



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

WINTER CALENDAR 2024-2025

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a trusted resource that inspires exploration, respect and conservation of Southern California marine life.

SEA CLUB
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium



REGISTRATION REQUIRED CLASSES

Science at the Seashore: After-School

Deadline to register is one week before the class begins.

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.



SEA Club – Science Education Afternoons

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26	4th-6th grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23	2nd-3rd grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28	K-1st grade, 3:30-5pm

Little Squirts (with parent)



Wednesdays, November 27, December 4, 11, 18	Ages 2-4, 1:30-3pm
Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26	

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, December 7	9-10:30am
Saturday, January 4	
Saturday, February 1	
Saturday, March 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, December 14	9-10:30am
Saturday, January 11	
Saturday, February 8	
Saturday, March 8	



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



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, December 22	12-2pm
Thursday, December 26	11:30am-1:30pm
Sunday, January 26	12-2pm
Saturday, February 15	2:30-4:30pm
Sunday, March 2	2:30-4:30pm

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.

Sunday, December 8	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday, January 5	1-3pm
Sunday, February 2	2-4pm
Sunday, March 16	2-4pm

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, December 7	1:15pm and 2:15pm
Saturday, January 18	
Saturday, February 15	
Saturday, March 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 (pencils, colored pencils, watercolor paints and brushes). 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, December 15	10am-12pm (Kelp Forest)
Sunday, January 12	10am-12pm (Whales)
Sunday, February 9	10am-12pm (Rocky Shore)
Sunday, March 23	10am-12pm (Sandy Beach)



Tidepool Walks

Join CMA Educators on a tidepool walk to the Point Fermin Tidepools. Before the walk, attend a brief informative orientation, then go on the naturalist-led hike to see animals in their natural habitat. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised.

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

Sunday, December 1	2-3:30pm
Sunday, December 15	2-4pm
Saturday, December 28	1-2:30pm
Sunday, December 29	1:30-3pm
Saturday, January 11	12:30-2pm
Sunday, January 12	1-2:30pm
Saturday, January 25	12-1:30pm
Saturday, February 8	12-1:30pm
Sunday, February 9	12:30-2pm
Sunday, February 23	11:30am-1pm
Sunday, March 8	10:30am-12pm
Sunday, March 9	12:30-2pm

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)

Individuals and groups are welcome to help out at various events throughout the year. 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 1 through June 6. Docents provide schoolchildren with information about the ocean and conduct related activities on Cabrillo Beach.

Monday, February 24	9am-12pm
Monday, March 17	



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. Applications are available Monday March 3, 2025 and **due by Friday, April 25, 2025, no later than 4pm.**

Space is limited! Check our website for details.

Voyages

Go Whale Watching! (family friendly)

Go to sea any day of the week in search of whales (such as the Pacific gray whale, humpback and fin whales). Other sea life you might spy include a variety of dolphin species, sea lions, pelicans and more. 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, 310-548-7770 or visit our website.

Daily year-round



Baja Adventure (for adults)

Join CMA for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! During this nine-day ocean voyage, we 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. Thirty participants will eat well and sleep comfortably on the 113-foot *Royal Polaris*, leaving from San Diego (bus transportation between CMA and San Diego is provided). For more information, trip photos and a complete itinerary, visit our website.

March 6 to March 14, 2025



Winter Calendar 2024-2025


December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tidepool Walk 2-3:30pm	2	3	4 Little Squirts (ages 2-4) Session 2 1:30-3pm	5	6 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES 7-9pm	7 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
8 Salt Marsh Open House 10:30am-12:30pm	9	10	11 Little Squirts Session 3	12	13	14 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am
15 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Tidepool Walk 2-4pm	16	17	18 Little Squirts Session 4	19	20	21 Sensory Sensitive 9 - 10am
22 Walk Cabrillo 12-2pm	23	24	25	26 Walk Cabrillo 11:30am-1:30pm	27	28 Tidepool Walk 1-2:30pm
29 Tidepool Walk 1:30-3pm	30	31				

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Echinoderm Appreciation Month 			1	2	3	4 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
5 Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am Tidepool Walk 12:30-2pm
12 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Tidepool Walk 1-2:30pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Sensory Sensitive 9 - 10am Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Tidepool Walk 12-1:30pm
Echinoderm Appreciation Week 2 - 5pm						
26 Walk Cabrillo 12-2pm	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
2 Whale Fiesta 10am-3pm Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm	3 (Closed)	4 (Closed)	5 Little Squirts (ages 2-4) Session 1 1:30-3pm	6 (Closed)	7 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES 7-9pm	8 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am
9 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Tidepool Walk 12:30-2pm	10 Birds & Bees 5:30-9pm	11 (Closed)	12 Little Squirts Session 2	13 (Closed)	14 (Closed)	15 Sensory Sensitive 9-10am Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm Walk Cabrillo 2:30-4:30pm
16 (Closed)	17 (Closed)	18 (Closed)	19 Little Squirts Session 3	20 (Closed)	21 (Closed)	22 (Closed)
23 Tidepool Walk 11:30am-1pm	24 Spring Docent Training 9am-12pm	25 (Closed)	26 Little Squirts Session 4	27 (Closed)	28 (Closed)	

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beach Cleanup* 9-10:30am
2 Walk Cabrillo 2:30-4:30pm	3 (Closed)	4 (Closed)	5 SEA Club (4th-6th grade) Session 1 3:30-5pm	6 (Closed)	7 (Closed)	8 Native Garden Restoration* 9-10:30am Tidepool Walk 10:30am-12pm
9 Tidepool Walk 12:30-2pm	10 (Closed)	11 (Closed)	12 SEA Club Session 2	13 (Closed)	14 (Closed)	15 Sensory Sensitive 9-10am Public Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
16 Salt Marsh Open House 2-4pm	17 Spring Docent Training 9am-12pm	18 (Closed)	19 SEA Club Session 3	20 (Closed)	21 (Closed)	22 (Closed)
23 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Young Scientist Symposium 12-3pm	24 30 31 (Closed)	25 (Closed)	26 SEA Club Session 4	27 (Closed)	28 (Closed)	

For additional information about our programs, please visit our website or call 310-548-7562 • www.cabrillosmarineaquarium.org • Calendar • Winter 2024-2025

Aquarium Closed
* Student service credit

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!

