



**Cabrillo
Marine
Aquarium**

FALL CALENDAR 2025

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

Grand Grunion Gala

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 under the stars to great tunes! Check www.friendsofcabrilloaquarium.org for more details and tickets.

Saturday, September 6*	5-11pm
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*Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will be CLOSED during the day!

Special Events and Programs

Coastweeks: Coastal Cleanup Day

You can make a difference! Adopt Cabrillo Coastal Park by joining our beach cleanup. Spend a morning with CMA staff and other volunteers and help improve our environment. Afterwards, wander through the Aquarium to get a closer look at the animals and habitats you helped. Free and open to all ages; **waivers are required** – please see our website to download the waiver. Reservations required for groups of 15 or more.

Saturday, September 20	9am-12pm
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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.

Sunday, September 21 through Saturday, September 27	2-5pm
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Cephalopod Awareness Week



Stop by CMA during Cephalopod Awareness Week and learn more about these amazing marine animals. Learn about the difference between octopus and squid, the animals they eat and other fascinating cephalopod facts! Visit us in the Exploration Center.

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

Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11	2-5pm
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California Seaweed Festival at Sea Fair

Celebrate the season of the sea with the California Seaweed Festival at Sea Fair! Family fun in the sun for all ages with seaweed themed activities and crafts, workshops and presentations. Come sample cooked seaweed! Meet our conservation focused exhibitors, have your face painted while enjoying live music.

Free and open to all ages. For more information, go to californiaseaweedfestival.org OR www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org

Saturday, October 11	10am-5pm
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Notes:

- Date and times of programs and events are subject to change.
- Life support animal care system renovations are underway. Check our website for the most up-to-date information.

Sea Scare! Siren's Curse



With construction underway, aquarium staff have unearthed a mysterious relic from the past. Curious minds want to decipher the runes inscribed on the artifact, but others warn of an ancient curse that may be unleashed with too much meddling. Will the siren's song draw you in to unravel the mystery by finding clues hidden throughout the aquarium? Wander through the dark corners of Skull Alley, the Mad Scientist's Lab and Haunted House. **Who knows what lies ahead**, but a family friendly night of thrills, chills, and gills at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is guaranteed!

More enticements await at our carnival game area, our arts and crafts tables (make your own goodies!) and the Trunk or Treat zone! Don't forget to dress your best and participate in our costume contest.

Guests with a Friends family membership will receive 4 FREE tickets

Save Money & Time, Buy Online. Event will sell out.

To purchase tickets, visit www.cabrillomarinaequarium.org.

Saturday, October 18	Time
Friends members entrance	6pm
Regular ticket holder entrance	7pm
Entrance closes at	9pm



Cosplay for Science: Monsters of the Deep

Join us as we dive deeper into the real world inspiration for some of your favorite fantasy sea creatures of DnD mythology. Talk with educators, see specimens up close, and join activities to learn about Southern California's marine life. Limited edition cards will be given away.

Sunday, November 2	Time
Cosplay for Science pop-up	10am-3pm
Animal ID & Nature Journaling	10am-12pm
Walk Cabrillo	11am-1pm

Outdoor Holiday Market



Dive into oceans of great gifts at our Holiday Market! Many local artisans and artists will showcase and sell their wares. Food trucks will be onsite with great eats to sustain you while shopping. The Gift Shop will be open and stocked with hundreds of ornaments and curated ocean-themed gifts. We hope you will join us!

Sunday, November 30	10am-3pm
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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.

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. Parent drop-off program, unless otherwise specified.

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, September 3, 10, 17, 24	4th-6th grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22	2nd-3rd grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays, November 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, 1:30-3pm
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Science at the Seashore: One-Day

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, September 6*	9-10:30am
Saturday, October 4	
Saturday, November 1	
Saturday, December 6	

*Please note, in preparation for the Grand Grunion Gala, the Aquarium will be closed.

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, September 13	9-10:30am
Saturday, October 11	
Saturday, November 8	
Saturday, December 13	



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, September 21	1-3pm
Sunday, October 5	1-3pm
Sunday, November 16	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday, December 14	12-2pm

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, September 7	1-3pm
Sunday, October 19	1-3pm
Sunday, November 2*	11am-1pm
Saturday, December 13	12-2pm

*Cosplay for Science: Sea Monsters of the Deep Day

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, September 27	1:15pm and 2:15pm
Saturday, October 18	
Saturday, November 15	
Saturday, December 13	

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 that we find. All materials will be provided, including an upcycled/recycled nature journal that you can keep; you are welcome to bring your own materials if you prefer (such as 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, September 14	10am-12pm (Birds)
Sunday, October 5	10am-12pm (Rocky Shore)
Sunday, November 2*	10am-12pm (Cetaceans)
Sunday, December 21	10am-12pm (Kelp Forest)

