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## Education Programs

### Second Grade Insects and Plants

#### Program Type: Assembly

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Classroom Safari  
Petaluma

<http://www.classroomsafari.com/>

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##### Arachnomaniac Safari

<http://www.classroomsafari.com/Programs.htm>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Itsy bitsy spiders and more. Do you love spiders or just love to hate spiders? Spiders have been the object of terror and fascination for centuries, they are some of the most interesting creatures on earth. Classroom Safari will bring a host of animals to observe and perhaps touch.

**Cost:** \$300/Class

travel fee of \$75-100, \$200 for additional assemblies on the same day. - Prefer to book more than one classroom/school/day

Nancy Schimmel and Bonnie Lockhart  
Berkeley

<http://www.sisterschoice.com>

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##### Limber Your Limbs & Tickle Your Twigs

<http://www.sisterschoice.com>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Plants

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

Two musicians, songwriters and storytellers (Bonnie Lockhart and Nancy Schimmel) presenting multi-cultural, role-freeing concerts and workshops for children, families and teachers. Lively, good-humored performances involve our audiences in participatory songs and stories drawn from many traditions. Special programs on oceans, garbage-to-gardens (recycling, composting, growing things), trees and animals.

**Cost:** \$300/Program

\$400 for two assemblies at same school, same day. \$25 fee for transporting their own sound equipment - [nancys@sisterschoice.com](mailto:nancys@sisterschoice.com)

Wildlife Associates  
Pacifica

<http://www.wildlifeassociates.org>

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##### Creepy Critters

<http://www.wildlifeassociates.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

**Cost:** \$495/Program

Crawling with excitement and the adventure of learning, this program explores the gentler side of the most misunderstood squiggly and squirmy animals of the wild kingdom. Boa, Tortoise, Alligator, Tarantula, Giant Lizard. It is most effective to group your students by grade levels. A kindergarten - 3rd grade assembly lasts about 35-45 minutes. Assemblies for older grades last about 45 to 55 minutes. An assembly for the whole school lasts 45-55 minutes.

## Program Type: Field Trip

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Ardenwood Historic Farm  
Fremont

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood>

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### Monarch Butterfly Program

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

(December – January) Learn the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly through a slide presentation, then view their spectacular over-wintering site on a walk into the Eucalyptus forest. Program is 1.5 hours long.

**Cost:** \$\$4.50 entrance fee/St  
Tuesday & Wednesday: \$3 adults and \$ 2.50 students. Thursday & Friday: \$6 adults - \$4.50 students.  
Free Parking. -  
[http://www.ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips/app\\_form](http://www.ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips/app_form)

### Farmyard Program

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Introduction to Ardenwood local history with a focus on turn-of-the-century farm life. Seasonal hands-on activities with an emphasis on where food comes from including planting, tending, harvesting and processing crops. Program is 1.5 hours long.

**Cost:** \$\$4.50/Student  
For Thursday and Friday: \$6 adults/\$4.50 students. For Tuesday and Wednesday: \$3 adults/ \$2.50 students. Free Parking - Registration due 5 PM on the 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June).  
online application:  
[http://www.ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips/app\\_form](http://www.ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips/app_form)

Bay Area Discovery Museum  
Sausalito

<http://www.badm.org>

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### Wave Workshop

<http://www.baykidsmuseum.org/nc/nurture-childhood-creativity/creativity-at-the-museum/wave-v>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Interactive Exhibit

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Enjoy countless opportunities for discovery and interpretation of Physics and Life Sciences concepts. Through role-play, observation, problem solving and experimentation, students learn how plants, animals and human-made objects function in the unique environment of the San Francisco Bay tidal estuary. The exhibition features costumes, live video, sandy and rocky shore creatures, and state-of-the-art mechanisms that recreate local wind and water currents.

**Cost:** \$6/Student

### My Story by the Bay

**Cost:** \$5/Student

<http://www.badm.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Interactive Exhibit

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

discovery to deepen your interaction with our exhibitions. members of our education staff for a brief 20-30 minute orientation, including an overview of the Museum site, a brief hands-on activity and a thematically relevant, guided exploration of an exhibition space. The final two hours of your visit are set aside for chaperone-led groups to freely follow the interests of students throughout our exhibition spaces. Based on past experience, two hours is a sufficient amount of time for groups to enjoy our site.

October - February: \$3 per student (scholarship: \$1 per student)  
March -June 15: \$5 per student (scholarship: \$3 per student) -  
Visit: [www.baykidsmuseum.org](http://www.baykidsmuseum.org) for Online Registration OR to download a registration application.

## Big Break Regional Shoreline Oakley

[http://www.ebparks.org/parks/big\\_break](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/big_break)

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### Delta Variety

<http://www.ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips#loadvc>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

We'll set up a variety of stations with a variety of opportunities to explore the unending variety of the Delta. Plants, animals, crafts, games, and other activities all guaranteed to make Delta experts out of your large groups.

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

## Chabot Space and Science Center Oakland

<http://www.chabotspace.org>

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### Micronauts

<http://www.chabotspace.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Lab Experience

**Grade Levels:** 1st;2nd;3rd

Imagine that your students are micronauts (small astronauts) on a special mission about Space Shuttle Discovery heading for the International Space Station (ISS). Students will learn about the ISS, microgravity, living in space and the Space Shuttle as they prepare for their mission. We will simulate a trip aboard the Shuttle. Once docked at the Space Station, your micronauts will disembark and work with a partner to engage in hands-on activities at ten work stations. The stations will focus on activities involving the Solar System, glove boxes, sorting – bugs, germs, rocks and objects, weighing chemicals and objects, magnetic strength, sound bingo and using a microscope. This program will allow your students to use their imagination and skills as they journey to the ISS and back aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery.

