



HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HAYWARD SHORELINE INTERPRETIVE CENTER



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Naturalist Programs for Winter 2016

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DECEMBER

TODDLER RAMBLE: Works of Art!

(Ann Graham/Aaron Aguilar)
Fridays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18
10:30am-11:15am and 2:30pm-3:15pm
We are painting this month, but in ways you might not have thought of - using vegetables, shaving cream, and tea bags. Ages 1-3. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD.
CLASS# DEC 4 - 10:30AM: #33508 | 2:30PM: #33509
CLASS# DEC 11- 10:30AM: #33510 | 2:30PM: #33511
CLASS# DEC 18- 10:30AM: #33512 | 2:30PM: #33513

NATURE DETECTIVES: Things that Float and Things that Don't (Elena Frink)

Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:00am-12:00pm
What floats in fresh water? Will it float in salt water too? Experiment with different floats and make boats to set free on the outgoing tide. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD. CLASS #33446

Remarkable Reptiles (Patti Workover)

Sunday, Dec. 6, 11:00am-12:00pm
Observe up close the lizards and snakes that live at the Interpretive Center. Learn how these animals are different from mammals, feel their scales, and watch them eat. Ages 5+.
FEE: \$5 PER CHILD. CLASS #33452

What Waters Make Our Bay? (Elena Frink)

Saturday, Dec. 19, 10:30am-12:00pm
Walk along the shoreline to discover more about this unique body of water. Play games to learn about the water cycle. Explore what you can do to conserve water in your life. Ages 6+.
FEE: \$5 PER CHILD. CLASS #33453

BIRD WALK: Giving Chase to the Toothless Sawbill (Ann Graham)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:30am-12:30pm
There is a bird spotted around the Bay during winter that has such a distinctive beak it is called a "sawbill." The Red-breasted Merganser appears to have teeth, but actually has a specialized serrated bill to catch fish underwater. Meet at the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve parking lot. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 PER PERSON. CLASS #33732

VOLUNTEER: Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Have a positive impact on the environment. We need your enthusiasm to remove non-native plants that threaten shoreline diversity. Refreshments provided. Bring gloves or borrow ours. Ages 12+. FREE

Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy (Staff)

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Help a naturalist feed our resident leopard shark, surfperch and gopher snakes. Learn more about them and our other wild inhabitants. Who will get to the food first? All Ages. FREE

JANUARY

TODDLER RAMBLE: Wind, Water or Sun? (Ann Graham/Aaron Aguilar)

Fridays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29
10:30am-11:15am and 2:30pm-3:15pm
Play rainy day games that include different kinds of weather. Make some wind inside, pretend we are at the beach on a sunny day, and if it is raining outside, make sure to bring rain boots so we can splash in some puddles! Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD.
CLASS# JAN 8 - 10:30AM: #35063 | 2:30PM: #35064
CLASS# JAN 15- 10:30AM: #35065 | 2:30PM: #35066
CLASS# JAN 22- 10:30AM: #35067 | 2:30PM: #35068
CLASS# JAN 29- 10:30AM: #35069 | 2:30PM: #35070

NATURE DETECTIVES: Tracking Detectives (Elena Frink)

Saturday, Jan 2, 11:00am-12:00pm
What evidence can we find of animals at the shoreline? From nibbled leaves to tracks in the mud, we will look for traces of animals that live here but may be out of sight! Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD. CLASS #35135

Hiking Through History (Patti Workover)

Sunday, Jan. 3, 11:00am-1:00pm
Hike through closed areas to see artifacts from the days when salt harvesting was a major industry. Get up close to salt flats and protected wildlife areas while discussing the history of San Francisco Bay. Receive a free shoreline history booklet. Ages 16+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. CLASS #35138

BIRD WALK: Field Trip to the Central Valley in Search of Cranes (Ann Graham)

Saturday, Jan. 9, 1:00pm-6:00pm
Our annual walk at the Cosumnes River Preserve Visitor Center, northwest of Lodi, is not a trip to miss! Along with Sandhill Cranes, we might spy a shrike or even a Great Horned Owl which were hits last year. If you have been meaning to explore these wetlands in the past, but didn't want to trek there alone, this is the day for you. You must preregister to attend. Organized carpools available - further information provided upon registration. Ages 12+.
FEE: \$20 PER PERSON. CLASS #35140

VOLUNTEER: Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Jan. 10, 1:00pm-4:00pm
See description from Dec. 13. Ages 12+. FREE



