



**Cabrillo  
Marine  
Aquarium**

# SPRING CALENDAR 2024

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## REGISTRATION REQUIRED CLASSES

Deadline to register is one week before the class begins.

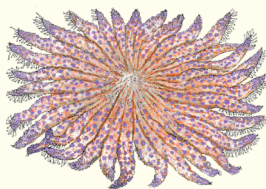
### Science at the Seashore: After-School Classes

#### SEA Club – Science Education Afternoons

On four consecutive Wednesday afternoons, join CMA Educators for a series of hands-on after-school marine science adventures. Activities may include observing animal behavior, examining rocky shore animals at the tidepools, exploring the wonders of mud at the salt marsh and getting up-close with microscopes.

Fee: \$30 (\$27 Friends members) for the series and includes a program t-shirt. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27	K-1st grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24	2nd-3rd grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29	4th-6th grade, 3:30-5pm



### Science at the Seashore: Summer Classes

#### Tales Between the Tides (ages 3-5)

You and your Young Explorer will discover nature at a child's "see" level. Using the Aquarium, our Classroom Laboratory and the Coastal Park, we will hear stories, see fascinating creatures, touch live sea animals, and even scamper like crabs! Each day we will make special memories and focus on a different theme. So choose one or both sessions!

Fee: \$26 (\$24 Friends members) for the two-day session. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Session 1 - Thursday, June 20 & Friday, June 21	Ages 2-4, 10am-12pm
Session 2 - Thursday, August 8 & Friday, August 9	

#### Galloping Snails (entering grades 1-2)

Watch snails "gallop" and other seashore animal behavior through shoreline exploration and laboratory activities. Make ocean art and other projects as records of your discoveries. Fee: \$85 (\$77 Friends members) for the four-day session and includes a program t-shirt. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Session 1-Tuesday, June 25 through Friday, June 28	9am-12pm
Session 2-Tuesday, July 16 through Friday, July 19	



#### Crab Shells (entering grades 3-4)

Observe animal behavior as you hold hermit crabs, go crab fishing, feed barnacles and more! Discover the marvelous mud at the salt marsh and explore how humans are connected to the ocean.

Fee: \$85 (\$77 Friends members) for the four-day session and includes a program t-shirt. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Session 1-Tuesday, July 9 through Friday, July 12	9am-12pm
Session 2-Tuesday, July 30 through Friday, August 2	



#### Ichthyology (entering grades 5-6)

Students will examine the inner and outer anatomy of a fish. Learn about the biology of fishes, from sharks to eels and to the garibaldi. Discover how ichthyologists use special tools, techniques and careful observation to understand more about fishes. Dissections, fish printing, and fish feeding are all included as part of the discovery!

Fee: \$85 (\$77 Friends members) for the four-day session and includes a program t-shirt. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Session 1-Tuesday, July 23 through Friday, July 26	9am-12pm
Session 2-Tuesday, August 13 through Friday, August 16	



**NOTE:** Date and times of programs and events are subject to change. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.





## Science at the Seashore: One-Day Programs

### Monthly Beach Cleanup

Join CMA's Education Team in cleaning up the Coastal Park every first Saturday of the month. Monthly Beach Cleanups are a great way to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the marine environment, all while helping out! Meet at the steps in front of the John M. Olguin Auditorium. Free and open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more. **Student service credit available.**

Saturday, March 2	9-10:30am
Saturday, April 6	
Saturday, May 4	
Saturday, June 1	

### Monthly Native Garden Restoration

Join CMA's Education Team in cleaning up the native garden every second Saturday of the month. Monthly garden maintenance is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and learn about native plants, all while helping out! Meet at the native garden behind the aquarium. Free and open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more. **Student service credit available.**

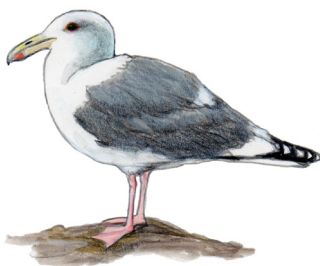
Saturday, March 9	9-10:30am
Saturday, April 13	
Saturday, May 11	
Saturday, June 8	

### Walk Cabrillo

Pack a snack and join a walk guided by CMA Educators while they interpret the various habitats of the Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park. Starting in the Aquarium courtyard, visit the native garden, salt marsh, beaches and tidepools. Along the walk, examine fossils, native plants, beach wrack and other interesting finds.

