

HOMESCHOOL WEDNESDAYS

Need help teaching science? Meet the California state standards while your children have fun hiking the Santa Ana river bottom, participating in a variety of activities, performing experiments, enjoying a presentation, playing games, and/or creating a craft.

Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water.

**** Reservations and prepayment required - no walk-ins ****

Two Sessions!! 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:30 - 3:30pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Per child: \$5 per session or \$35 for all 8 pm sessions or \$30 for all 7 am sessions (add one afternoon session - \$35).

Note: The April 18th class will only be held in the PM.

(For students younger than the recommended age, parent participation is mandatory.)

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### EXPLORING MARINE BIOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY

Recommended ages: 7 and up.

#### FISH:

**Some are Bony Some are Not!**

**February 1**

Learn about the special features of fish, both inside and out



### EXPERIENCING NATURE UP CLOSE

Recommended ages: 6 and up

#### TREES : Growing Tall!

**February 15**

How do trees grow? Would you like to be a dendochronologist? Learn to identify some of the native trees here at Hidden Valley and plant a tree to take home!



#### INVERTEBRATES:

**Missing - a Backbone!**

**March 7**

Starfish, crabs, squid, jellyfish, and other sea creatures that do not have backbones - yet are all ocean residents.



#### SILKWORMS

**March 21**

Learn all about silkworms - their life stages, habits, and how to raise them. Bring a shoebox and take home mulberry leaves and silkworms to watch your own caterpillars grow and develop.



#### WHALES:

**Are they Gentle Giants or Real Killers?**

**April 4**

What do whales eat? How long can they hold their breath? Learn all about these amazing aquatic mammals.

#### POND LIFE

**April 18**

**1:30 - 3:30 PM ONLY**

We will be hiking to the pond to study its ecosystem and the creatures that live there. Bring a can with both ends cut out and wear clothes that can get wet and dirty.



#### MARINE LIFE SURVIVAL:

**Odds and Ends!**

**May 2**

Special relationships, camouflage, electricity, and lights all help marine animals to survive.



#### WATER WORKS!

**May 16**

Come prepared to get wet as we explore the many wonderful properties of water!



Hidden Valley Nature Center  
11401 Arlington Ave.  
Riverside, CA. 92505

Program Registration Form for  
Home school Wednesdays  
Winter/Spring 2012

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person making request: \_\_\_\_\_

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home School Wednesdays:** Cost is \$5.00 per child per program *OR* \$35 per child for all 8 pm sessions *OR* \$30 for all 7 am sessions (add one afternoon session - \$35).

Program(s) Requested: Please place check mark next to each program date/time you are interested in attending.

**Exploring Marine Biology & Oceanography**

**10:00am - 12:00pm** February 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ March 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ April 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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**1:30 - 3:30pm** February 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ March 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ April 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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**Experiencing Nature up Close**

**10:00am - 12:00pm** February 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ March 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ April 18<sup>th</sup> Not Available May 16<sup>th</sup>

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Our programs are designed to enrich the interaction between children and their accompanying adult. You will be expected to stay with your child during the program. If you are enrolling more than one child, please stay with your youngest child. If you have any questions regarding program information, you may call the nature center at (951) 785-7452. Prepayment is required. There are a limited number of spaces available. Requests are on a first-come basis.

**Please mail completed form and payment to:**

**Hidden Valley Nature Center  
P.O. Box 7757  
Riverside, CA. 92505**