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Agua Hedionda Lagoon (Carlsbad) 1580 Cannon Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92008	(760) 804-1969 http://lagoon.aguahedionda.org/agua-hedionda-lagoon-discovery-center	Pre-K and K. Field trip. Grade 3. Ways of the Watershed (Native Americans, habitats, impacts on the lagoon) Grade 4. Becoming California (colonization, adaptations, earth science)		http://lagoon.aguahedionda.org/agua-hedionda-lagoon-discovery-center/academy-for-environmental-stewardship	Serve tribal reservations.
Anza Borrego Foundation 587 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs, CA 92004	(760) 767-4205 Ashley Kvitik ashley@theabf.org	Grade 5. Camp Borrego, three-day outdoor education camp.		http://www.theabf.org/camp	Some scholarships available.
Anza Borrego Foundation			Virtual field trips through PORTS=Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students	http://www.theabf.org/virtual-field-trips	
Bataquitos Lagoon Foundation (Carlsbad) 7380 Gabbiano Ln, Carlsbad, CA 92011	(760) 931-0800 http://www.bataquitosfoundation.org/visit/childrenswalks@bataquitosfoundation.org	Docent-led tours featuring wetlands, geology, birds, water, and other topics.		http://www.bataquitosfoundation.org/2011/lagoon/school-walks/	
Biomimicry San Diego	http://biomimicrysandiego.org/biomimicry-education/	Grades K-12. Nature guided walks to discover amazing adaption strategies for local organisms use to thrive and survive		http://biomimicrysandiego.org/biomimicry-education/	
Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		4	Teacher Professional Development	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/Learning_Resources/Professional_Development/	
Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		Pre-K. Sea Stories and Meet & Greet the Sea	Pre-K: Sea Stories and Meet & Greet the Sea	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/Aquarium_Classes/	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/financial_aid.php
Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		Grades K-2. Colossal Kelp, Tide Pool Treasures, Fascinating Fish, Sandy Shores	K-2: Colossal Kelp, Tide Pool Treasures, Fascinating Fish, and Sandy Shores	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/Aquarium_Classes/	

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Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		Grades 3-5. Fish Diversity, Creatures of the Kelp, Sensational Sharks, Can You Dig it?, Fish Dissection, and Squid Dissection	Grades 3-5: Fish Diversity, Creatures of the Kelp, Fish Dissection, and Squid Dissection	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/Aquarium_Classes/	
Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		Grades 6-8. Earth Rocks!, Mussel Clump Diversity, Sharks in the Spotlight, Energy Challenge, Fish Dissection, and Squid Dissection	Grades 6-8: Earth Rocks!, Energy Challenge, Fish Dissection, Squid Dissection, Mussel Clump Diversity	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/Aquarium_Classes/	
Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography		Grades 9-12. Fish Dissection, Squid Dissection, Mussel Clump Diversity, and Energy Challenge	Grades 9-12: Fish Dissection, Squid Dissection, Mussel Clump Diversity, and Energy Challenge	http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Education/School_Programs/Aquarium_Classes/	
Blue Sky Ecological Reserve (Poway), 16275 Espola Rd, Poway, CA 92064	(858) 668-4781 http://poway.org/351/School-Programs	Grades 2-5. School tours in coastal sage scrub and chaparral-covered hills	Grade 2. Flowers Grade 3. Adaptations Grade 4. Food webs, native and non-native species Grade 5. Plant structure		
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center (Carlsbad) 2202 S. Coast Highway Oceanside, CA 92054	760-439-2473 http://bvaudubon.org/education/	Grades 1-2. Insects, Animals		http://www.bvaudubon.org/Education.htm	School bus grants for Title I schools in Vista San Marcos, Oceanside. 1-page vocabulary and concepts covered on field trips.
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center (Carlsbad)		Grades 3-5. Birds, Native American History, Wetlands, and Watersheds (including runoff and pollution)		http://www.bvaudubon.org/Education.htm	School bus grants for Title I schools in Vista San Marcos and Oceanside
Cabrillo National Monument 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr, San Diego, CA 92106	http://cabrilloeducation.com/new-page	Grades K-12. Ranger-led field trips to tidal pools and coastal sage scrub habitats. Also visitor center, films, and interactive exhibits.	Teacher packet at http://www.nps.gov/cabr/forteachers/upload/Life%20in%20Coastal%20Sage%20Scrub%20Teacher%20Packet.pdf	http://cabrilloeducation.com/new-page	Teachers' guides available for Plant Adaptations, Biodiversity-Bioblitz, Tidepooling, Ocean Acidification