Free and open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more.

Sunday, April 21	12:45-2:45pm
Saturday, May 18	11am-1pm



### Salt Marsh Open House

Visit Cabrillo Beach's own wetland habitat, Salinas de San Pedro, and discover the plants and animals that call it home! Using binoculars, magnifying glasses and other tools, CMA Educators and volunteers will help you observe and explore this habitat. Or simply sit back, watch the tide change and listen to the birds and other wildlife.

Free and open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more.

Saturday, March 16	1pm-3pm
Sunday, April 14	2pm-4pm



### Public Fish Dissection



Get a closer look at the outside and inside of a fish. Join us as we investigate the anatomy of a fish through a dissection demonstration.

Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

Saturday, March 9	1:15pm and 2:15pm
Saturday, April 13	
Saturday, May 18	
Saturday, June 15	

### Animal Identification and Nature Journaling

Join CMA education staff as we learn how to identify common marine animals. Practice tips and techniques for nature journaling with animals we find. All materials provided, including an upcycled/recycled nature journal that you can keep; you are welcome to bring your own materials if you prefer. Meet in the lower courtyard; participants are welcome to join anytime throughout the experience.

Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

Sunday, March 17	2-4pm (Sandy Beach)
Sunday, April 7	10am-12pm (Rocky Shore)
Sunday, May 26	10am-12pm (Sandy Beach)
Sunday, June 16	10am-12pm (Kelp Forest)



## Voyages

### Go Whale Watching!



Go to sea any day of the week in search of migrating Pacific gray whales, as well as humpback and fin whales, a variety of dolphin species, sea lions, pelicans and other marine life. Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer naturalists accompany you on two-to-three-hour boat trips from various landings. Fee: Varies by landing, contact Cabrillo Whalewatch at [CabrilloWhalewatch@gmail.com](mailto:CabrilloWhalewatch@gmail.com), 310-548-7770 or visit our website.

Daily through mid-April

### Baja Adventure (for adults)

Join CMA for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! During this nine-day ocean voyage, spend three exciting days anchored in San Ignacio Lagoon where friendly gray whales and their curious calves swim within arm's length of the skiffs. Naturalist-led hikes on remote, offshore islands provide exceptional views of elephant seal rookeries, a multitude of birds, diverse geological formations and a wide range of native vegetation. Eat well and sleep comfortably on the 113-foot *Royal Polaris*, leaving from San Diego (bus transportation between CMA and San Diego is provided). Details and registration information on our website.

March 3 to March 11, 2024

### Channel Islands Adventures

Discover the wonder of a birding and wildlife photography adventure to the Channel Islands National Park that starts as soon as you board the boat - keep your eyes peeled for birds and marine mammals! Once ashore, join an informative naturalist-led hike.

#### Santa Cruz Island: Prisoners Harbor (for adults)

Our focus will be to find and photograph the endemic Island Scrub Jay and experience Santa Cruz Island in full bloom. This trip leaves from Ventura harbor. Fee: \$70 (\$61 Friends members). Space is limited, registration is required.

Sunday, April 14 9am-6pm

#### Anacapa Island (for adults)

Our focus will be to photograph the thousands of nesting Western Gulls and their chicks amidst the natural beauty of Anacapa Island. CMA's photographer will be available for a wildlife photography workshop. This trip leaves from Oxnard harbor. Fee: \$70 (\$61 Friends members). Open to hikers 13+; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, registration is required.

Sunday, June 2 9:30am-4:30pm



## Special Events and Programs

### Meet the Grunion



Watch the captivating grunion come up on the beach to spawn! Learn about the interesting mating rituals and biology of this curious fish. The program includes an auditorium program about the unique fish, the aquarium is open for exploration, then a guided observation at the beach. Cabrillo Beach closes at midnight. Warm clothing and a flashlight are recommended. During April, May and June (closed season) grunion may be observed but not touched. March, and July are open season, when grunion may only be taken by hand. Grunion hunters, 16 years or older, must have a valid California fishing license. Fee: \$7 adults and \$3 seniors, students and children (Friends members free).