**Cost:** \$\$300 (up to 20) + \$15/  
FREE to Oakland Unified.  
Includes planetarium show, exhibit access, 90 min class, \$18.00 per students adds Theater show.  
Payment is due 4 weeks prior to your program. - Programs offered on a first-come, first-served basis Sept- June, : July and August by special request.

### Garden Plan-It

<http://www.chabotspace.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Lab Experience

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Earth is the only "green" planet that we know about. Study the peculiar conditions of Earth that make it habitable for life. Students will study Chabot's outdoor EnviroGarden, and discuss plant needs, garden microclimates, and useful and harmful garden insects. Discover ways that personal, community and school gardens can conserve Earth's resources and energy.

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FREE to Oakland Unified.  
Includes planetarium show, exhibit access, 90 min class, \$18.00 per students adds Theater show.  
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## Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose San Jose

<http://www.cdm.org>

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### Kids' Garden

**Cost:** \$6.00/Student

<http://www.cdm.org>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Interactive Exhibit

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th

Venture outside and see what is sprouting and what is ready to harvest in the ever-changing beds. Exhibit-related curriculum activities are available online.

### Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm

Clayton

<http://www.cvpumpkinfarm.com>

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#### Spring Science Program

**Cost:** \$7.00/Student

[http://www.cvpumpkinfarm.com/Clayton\\_Valley\\_Pumpkin\\_Farm\\_%26\\_Christmas\\_Trees/Spring](http://www.cvpumpkinfarm.com/Clayton_Valley_Pumpkin_Farm_%26_Christmas_Trees/Spring)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th

Science is especially prevalent at the Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm and Christmas Trees during our Spring Science Program (April 18th - May 13th) for school groups. The natural farm setting is ideal for children to explore and experience "Ag in the Classroom" to compliment your curriculum. Students see, touch, smell and hear science at our three learning stations where they discover new facts in the areas of Physical, Earth, and Life Sciences. Every student gets to take home a sunflower seed in a peat pot. And don't forget the most fun time of all, students and parents get to ride on the Pumpkin Farm Express. 90 minutes.

#### October Pumpkin Tours

**Cost:** \$7.00/Person

[http://www.cvpumpkinfarm.com/Clayton\\_Valley\\_Pumpkin\\_Farm\\_%26\\_Christmas\\_Trees/Pumpk](http://www.cvpumpkinfarm.com/Clayton_Valley_Pumpkin_Farm_%26_Christmas_Trees/Pumpk)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

The first portion of our tour is seated on bales of straw where the tour guide educates students on pumpkin varieties, corn, gourds and the pumpkin lifecycle. The second portion of the tour is walking through the garden where students see plants in various growth stages including pumpkins, bottle gourds, sunflowers, corn, luffa sponges and more. The "Corn Room" is a place where students learn about the uses of corn and see the evolution of how corn is processed and even get to use an old-fashioned corn grinder! Each child gets an opportunity to milk a "cow" and learn about how milk gets processed. And of course, the tour is not complete without a visit to see our animals. The tour concludes with each child picking a child-size pumpkin of their very own to take home. approximately 1 hour.

### Conservatory of Flowers

San Francisco

<http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/>

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#### Self-Guided Tour

**Cost:** \$2-5/Student

<http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/visit/group>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

The Conservatory of flowers is a living museum of rare and beautiful tropical plants including palms, orchids, bromeliads, carnivorous plants and much more.

FREE to San Francisco Schools - Please make reservation beforehand, see site for reserving details.

For additional information call 415-666-7001.

### Crab Cove Marine Reserve

Alameda

[http://www.ebparks.org/parks/vc/crab\\_cove](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/vc/crab_cove)

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## Nature Walks in the Regional Parks

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/crab.htm>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Use the parklands as your classroom! Programs are available at the following East Bay Regional Parks: Redwood, Roberts, Lake Chabot, Anthony Chabot, Huckleberry Botanic Preserve, Sibley Volcanic Preserve, Temescal, Arrowhead Marsh at MLK Jr. Shoreline, and Oyster Bay. Lake Chabot boat tours aboard the "Chabot Queen" may be available; separate fee applies for boat rental.

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

## CuriOdyssey San Mateo

<http://www.curiodysey.org/>

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### Plant Power

<http://www.curiodysey.org/schools-groups/schools>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 1st;2nd;3rd;4th

Plants gather food, battle predators, and find a mate- all while rooted in place. Explore the fascinating world of plants, soil, sunlight, and seeds in the Museum's beautiful gardens. FOSS Links: Trees, Wood and Paper, Plants and Animals, Insects and Plants. 50 minutes

**Cost:** \$7.50/Student

### Interesting Invertebrates

<http://www.curiodysey.org/schools-groups/schools>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

What's the difference between an insect,"bug" and spider? Study their unique characteristics and get a magnified look at a living invertebrate as well as some biofacts. Join us to get a closer look at some crawling critters - they may be spineless, but they have character! Animal Ambassadors vary and may include: Cockroach, banana slug, millipede, and tarantula. FOSS Links: Animals Two by Two, Plants and Animals, Insects and Plants. 50 minutes

**Cost:** \$7.50/Student

Admission to the park where the museum is located is \$4/car. 1 free chaperone for every 5 paid students - \$50 cancellation fee

## Exploratorium San Francisco

<http://www.exploratorium.edu>

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### East Gallery - Living Systems

<http://www.exploratorium.edu>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Interactive Exhibit

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Investigate the living world. Sometimes life is hard to observe, because it's too tiny or fast or is hidden underground or in the ocean. Discover what you've been missing: use scientific tools to investigate living things of different sizes, the ecosystems they inhabit, and the processes they share.

