

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

All programs are held at this Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.
Crab Cove Visitor Center and Aquarium **SPRING HOURS** begin in March:
Wednesday-Sunday 10am-5pm.

CRAB COVE WEEKDAY FUN! ☼

Join us for programs designed for you and your children. We'll play games, explore nature, sing songs, and do a craft related to the day's theme!

**Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS
(1-888-327-2757, option 2, then 3)**

SEA SIBLINGS

Tuesday, March 2 & 16, 10-11am
Spend an hour with your preschooler and their younger sibling for an introduction to outdoor fun.

March 2: Everything Needs a Home
#23680

March 16: Flowers of Spring **#23681**
Fee: \$4

SEA SQUIRTS

Tuesday, March 9, 10-11:30am
Share a morning of shoreline fun with your pre-school age child. Snack included. (3-5 years).

March 9: Everything Needs a Home
#23690

Fee: \$6 (\$8 non-res.)

ESTUARY EXPLORERS

Tuesday, March 9, 3:30-5pm
School-age kids like exploring nature, playing outdoors, and learning more independently – no parents required. Join us for this afterschool program! Snack included. (6-8 years).

March 9: Everything Needs a Home
#23709

Fee: \$6 (\$8 non-res.)



CATCH OF THE DAY ☼ ⊕

Saturdays and Sundays in March, 2-3pm
Interpretive Staff

Meet Bay fish, birds, crabs and more in these free, fun programs. Spring into a new adventure each weekend! Drop by to explore, enjoy the aquariums and Cove. Come often!

For information, call (510) 544-3187.

BIRDING ON THE BAY ⊕ ☼

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Saturday March 13, 9am-10:30am

Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

The birds have discovered the secret shoreline, have you? Join a naturalist for a walk along the shore to spot magnificent birds feeding on the newly created mud flats. Rain cancels. (Adult).

For information, call (510) 272-4802.



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CREATE A FISHY KITE! ☉ ☘

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Saturday, March 13, 2:30-4pm,
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

Come fly a kite just for the halibut! Using recycled materials we will build a kite and then see if it will get off the ground. Rain cancels. (5+ years). For information, call (510) 272-4802.

NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AT CRAB COVE

Sunday, March 14, 1- 4:30pm
Michael Charnofsky, Naturalist

Spend an afternoon pruning, "preening" and planting around the visitor center, helping to convert our landscape into a Bay/wildlife friendly garden filled with California native plants. Snacks and refreshments served, tools provided, constant rain cancels. (8+ years). Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757, option 2, 3) #23705

KNOT IN MY BACKYARD! ☉ ☘

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Saturday, March 20, 1-2 pm
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

Learn the ropes of basic nautical knots such as the bowline, the sheet bend, a clove hitch and more! We'll connect fact and fiction of the Port of Oakland's past and future. (9+ years). For information, call (510) 272-4802.

SEA SHANTIES AND WORK SONGS ☉ ☘

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Saturday, March 20, 2:30-3:30pm
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

Sing on the steps of the Bay as we learn historical sea shanties and work songs of long ago. Bring your own ballads, instruments or songs you would like to share. For information, call (510) 272-4802.

SUNSET SPRING EQUINOX WALK ☉ ☘

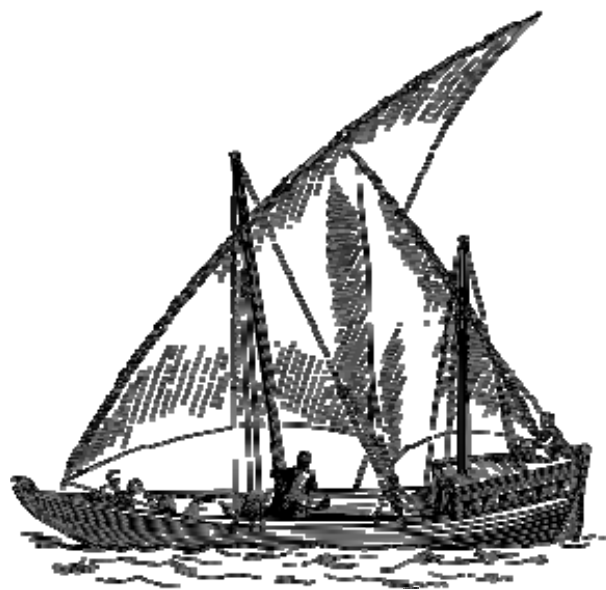
Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Saturday, March 20, 6-7:30pm
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

Pay tribute to the coming of spring as we take an easy stroll along the shoreline. Hear about equinox rituals around the world and participate in one of our own. (Adult). For information, call (510) 272-4802.