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VOLUNTEER:

Shoreline Trash Takers

Sunday, Jan. 24, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Grab your work gloves and your goodwill; the salt marsh needs your help getting rid of the trash that has accumulated since our last clean-up. We will provide the trash bags and some gloves to loan. All ages. FREE

There's Treasure Everywhere (Aaron Aguilar)

Sunday, Jan. 17, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Explore marsh channels and dipnet to find the treasures that lie beneath the water's surface. Collect plankton samples and view these hidden gems with the help of microscopes. Ages 6+. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD. CLASS #35093

Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy (Staff)

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2:00pm-3:00pm
See description from Dec. 20.

Nature Photography: Exploration & Appreciation

(Tony Iwane)
Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:00am-12:00pm
Photography is a great way to engage with the world around us! Learn techniques to find and photograph wetland flora and fauna during a fun, easy workshop and hike. All experience levels welcome. Any camera (including a smartphone) is fine. Ages 13+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. CLASS #35094

FEBRUARY

TODDLER RAMBLE: How Many Senses Do We Have Again?

(Ann Graham/Aaron Aguilar)
Fridays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26
10:30am-11:15am and 2:30pm-3:15pm
Each week we will focus on one of

our unique senses; because there are only four Fridays this month, we'll make sure to taste pickleweed every week! Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD.

CLASS# FEB 5 - 10:30AM: #35071 | 2:30PM: #35072
CLASS# FEB 12- 10:30AM: #35073 | 2:30PM: #35074
CLASS# FEB 19- 10:30AM: #35075 | 2:30PM: #35076
CLASS# FEB 26- 10:30AM: #35077 | 2:30PM: #35078

NATURE DETECTIVES:

Reptiles Rangers (Elena Frink)

Saturday, Feb. 6, 11:00am-12:00pm
Let's learn about reptiles that live at the shoreline by meeting the lizards and snakes that live in our habitat room. We will also search for wild reptiles on a walk down the trail. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD. CLASS #35136

Tidepooling Time (Tony Iwane)

Saturday, Feb. 7, 3:30pm-5:30pm
When tides ebb away, creatures come out and play! Hike to tidepools to look for animals and plants who make homes there. Each pool is a whole world unto itself. Meet at the trailhead at 3050 W. Winton Ave. Ages 5+. FEE: \$6 PER CHILD. CLASS #35095

BIRD WALK: Be Still, My Beating Heart

(Ann Graham)
Saturday, Feb 13. 12:00pm-2:00pm
As it is Valentine's, our focus today is the bird whose heart beats the fastest: 1260 beats per minute! If you haven't guessed, we are looking for the Anna's Hummingbird. Nesting has begun and we should easily spot a singing male showing his beautiful throat feathers. Meet at the Grant Ave. trailhead. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 PER PERSON. CLASS #35141

VOLUNTEER: Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Feb. 14, 1:00pm-4:00pm
See description from Dec. 19.

That Feathered Lifestyle

(Elena Frink)
Saturday, Feb. 20, 11:00pm-12:00pm
Birds are fascinating creatures who live on land, water and in the air. Look at birds up close and from afar to learn more about their interesting adaptations and behaviors. Ages 5+. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD. CLASS #35096

Walk n' Chomp (Aaron Aguilar)

Sunday, Feb. 21, 11:00pm-12:30pm
Hike through the salt marsh and learn about the array of animals who call it home. Help feed our resident animal representatives as we venture through our habitat room. Ages 5+. FEE: \$5 PER CHILD. CLASS #35097

BIRD WALK: A Murder of Crows: But What's a Harassment!

(Ann Graham)
Saturday, Feb. 27, 10:00am-1:00pm
One of our favorite predator birds at the shoreline is the Northern Harrier with its cool owl-like adaptations and distinct sexual dimorphism. A group of these birds is known as a "harassment of harriers." Meet at the West Winton trailhead and search for these rodent harassers. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 PER PERSON. CLASS #35142

Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy (Staff)

Saturday, Feb 27, 2:00pm-3:00pm
See description from Dec 20.

Outstanding Owl Pellets

(Patti Workover)
Sunday, Feb. 28, 11:00pm-12:30pm
Dissect owl pellets using scientific tools and identify what species are prey for barn owls. Look at bones under microscopes and piece together a picture of skeletons you find. Ages 6+. FEE: \$8 PER CHILD. CLASS #35098