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County of San Diego Parks and Recreation	858 966-1331 http://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/AboutUs/Plans/EnviroEd.html	Grades K-6. Field trips to Louis Stelzer, Lindo Lake, and Dos Picos County Parks. Themes include Birds, Plants, Geology, Nature Awareness, and Native American history	Discovery Kits include pre-field trip activities for classroom, field trip in the park, and post-field trip activities.	http://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/AboutUs/Plans/EnviroEd.html	Sponsorships (scholarships) available for field trips to the three parks
Earth Discovery Institute	(619) 447-4715 http://earthdiscovery.org/science-service-learning-2/	Grades 4-5. Explore Crestridge Ecological Reserve with expert naturalists. Students participate in hands-on activities, habitat restoration, and journaling.		http://earthdiscovery.org/science-service-learning-2/	Cajon Valley USD, South Bay Union USD, Chula Vista ESD, and Jamul-Dulzura Union ESD
Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 238-1233 x806 Mary, Sina http://www.rhfleet.org/learn/educators-resource-guide	Pre-K-2. Senses. States of Matter. Grades K-4. Adventurous Architects. K-3. Habitats. Inspect Inspectors. Sounds. Weather. Grades 3-5. Solar System.		http://www.rhfleet.org/learn/educators-resource-guide/workshops	
Fleet Science Center		Grades 4-6. Body Works. Chemistry. Grades 3-7. Electricity-Magnetism. Energy Explorers. Forensic Detectives. Grades 6-8. Forces in Action. Solar Science. Superhero Genetics.		http://www.rhfleet.org/learn/educators-resource-guide/workshops	
Fleet Science Center			Pre-K-2. Senses. States of Matter. Grades K-4. Adventurous Architects. K-3. Habitats. Inspect Inspectors. Sounds. Weather. Grades 3-5. Solar System.	http://www.rhfleet.org/learn/educators-resource-guide/workshops	
Fleet Science Center			Grades 4-6. Body Works. Chemistry. Grades 3-7. Electricity-Magnetism. Energy Explorers. Forensic Detectives. Grades 6-8. Forces in Action. Solar Science. Superhero Genetics.	http://www.rhfleet.org/learn/educators-resource-guide/workshops	
Friends of Rose Canyon	rosecanyon@san.rr.com	Grades 1-6. Field trips to nearby canyons, for classes and youth groups		www.rosecanyon.org	
Friends of Tecolote Canyon	Joan Brosnan friendsoftecolotecanyon@gmail.com				

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Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek	JoAnna Proctor, joanna@groundworksandiego.org	Field trip to Earth Lab. Modules include native plants, pollinators, ecosystems, soil composition, composting.	JoAnna Proctor joanna@groundworksandiego.org	http://groundworksandiego.org/earthlab/schedule-earthlab-field-trip/	Earth Lab adjacent to Millennial Tech MS at 1110 Carolina Ave, San Diego
I Love A Clean San Diego		Beach clean-up days, school classes are welcome at public clean-up days		http://cleansd.org/e_programs.php	
I Love A Clean San Diego			Grades 1-12: Classroom presentations and/or assemblies on Watershed education, Recycling, and Ocean conservation	http://cleansd.org/e_presentations.php	
Living Coast Discovery Center		Grades pre-K. Move it! Hooterific. Storytime.		http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/	
Living Coast Discovery Center		Grades K-2. Crawling Crabs. Slithering Snakes. Arthropods All Around. Beaks and Feet. Budding Botanists. Perfect Pollinators.	Grades K-2. Crawling Crabs	http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/	http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/educationsponsor
Living Coast Discovery Center 1000 Gunpowder Point Dr, Chula Vista, CA 91910	(619) 409-5900	Grades 3-5. Archeological Dig. Crustacean Lab. Food Chain Hunt. Geology Rocks. Something's Fishy Something's Squidy. Survivor: A Sharks Tale. Survivor in the Saltmarsh. Moons and Tides.	Grades 3-5. Crustacean Lab. Food Chain Hunt. Geology Rocks. Something's Fishy. Something's Squidy. Survivor in the Saltmarsh. and Tides.	http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/	Field trips offered to all schools. Focused program with Chula Vista schools.
Living Coast Discovery Center		Grades 6-8. Watershed Chemistry. Plankton and Pollution. Eat, Don't Get Eaten. Fish N' Me Anatomy Squid N' Me Anatomy. The Good, Bad and Bizarre.	Grades 6-8. Watershed Chemistry. Plankton and Pollution. Eat, Don't Get Eaten. Fish N' Me Anatomy Squid N' Me Anatomy. The Good, Bad and Bizarre.	http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/	
Living Coast Discovery Center		Grades 9-12. Jr Ichthyologist. Where's My Shell. Advanced Water-Ecosystems Chemistry.	Grades 9-12. Jr. Ichthyologist. Where's my shell?	http://www.thelivingcoast.org/schools-teachers/	
Master Gardeners of San Diego County	(858) 822-6910 www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/schools	Assists teachers in starting and maintaining gardens at their respective schools, presentations, and consultants	School garden consultant can assist teachers and school staff to establish, maintain, and use school garden and native habitat.	http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/schools/schoolconsultant.php	