**Cost:** \$\$7.50 - Free for Title 1

Pay on arrival with credit, cash or check, one chaperone free for every ten kids. First Wednesdays of the month FREE. (Fall: Oct-Jan student adms \$4.00; Spring Jan-June student adms \$5.50) - call ,email, or fax reservation at least 1 month in advance, for March-June call 3-4 months prior.

## Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden Berkeley

<http://www.nativeplants.org/>

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## Tours by Arrangement

<http://www.nativeplants.org/tours.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

School classes and other groups may schedule free private tours of the garden by special arrangement. Tours can be tailored to suit the group's specific needs or interests. Group tours must be arranged at least three weeks in advance and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (510) 544-3169.

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

FREE - Need to make arrangements 3 weeks in advance  
First-come, first-served system

## Joan's Farm & Pumpkin Patch

Livermore

<http://www.joansfarm.com>

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### Tour 1

<http://www.joansfarm.com>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Visit a working farm to get a real feel about country life. You drive through the farm and see cattle grazing, visit the pumpkin patch which has a corn maze, an old western town, a museum of a lot of old farm equipment, visit the "old west" town which is facaded with buggies and mannequins, horses, etc. There is a chuck wagon area - a lot of picnicing facilities under the old sycamore trees -- a snack shack ( hot dogs, nachos, drinks, shave ice, etc.) - Our tours for schools and groups are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis. The Tour 1 is usually for the preschool to kindergarten age groups which is \$7.00 per child -- this includes feed for the animals, a storrtyme/sing along and talking about the animals, as well as their pumpkin from the children's patch.

**Cost:** \$7/Student

No credit cards, cash preferred -  
Call 1-3 months in advance,  
leaving name and number (both  
day and evening).

Reservations are made on a "first  
come, first serve basis." A  
cancellation fee of \$1.00/child  
applies when less than 48 hours  
notice is provided -- this covers  
the cost of the child's pumpkin  
which still may be picked up.

### Tour 2

<http://www.joansfarm.com>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Interactive Exhibit

**Grade Levels:** 1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Visit a working farm to get a real feel about country life. You drive through the farm and see cattle grazing, visit the pumpkin patch which has a corn maze, an old western town, a museum of a lot of old farm equipment, visit the "old west" town which is facaded with buggies and mannequins, horses, etc. There is a chuck wagon area - a lot of picnicing facilities under the old sycamore trees -- a snack shack ( hot dogs, nachos, drinks, shave ice, etc.) - Our tours for schools and groups are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis. Tour 2 is \$8.00 per student and includes a visit through the museum then a talk about farming and the old equipment, they can go through the corn maze, get a larger pumpkin, and everyone attending can visit the Old West town and meander around.

**Cost:** \$8/Student

No credit cards, cash preferred -  
Call 1-3 months in advance,  
leaving name and number (both  
day and evening).

Reservations are made on a "first  
come, first serve basis." A  
cancellation fee of \$1.00/child  
applies when less than 48 hours  
notice is provided -- this covers  
the cost of the child's pumpkin  
which still may be picked up.

## Lawrence Hall of Science

Berkeley

[lawrencehallofscience.org](http://lawrencehallofscience.org)

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### Insects in Action Workshop

[lawrencehallofscience.org](http://lawrencehallofscience.org)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Insects are everywhere. Meet some of these amazing creatures alive and up close. See the stages of beetle metamorphosis, learn the difference between a male and female cricket, and listen for the hiss of an exotic cockroach. Topics: Insect Body Structure, Adaptations, Life Cycle, Behavior.

**Cost:** \$\$360 for K-2 \$460 for

Includes admission to exhibits. -  
Call for reservation up to 24 hours  
in advance, in person, by phone or  
online.

Loma Vista Farm & Garden  
Vallejo

<http://www.lomavistafarm.org/>

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Loma Vista Farm Visit

**Cost:** \$5/Student

[http://www.lomavistafarm.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=53&Itemid=30](http://www.lomavistafarm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=53&Itemid=30)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Students go to the farm and learn about life on the farm through lessons that correspond with California State Education Standards. The children are encouraged to observe similarities and differences in the animals and use their senses such as touch and hearing. The Farm offers a great variety of plant and animal life that creates a dynamic learning environment. The educational goal of Loma Vista Farm is for students to learn about animals and plants in ways that meet the California State Standards. The Farm provides the opportunity to fulfill the educational goals of Life Science Standards and enhances math and language arts standards. Please come prepared to do hands-on lessons that your students will find meaningful and memorable. The Farm is your tool to bring learning to life. Doing a short activity in the morning and going to the farm in the afternoon is encouraged. Special program suggestions for VCUSD schools.

Marshall's Farm  
American Canyon

<http://www.marshallshoney.com/>

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The Flying Bee Ranch tour

**Cost:** \$275/Class

<http://www.marshallshoney.com/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Workplace Tour

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Students will see how honey is made from the hive to the jar. They will see how honey is extracted, taste the honey, and go home with a little piece of honey comb and honey sticks. Students will see the bees and learn why they are beneficial.

Pay at the time of your visit. \$250 for up to 20 students, \$12 for each additional person. No charge for up to 4 drivers/chaperones. - Call in advance to schedule. Book online or by calling.