Date	Aquarium Open	Predicted Run
Wednesday, April 10	9pm	10:59pm
Friday, April 26	8pm	10:21pm
Friday, May 10	8pm	10:29pm
Saturday, June 8 (Fishtival & Member Appreciation)	8pm	10:54pm
Sunday, June 23	8pm	10:35pm



### Fishtival & Member Appreciation Day

Celebrate Southern California's most unique fish species - the GRUNION! During this special evening, you'll be able to hatch grunion eggs, participate in grunion arts and crafts, watch a classic grunion video, interact with grunion researchers, touch live tidepool animals and see the many fish and other live animals in the Aquarium. After participating in fun grunion activities, everyone will head to the beach to observe these enchanting fish. Warm clothing is recommended. Fee: \$7 adults and \$3 seniors, students and children (Friends members free).

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Saturday, June 8	8pm	10:54pm



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
3		5	6 SEA Club (grades K-1st) Session 1 3:30-5pm	7	8	9 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am  Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
10		12	13 SEA Club Session 2	14	15	16 Sensory Sensitive  9 - 10am  Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm
17 Nature Journaling 2-4pm 	Spring Docent Training 9am-12pm	19	20 SEA Club Session 3	21	22	23
24 31		26 Deeper Dive Webinar Series 7-8:30pm	27 SEA Club Session 4	28	29	30

April 2024


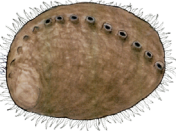
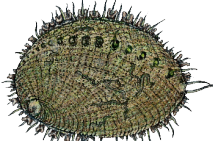



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 SEA Club (grades 2-3) Session 1 3:30-5pm	4	5 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES 7-9pm	6 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
7 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Young Scientists 11am-3pm 	8	9	10 SEA Club Session 2 3:30-5pm  Meet the Grunion 9pm	11	12	13 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am  Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
14 Santa Cruz Island 9am - 6pm Salt Marsh Open House 2-4pm	15	16	17 SEA Club Session 3 3:30-5pm	18	19	20 Sensory Sensitive  9 - 10am  Earth Day 9am-12pm 
21 Walk Cabrillo 12:45-2:45pm	22	23	24 SEA Club Session 4 3:30-5pm	25	26 Meet the Grunion 8pm	27
28	29	30 Deeper Dive Webinar Series 7-8:30pm				



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
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Pelican Awareness Week 2-5pm						
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19		21	22 SEA Club Session 3	23	24	25
26 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm 		28 Deeper Dive Webinar Series 7-8:30pm	29 SEA Club Session 4	30	31	

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
2 Anacapa Island Voyage 9:30am-4:30pm		4	5	6	7	8 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am World Ocean Day 10am-5pm FishTival 8pm
9		11	12	13	14	15 Sensory Sensitive  9-10am Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
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23 Meet the Grunion 8pm	24	25 	26 Gallopng Snails 10am-12pm	27	28	29
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## Earth Day - Take Action Day! Beach Cleanup

Join us on our annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup! Take action to help our local environment on Earth Day. Learn about the impact of microplastics and help clean our community's beautiful Cabrillo Beach on #CMAtakeactionday!

Free and open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, April 20

9am-12noon



## World Ocean Day

In 2008, the United Nations declared June 8 as World Ocean Day. Visit the Aquarium as we celebrate the ocean with activities and crafts.

Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

Saturday, June 8

10am-5pm



## Pelican Awareness Week

Stop by during Pelican Awareness Week and learn more about these amazing diving birds. Learn about their important role in California's coastal ecosystem, how they feed and other fascinating pelican facts! Visit us in the Channel Islands room under the diving California Brown Pelican.

Sunday, May 5 through Saturday, May 11

2-5pm



## Young Scientists Symposium

The Young Scientists Program is a free, intensive research program where students design and conduct independent marine science projects under the mentorship of CMA staff that allow them to grow their appreciation for scientific research and marine science.

Join us as we celebrate the students' hard work and dedication at our annual Young Scientists Symposium! Each participating student will be onsite presenting their findings and sharing their experience in the Young Scientists Program. We invite friends, family, staff, volunteers, and aquarium guests to attend and learn all about the wonderful work these amazing students have accomplished throughout their time in the 2023-2024 Young Scientists Program.



