



**Cabrillo
Marine
Aquarium**

SPRING CALENDAR 2025

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



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. 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
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 (<i>Fishtival</i>)	8pm	11:08pm
Friday, June 27	8pm	11:23pm

Fishtival



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)

	Aquarium Open	Predicted Run
Friday, June 13	8pm	11:08pm

Earth Day - Take Action Day!



Join us for Earth Day! Take action to help our local environment. Learn about the impact of microplastics, participate in the restoration of our native garden 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 19	Beach Cleanup	9am-12pm
	Earth Day Fair	10am-3pm
	Native Garden Restoration	1-3pm

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 Exploration Center.

Sunday, May 4 through Saturday, May 10	10am-5pm
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NOTE: Date and times of programs and events are subject to change. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

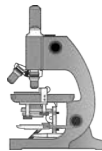




Young Scientists Symposium

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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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.

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



Friday, May 16	12-5pm
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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.

Sunday, June 8	10am-5pm
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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, June 15 through Saturday, June 21	2pm-5pm
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Registration Required Classes

Science at the Seashore

Deadline to register is one week before the class begins.



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 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

Summer Classes

Tales Between the Tides (ages 3-5)

You and your Young Explorer will help us 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: Tuesday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 11	10am-12pm
Session 2: Thursday, June 12 and Friday, 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, June 24 through Friday, June 27	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, July 22 through Friday, July 25	

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 8 through Friday, July 11	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, July 29 through Friday, 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: Tuesday, July 15 through Friday, July 18	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, August 12 through Friday, August 15	

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, June 24 through Friday, June 27	1-4pm
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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 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, March 1	9-10:30am
Saturday, April 5	
Saturday, May 3	
Saturday, June 7	



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 8	9-10:30am
Saturday, April 12	
Saturday, May 10	
Saturday, June 14	



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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
2 Walk Cabrillo 2:30-4:30pm	3	4	5 SEA Club (4th-6th grade) Session 1 3:30-5pm	6	7	8 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am Tidepool Walk 10:30am-12pm
9 Tidepool Walk 12:30-2pm	10	11	12 SEA Club Session 2	13	14	15 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
16 Salt Marsh Open House 2-4pm	17 Spring Docent Training 9am-12pm	18	19 SEA Club Session 3	20	21	22
23 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm	24	25	26 SEA Club Session 4	27	28	29
30 Young Scientist Symposium 12-3pm	31					

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 SEA Club 2nd-3rd grade Session 1 3:30-5pm	3	4 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES Discovery Lecture 7-9pm	5 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Tidepool Walk 10:30am-12pm	
6 Tidepool Walk 11am-12:30pm Nature Journaling 2:30-4:30pm	7	8	9 SEA Club Session 2	10	11	12 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am Fish Dissection 1:15pm & 2:15pm
13 Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm	14 Meet the Grunion 8pm	15	16 SEA Club Session 3	17	18	19 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Earth Day - Take Action Day! 9am-12pm
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27 Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm	28	29 Meet the Grunion 9pm	30			

May 2025

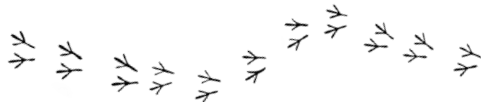
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	Pelican Awareness Month			1	2	3 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
4 Santa Cruz Island 8:30am-6pm Tidepool Walk 10-11:30am	5	6	7 SEA Club (K-1st grade) Session 1 3:30-5pm	8	9	10 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am
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25	26	27	28 SEA Club Session 4 Meet the Grunion 9pm	29	30	31

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
8 World Ocean Day 10am-5pm	9	10 Session 1 Tales Between the Tides 10am-12pm		12 Session 2 Tales Between the Tides 10am-12pm		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		26	27 Meet the Grunion 8pm	28
29 Salt Marsh Open House 10:30am-12:30pm	30			Sea Turtle 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, March 2	2:30-4:30pm
Sunday, April 27	1-3pm
Sunday, May 11	1-3pm
Sunday, June 1	10:30am-12:30pm

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.

Saturday, March 8	10:30am-12pm
Sunday, March 9	12:30-2pm
Saturday, April 5	10:30am-12pm
Sunday, April 6	11am-12:30pm
Sunday, May 4	10am-11:30am

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 15	Two Sessions: 1:15pm and 2:15pm
Saturday, April 12	
Saturday, May 17	
Saturday, June 14	



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, March 16	2-4pm
Sunday, April 13	1-3pm
Sunday, May 18	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday, June 29	10:30am-12:30pm

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, March 23	10am-12pm (Sandy Beach)
Sunday, April 6	2:30-4:30pm (Rocky Shore)
Sunday, May 18	2:30-4:30pm (Birds)
Sunday, June 1	2:30-4:30pm (Kelp Forest)

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. Become a member and join us for a pre-lecture reception and free parking! Free. Details and registration information on our website.

Friday, April 4: Dr. Al Dove, Museum of Science & History. Wonderful World of Sharks Join us for a Suds for Sharks Fundraiser. Proceeds go to shark conservation. Details and registration information on our website.	7-9pm
Fall Fridays: October 3 and December 5 (Save the Dates!)	



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, March 17	9am-12pm
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Summer Docent Program

(for Middle School 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 Monday March 3, 2025 and are due by Friday, April 25, 2025, no later than 4pm.

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.

March 6 to March 14, 2025



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. Springtime means chances to see Pacific gray whales migrating north to their Arctic feeding grounds, as well as 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.

Santa Cruz Island: Prisoners Harbor

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: \$98 (\$90 Friends members). Space is limited, registration is required.

Sunday, May 4	8:30am-6pm
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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
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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 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.

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.

Exhibits

Earth Day Poster Contest

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

2D entries, no larger than 12"x16" 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 July.

For more information, please check 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

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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:

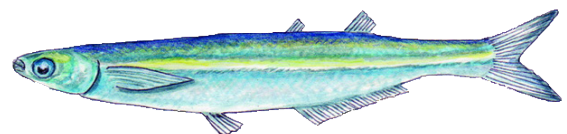
www.FriendsofCabrilloAquarium.com

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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