Math Science Nucleus  
Fremont

<http://www.ms-nucleus.org>

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Tule Ponds - Plant and Animal Changes

**Cost:** \$150/Class

[http://www.ms-nucleus.org/classes/fieldtyson.htm#NEW\\_CLASSES\\_NOW\\_OFFERED\\_](http://www.ms-nucleus.org/classes/fieldtyson.htm#NEW_CLASSES_NOW_OFFERED_)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 2nd

1. Students explore the changing landscape at Tule Ponds at Tyson Lagoon
2. Students explore the life cycle of plant and animals that live at Tyson Lagoon.
3. Students observe plants that reproduce through seed formation.
4. Students observe birds and explore family units.
5. Students see how soil is made for use with native plants.
6. Students observe native and non-native plants.

\$175 for 25-32 students for 1.5 hour class  
\$200 for 2 hour class - call 1 month in advance or register online

Tule Ponds - Math and Nature

**Cost:** \$150/Class

[http://www.ms-nucleus.org/classes/fieldtyson.htm#NEW\\_CLASSES\\_NOW\\_OFFERED\\_](http://www.ms-nucleus.org/classes/fieldtyson.htm#NEW_CLASSES_NOW_OFFERED_)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

This interactive field trip looks at natural items and their relationship with math. Students will learn new adjectives as they describe different plants and animals. Observation of nature using math opens a child's mind to a new dimension they will never forget.

\$175 for 25-32 students for 1.5 hour class. \$200 for 2 hour class - call 1 month in advance or register online

Natural Bridges State Park  
Santa Cruz

<http://www.santacruzstateparks.org/parks/natbridges>

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Monarch Butterfly Walks

<http://www.thatsmypark.org/teachers/?searchvalue=7>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

From October through January each year, students can enjoy a Monarch Tour. Applicable for Pre-K through 12th grade curriculum (and enjoyable for all ages), the guided walk can accommodate one class at a time, and lasts approximately one hour. This includes a 30 minute fun and imaginative inside program highlighting the monarch's life-cycle and migration contrasted with a experiential outdoor trip to the milkweed garden and butterfly sanctuary.

The park begins accepting monarch reservations on August 1st. Butterfly walks happen rain or shine.

**Cost:** \$0/Student

suggested donations  
free parking - Begins reservations  
August 15th of the school year.  
call at least 2 weeks in advance

Oakland Zoo

Oakland

<http://www.oaklandzoo.org>

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The Children's Zoo

<http://www.oaklandzoo.org>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

If kids are going to act like animals, they might as well do it right. That's why the Valley Children's Zoo offers kids a chance to really get to know alligators, lemurs, tortoises, fruit bats, tarantulas, otters, and much more. Exhibits offer unique perspectives on animals (like our underwater viewing portals), plenty of hands-on fun in the contact yard, and cool play areas where kids can climb, jump, play, and act like animals.

**Cost:** \$6.00/Student

Fee includes one class and up to 6 adults, and their admission to the zoo.. Parking is \$6/car and \$10/bus - Call in June for new schedule; call 8-12 weeks in advance to reserve.

Pacific Grove Museum Monarch Sanctuary

Pacific Grove

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/category/topics-interest/butterflies>

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Monarch Butterflies Field Trip

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/monarchs/>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Visit the Pacific Grove Butterfly Sanctuary (south of Monterey). During the entire Monarch overwintering season (October through February), trained docents stand under the Butterfly Trees explaining the phenomenon to visitors coming to Pacific Grove's sanctuary. You may want to combine this visit with the butterfly exhibit at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 12 blocks away, or visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, 2 miles away. Visitors may combine a tour of the habitat with a visit to the Museum of Natural History where they are welcome to view a large Monarch butterfly display on the main and second floors. A video allows a close-up view of the Monarch's magical metamorphosis from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly. Let the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History supplement and enrich your Science or History/Social Studies curriculum. We offer fieldtrip programs and outreach kits that address state and national standards. For the most engaging experience, we suggest that you have your students participate in a topic-specific, hands-on program in the Education Room. These programs last approximately half an hour and can accommodate up to 20 students at a time. Possible topics include fossils, life cycles, animal adaptations, rocks and minerals, California Indian artifacts, local animals and their habitats, or special requests.

**Cost:** \$requested \$1 donation

Free - will need to know (a) how many persons will be attending; (b) your preferred date(s) and times; (c) your school or group name and location; and (d) your name and contact information (phone and email). Please make this call, even if you plan to be self-guided.

Randall Museum  
San Francisco

<http://www.randallmuseum.org/>

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Green and Growing

<http://www.randallmuseum.org/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Students learn that every object they use in daily life is either a plant or is produced from plants. Green and Growing encourages students to understand their own roles in ecological systems including being consumers, producers and good stewards of our environment.

**Cost:** \$45/Class

plus service fee - Animal presentations are an additional \$20

Private schools pay \$85 for program \$40 for animal presentation -

[http://www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html?](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html?keywords=randall+museum)

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Rotary Nature Center  
Oakland

<http://www.lakemerritt.org/>

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Wild Oakland

<http://www.lakemerritt.org/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Arts Experience

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Nature is all around us! Learn how to identify native plants and animals. Includes edible and useful plants, animal behavior and native ecology.

**Cost:** \$60/Hour

SF Botanical Garden & Strybing Arboretum  
San Francisco

<http://www.strybing.org>

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Guided Garden Tours - Web of Life

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/ye/index.html#guidedschoolwalks>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Learn about the interdependence of the plants and animals in the Botanical Garden's varied ecosystems. Free docent-guided walks are offered for elementary school students throughout the school year. Dates are assigned through two lotteries- one in mid-September and one in mid-December

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free for SF city and county residents and school groups - All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery. Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year.

Guided Garden Tours - Flower Walk - AVAILABLE SPRING ONLY

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/ye/index.html#guidedschoolwalks>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Discover how buds become flowers and flowers become fruit. Learn about the pollinators who help plants make seeds. Free docent-guided walks are offered for elementary school students throughout the school year. Dates are assigned through two lotteries- one in mid-September and one in mid-December

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free for SF city and county residents and school groups - All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery. Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year.

