



2026 SUMMER CALENDAR



Mission Statement: "Education and conservation of Southern California's marine life". "Educación y conservación de la vida marina del sur de California"

Special Events and Programs

World Ocean Day Celebration

SEA Con-Science Entertainment Aquarium Convention

In 2008, the United Nations declared June 8 as World Ocean Day. Visit the Aquarium and celebrate the ocean with activities and crafts, cosplay for Science with our educators, and explore the habitats and animals that inspire some favorite pop culture worlds and characters. Free and open to all ages; registration is not required. Cosplay is encouraged! Collect FREE limited edition cards.

Saturday, June 6	Beach Cleanup	9am-10:30am
	Cosplay for Science pop-up	10am-4pm
	Salt Marsh Open House	10:30am-3pm
	Cosplay for Science panel	11am-12pm
	Cosplay for Science talk	2pm-3pm
	Cosplay Contest	3:30pm
Sunday, June 7	Collections Table	12-5pm

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 the ability to explore the Aquarium, a video about this unique fish in the Auditorium, followed by 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: \$10 adults and \$5 seniors, students and children (Friends members free).

Tuesdays	Aquarium Open	Predicted Run
June 2	9pm	10:36pm
June 16	8pm	10:42pm
June 30	7:30pm	9:54pm

KCRW Summer Nights



Make your reservations

KCRW DJs SiLVA & Raul Campos will keep the music flowing while you enjoy a chef-curated food court featuring an organic, non-GMO, locally sourced menu. Grab a drink from the bar and dance under the stars, or check out the newly renovated Exhibit Hall. Start your summer off right at a seaside party that's fun for the whole family!

Saturday, June 6	7 - 9pm KCRW DJ Raul Campos 9 - 11pm KCRW DJ SiLVA
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Grand Grunion Gala



Don't miss the best beach party in town at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium! We'll kick off the evening with craft cocktails and a silent auction at 5 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner, program and live auction in the courtyard. Then join us for dancing under the stars!

For more information, see

www.FriendsOfCabrilloAquarium

Saturday, September 12

Note: The Aquarium is closed on this date.





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



Themed Weeks

Stop by our various Themed Weeks collections tables and learn more about these amazing marine animals. Learn about their important role in California's coastal ecosystem, how they feed and other fascinating facts! Visit us in the Exhibit Hall.

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

Sea Turtle Awareness Week		Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20	2-5pm
Shark Week!		Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18	
Awesome Arthropod Week		Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 22	
Sea Otter Awareness Week		Sunday, September 20 - Saturday, September 26	



Science at the Seashore



REGISTRATION REQUIRED CLASSES



SUMMER CLASSES

Tales Between the Tides (ages 3-5) (with parent)

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 and includes a program t-shirt. Space is limited, registration is required. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Session 1: Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 17	10am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 1	

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. Parent drop-off program.

Session 1: Tuesday, July 7 through Friday, July 10	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31	

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. Parent drop-off program.

Session 1: Tuesday, July 14 through Friday, July 17	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 7	

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. Parent drop-off program.

Session 1: Tuesday, July 21 through Friday, July 24	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, August 11 through Friday, August 14	

Note: Class registration will open next year in March

!! Sorry, classes in shaded box are fully booked



Coastal Research

Session 1 (entering grades 9-12)

Session 2 (entering grades 7-8)

Observe animals, plants and algae around 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 Collections Room, 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. Parent drop-off program.



Session 1: Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26	9am-12pm
Session 2: Tuesday, July 7 through Friday, July 10	1-4pm



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. Parent drop-off program.



SEA Club - Science Education Afternoons

Activities may include observing animal behavior, examining rocky shore animals at the tidepools, exploring the wonders of the mud at the salt marsh and getting up close with microscopes.

Wednesdays: September 2, 9, 16, 23	4th-6th grade, 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays: September 30, October 7, 14, 21	2nd-3rd 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: October 28, November 4, 11, 18	1:30-3pm
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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, June 6	9-10:30am
Saturday, July 4 *	no beach cleanup
Saturday, August 1	9-10:30am
Saturday, September 5	



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 13	9-10:30am
Saturday, July 11	
Saturday, August 8	
Saturday, September 12*	

* **Note:** The Aquarium is closed on this date.

