



# HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HAYWARD SHORELINE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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## Naturalist Programs for Spring 2015

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### MARCH

#### Hike through Bay Area

**History** (Patti Workover)

Sun. Mar. 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Tools from over 100 years ago lie in salt ponds to tell about people who worked at the Shoreline before it was restored. Hike through the remnants and get a booklet about history. Ages 12+.

FEE: \$8 per person. CLASS #30512

#### TODDLER RAMBLE:

##### Let's Come to our Senses

(Ann Graham)

Fri. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30am - 11:15am

Seeing, smelling, touching, hearing and tasting will all be examined this month. Each week we will focus on one sense and have fun while we are at it. Ages 1 to 3.

FEE: \$5 per child.

Mar. 6, #31676 Mar. 13, #31677

Mar. 20, #31678 Mar. 27, #31679

#### NATURE DETECTIVES:

##### Home for the Harvest

**Mouse** (Linden Rayton)

Sat. Mar. 7, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Experiment with different indoor and outdoor building materials, from the tallest towers to the tiniest homes.

Make homes along the trail for our animal friends. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$7 per child. CLASS #30499

#### VOLUNTEER:

##### Weekend Weed Warriors

(Patti Workover)

Sun. Mar. 8, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Bring your enthusiasm to help eradicate the non-native plants that threaten shoreline diversity. Refreshments will be provided. Bring gloves or borrow some of ours. Ages 12+. Sign up online at haywardrec.org.

#### BIRD WALK:

##### Walk on the Wild Side

(Ann Graham)

Sat. Mar. 14, 9:30am - 12:30pm

It might seem that the Savannah Sparrow is named after savannahs of Africa, but in fact, it is named for the city. These attractive birds might not be as exotic as a lion, but their spring song just might make us feel closer to our wild side. Meet at the Interpretive Center for our marsh safari. Ages 12+.

FEE: \$5. CLASS #31717

#### Life Cycles

(Shayna Butler)

Sun. Mar. 15, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Learn how baby animals grow! Discover about different stages of growth comparing mammals, birds and reptiles. Keep eyes out for young animals on a hike and make a shark craft. Ages 6+.

FEE: \$8 per child. CLASS #31697

#### Eggcellent Eggs

(Shayna Butler)

Sun. Mar. 22, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Observe different types of eggs as we learn all about oviparous animals. Dye your own eggs; then take to the trail to see if we can spot any nesting birds or baby animals. Ages 6+.

FEE: \$8 per child. CLASS #31698

#### BIRD WALK:

##### Cool Things Come in Small Packages

(Ann Graham)

Sat. Mar. 28, 9:30am - 12:30pm

The American Wigeon's bill is small compared to other ducks, but the tip of its bill has greater strength and force making it more efficient at dislodging vegetation. Meet at the West Winton trailhead to walk to Cogswell Marsh. Ages 12+.

FEE: \$5. CLASS #31718

#### Leopard Shark

**Feeding Frenzy** (Staff)

Sun. Mar 29, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Help a naturalist feed resident leopard sharks, perch and gopher snake. Learn about them and other aquatic and land inhabitants. All ages. FREE

### APRIL

#### TODDLER RAMBLE:

##### How Do You Like This

**Weather?** (Ann Graham)

Fri. Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 - 11:15am

Explore all kinds of weather from the blustery wind to the warming sun.

Make weather charts, do experiments, and hike to check out the weather ourselves. Ages 1 to 3.

FEE: \$5 per child.

Apr. 3, #31680 Apr. 10, #31681

Apr. 17, #31682 Apr. 24, #31683

#### NATURE DETECTIVES:

##### An Octopus' Garden

(Linden Rayton)

Sat. Apr. 4, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Periodically, the giant Pacific octopus appears near San Francisco. Explore the wonderful wiggly world of octopi, and their smaller squid cousins. Ages 3 to 5.

FEE: \$7 per child. CLASS #31692

#### Busy Bunnies

(Shayna Butler)

Sun. Apr. 5, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Get a snuggle from an Easter bunny, learn about Jackrabbits that call the shoreline home, hike to discover hare homes, and create a bunny craft. All ages.

