

JUNE 2018

Science Saturdays

HANDS-ON, NATURE-BASED FUN

Looking for a fun way to spend time with your family? Head to the EcoCenter! Each Saturday our trained naturalists and partners offer a hands-on, nature based, fun event that is perfect for young kids to adults.

Native Plant Explorers **June 2 / 11:00am - 2:00pm**

Get up close and personal with California native plants at the EcoCenter and Heron's Head Park. Discover the importance of native plants to local wildlife and Bay Area people, explore flora in the field, and design your own water-conserving super-plant. Appropriate for everyone from 3rd graders to adults.

Join us for a double dose of Science Saturday!

June 9 / 10:00am - 12:00pm

Get Down and Dirty with our Native Plant Garden

Join staff from the EcoCenter and SF Recreation and Parks for this hands-on Science Saturday caring for the native plants that call Heron's Head Park home. Come dressed in comfortable clothes and get ready to get dirty as we learn to identify local plants and help to remove invasive species.

For more information, please email: recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org.

June 9 / 10:00am - 1:00pm

World Oceans Day 2018 Shoreline Cleanup

Join us for a shoreline cleanup in honor of World Oceans Day 2018. Together, we have come a long way; our formerly polluted environment has blossomed into the beautiful Heron's Head Park we enjoy today. Help us celebrate this wonderful transformation and take action to keep it going. By working together, we can build a healthy, sustainable, and just planet. Please wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and bring sunscreen and a reusable water bottle. We provide gloves and bags, but we encourage you to bring your own if you have them to reduce waste generated by the cleanup.

To register for the cleanup, please visit: WOD2018atEcoCenter.eventbrite.com



Bioblitz: Snapshot Cal Coast **June 16 / 10:00am - 12:00pm**

In collaboration with the California Academy of Sciences, join us for the third annual Snapshot Cal Coast Bioblitz. Snapshot Cal Coast is a California statewide effort to document the immense variety of coastal life found living up and down the California Coast via a series of Bioblitzes focusing on the shoreline. These coordinated Bioblitzes, which document life found in one place at one time by recording observations of plants and animals using smartphones

For more information please click here: <https://www.calacademy.org/citizen-science/snapshot-cal-coast>

and uploading results to the social networking platform **iNaturalist** (www.inaturalist.org), will provide a "snapshot" in time of the life of our coast. Come help practicing scientists gather information that could be used for formal, scientific research. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome. You bring your curiosity and, if you have one handy, a smartphone or a digital camera. Please wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes; together, we'll make science!

Heron's Head Park Trail Walk

June 23 / 10:00am - 12:00pm

In collaboration with SF Recreation and Parks and the Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative, join professional guides on an interpretive walk to admire the San Francisco waterfront as we follow a short section of the Bay Trail. This low impact walk is great for socializing and bird watching. The walk will begin in the mini-park next to the Heron's Head Park parking lot at 10:00 am. Don't forget to bring water, hats, and sunscreen!

Oysters: Heroes on the Half Shell

June 30 / 12:00pm - 2:00pm

The humble oyster is one of the unsung heroes of the San Francisco Bay, providing habitat and food for countless other animals...including people! Explore the world of this endangered species and find out what people are doing to bring them back.



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