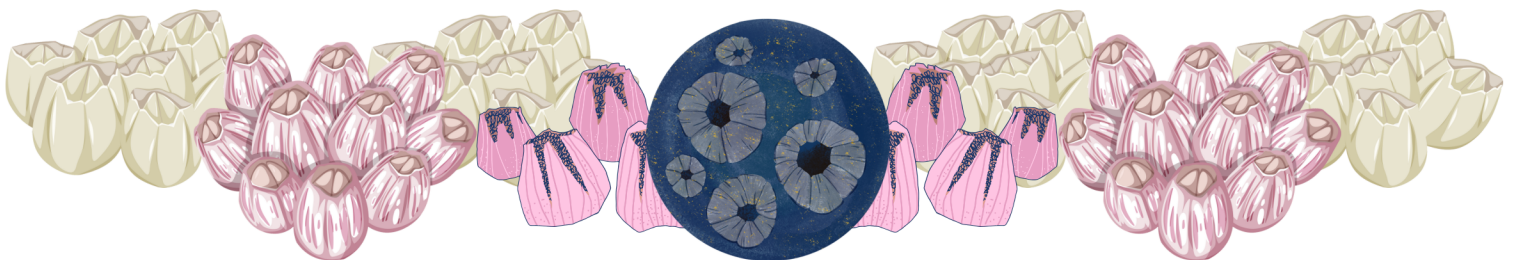


# the FeatherFin Flyer

a Frostbit Fins production

## The Barnacle Edition

"I know not how it is,  
but during a voyage I  
collect books as a ship  
does barnacles."  
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



# A Message from the Mermaid and the FrostbitFins Pod!

Hello, FeatherFins!

Tis the season! We do love a bit of Christmas cheer here in the grotto, and are looking forward to sharing it with all of you, our fans! We have just two more weekend events before the big day - so be sure to stop and see us at the Old Carrs Mall and find that perfect gift!

Starting on the 17th, the end of our vendor season, we will be taking some time off to spend with our families, and rest from the whirlwind it's been since last May! We have had such a wonderful show season, and we are so grateful to the support you have shown us! We seriously have the greatest fans in the world, and count ourselves lucky to be part of the Kenai Peninsula. We never guessed when we started this that we would come so far - and all this to say: Thank you. We love and appreciate every one of you - AND we are already thinking of next year, so stay tuned!

Wishing you the happiest of Holidays, and all the best in the new year,

Sincerely,

AnneMeridia & the FbF Pod



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 8-9 and 15-16:

Holiday Cheer Christmas Bazaar  
At the Old Carrs Mall, Kenai



### Barnacle is Bored

by Jonathan Fenske

Barnacle is stuck on the underside of a pier, wishing he had something to do. Every day is exactly the same. The tide comes in and Barnacle gets wet. The tide goes out and Barnacle dries off. Boring! Barnacle wants something exciting to happen. Then a colorful fish swims by. Barnacle bets the fish doesn't have a boring life. In the end, it turns out exciting isn't always better...

Want to learn more about Barnacles? ~ Visit your local library today!