### Guided Garden Tours -Plant Travelers - AVAILABLE FALL ONLY

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/ye/index.html#guidedschoolwalks>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Wind, water, and animals are three ways plants disperse seeds. Explore the diversity of seed shape and structure. Free docent-guided walks are offered for elementary school students throughout the school year. Dates are assigned through two lotteries- one in mid-September and one in mid-December

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free for SF city and county residents - All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery. Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year.

### Guided Garden Tours -Special Needs Tours

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/ye/index.html#guidedschoolwalks>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

The SF Botanical Garden & Strybing Arboretum will gladly tailor a walk to your students' needs and abilities. Please apply through the regular lottery and provide whatever information is appropriate. We encourage all special needs classes to apply.

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free for SF city and county residents and school groups - All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery. Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year.

## Sulphur Creek Nature Center

Hayward

[http://www.haywardrec.org/sulphur\\_creek.html](http://www.haywardrec.org/sulphur_creek.html)

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### Minibeast Safari

[http://www.haywardrec.org/sc\\_prog\\_school.html](http://www.haywardrec.org/sc_prog_school.html)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Encounter the smaller side of life: Insects, spiders, worms, slugs, and millipedes. Learn where they live, what they eat, and why they are an integral part of the animal world. Collect your own mini-beasts for study and discussion. (1 hr program held March through June only)

**Cost:** \$111.25/Class

\$89 for schools within Hayward, CV and San Lorenzo - call 1 month advance

## Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness

Sunol

<http://www.ebparks.org>

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### Nature Programs

<http://www.ebparks.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Available at the Following Parks: Brushy Peak, Lake Del Valle, Las Trampas, Arroyo Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs

Each park offers distinct natural features. Topics from the life of a butterfly, wildflowers and pollination, animal homes and adaptation, bird life, weather and the structure of the solar system are but a few of the many possible programs the naturalists can customize for your needs

**Cost:** \$0/Class

free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Sunol Wilderness directly.

### Stream Studies, Watershed and Water Sampling

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Available at the following parks: Lake Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs, Arroyo del Valle

An investigation of an arroyo or lake environment and its physical properties and inhabitants. Stream Study: Students will explore a stream while catching, identifying and releasing, identify, and catch and release creek wildlife while examining their adaptations. Lake Study: Students will investigate an aquatic food web while sampling for plankton, and measuring water clarity and temperature in a lake or arroyo environment

**Cost:** \$0/Class

free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Sunol Wilderness directly.

The Bone Room  
Berkeley  
<http://www.boneroom.com>

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Store tour

**Cost:** \$FREE/Student

<http://www.boneroom.com>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Workplace Tour

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

See their natural history collection of bones specimens, insects specimens and, fossils specimens. Only 5 students are allowed in the store, accompanied by a teacher, at a time. Staff are available to answer questions. Class can picnic in the park, which is 2 blocks down.

The Gardens at Heather Farms  
Walnut Creek

<http://www.gardenshf.org/>

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Sensory Garden

**Cost:** \$100/Class

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#sensorygarden>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Through this sensory exploration of the garden we'll investigate how the smells, shapes, textures and colors of plants help them to survive. Classes will receive a plant to take back to school. 30 minutes

Nature Detectives

**Cost:** \$\$100/Class

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#naturedetectives>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

We'll awaken our senses and sharpen our observation skills to become super sleuths. As we explore the pond and follow clues like tracks and scat, we'll learn about the plants and animals that share our urban habitat. 1 hour

From Our Garden to Yours Field Trip

**Cost:** \$\$100/Session

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#fromourgarden>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Students cultivate their very own garden experience by planting a wildlife garden. The ecological lesson focuses on structure and function of plants, the nutrient cycle, pollination, and wildlife habitat. Plants and seeds will be provided. (Also available as in-class presentation.) 1 hour

Bug Buddies Field Trip

**Cost:** \$\$100/Session

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#bugbuddies>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Peek into the amazing world of insects, the most successful life form on the planet. Young entomologists will observe and handle live mini-beasts to experience a bug's life, learn about creature features, and test their bug IQ. Also available as in-class presentation. 1 hour

Healthy People, Healthy Planet Field Trip

**Cost:** \$\$100/Session

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#healthypeople>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Students learn about health, nutrition and the environment. By understanding the benefits of developing healthy and sustainable eating habits, students will acquire the knowledge that they are in control of their own impact on the planet. Also available as in-class presentation.

### Magic of Monarchs Field Trip

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Learn about insect adaptation and life cycles as we discover the fascinating life of a Monarch. Meet a caterpillar, and create your own butterfly. Classes receive seeds to start their very own butterfly garden. This is a special program available upon request. Also available as in-class presentation.

**Cost:** \$\$100/Session

### The Tech Museum of Innovation San Jose

<http://www.thetech.org>

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#### IMAX Film: Flight of the Butterflies

<http://www.thetech.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Imax Film

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

available to groups of 50 or more at 10 a.m. Flight of the Butterflies

Weighing less than a penny, the Monarch butterfly makes one of the longest migrations on Earth across a continent to a place it has never known. Follow the monarchs' perilous journey and experience millions of them in the remote mountain peaks of Mexico. Be captivated by the true and compelling story of an intrepid scientist's 40-year search to find their secret hideaway. Unravel the mysteries and experience the Flight of the Butterflies.