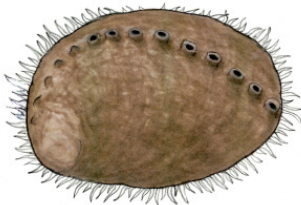
## Endangered Species Day

Join us as we observe this day with educational opportunities to learn about our local Southern California endangered species. Stop by the Aquatic Nursery where you can see live, endangered white abalone that are part of a special program to increase their numbers in the ocean and find other informational opportunities around the aquarium.

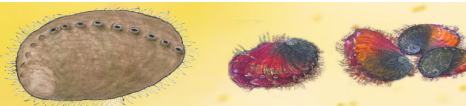
Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

Friday, May 17

10am-5pm







## Lectures

### Discovery Lecture Series



Join us for our science lecture series.

All lectures are at 7pm on select Fridays in the John M. Olguin Auditorium. RSVP requested, visit our website for details.

Free. Details and registration information on our website.

Friday, April 5 Dr. Todd Haney, Sage Hill School	7-9pm
Friday, October 4	
Friday, December 6	

### Deeper Dive Webinar Series

Cabrillo Whalewatch presents “Deeper Dive”, a monthly webinar series investigating the lives of whales and other marine mammals.

Free. Details and registration information on our website.

Tuesday, March 26	7-8:30pm
Tuesday, April 30	
Tuesday, May 28	

## Volunteer Opportunities!

For more information, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Floyd Anderson, 310-548-7562 x229, floyd.anderson@lacity.org

### One-Day Special Events (for adults and youth)

We need your help at various events throughout the year - individuals and groups are welcome! Please call ahead to schedule yourself or your group. A list of upcoming events is available by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.

### Spring Docent Training (for adults)

Join us on the beach! Applications are being accepted for volunteers in our Outdoor Classroom Program. Program runs Tuesday through Friday mornings from April 2 through June 7. Docents provide schoolchildren with information about the ocean and conduct related activities on Cabrillo Beach.

Monday, March 18	9am-12pm
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### Summer Docent Training (for Middle and High School Students)

Learn to give tours! Students entering grades 7 to 12 may apply. Two separate programs will be offered: Jr. Docents (grades 7-9) and High School Docents (grades 10-12). Following training, students provide tours, talks and demonstrations. Space is limited! Check our website for details. Applications available: Friday March 1, 2024. Due Date: **Friday, April 26, 2024, no later than 4pm.**

## Exhibits

### Earth Day Poster Contest

Create and share your Earth Day message by entering our Annual Poster Contest!

2D entries, no larger than 11” x 14” are due by April 1, 2024. Please mail or drop off your entry with your information attached to the back (title of poster, artist name, age/grade and email/phone). Top entries will be displayed at the aquarium from April through September.

Check our website for details.



## For Educators

### Educator Workshops

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Educator Workshop series! From local habitats and animals to relevant environmental issues, each workshop is designed for educators interested in engaging their students (and themselves) with the wonders of marine science.

Free. For more information visit our website.



### Ocean Outreach School Program

BRINGING THE OCEAN TO YOUR SCHOOL!

Enhance the educational experience through the use of hands-on discovery, specimen investigation and student participation. All our topics are tailored to grade-level & designed to spark students' curiosity for the ocean and the extraordinary life in it! One hour class sessions; up to four sessions per site per day. Preschool through 8th grade, 30 students per classroom session.

Fee: \$170 for the first program, \$70 for each similar program. After-school programs (after 2:30pm): First program \$230, second program \$90.

Space is limited, registration is required. Year-round, Tuesday through Friday, between 9:30am and 4pm.

For more information on our ocean-themed topics visit our website.



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#### AQUARIUM HOURS

Tuesday through Friday - 12noon to 5 pm

Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 5pm

Closed on Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

#### GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday through Sunday - 10am to 5:30pm

Closed on Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

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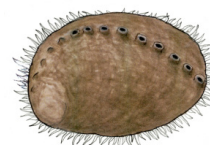
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### Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

The Aquarium strives to ensure all guests feel welcome and included during their visit and that programs are accessible to everyone.

Spend some quiet time enjoying the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on Sensory Sensitive Saturdays, the third Saturday of each month, from 9am to 10am. A pre-visit social story is provided at [kulturecity.org](http://kulturecity.org) to help plan what to expect during your visit. Sensory sensitive backpacks can be checked out at the Welcome Booth during any visit, if needed.



White Abalone  
*Haliotis sorenseni*

IUCN Status: ENDANGERED throughout its range