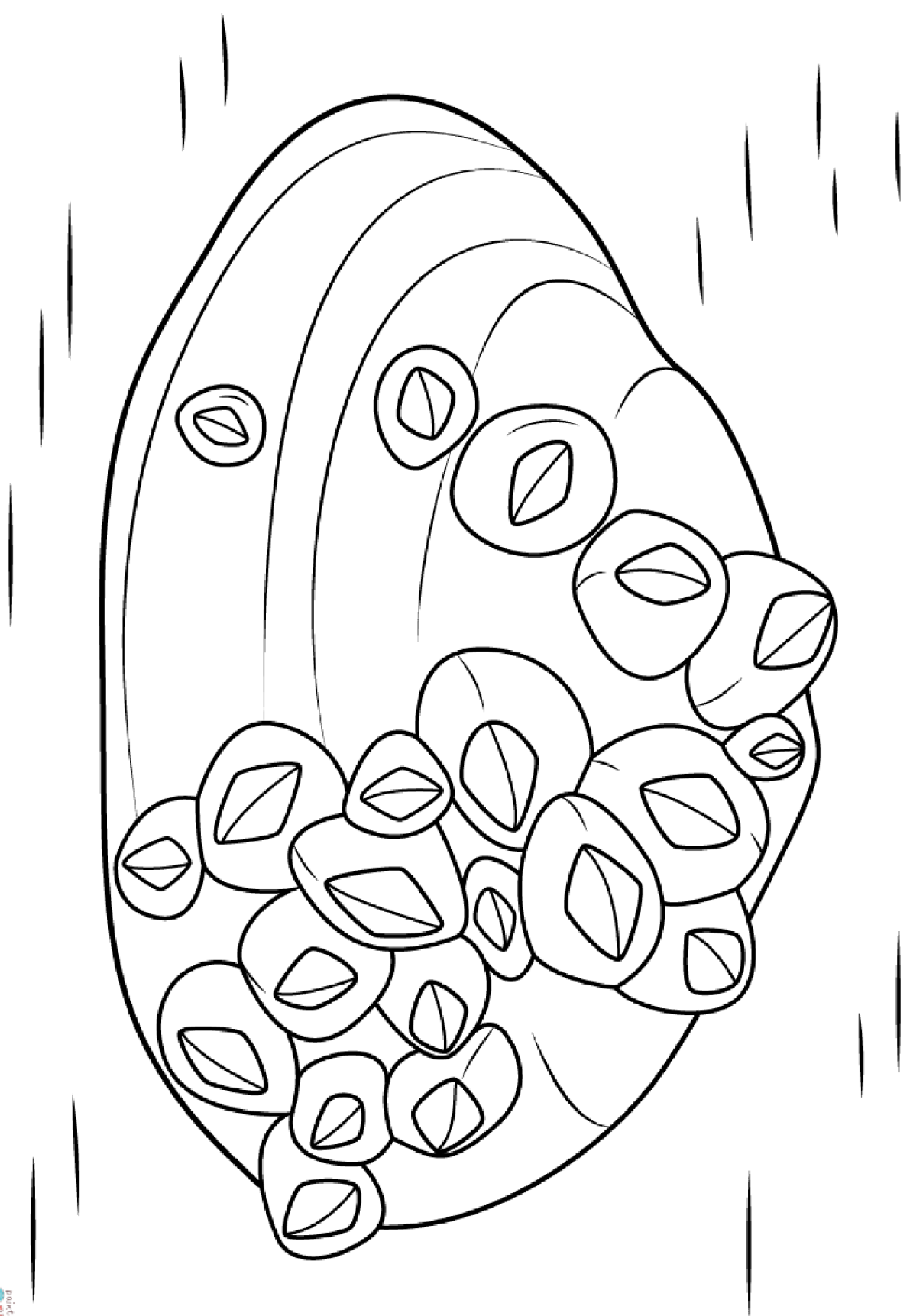


# \*December Fin Facts\*

## Barnacles!



- Barnacles are a kind of crustacean. It is covered in hard plates of calcium carbonate.
- Barnacles can be found attached to the bottoms of boats, dock posts, shoreline rocks, and other submerged surfaces. Along with those surfaces, they can also be found on the bodies of whales, turtles, manatees, and other sea creatures.
- There are more than 1000 species of barnacles living in shallow and tidal waters around the world.
- Barnacles swim for only a short time and then spend the rest of their lives attached to a hard surfaces.
- Barnacles vary in color. They can be found in colors like white, gray, yellow, pink, green, and brown.
- Special organs on the barnacle's legs, called Cirri help them hunt plankton and algae to gather nutrition.
- Barnacles do not have an actual heart. An esophageal sinus takes on the job of pumping blood through its body.
- Along with hunting and gathering, a barnacle's legs have another very important job. Barnacles absorb oxygen (or breathe) through their legs.
- Barnacles stick themselves to surfaces and sea creatures by secreting a fast-curing cement. This cement is among the most powerful natural glues known to man. It is so strong that researchers are trying to figure out how it can be used commercially.