**Cost:** \$5, \$8 for IMAX galler included visit to galleries. A non-refundable deposit of \$50/class is required w/in 2 weeks of receiving your confirmation packet. No-shows are billed the amount due; The balance is due upon arrival, and must be a single payment. - Reservations are first come first serve. The Tech prefers that you use their on-line reservation form at [www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org)

### Tilden Nature Area-Tilden Regional Park Berkeley

<http://www.ebparks.org>

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#### Pond Study (March-Oct.)

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

Explore the wet and wonderful world of the Nature Area's ponds: insects, amphibians and more (perhaps even a garter snake!).

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June).

#### Wildlife (Year round):

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Focus on various animal classes during an interactive hike. 60-90 minutes. Choose from one or more of the following topics:

- Reptiles (year round)
- Amphibians (Nov.-May)
- Birds (year round)
- Mammals (year round)
- Insects (March-Oct.)
- Spiders (Sept.-Oct. and March)

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Tilden directly.

### Nature Ramble (Year round):

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

An exploration of the Nature Area's flora and fauna —anything can happen! This walk easily accommodates a topic of your choice. 60-90 minutes

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Tilden directly.

### Amazing Adaptations (Year round)

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

What are the survival strategies of regional flora and fauna? Make observations and conclusions about why living things look and behave as they do. 60-90 minutes

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Tilden directly.

### Tailored Naturalist Program: Habitats, Life Cycles

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

the Tilden Naturalists can adapt their programs to meet the specific needs of your science unit. Sign up for a fieldtrip via the lottery system and give them a call once you are selected.

**Cost:** \$free/Class

### Green and Growing (Year round)

<http://ebparks.org/activities/educators/trips>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 1st;2nd;3rd

Plants are everywhere. At any time of year there is always something to see that is green and growing—wildflowers, flowers, shrubs, trees, and their fruit and seeds. 1 - 1.5 hours

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Tilden directly.

## UC Botanical Garden

Berkeley

<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/>

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### Math in the Garden

<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/tours.shtml#children>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Develop your mathematical skills and powers of observation as you apply them to the beauty and diversity of plants surrounding you in the Garden. Look for geometric shapes, angles, symmetry, and patterns, even fractals and Fibonacci numbers! Discover how nature's designs are adaptations helping plants to survive. Activities will be selected to be grade-level appropriate.

**Cost:** \$\$6.50/Student

Invoice sent to school address, payment in advance. - Reserve by the 15th of the previous month. Tours given rain or shine.

### Discovering Flowers and Plants (Primary)

<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/tours.shtml#children>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Investigate an amazing variety of plants and flowers from around the world as you explore the Garden's paths. Why are there so many different kinds of plants? What are their flowers for? Learn the answers to these questions and so much more.

**Cost:** \$\$6.50/Student

Invoice sent to school address, payment in advance. - Reserve by the 15th of the previous month. Tours given rain or shine.

### Awaken Your Senses in the Garden

<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/tours.shtml#children>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Use all five senses to explore plants from around the world. Touch, look, listen, smell, and taste as you learn about roots, leaves, flowers, fruit, seeds, and the life cycles of diverse and amazing plants.

**Cost:** \$\$6.50/Student

Invoice sent to school address, payment in advance. - Reserve by the 15th of the previous month. Tours given rain or shine.

### Plant Travelers

<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/tours.shtml#children>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** 1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

Can plants really travel? Marvel at the slingshots, parachutes, hitchhikers, helicopters and other mechanisms that propel plant seeds around the Garden.

**Cost:** \$\$6.50/Student

Invoice sent to school address, payment in advance. - Reserve by the 15th of the previous month. Tours given rain or shine.

## Program Type: In-Class Program

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### Center for Ecosystem Survival

San Francisco

<http://www.savenature.org>

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### Insect Discovery Lab

<http://www.savenature.org/content/IDL>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Each presentation includes hands-on experience with live animals and observation time with live and preserved materials. Children will learn how to identify insects and their arthropod relatives, touch amazing arthropod ambassadors, see how insects defend themselves, and discover their incredible diversity. Students explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, grasshoppers, walking sticks, whip scorpions, and more. The Insect Discovery Lab immerses students in the extraordinarily diverse world of insects and other arthropods and teaches about their key role in the web of life. Scientific observation, insect identification, and the natural history of bugs' lives are just some of the areas of focus of this program. Classes will receive pre and post visit materials including fact sheets, activity sheets, resource sheets and conservation action guides. Programs are 45-50 minutes long.

**Cost:** \$\$175.00/Program

### East Bay Vivarium

Berkeley

<http://www.eastbayvivarium.com/>

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### Reptile Program

<http://www.eastbayvivarium.com/aboutus/shows.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

The East Bay Vivarium's Traveling Reptile Program presents fun and educational programs to classrooms, preschools, high schools, colleges, television shows, scouting programs, fraternal organizations, and community groups. Our one-hour program features between 20 and 30 amazing creatures. We teach natural history, animal husbandry and safety. We can vary our program to emphasize specific topics such as rainforest and desert ecology, evolution and adaptation, Animals in the classroom and even dinosaurs. Better learning one class at a time to maximize hands-on handling experiences. The presentation includes natural history stories and can be tailored for the age group.

**Cost:** \$250/Hour

\$250/hr for evenings and weekends, \$1 per mile for travel distance. Can give discounted price for multiple shows in one day. \$300/hr for evenings or weekends plus \$1/mile traveling Payment due upon arrival - call for reservation 1 month in advance, but will make every effort to include last minute clients as well [humanreptile@earthlink.net](mailto:humanreptile@earthlink.net)

Lawrence Hall of Science  
Berkeley  
[lawrencehallofscience.org](http://lawrencehallofscience.org)

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### Insects in Action Workshop @ School Site

[lawrencehallofscience.org](http://lawrencehallofscience.org)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd

Insects are everywhere. Meet some of these amazing creatures alive and up close. See the stages of beetle metamorphosis, learn the difference between a male and female cricket, and listen for the hiss of an exotic cockroach. Topics: Insect Body Structure, Adaptations, Life Cycle, Behavior.