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Mission Trails Regional Park One Father Junipero Serra Tr., San Diego, CA 92119	Mel Naidas (619) 668-3277 MNaidas@mtrp.org	Grades K-2. What is a Habitat. Grade 3. Kumeyaay People. Grade 4. Old Mission Dam. Grades 5-6: Ecosystems of Mission Trails		http://www.mtrp.org/school_trips	
Ocean Discovery Institute			Grade 3. Sea life. Grade 4. Ecosystems. Grade 5. Water and Weather. Grade 6. Global Action		Programs only available for schools in City Heights, SD Unified SD
Ocean Discovery Institute 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, Suite A	858.488.3849 http://oceansdiscoveryinstitute.org/programs/s/school-based/	Field trips to support school programs in City Heights.		http://oceansdiscoveryinstitute.org/programs/	
Project Wildlife 887 Sherman St, San Diego, CA 92110	http://www.projectwildlife.org/school.php 619-225-9453		Grades 2-12. Presenters bring Animal Ambassadors to learn about the natural history and importance of local species, and ways to better coexist with all wildlife.	http://www.projectwildlife.org/school.php	All school presentations are free.
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County 11769 Waterhill Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040	(619) 562-0096 http://www.rcdsandiego.org/home.aspx#		Grades 2, 5 and 6. One-hour program 3-D model of watershed, students "pollute" the model and observe how the pollutants affect the environment.	http://www.rcdsandiego.org/watershed_education_program.aspx	6-page handout on watershed learning.
San Diego Audubon Society 4010 Morena Blvd, San Diego, CA 92117	Rebecca Angona 858-273-7800 angona@sandiegoaudubon.org	Grades 1-8. OutdoorExplore! Naturalist led hikes to nearby nature spaces to introduce students to the local habitats, flora and fauna of their communities.		http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/our-work/education/outdoor-explorer	
San Diego Audubon Society		Grade 4. Naturalist-guided field trip to Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary in Lakeside, where students gain a natural history understanding of chaparral and coastal sage scrub habitats	Grade 4, one-hour classroom lesson to prepare students for field trip to Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary in Lakeside.	http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/our-work/education/silverwood-science-discovery	