Paint the world  
**SUPER**  
COLORING









# LET'S CELEBRATE

## 🎂 Birthday Club!

Wishing a FIN-tastic Birthday to:

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 12/1 Emmett B    | 12/22 Ember K     |
| 12/2 Emberlee    | 12/22 Maebry F    |
| 12/2 Memphis J   | 12/23 Tana J      |
| 12/2 Ivy F       | 12/24 Brittani M  |
| 12/3 Tess S      | 12/24 Emma R      |
| 12/3 Hadassah S  | 12/24 Ciaran K    |
| 12/4 Lilah W     | 12/26 Skyla E     |
| 12/6 Jim R       | 12/27 Angela P    |
| 12/12 Sophie G   | 12/27 Sophia O    |
| 12/14 Alice S    | 12/28 Allana S    |
| 12/15 Morgan P   | 12/31 Genevieve S |
| 12/15 Danielle B | 12/31 Ambriel R   |
| 12/17 William H  | 12/31 Isadora D   |
| 12/20 Peter D    |                   |
| 12/20 Mahnavu S  |                   |

## 🐟 Fin Funnies!

Where do cowboys keep their sea horses?  
In the barn-acle!

Why did the barnacle refuse to share his food?  
Because he is a little shellfish!

How do barnacles take photos?  
With a clam-era!



## 🎁 Dates Of Interest

- 12/4 - National Dice Day
- 12/5 - International Ninja Day
- 12/7 - National Cotton Candy Day
- 12/12 - Gingerbread House Day
- 12/13 - National Cocoa Day
- 12/17 - National Maple Syrup Day
- 12/18 - Bake Cookies Day
- 12/21 - Humbug Day
- 12/22 - National Short Person Day
- 12/25 - Christmas
- 12/26 - National Candy Cane Day
- 12/30 - National Bacon Day
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve

## 🐟 Guppie Goodies

### Ranch Snack Mix

#### Ingredients:

- 1 package (12 ounces) miniature pretzels
- 16 cups (about 12 ounces) original flavor Bugles
- 1 can (10 ounces) salted cashews
- 1 package (6 ounces) cheddar Goldfish crackers
- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
- 3/4 cup canola oil

#### Directions:

- In 2 large bowls combine the pretzels, Bugles, cashews, and crackers
- Sprinkle with dressing mix and toss gently to combine
- Drizzle with oil; toss until well coated
- Store in airtight containers



## 🎁 Fintastic Deals!

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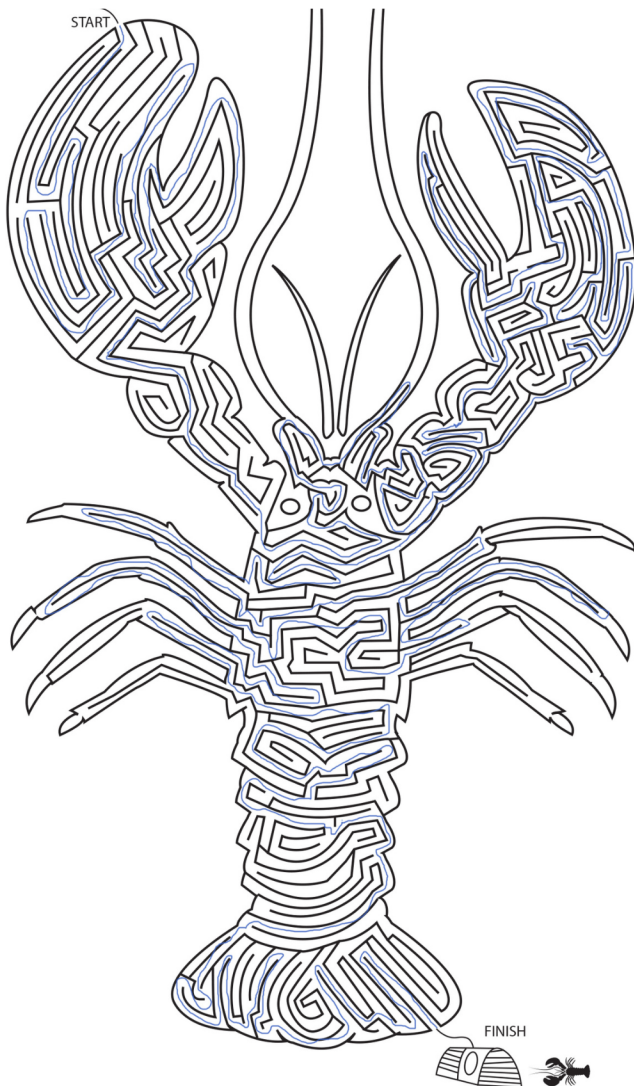
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## LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS



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Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page(s)? Have mom and dad put them on social media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured on our page and in next month's FeatherFinFlyer!