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

Up to 1-hour class sessions; up to four sessions per site per day. Preschool through 8th grade, 30 students maximum per each classroom session.

Space is limited, registration is required.

Year-round, Tuesday through Friday, between 9:30am and 4pm.

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



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. Live online option available, visit our website for details. Free. Details and registration information on our website.

2024	Friday, December 6: Dr. Luke Miller, San Diego State University "Prying into the private lives of mussels and oysters"	7-9pm
	Friday, February 7: Dr. Bill Ludt, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County "Using museum specimens to look into the past and to inform the future"	
2025	Friday, April 4 Dr. Al Dove, Museum of Science & History	Fridays: October 3; December 5

Special Events and Programs

Whale Fiesta (aka Whale's Day)

Join us for this special edition of Whale Fiesta where we will curiously wait to see if Pedro-towney Phil will see its shadow, casting its prediction for six more weeks of awesome whale watching! It's a family day filled with activities and exhibits for all — games, arts and crafts, puppet shows, expert guest lecturers and festive music. You won't want to miss our incredible life-sized inflatable whales and the famous Duct Tape Whale Contest. Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

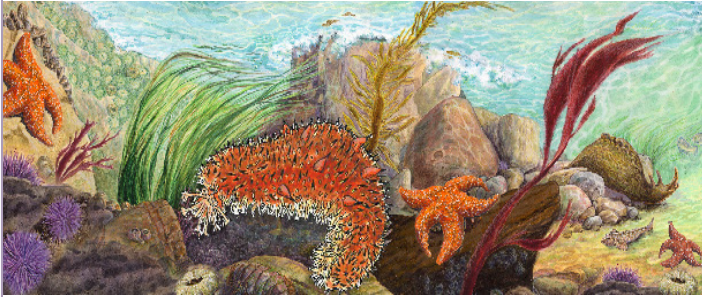
Sunday, February 2	10am-3pm
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Echinoderm Appreciation Week

Stop by CMA during Echinoderm Appreciation Week and learn more about these amazing marine animals. Learn about their important role in California's coastal ecosystem, how they eat and other fascinating echinoderm facts!

Sunday, January 19 through Saturday, January 25	2-5pm
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Animal Awareness Months

Join us throughout the year as we have various animal awareness months. Learn about the important role they play in our ocean. Visit our website for more information.

Birds and Bees, Under the Seas

(Friends members only)

Get ready for Valentine's Day at CMA. This exclusive ticketed event will include games and other activities based on the ways marine creatures meet, mate and raise their young. More details to come--stay tuned! Questions? Contact the Membership Department at 310-548-7593 or membership@cmaqua.org.

Monday, February 10	5:30-9pm
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Young Scientists Symposium

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

Join us as we celebrate the students' hard work and dedication at our annual Young Scientists Symposium! Students present their findings and share their experience throughout the program. Friends, family, staff, volunteers and aquarium guests are welcome to attend and learn about the work these amazing students have accomplished throughout their time in the 2024-2025 Young Scientists Program.

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

Sunday, March 30	12-3pm
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Meet the Grunion

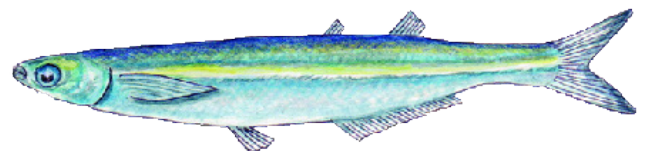


Watch the captivating grunion come up on the beach to spawn! Learn about the interesting mating rituals and biology of this curious fish. The program includes an auditorium program about the unique fish followed by a guided observation at the beach. Take the opportunity to explore the aquarium at night! 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
Monday, April 14	8pm	10:41pm
Tuesday, April 29	9pm	11:09pm
Wednesday, May 14	8pm	10:39pm
Wednesday, May 28	9pm	10:54pm
Friday, June 13	8pm	11:08pm
Friday, June 27	8pm	11:23pm

Cabrillo Beach closes at midnight.



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, 2025. 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 in the Aquatic Nursery from April through June.

For more information, please check our website.



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 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.



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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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Being a member is a great way to support CMA while receiving special benefits. It's a win-win! Donate, join, renew or shop online:

www.FriendsofCabrilloAquarium.com

Life Support System (LSS) Renovation

Please note: The Exhibit Hall is temporarily closed during our LSS renovation. However the Aquarium remains open with an exciting range of activities still available. Explore the Aquatic Nursery, dive into hands-on exhibits in the Exploration Center, and join our fun outdoor educational stations. Don't miss our tidepool walks, animal feedings, and seasonal programs. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our spaces for both visitors and marine life! For additional information please visit our website www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.



LSS RENOVATION UNDERWAY