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San Diego Audubon Society		Grades 4 and. Naturalist-guided field trips to Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve in Vista, featuring local species, water quality and habitat restoration.		http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/our-work/education/anstine-adventures	For students in Vista USD
San Diego Canyonlands	Miranda Hyldahl miranda@sdcanyonlands.org	No formal education programs. Volunteer service projects can be arranged for older students.		http://sdcanyonlands.org/programs/youth-programs	
San Diego Children's Discovery Museum 320 N Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025	(760) 233-7755 Amanda Martin http://sdcdm.org/programs/group amandam@sdcdm.org	Grades PreK-3. Workshops on life, earth and physical science topics.		http://sdcdm.org/field-trip-workshop	
San Diego Coastkeeper 2825 Dewey Rd #200, San Diego, CA 92106	Sandra LeBron, mailto:slebron@sdcoastkeeper.org 619.758.7743		Grades K-12. Water Education for All, environmental science and stewardship curriculum,	http://www.sdcoastkeeper.org/learn/drinkable/water-education-for-all	
San Diego Coastkeeper			Grades K-3 and 4-6. Provides teacher training and resources to SD Unified and Oceanside School Districts in Project SWELL (Stewardship: Hands-on water science and pollution prevention lessons. Water Education for Lifelong Leadership)	http://www.sdcoastkeeper.org/learn/drinkable/project-swell.html	
San Diego County Office of Education			Grades 4-6. Splash Science Mobile Lab. Six hands-on stations involving microscopes with live specimens, chemistry experiments, and activities on state-of-the-art computers.	http://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/outdoored/Pages/splash-science-mobile-lab.aspx	
San Diego County Office of Education			Grades K-4. Green Machine. Soils science, integrated pest management, and water cycle.	http://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/outdoored/Pages/green-machine.aspx	

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San Diego County Office of Education		Grade 6. Cuyamaca Outdoor School. Includes biology, botany, geology, meteorology, astronomy, citizen science, outdoor skills and Native American traditions.		http://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/outdoored/Pages/outdoor-schools-6th-grade-camp.aspx	
San Diego County Office of Education		Grades 3-12. Marine Science Floating Lab. Half-day field trip in the San Diego Bay on a boat outfitted with oceanographic equipment.		http://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/outdoored/Pages/marine-science-floating-lab.aspx	
San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park San Diego, CA 92101	619.255.0349	Grade 1. Desert and Chaparral Grade 2. Habitats. Grades K-2. Arthropods		http://sdnhm.org/education/school-programs/come-to-us/classes-2016/	
San Diego Natural History Museum		Grade 3. Survivor. Grade 4. Mountains and Wetlands. Fossils. Grades 3-4. Spineless Wonders. Grade 5. Decomposers. Water and Human Impact.		http://sdnhm.org/education/school-programs/come-to-us/classes-2016/	
San Diego Natural History Museum		Grades 2-8. Docent-led tours. Exhibits = Fossil Mysteries. Coast to Cactus in Southern Calif. Water-A Calif. Story. Door to the Desert.		http://sdnhm.org/education/school-programs/come-to-us/docent-led-tours	
San Diego Natural History Museum			Pre-K. Mammals. Fossils. Grades K-1. Mammals. Weather. Grade 2. Flora and Fauna. Landforms. Grade 3. Survivor. Grade 4. Fossils. Grades 4-5. Elements. K-5. Native Kumeyaay. (Led by educators)	http://sdnhm.org/education/school-programs/welcome-to-you/educator-classes-2016	
San Diego Natural History Museum			PreK-1. Exploring your Backyard. Oceans from Shore to Deep. Reptile Friends. Pond Pals. Grades K-2. Insects. Grades 2-5. Our Region's Habitats. Grades 2-8. Fossil Tales. (Led by Docents)	http://sdnhm.org/education/school-programs/welcome-to-you/docent-classes-2016	

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San Diego River Park Foundation		Grades K-8. Cool River Program for students to use scientific tools to look at real "River Bugs," follow Gil the fish in a simulated journey down the watershed, and explore the San Diego River with a naturalist.		http://sandiegoriver.org/cool_river.html	
San Diego Zoo Global		Grades K-12. Field Trips.		http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/content/field-trips-%E2%80%93-grades-k%E2%80%9312	Some curriculum available, about global zoo issues and science.
San Diego Zoo Global			Classroom kits. Grades K-3. Animal Adaptations. Grades 3-6. Habitats. Grades 6-12. The Cutting Edge.	http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/content/classroom-kits	Some scholarships available.
San Diego Zoo Safari Park		Grades PreK-s. Fur, feathers, and scales. Grades 3-5. Save our Aquatic Resources. Grades K-12. Conservation in Action.		http://sdzsafaripark.org/education/guided-field-trips	Some scholarships available.
San Diego Zoo Safari Park		Self-guided field trips		http://sdzsafaripark.org/education/self-guided-field-trips	Some scholarships available.
San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research		Grades 5-12. Labs that focus on genetics, endocrinology, bioacoustics, radiotelemetry, and biodiversity.		http://institute.sandiegozoo.org/opportunities/student-and-teacher-programs	
San Dieguito River Park	Leana Bulay 858-674-2270 leana@sdrp.org	Field trips around Lake Hodges, Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and the San Dieguito Lagoon. Habitat restoration, trail maintenance, and Native Plant nursery work.			Scout projects, volunteer hours and internships are available to students.
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy	Program Administrator, (858) 755-6956, weadmin@sdrvc.org	Grades 5-12. Watershed Explorers Program. Five separate field trips throughout the San Dieguito Watershed including Volcan Mountain Nature Center, Lake Sutherland, San Diego		www.watershedexplorers.org	

