



**Cabrillo
Marine
Aquarium**

SUMMER CALENDAR



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

Special Events and Programs

WORLD OCEAN WEEKEND



In 2008, the United Nations declared June 8 as World Ocean Day. Visit the Aquarium as we celebrate the ocean with activities on both Saturday and Sunday (June 7-8). Free and open to all ages; registration is not required.

Saturday

Join for a beach cleanup in the morning to do your part for World Ocean Day. Then join CMA and Cosplay for Science as we celebrate World Ocean day weekend and learn about the animals that inspired some of your favorite water-type Pokemon through a popup museum and scavenger hunt.

Sunday

Come learn about some of the endangered and exciting animals of Southern California's ocean through our museum collection specimens.

Saturday, June 7	Beach Cleanup	9am-10:30am
	Cosplay for Science Collaboration- Science of Water	10am-4pm
Sunday, June 8	World Ocean Day Specimen table	10am-5pm



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



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. Full program includes an auditorium video about this unique fish, the Aquarium open for exploration, and 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).

	Aquarium Open	Predicted Run
Friday, June 13 (FISHTIVAL)	8pm	11:08pm
Friday, June 27	8pm	11:23pm

FISHTIVAL / KCRW SUMMER NIGHTS

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 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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SEA TURTLE AWARENESS WEEK

Stop by during Sea Turtle Awareness Week and learn more about these amazing marine reptiles. Learn about their important role in California's coastal ecosystem, how they feed and other fascinating sea turtle facts! Visit us in the Exploration Center.

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



Sunday-Saturday, June 15-21

2pm-5pm

SHARK WEEK!

CMA's Shark Week is back! Enjoy JAW-some activities all week in honor of one of the ocean's top predators. Learn about their important role in California's ecosystem, the animals they eat and other fascinating shark facts! Visit us in the Exploration Center.

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



Sunday-Saturday, July 13-19

2pm-5pm

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

You can make a difference! Take part this year in our annual Coastal Cleanup Day event at Cabrillo Beach. Join volunteers worldwide in cleaning up local beaches, coastlines and watersheds. Free and open to all ages; **waivers are required** – please see our website to download the waiver. Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more.



Saturday, September 20

9am-12pm

SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK

Stop by CMA during Sea Otter Awareness Week and learn more about this amazing marine mammal. Learn about their important role in California's kelp forest ecosystem, the animals they eat and other fascinating sea otter facts! Visit us in the Exploration Center.

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



Exhibits

EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

Winning entries are on display at the Aquatic Nursery! Come see the amazing artwork from the Earth Day Take Action Day 2025 contest winners!



Science at the Seashore

Registration Required Classes



Summer Camps - "Booked", Wait List Available



TALES BETWEEN THE TIDES* (ages 3-5)

You and your Young Explorer will help us discover nature at a child's "see" level. We will hear stories, see fascinating creatures, touch live sea animals, and even scamper like crabs as we explore our Aquarium, the Classroom Laboratory and the Coastal Park! 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: Tues-Wed, June 10 and June 11

10am-12pm

Session 2: Thurs-Fri, June 12 and June 13

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-Friday, June 24 -27

9am-12pm

Session 2: Tuesday-Friday, July 22-25

COASTAL RESEARCH* (entering grades 7-12)

Observe animals, plants, and algae around the Cabrillo Coastal Park and around the aquarium while learning field and lab research techniques. Use a dichotomous key to identify organisms and perform population and diversity studies through different field techniques in our Classroom Lab and Aquatic Nursery.

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.



Tuesday-Friday: June 24-27

1-4pm



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: Tues-Fri, July 8-11	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tues-Fri, July 29-August 1	

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 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: Tues-Fri, July 15-18	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tues-Fri, August 12-15	

After School Classes

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.

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

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.



Wednesdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24	4th-6th grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays: Oct 1, 8, 15, 22	2nd-3rd grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays: Nov 19, Dec 3, 10, 17	K-1st grade, 3:30-5pm

LITTLE SQUIRTS (with parent)

Each week you and your child share in activities and exploration of the Aquarium and Coastal Park as an introduction to marine life for toddlers.



Wednesdays: Oct 29, Nov 5, 12, 19	ages 2-4, 2-5pm
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One-Day Classes - no registration required

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 helping the marine environment! 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, June 7	9-10:30am
Saturday, July 5	
Saturday, August 2	
Saturday, September 6 * Aquarium closed for Grand Gala prep	

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, June 14	9-10:30am
Saturday, July 12	
Saturday, August 10	
Saturday, September 13	



SUMMER



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Walk Cabrillo 10:30am-12:30pm Nature Journaling 2:30-4:30pm	2	3	4	5	6	7 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Anacapa Island 9:30am-4:30pm Cosplay for Science 10am-5pm
8 World Ocean Day 10am-5pm	9	10 Session 1 Tales Between the Tides 10am-12pm	11	12 Session 2 Tales Between the Tides 10am-12pm	13 Fishtival 8pm	14 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am
Sea Turtle Awareness Week 2-5pm						
22	23	24 Session 1: Galloping Snails 9am-12pm Coastal Research 1-4pm	25	26	27 Meet the Grunion 8pm	28
29 Salt Marsh Open House 10:30am-12:30pm	30	 Sea Turtle Awareness Month 				