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. Basic materials provided. 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 7	10am-12pm
Sunday, July 26	
Sunday, August 30	
Sunday, September 13	



Registration Required



	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE		1	2	3	4	5	6 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am World Ocean Day 9am-4pm  Summer Night
	7 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm World Ocean Day 12-5pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 Native Garden 9-10:30am Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20  Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am
	Walk Cabrillo 12-2pm		Meet the Grunion 8pm	Sess 1 - Tales Betw Tldes <i>Booked</i>			
	21 Salt Marsh Open House 11am-1pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Session 1 - Coastal Research <i>Booked</i>				
28	29	30	Sea Turtle Awareness Month 				
		Sess 2 - Tales <i>Booked</i> Meet the Grunion 7:30pm					

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY	Shark Awareness Month 			1	2	3	4
				Sess 2 - Tales <i>Booked</i>			Aquarium CLOSED
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Native Garden 9-10:30am
			Session 1 - Galloping Snails - <i>Booked</i>				
			Session 2 - Coastal Research - <i>Booked</i>				
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18  Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am
Walk Cabrillo 12-2pm		Shark Week! 2-5pm					
19 Salt Marsh Open House 11am-1pm	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		Session 1 - Ichthyology - <i>Booked</i>					Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
26 Nature Journaling 10am-12pm	27	28	29	30	31		
		Session 2 - Galloping Snails - <i>Booked</i>					



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

		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER		Sea Otter Awareness Month		1	2	3	4	5 Beach Cleanup 9-10:30am
	6		7	8	9	10	11	12 Native Garden 9-10:30am Grand Grunion Gala
						SEA Club Session 2		
	13	Nature Journaling 10am-12pm	14	15	16	17	18	19 Sensory Sensitive Saturday 9-10am
		Walk Cabrillo 1-3pm	Fall Docent Training Starts 9am-12:30pm		SEA Club Session 3			Coastal Cleanup Day 9am-12pm
	20		21	22	23	24	25	26
					SEA Club Session 4			Fish Dissection 1:15 & 2:15pm
	Sea Otter Awareness Week 2-5pm							
27	Salt Marsh Open House 1-3pm	28	29	30				
				SEA Club 2nd-3rd Grade Session 1 3:30-5pm				



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 13	Two Sessions: 1:15 and 2:15pm
Saturday, July 25	
Saturday, August 22	
Saturday, September 26	

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 14	12-2pm
Sunday, July 12	12-2pm
Sunday, August 9	11am-1pm
Sunday, September 13	1-3pm

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 21	11am-1pm
Sunday, July 19	11am-1pm
Saturday, August 29	12-2pm
Sunday, September 27	1-3pm

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 19	9am-12pm
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Voyages

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 take advantage of our nutrient-rich waters. Throughout the year, you can find several species of dolphins, as well as harbor 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



Baja Adventure (for adults)

Embark on the journey of a lifetime with CMA! During this nine-day ocean voyage, we'll spend three exciting days in San Ignacio Lagoon, coming eye-to-eye with friendly gray whales and their curious calves. Naturalist-led hikes on offshore islands provide exceptional views of a diverse array of wildlife, breathtaking geological formations, and plants you'll find nowhere else in the world. 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). Visit our website for more information and a complete itinerary.

February 2027



For Educators

Educators 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 22	10-11:30am
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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.

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!
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, between 9:30am and 3pm.
For more information on our ocean-themed topics and fees, 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 \$40 donation, 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.



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 Exhibit Hall 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 4, 2026. Fee: \$30 (covers training and docent manual). Financial aid is available; fee subject to change. Reservations are required.

Mondays, September 14 through November 16	9am-12:30pm
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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.



Discovery Lecture Series

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, October 2 Dr. Ari Friedlaender, UC Santa Cruz Discovering the underwater lives of Risso's dolphins in California waters	7-9pm
Friday, December 4 Dr. Kayce Bell, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County Seal lice boldly go where no insects have gone before	



Dr. Ari Friedlaender



Dr. Kayce Bell



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AQUARIUM HOURS

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

GIFT SHOP HOURS

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

Tel: 310-548-7562
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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 memberships or shop online:

www.FriendsofCabrilloAquarium.org

Exhibits

Earth Day Poster Contest

Winning entries are on display at the Aquarium April through July! Come see the amazing artwork from the Earth Day/ Take Action Day 2026 contest winners!



Sensory Sensitive Saturdays



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

Spend some quiet time enjoying the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on Sensory Sensitive Saturdays, the third Saturday of each month. 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 9-10am