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, December 6	2:30-4pm
Saturday, December 20	2:30-4pm



September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3  SEA Club 4th-6th grade Session 1 3:30-5pm	4	5	6 CMA Closed Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Grand Grunion Gala 5-11pm 
7 Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm	8 Fall Docent Training Begins 9am-12:30pm	9	10 SEA Club Session 2	11	12	13 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am
14 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm	15	16	17 SEA Club Session 3	18	19	20 Coastal Cleanup 9am-12pm Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am 
21 Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm	22	23	24 SEA Club Session 4	25	26	27 Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
Sea Otter Awareness Week 2-5pm						
28	29	30	Sea Otter Awareness Month 			

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cephalopod Awareness Month 			1  SEA Club 2nd-3rd grade Session 1 3:30-5pm	2	3 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES 7-9pm	4 Santa Rosa Island 7am-7pm Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
5 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Salt Marsh Open 1-3pm	6	7 Whalewatch Training Begins 7-9pm	8 SEA Club Session 2	9	10	11 Native Garden 9-10:30am Seaweed Fest/ Sea Fair 10am-5pm 
Cephalopod Awareness Week 2-5pm						
12	13	14	15 SEA Club Session 3	16	17	18 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm Sea Scare 7-10pm 
19 Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm	20	21	22 SEA Club Session 4	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Little Squirts Ages 2-4 Session 1 1:30-3pm	30	31	

November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cnidarian Awareness Month   						1 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
2 Cosplay for Sci 10am-3pm Nature Journaling 10am-12pm Walk Cabrillo 11am-1pm			5 Little Squirts Session 2			8 Native Garden Restoration 9-10:30am
9		11 Veteran's Day (CMA is open)	12 Little Squirts Session 3			15 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
16 Salt Marsh Open House 10:30am-12:30pm			19 Little Squirts Session 4  SEA Club K-1st grade Session 1 3:30-5pm			22
23 <div>  30 Outdoor Holiday Market 10am-3pm </div>			26	27 Thanksgiving Day		29

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			3 SEA Club Session 2		5 DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES 7-9pm	6 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am Tidepool Walk 2:30-4pm
			10 SEA Club Session 3			13 Native Garden 9-10:30am Walk Cabrillo 12-2pm Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
14 Salt Marsh Open House 12-2pm			17 SEA Club Session 4			20 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am Tidepool Walk 2:30-4pm
21 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm			24 Christmas Eve Gift Shop is Open	25 Christmas		27
28		30	31	Fossil Awareness Month 		

Volunteer Opportunities!

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

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 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



Whalewatch Naturalist Training (for adults)

Join the fun! Become a Whalewatch Naturalist! Learn about our local whales, dolphins and other marine life, then share your knowledge with others aboard whale watch vessels and in classrooms. Training begins at 7pm the first Tuesday of October, with weekly classes continuing through February, then transitioning to bi-weekly classes through the rest of the year. Classes will focus on the natural history and identification of local cetacean species, seals and sea lions, sea birds, and other marine life, as well as methods of sharing information. No RSVP or registration required. For more information, please email CabrilloWhalewatch@gmail.com.

Tuesdays, October 7, 2025 through
spring 2026

7-9pm

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.

Voyages

Channel Islands Adventures

Join us on a birding and photography adventure to the various islands of 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 Rosa Island (for adults)

Journey with CMA's Education staff on an adventure to Santa Rosa Island, part of the Channel Islands National Park Marine Sanctuary. Leaving from Ventura, we'll keep an eye out for birds, pinnipeds, dolphins and whales as we make our way to and from the island. On the island, participants can join a naturalist-led hike through a canyon, visit gorgeous beaches or venture out on your own. We will learn about past human occupation and observe the diverse coastal habitats, amazing geologic formations and panoramic views.

Fee: \$103 (\$95 Friends Members). Open to hikers 13+; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, October 4

7am-7pm

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, 2026

Go Whale Watching!

Go to sea 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, 310-548-7770 or visit our website. Daily, year-round.



Lectures

Discovery Lecture Series

DISCOVERY
LECTURE SERIES

Join us for our science lecture series! Lectures are in the John M. Olguin Auditorium. Become a member and join us for a members-only reception before the talk! Free; registration is requested.

Friday, October 3 Gabriel-Philip Santos, Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology Weird Walruses and Ocean "Hippos": Marine Mammals of Ancient California	7-9pm
Friday, December 5 Dr. Julio Lorda, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC), Ensenada, México Monitoring Biological Changes and Restoring Coastal Ecosystems in Baja California	



Gabriel-Philip Santos



Dr. Julio Lorda



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.

Fee-based program, space is limited, registration is required.

Year-round, Tuesday through Friday	9:30am - 3pm
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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.