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San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center 2710 Manchester Ave. Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007	Elayna Flanders (760) 436-3944 x 702, elayna@sanelijo.org	Exploring Habitats. Gr K-2 Adaptations Gr 3		http://www.sanelijo.org/school-programs	Serves only selected local schools. 20-page teacher resources for each lesson.
San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy		Kumeyaay: Grades 3-5 Rhythms of Wetlands: Grades 3-5 Food Chains & Food Webs: Gr 4 Watersheds and Water Resources:		http://www.sanelijo.org/school-programs	http://www.sanelijo.org/ForTeachers
San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy		Grades 6-8. Watershed Biodiversity		http://www.sanelijo.org/school-programs	
San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy		Grades 9-12. Native, Invasive and Endangered Species (for AP Environmental Science Classes)		http://www.sanelijo.org/school-programs	
The Escondido Creek Conservancy	Simon Breen simon@escondidocreek.org	Grades 3. Adaptations. Grade 4. Watersheds.	Classroom presentation before field trip, and post-trip stewardship activity.	http://escondidocreek.org/elfin-forest-recreational-reserve/schedule-a-fieldtrip/	
Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve	Anne Marie Tipton annemarie.tipton@parks.ca.gov	Grades 1-6: MARSH (Marsh Awareness with Resources for Slough Habitats) Observe and record upland plants and shorebirds		http://trnerr.org/marsh/	Mandatory 2-hour training for participating teachers. No fee. Limited transportation funds.
Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve		Grades 3-6: Tijuana Estuary Explorers: Field journal to guide observations about wetlands and estuary.		http://trnerr.org/explorers/	Mandatory 3-hour training for participating teachers. No fee. Limited transportation funds.
Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve		Grades 6-12. Field trips to the Tijuana Estuary.		http://trnerr.org/high-school-curriculum/	Mandatory 16-hour training for teachers. No fee. Limited transportation funds.

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Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve 12600 N Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla, CA 92037	858-755-2063 childrensprogram@torreypine.org	Grade 2-5: Reserve, plants and habitats. Grades 3-5. Ecosystems and Food Chains. Grades 2-5. Geology Grades 3-4. Native Americans-the Kumeyaay. Grades 2-5. Ocean, Whales & Dolphins	Elementary School Grades 2-5: Docent-led Program K-12 Schools: Self-guided Program Non-K-12 Schools: College Program Scouts or Senior Groups	https://torreypine.org/ed/uprograms/docent-led-program/	2-page summaries of Habitats and Geology on Red Butte Loop and Guy Fleming trails
Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve		K-12. Naturalist Talk and Self-guided Program.	K-12 Schools: Self-guided Program	https://torreypine.org/ed/uprograms/self-guided-program/	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Diego Refuge	Chantel Jimenez chantel_jimenez@fws.gov		Field trips featuring coastal sage scrub, tide pools, or San Diego history	https://www.fws.gov/refuge/san diego/	
Volcan Mountain Nature Center-22850 Volcan Road, Julian, CA 92036	Janice (760-765-2300 vmseducation@volcanmt.org	Field trips at Volcan Mountain Reserve, near Santa Isabel	Watershed Explorers In-Classroom Presentations Outdoor Education Service Learning	http://www.volcanmt.org/outdoor-education	
Volcan Mountain Foundation			In-Classroom Presentation before field trip, for understanding the mixed oak and coniferous forest, animals, and active learning skills.	http://www.volcanmt.org/classroom-presentations	