

# Science Saturdays

HANDS-ON, NATURE-BASED FUN

APRIL 2017

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.

## PIER 94 BIOBLITZ: BE A SCIENTIST FOR A DAY

**APRIL 1 9:00AM-1:00PM**

Please note: this event meets at Pier 94, 480 Amador Street, at 9 am sharp. After we are done blitzing, we will move to the EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park for a plant and animal identification party. Please provide your own transportation; the trip is a 15-minute walk or a 3 minute drive.

In collaboration with Golden Gate Audubon and the California Academy of Sciences, join us for a grassroots BioBlitz at Pier 94, where nature—with the help of hardworking Golden Gate Audubon volunteers—is reclaiming a hidden wetland consisting of nearly five acres of isolated industrial land on San Francisco's southern waterfront. A BioBlitz is an intensive one-day study of life forms in a particular location. We'll look for birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, butterflies, insects, spiders, trees, flowers, mushrooms...anything that is alive! 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. We'll rally some experts and folks who know the area. Together we'll make science! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Pier94BioBlitz>

## GET DOWN AND DIRTY WITH OUR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

**APRIL 8 10:00AM-1:00PM**

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](mailto:recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org).

## NATIVE PLANT EXPLORERS

**APRIL 15 12:30PM-2:30PM**

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.

## EARTH DAY 2017 APRIL 22

**COASTAL CLEANUP - 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - 11:00AM-1:00PM**

Not only is it Earth Day, but the EcoCenter is turning 7 years old—time to celebrate! Together, we have come a long way; Pier 98's formerly polluted environment has blossomed into the beautiful Heron's Head Park we enjoy today. Help us celebrate this wonderful transformation by joining the EcoCenter and our many amazing partners in the festivities while taking care of the SF Bay shoreline. After the coastal cleanup, we'll celebrate with cake, snacks, and fun activities. For more information and to register, go to: [earthdayecocenter.eventbrite.com](http://earthdayecocenter.eventbrite.com)

## WETLANDS: AT YOUR SERVICE

**APRIL 29 12:30PM-2:30PM**

Wetlands provide many ecosystem services—in other words, they help support human wellbeing through functions such as flood control and food production. Delve into the story of California's wetlands while exploring the wetlands on a guided tour of Heron's Head Park. Appropriate for everyone from 6th graders to adults.



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