Exhibits

Sea Monster Poster Art Contest

Feeling creative? This year's theme for our Sea Monster Poster Contest is "Mermaids!". Scary, Beautiful, Creepy, what kind of mermaid will you make? Create your vision of a half human/half fish hybrid, and the top three submissions will win FREE tickets to Sea Scare on October 18th! Poster must be no larger than 12" x 18". To participate, please visit our website for contest rules, how to submit your entry, and judging categories. Winning posters will be on display in the Aquatic Nursery from October 18th through November.



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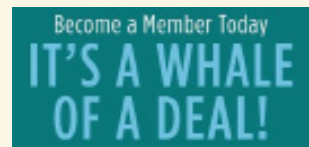
Tuesday through Friday - 12 noon to 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 5pm
Closed on Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday through Sunday - 10 am to 5:30 pm
Closed on Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day
and Christmas Day

Tel 310-548-7562

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.FriendsofCabrillo.org



Membership & Critter Care

Educators receive 20% off membership to the Aquarium! Your membership includes free parking during Aquarium hours, 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 your donation to Critter Care, adopt a leopard shark, sea horse, octopus, or sea star. Each animal comes with a cute plushie and a fun fact sheet to share with your students. For more information, please email membership@cmaqua.org.

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

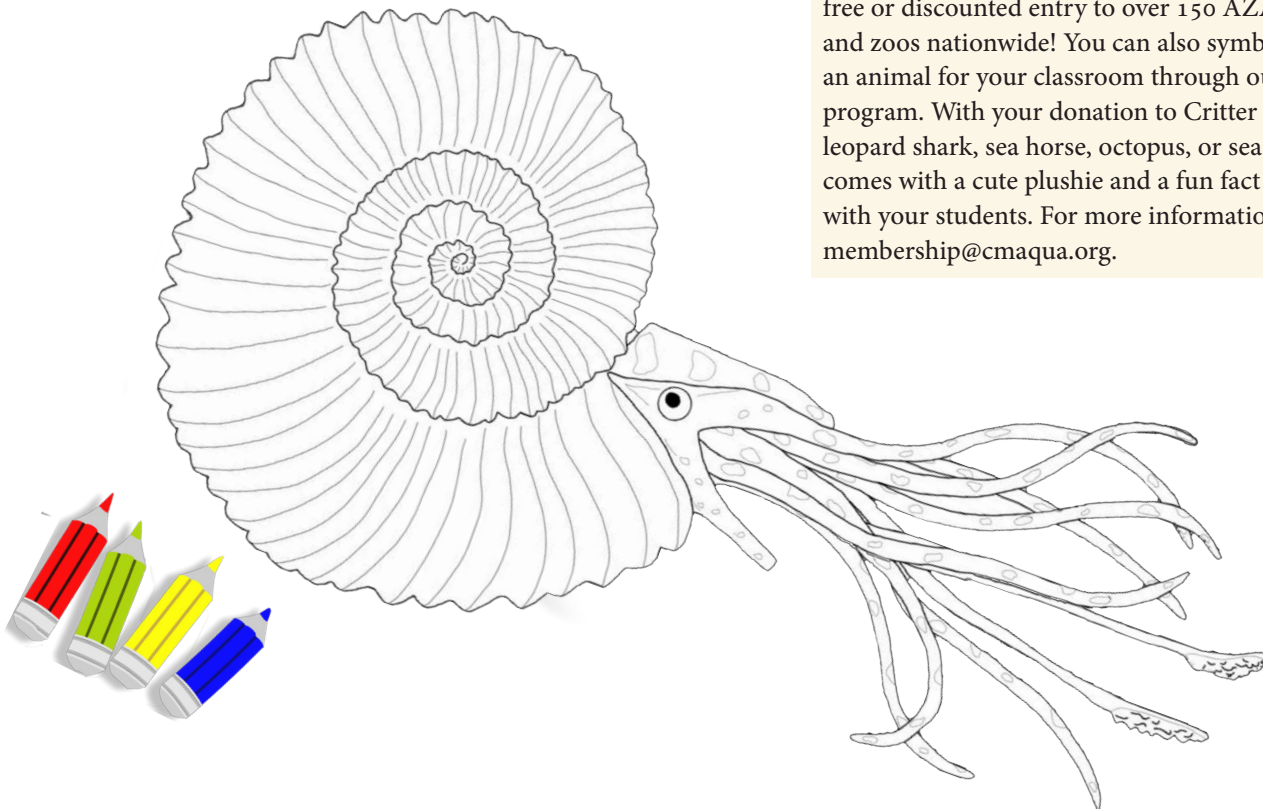
The Aquarium strives to ensure all guests feel welcome and included during their visit and that programs are accessible to everyone.



KultureCity

Spend some quiet time enjoying Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on Sensory Sensitive Saturdays. 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.

Third Saturdays of each month	9-10am
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