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shark Awareness Month 		1	2	3	4	5 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
6	7	8 Session 1: Crab Shells 9am-12pm	9	10	11	12 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am
13	14 SAFE Shark & Ray Awareness Day	15 Session 1: Ichthyology 9am-12pm	16	17	18	19 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Salt Marsh Open House 10:30am-12:30pm
Shark Week! 2-5pm						
20	21	22 Session 2: Galloping Snails 9am-12pm	23	24	25	26
27 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Walk Cabrillo 2-4pm	28	29 Session 2: Crab Shells 9am-12pm	30	31	Aug 1	see next month





August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arthropod Awareness Month					1	2
					cont'd: Crab Shells	Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm		Session 2: Ichthyology 9am-12pm				Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						Educator Open House 10-11:30am Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Nature Journaling 10-12pm	31					

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	1	2	3	4	5	6
Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm	Fall Docent Training Begins		SEA Club 4th-6th grade Session 1 3:30-5pm			Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Grand Grunion Gala 5-11pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Nature Journaling 10-12pm			SEA Club Session 3			Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Coastal Cleanup 9am-12pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm			SEA Club Session 4			Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
Sea Otter Awareness Week 2-5pm						
28	29	30	Sea Otter Awareness Month			



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, June 1	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday, July 27	2-4pm
Saturday, August 23	1-3pm
Sunday, September 7	1-3pm

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, June 14	Two Sessions: 1:15pm and 2:15pm
Saturday, July 5	
Saturday, August 23	
Saturday, September 27	



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, June 29	10:30am-12:30pm
Saturday, July 19	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday, August 10	1-3pm
Saturday, September 21	1-3pm

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, June 1	2:30-4:30pm (Kelp Forest)
Sunday, July 27	10am-12pm (Rocky Shore)
Sunday, August 24	10am-12pm (Sandy Beach)
Sunday, September 14	10am-12pm (Birds)

Lectures

DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES

Join us for our science lecture series!

Lectures are in the John M. Olguin Auditorium. Join us for a members-only reception before the talk - become a member today! Free; registration is requested.

Friday, December 5: Dr. Julio Lorda, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Ensenada, México	7-9pm
Friday, October 3: Gabriel-Philip Santos, Raymond M. Alf of Paleontology	



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.

FALL DOCENT TRAINING (for adults)

Guide schoolchildren on tours through the Aquarium or on the beach, providing information and activities relating to the exhibits. Following two months of training, docents will choose one morning per week to provide tours. A desire to learn about the ocean, an interest in children and willingness to work with CMA for two years are the primary qualifications. Applications will be accepted through September 3, 2025.

Fee: \$30 (covers training and docent manual). Financial aid is available; fee subject to change. Reservations are required.

Mondays: September 8 through November 17	9am-12:30pm
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Voyages

BAJA ADVENTURE (for adults)

Join CMA for the “bucket-list” trip that you’ll talk about for years to come! 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.

Friday-Saturday, March 6-14, 2026



GO WHALE WATCHING!

Go to sea any day of the week in search of whales, dolphins, and other marine life! Southern California hosts numerous species throughout the year. Summertime provides an ocean of opportunity, with the chance to see humpback, blue and fin whales that might be found feeding along our coastline. Throughout the year, you can find a variety of dolphin species, seals, sea lions and a multitude of seabirds. 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.



CHANNEL ISLANDS ADVENTURES (for adults)

Join us on a birding and 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.

ANACAPA ISLAND

Photograph the thousands of nesting Western Gulls and their chicks amidst the natural beauty of Anacapa Island. This trip leaves from Oxnard harbor. Fee: \$78 (\$70 Friends members). Open to hikers 13+; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, registration is required.



Saturday, June 7

9:30am-4:30pm

For Educators

EDUCATOR OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a welcome back Open House at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium! Come and experience our wide variety of free and fee-based school programs. Learn how the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium can be a resource for your teaching needs. Enter a raffle for a chance to win a free bus to the Aquarium, free classes and much more! Visit our gift shop and bookstore during the open house and receive 10% off all purchases. Light refreshments will be served.

Free; registration is requested.

Saturday, August 23

10-11:30am

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.

MEMBERSHIP & CRITTER CARE

Educators receive 20% off membership to the Aquarium! Your membership includes free parking, 15% off in the gift shop and discounts on workshops, excursions and classes. Plus, you’ll get free or discounted entry to over 150 AZA aquariums and zoos nationwide! You can also symbolically “adopt” an animal for your classroom through our Critter Care program. With a \$50 donation, adopt a leopard shark, sea horse, octopus, or sea star. Each animal comes with a cute plushie, adoption certificate and a fun fact sheet to share with your students. For more information, please email membership@cmaqua.org.

OCEAN OUTREACH 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!

Preschool through 8th grade, up to 30 students per classroom session. One hour class sessions; up to four sessions per site per day.

Year-round, Tuesday through Friday, between 9:30am and 3pm. Fee-based program, space is limited, registration is required.

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



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AQUARIUM HOURS

Tuesday through Friday: 12pm to 5pm

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

Tel 310-548-7562

CabrilloMarineAquarium.org

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.

Become a Member Today

**IT'S A WHALE
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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



Join us as we celebrate the Aquarium's 90th Anniversary during the Grand Grunion Gala! Don't miss the best beach party in town! This rocking event includes craft cocktails, silent auction, gourmet dinner, program and live auction. Then join us for dancing to music by a live band!

Check www.FriendsofCabrilloAquarium.org for more details as the date approaches.