BIRDING BY EAR

Leona Canyon Preserve – Canyon Oaks Dr.
Saturday, March 21, 9:30-11:30am
Michael Charnofsky, Naturalist

Yes, it does count when you identify a bird by its song, and this park is a fantastic place for bird listeners to exercise those auditory skills! Meeting Spot: From HWY 13, take the Keller Ave exit and drive towards the hills on Keller for around 1 mile. Turn left on Campus Drive. Make the first right onto Canyon Oaks Drive, then make an immediate left to the end of the street to the trailhead parking area. (8+ years). Parent Participation Required. Constant rain cancels. For information, call (510) 544-3187.



FISH FEEDING TIME ☉ ☽
Sunday, March 21, 3:15-3:45pm
Interpretive Staff

Have an up-close experience with crabs, flounder, perch, and pipefish – just to name a few of our amazing animals – while they eat. Like a dive in the Bay without getting wet!
For information, call (510) 544-3187.



**EGG SCRAMBLE & ALAMEDA
SPRING FLING** ☽
Saturday, March 27, 10am-4pm
Interpretive Staff

Celebrate spring: enjoy family activities including Alameda Park and Recreation's annual egg hunt at 11:30am on the Visitor Center lawn. 10-11:30am pre-hunt activities include crafts, games, face painting, music. 11:30am Egg Hunt. 1:30-2pm Creatures of the Bay exploration. 2-3pm Low Tide Walk. 3-3:30pm Fish Feeding. Join us for fun activities going on all day.
For information, call (510) 544-3187.

CLAY BY THE BAY ☉ ☽
Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
March 27, 11am-12:30pm
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist

Discover the difference between seals and sea lions as we try and spot our fin-footed friends in the Bay. Then sculpt a seal or sea lion for you to take home. (5+years).
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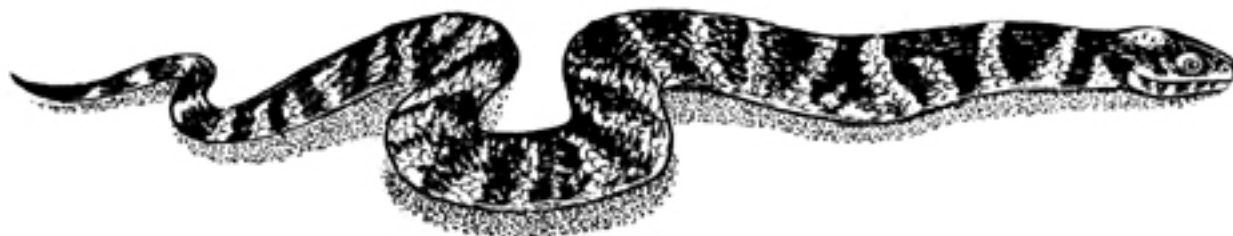
DUNE RESTORATION
Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
Tara Reinertson, Naturalist
Saturday, March 27, 2-4pm

Have some fun while helping remove invasive species! Learn about the unique native dune plants that live on the edge of the Bay. Gloves and snacks provided.
For information, call (510) 272-4802.



**VOLCANOES, QUARRIES, AND
LABYRINTHS**

Sibley Volcanic Preserve
Sunday, March 28, 1:30-4pm
Michael Charnofsky, Naturalist
Explore the remnants of an extinct volcano, exposed by years of quarrying and decorated by artists building labyrinths. Keep your eyes skyward for golden eagles and downward for wildflowers. (9+years).
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BIRTHDAY PARTIES!



Come celebrate your child's birthday at Crab Cove Visitor Center! We offer two themes to choose from:

Bay Critters or Reptiles.

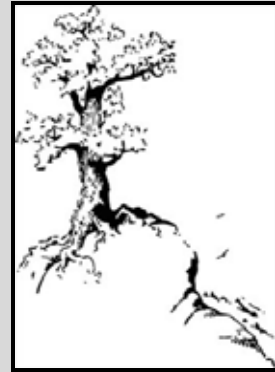
Your nature-themed party will include:

- Guided Outdoor Activities
- Program in our Old Wharf Classroom
- Nature Craft to make and take home
- Party Favor Bags

For kids ages 3-12 years.

Fee: \$75 for up to 10 children, then \$5.00 per additional child up to 15 children maximum. Offered on selected weekends only.

For more information and reservations call (510) 544-3187.



CALLING ALL TEACHERS

The interpretive staff offers unique, hands-on field programs to help you achieve the California State Content Standards. For more information please call or e-mail the visitor center and request our school program flyer and program application form along with our Program-State Science Standards correlation sheet. Or, visit us on the web to submit an application online. **Application deadline for SUMMER programs is Monday, May 3, 2010 by 5pm.**

If you missed our spring program deadline, call to inquire about a self-guided field trip option: (510) 544-3187.

See: www.ebparks.org/activities/educators

♿ = Wheelchair accessible

(non-res.) Residents outside of Alameda and Contra Costa counties

The Center's gift shop has books, t-shirts, and other nature-related items for sale.

Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities with advance notice.

For assistance, please call (510) 544-3187 or e-mail ccove@ebparks.org.

Register online for some classes: www.ebparksonline.org.

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