**Cost:** \$550 for two sessions.  
\$550 for two sessions  
\$720 for three sessions  
Additional travel fees apply - Call for reservation up to 24 hours in advance, in person, by phone or online.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum  
Walnut Creek  
<http://www.wildlife-museum.org>

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### Spineless Wonders

<http://www.wildlife-museum.org/education/teachers/schoolyear.php>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

There are more kinds of insects and spiders in the world than all other animals and plants combined. Insects and spiders have important roles in our environment as predators, consumers and decomposers. Learn about these important animals as we explore their characteristics, life cycles and adaptations.

**Cost:** \$150.00/Class  
A minimum of 2 classes is required. Add a \$40 transportation fee. - Classes may not be combined. Room changes are not allowed. Presentation times must not conflict with lunch or recess. Teachers must be present at all times. 4 weeks advance notice required.

Mad Science - Mt. Diablo  
Concord  
<http://www.madscience.org/locations/mtdiablo/>

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### Bugs

<http://www.madscience.org/locations/mtdiablo/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Learn the difference between a bug and an insect. How do insects defend themselves? What is their role in the ecosystem? What does the world look like to a bug? Answer these questions and more.

**Cost:** \$145/Class

Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association  
Pleasant Hill  
<http://diablobees.org/>

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### Bee Keeper at your School

<http://diablobees.org/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Mr. Lawrence makes arrangements for volunteers from the Mount Diablo Bee Keepers Association to come out to your school to show students about the bee life cycle. Also have 19 minute video that you can show before the program at the time the program. Kids get to taste honey.

**Cost:** \$25/Program  
\$25 is minimum requested donation. Give to beekeeper at presentation. - First come first serve. Dates fill up quickly. Best to email details of when and where you would like the program. [garynjoan@comcast.net](mailto:garynjoan@comcast.net) or [jpinkspieth@comcast.net](mailto:jpinkspieth@comcast.net)

Muir Woods National Monument  
Mill Valley

<http://www.nps.gov/goga/education/>

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Discovery Kits

<http://www.nps.gov/goga/education/>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

**Cost:**

Oakland Zoo  
Oakland

<http://www.oaklandzoo.org>

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School ZooMobile - invertebrate invasion

<http://www.oaklandzoo.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** 2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th

An introduction to tropical rainforests. The zoo van visits school sites with 3 to 5 small animals, pictures and animal artifacts to present. Children who wish to touch the animal will be able to touch most of them. Each child receives a free pass to the zoo.

**Cost:** \$155/Class

\$130 for additional classes. Zone fee may be applicable. - Call in June for new schedule; call 8-12 weeks in advance to reserve. Two 50 min classes or three 30 min classes can be accommodated in a single day.

Ridgeland's Naturalist Programs  
Alameda

<http://www.ebparks.org>

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Classroom Visit

<http://www.ebparks.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

If you can't come to us, one of our Naturalists can visit you. We'll tailor the program to fit your needs.

**Cost:** \$0/Student

free for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. - Registration due 5 PM 1st Monday in: May (for prgs mid-June through mid-Sept), Aug(for prgs mid-Sept thru Jan), Dec (for prgs Feb thru mid-June). Mail forms to Crab Cove Interpretive Center.

Rotary Nature Center  
Oakland

<http://www.lakemerritt.org/>

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Wild Oakland

<http://www.lakemerritt.org/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Arts Experience

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Nature is all around us! Learn how to identify native plants and animals. Includes edible and useful plants, animal behavior and native ecology.

**Cost:** \$\$80/ \$70 for Oakland (

Suisun Marsh Natural History Association  
Suisun

<http://www.suisunwildlife.org/>

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## Suisun Marsh Special Feature In-Class Presentations

**Cost:** \$50/Class

<http://www.suisunwildlife.org/eeeclass.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Choose from many in-class presentation options:

- **Wildlife Rehabilitation:** A presentation covering the rehabilitation efforts of the Suisun Wildlife Center, including an up-close look at some non-releasable wildlife. (\$50 / 60 minutes. Slide show, Interpreter and non-releasable Bird & Mammal presentation)
- **Reptiles:** A look at some native California reptiles combined with a pictorial view of their natural history as well as other North American reptiles. (\$50 / 60 minutes. Slide show, Interpreter and Reptile presentation.)
- **Owls - Silent Hunters of the Night:** A audio-visual presentation covering various species of owls and their night calls, including an up close look at some non-releasable local owls. (\$50 / 60 minutes. Slide show, Interpreter and non-releasable Owl presentation)

## Suisun Marsh In-Class Presentations

**Cost:** \$30-50/Class

<http://www.suisunwildlife.org/eeeclass.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Nature Exploration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

Choose from many in-class presentation options:

- **Suisun Marsh:** A pictorial survey of the unique features and ecosystems of Solano's brackish marshes. (\$30 / 60 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Rockville Hills Park:** An interesting visual tour through Solano's only publicly owned coastal live oak forest including its native flowers, grasses and chaparral oriented wildlife. (\$30 / 60 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Native American:** A historical presentation focused on the Native Americans that occupied the Rockville Hills park area. Including a short biography of Chief Solano. (\$30 / 60 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Hummingbirds:** A study of North American Hummingbirds including rehabilitation techniques. (\$30 / 60 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Bird Identification:** Beginning skills in bird watching, including techniques and methods. (\$30 / 30 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Butterflies, Insects and Spiders:** An interesting and colorful look at the variety of "bugs" that surround us. (\$30 / 30 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Rocks and Minerals:** An introduction to the world of Rocks and Minerals, including crystalline structures and gemstones. (\$50 / 60 minutes. Slide show, Interpreter and Display)
- **Weather:** An introduction to the basic principles of weather, focusing on the Bay Area. Includes some methods of meteorology and various weather phenomenon. (\$30 / 45 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)
- **Stargazing:** An introduction to basic Astronomy. Objects of our Solar System as well as deep space will be examined. Various constellations will be shown. (\$30 / 45 minutes. Slide show and Interpreter)

