

Hidden Valley Nature Center

Scheduling and Preparing for Programs

How to Schedule a Program:

Call (951) 785-7452

When you call, please have ready:

- ✓ several preferred dates
- ✓ preferred program
- ✓ the number of children attending
- ✓ the school and grade
- ✓ contact name, phone & FAX numbers

Group Size

On most days, the nature center can handle 2 to 3 average classes (60-65 children total). If you are planning to bring more than 65 children we may need to schedule them for multiple days.

Fees/ Payment

- ✓ The program fee is \$4.00 per child.
- ✓ Payment can be made by cash, P.O. or check (payable to: HVWA) in advance or at the time of the program.

Confirmations/Cancellations

A faxed confirmation will be sent out prior to your visit. Please check this over

carefully to be sure all the information is correct. We do not proceed with the program in the case of rain; please call if you have any questions. Outreach programs are available at anytime.

Lunches

Please bring sack lunches and an extra bottle of water for each child. There are no drinking fountains available. Outside picnic tables are available for lunch. Lunch time is factored into the program.

Dress for success

Come prepared for the weather and count on being outside for most of the program. Children should wear a coat if the weather requires and closed toed shoes. Sunscreen and bug repellent are recommended.

Customizing

We are happy to work with you to customize our programs to best fit your instructional needs or the specific needs of your students. Our school tours are aligned to content standards for California. If you would like specific concepts, vocabulary or other information emphasized, please call as soon as possible to work out those specifics.

Driving Directions

From the 15 freeway: Take the 6th street exit in Norco-go east. At California, turn left. At the third stop sign (North Dr.), turn right. The entrance is approximately .6 mi on the left hand side.

Follow the dirt road back 1.3 mi. Parking is at the top of the hill. Nature Center is to the left.

From the 91 freeway: exit La Sierra. (Eastbound turn left on La Sierra; westbound turn right.) Where La Sierra ends, approximately 5 miles, turn left at Arlington. Follow 1 mile to Hidden Valley entrance, turn right. Follow the dirt road back 1.3 miles. Parking is at the top of the hill. Nature center is to the left.

Programs

All school programs include a hike, hands-on activities in the nature center, a related craft, a live animal presentation and a related game. The program typically lasts three hours and thirty minutes. This includes time for lunch. Program length can be adapted as needed.

Wetland Program Wet and Wild

(Recommended Grades PreK-6)

Take some low-lying land, add water, mix in lots of plants and animals; and what do you have? A wild and wonderful place called a *wetland*.

Wetlands make wonderful places to explore- and that is just what we will do.

Main Concepts:

- Importance and functions of wetlands
- Life cycles
- Adaptations
- Habitats
- Food chains/webs
- Predator and Prey
- Skulls and Teeth
- Animal tracks

Native American Program "River of Life"

(Recommended Grades 1-6)

Let us look back into time to a peaceful yet challenging life along the Santa Ana River, when Tongva (Gabrielino) children played games, men hunted for food and women prepared meals.

Emphasis is placed on the importance of the river and wetlands in the daily life of the Tongva prior to European settlement. Storytelling will be an integral part of the program.

Main Concepts:

- Social Structure
- Food Sources
- Tools
- Shelter
- Transportation
- Clothing
- Games and Music
- Storytelling

Water Program
The Influence of Effluent
(Call for Availability)
(Recommended Grades 2-6)

So where does all of the wastewater go when you drain the kitchen sink...flush the toilet...wash your car? How does the effluent help the environment, especially here at Hidden Valley? How is the wetlands part of the pollution solution?

We will meet Freddie the Fish and follow his adventures upstream. We will hike to the pond to test the water to see if Freddy can survive here.

Main Concepts:

- Water Cycle
- Water Shed
- Water Testing
- Food Chains
- Pollution
- Conservation

For older groups, you may want to call the Riverside Water Quality Treatment Plant to coordinate a free tour of that facility along with your visit to Hidden Valley. Their number is (951) 351-6140.

Bird Program
Beaks, Feathers, and Talons
Oh My!
(Recommended 3rd grade and up)

Join us for some high flying fun as we learn about our feathered friends. Before going on a hike, we will discuss what makes certain birds unique. Using binoculars, we will put our new-found knowledge to work as we attempt to identify the various types of birds that call Hidden Valley their home.

Main Concepts:

- **Characteristics**
- **Adaptations**
- **Migrations**
- **Identification**

Outreach Programs

(Please call for details and pricing.)

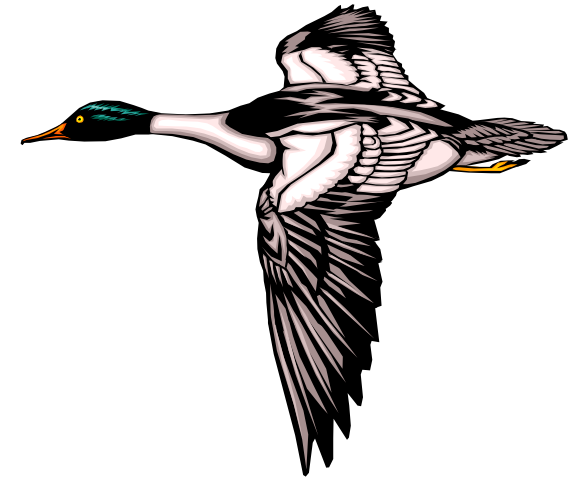
- ✓ Native American Indian Program.
- ✓ Reptiles and Amphibians.
- ✓ All about Birds.

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