FEE: \$8 per person. CLASS #31699

#### BIRD WALK:

##### Your Presence is

**Requested** (Ann Graham)

Sat. Apr. 11, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Sandpipers ready for migration, nesting birds may have young in tow, and raptors are watching it all. In other words...it's a party and you're invited! Join the festivities at the Interpretive



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Center. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5. CLASS #31719

### **VOLUNTEER: Weekend Weed Warriors**

(Patti Workover)

Sun. Apr. 12, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

See description from March 8.

### **BIRD WALK: Feathered Tradition**

(Ann Graham)

Sat. Apr. 18, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Join our annual walk at Coyote Hills.

Last year's highlight was a heron eating a lizard! Who knows what we'll see this year. Meet at the 2nd parking lot next to the nature center; \$5 parking fee. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5. CLASS #31720

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### **Let's Go Fishing** (Patti Workover)

Sun. Apr. 19, 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Fishing is a fun way to see the animals living in the Bay. Learn rigging, ethics, and ecology while hiking and fishing. Gear provided. Participants age 16+ must have a fishing license. Ages 6+.

FEE: \$12 per person. CLASS #31695

### **Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy** (Staff)

Sat. Apr. 25, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

See description from March 29.

### **Making Tracks** (Shayna Butler)

Sun. Apr. 26, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Discover who's been making tracks at the shoreline. Make art with paw print stamps. Then take a trip out on the trail to search for footprints! Ages 3+. FEE: \$8 per child. CLASS #31700

## MAY

### **TODDLER RAMBLE:**

#### **May Messiness** (Ann Graham)

Fri. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 - 11:15am

Find how it feels to get dirty, sticky, and smudgy. Bring extra clothes and

rainboots on May 1 and 29 to play in the mud. Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$5 per child.

May 1, #31684 May 8, #31685

May 15, #31686 May 22, #31687

May 29, #31688

### **NATURE DETECTIVES:**

#### **Nature Art** (Linden Rayton)

Sat. May 2, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Explore the marsh and bring out your inner artist! Search outside for materials and inspiration to experiment with different kinds of art. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$7 per child. CLASS #31693

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### **Shoreline Mother's Day**

#### **Tea Party** (Nancy Ceridwyn)

Sat. May 9, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Walk the trails to enjoy the day, celebrate mothers, find edibles, then return to the center for a tea party and savor the bounty of our bayside marsh. Ages 16+. FEE: \$8. CLASS #31715

### **BIRD WALK:**

#### **It's Like a Needle Pulling Thread** (Ann Graham)

Sat. May 9, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

During low tide, the mud is exposed for foraging shorebirds. Look out for dowitchers probing with a repetitive motion similar to sewing-machine needles. Meet at the Grant Ave. parking lot. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5. CLASS #31721

#### **Metamorphosis** (Shayna Butler)

Sun. May 10, 11:00pm - 12:30pm

Meet animals that go through amazing transformations. Look for butterflies along the trail and create a Mother's Day craft to take home. Ages 6+.

FEE: \$8 per child. CLASS #31701

### **VOLUNTEER:**

#### **Shoreline Trash Takers**

(Linden Rayton)

Sat. May 16, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Grab your gloves and goodwill to help the marsh get rid of the trash accumulated since our last clean-up. Trash bags and gloves provided. All ages.

### **VOLUNTEER:**

#### **Weekend Weed Warriors**

(Patti Workover)

Sun. May 17, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

See description from March 8.

### **BIRD WALK:**

#### **Raise Your Hand If You Want a Piggyback Ride**

(Ann Graham)

Sat. May 23, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Look out for chicks of all kinds in the freshwater marsh such as the Eared Grebe who makes floating nests.

Their young don't leave the water and climb on their parent's backs for a ride. Meet at the Interpretive Center.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$5. CLASS #31722

### **Wild and Edible Plants**

#### **Hike** (Patti Workover)

Sun. May 24, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Hike into restricted areas of the shoreline to taste plants growing in the marsh. Learn about historical uses by indigenous peoples and how they are used today. Ages 6+. FEE: \$6 per person. CLASS #31702

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### **Dipnetting in the Channel**

(Linden Rayton)

Sat. May 30, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Bring your boots (and maybe a change of clothes)! Dip nets into the channel and see how many crabs, snails, mussels and baby fish we can catch. Ages 5+.

FEE: \$3 per child. CLASS #31975

### **Let's Go Fishing** (Shayna Butler)

Sun. May 31, 11:00am - 2:00pm

See description from April 19.

CLASS #31696