## Sulphur Creek Nature Center Hayward

[http://www.haywardrec.org/sulphur\\_creek.html](http://www.haywardrec.org/sulphur_creek.html)

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### Backyard Bugs

[http://www.haywardrec.org/sc\\_prog\\_school.html](http://www.haywardrec.org/sc_prog_school.html)

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

Explore the world of arthropods through this engaging, hands-on presentation that comes directly to your classroom. Students will learn how to classify and observe lifecycles of arachnids, myriopods, insects, and crustaceans.

**Cost:** \$152.50/Class

\$122 for schools within Hayward, CV and San Lorenzo - call 1 month advance

## The Gardens at Heather Farms Walnut Creek

<http://www.gardenshf.org/>

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### Bug Buddies In-Class

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#bugbuddies>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Peek into the amazing world of insects, the most successful life form on the planet. Young entomologists will observe and handle live mini-beasts to experience a bug's life, learn about creature features, and test their bug IQ. (Also available as a field-trip) 1 hour

**Cost:** \$100/Session

Minimum of 2 sessions/visit to school. + \$10 travel fee. - -  
Instructors cannot make room changes between presentations.  
- Classroom teachers must remain in the classroom at all times.

### From Our Garden to Yours In-Class

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html#fromourgarden>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th

Students cultivate their very own garden experience by planting a wildlife garden. The ecological lesson focuses on structure and function of plants, the nutrient cycle, pollination, and wildlife habitat. Plants and seeds will be provided. (Also available as a field-trip)

**Cost:** \$100/Session

Minimum of 2 sessions/visit to school. + \$10 travel fee. - -  
Instructors cannot make room changes between presentations.  
- Classroom teachers must remain in the classroom at all times.  
Refunds if cancel at least three weeks prior to your reserved date.

### Magic of Monarchs In-Class

<http://gardenshf.org/Youth-Programs/childrens-classes.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Live Animal Presentation

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Learn about insect adaptation and life cycles as we discover the fascinating life of a Monarch. Meet a caterpillar, and create your own butterfly. Classes receive seeds to start their very own butterfly garden. This is a special program available upon request. Also available a field trip.

**Cost:** \$100/Session

### Seed Secrets

<http://www.gardenshf.org/youth-programs.html>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd

Learn about the parts of seeds and flowering plants, the functions of each part, and the importance of seeds in the life cycle of a plant. Students develop their observation and record keeping skills by conduction a scientific investigation. Special program available upon request.

**Cost:** \$100/Session

Minimum of 2 sessions/visit to school. + \$10 travel fee. - -  
Instructors cannot make room changes between presentations.  
- Classroom teachers must remain in the classroom at all times.  
Refunds if cancel at least three weeks prior to your reserved date.

### Web of Life Field (WOLF) School Aptos

<http://www.wolfschool.org/>

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### In-Class Presentation

<http://www.wolfschool.org/>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

The WOLF School offers in-class presentations to supplement your regular classroom instruction. All presentations include standards-based hands-on activities, songs, active games and student-centered discussion. Topics include: Animals! Animals!, Amazing Plants, California's Gold Rush, Native American History, Geology Rocks!, Salamanders, Water Cycle and Watersheds, Group Building and Challenge Activities, Design Your Own.

**Cost:** \$Consult with WOLF School

### Wildcare Terwilliger Nature Education San Rafael

<http://www.wildcarebayarea.org>

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Nature Van-California's Redwood Forests

<http://www.wildcarebayarea.org>

**Experience:** Site Educator Led - Demonstration

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th

Nature Van programs bring the field trip to the classroom. Guided by professional science educators, the Nature Van teaches students about animal characteristics, adaptations, and food webs — all without leaving school. Presentations are designed for a single classroom; this is not a multi-class assembly program. Pre-K and Kindergarten programs last 45 minutes. Programs for 1st through 5th grades last sixty minutes, although shorter presentations are available upon request. Enter the moist, cool interior of a California rainforest to explore the many layers of an old growth forest and experience the interdependencies of salmon, redwood trees, banana slugs, and other forest creatures.

**Cost:** \$180/Program

\$205/2 sessions, \$255/3 sessions, \$305/4 sessions + Mileage fee = \$2/ mile for the distance traveled one way from WildCare to presentation site (based on Mapquest), with a minimum \$20 charge. - Have site, dates and teacher's home address and telephone available. a 50% deposit is required to hold your reservation the balance is due 15 days prior to your scheduled visit

## Program Type: Temporary Exhibit

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SF Botanical Garden & Strybing Arboretum

San Francisco

<http://www.strybing.org>

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Art Exhibit: Cloud Forest Plants of Mesoamerica

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/library/art-exhibit.html>

**Experience:** Teacher Led - Arts Experience

**Grade Levels:** K;1st;2nd;3rd;4th;5th;6th;7th;8th;9th;10th;11th;12th

(September 3 – December 29) Cloud Forest Plants of Mesoamerica  
New watercolors by Master Artists of the Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration.

**Cost:** \$FREE/Class

Free for SF city and county residents and school groups - All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery. Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year.