

## DUCK DAZE

Saturday, May 5, 2012  
~10:00am - 3:00pm~  
\$4 per person



Enjoy guided nature walks, crafts, hayrides, games, live animals presentation, petting zoo, exhibits, and much more. Family fun for everyone!  
**Use coupon to save \$1/ person in your group!**

### SAVE AT DUCK DAZE!!!

Good for \$1.00 off admission for each person in your group if presented at time of check-in.

Thank you for coming!! ☺



## SATURDAY PROGRAMS

*Reservations required*  
\$5 per child 8:00 - 10:00 am

### SLIME TIME March 17



Martin Luther King High School's Science Club will be presenting this program featuring live, slimy creatures and a slimy craft. Caution: wear old clothes as your child may come home, well ... slimy!

### JR. NATURALIST March 24

Poisonous and nonpoisonous plants and animals - uses of the various plants - food chains and migration paths.  
*Meets Webelos Jr. Naturalist badge.*

## WILDFLOWER WALKS

**\*\*Held at Harford Springs Park\*\***  
~Reservations required~  
\$2 per person

March 10      March 17  
March 31      April 7  
~Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 noon~



Have you ever seen a blanket of goldfields? Join us for a pleasant 3 mile walk among the rolling hills and wildflowers of Harford Springs. Wear comfortable walking shoes and sunscreen, bring along a lunch and water, and dress in layers.

*Harford Springs Park is on Gavilan Hills Road off of Cajalco Rd. The entrance to the park is opposite a mobile home park. Meet at the entrance to the trail next to the caretaker's mobile home. Please come a few minutes early so you do not miss the group.*

## BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAMS

~Reservations required~

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

March 10      May 12  
~8:00am - 2:30pm~

Prerequisites: 3E #1 OR #2  
*Picture of an eroded area*



Earn your ES Merit Badge as you hike, experiment, & play games at Hidden Valley! \$15

### MAMMALS

April 14  
~8:00 - 12:30pm~



Prerequisite: 3c

Learn about mammal classification and food chains. Complete a project to help the mammals of our area. \$10

## SATURDAY BIRD WALKS

*Reservations required*  
~ 8:00 - 11:30 am ~ Cost: \$2 per person  
April 21      April 28

Learn to identify the birds common to Hidden Valley as our birders guide you on a walk along the pond. Binoculars and bird lists will be available for those who would like to use them. Bring water and sunscreen, dress in layers, and wear good walking shoes.

*(Bird lists will be signed for students.)*

## NIGHT PROGRAMS

All programs are \$3 per person.  
~Reservations required~

### FATHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT OUT

February 11, 2012  
~5:00 - 7:30pm~

*Recommended ages: 5 and above*

Daughters - bring your dad or grandpa and your favorite picnic dinner for a fun night out! Daughters, what games did your dad play when he was your age? Enjoy a special carriage ride, games and activities. Take a night stroll, and end the evening with a dessert around the campfire.

### ASTRONOMY NIGHT

February 24, Friday  
~6:30 - 8:30pm~



Learn about the planets and constellations in the night sky as members of the Astronomical Society share their telescopes and expertise. Light refreshments will be served following the program. *Meets Cub Scout Belt Loop 1, 2, & 3; Pin 3 & 4*

## MONDAYS WITH MOMMY (AND DADDY!) AND ME

Programs provide a fun introduction to nature using music, movement, storytelling, art, live animal demonstrations, and/or games to make nature come alive.

*Reservations and Prepayment Required*

~ 9:30 - 11:00 am ~

*Recommended ages: 3 - 6*

*\$5 per child - 18 months and above*

### TRACK FACTS



February 20

Each animal has a unique footprint. Join us as we search for tracks and the animals that make them.



### BUSY BIRDS

March 19

Learn about the lives of the many birds that make Hidden Valley their home. Take home a bird feeder.

### BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS AND BUTTERFLIES

April 23

Back by popular demand! It's those beautiful butterflies and the blooms they like to visit. Learn about the life cycle of one of nature's most marvelous creatures!



### WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

May 21

Let's explore the outdoors using our five senses to appreciate and enjoy nature. We will be taking our walk along a stroller-friendly bike trail.

## HOME SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS

Need help teaching science? Meet the California state standards while your children have fun hiking the Santa Ana river bottom, participating in a variety of activities, performing experiments, enjoying a presentation, playing games, and/or creating a craft.

Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water.

**\*\* Reservations and prepayment required - no walk-ins \*\***

**Two Sessions!! 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:30 - 3:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**

**Per child: \$5 per session OR \$35 for all 8 pm sessions OR \$30 for all 7 am sessions (add one afternoon session and pay \$35).**

### EXPLORING MARINE BIOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY

Recommended ages: 7 and up.



#### FISH:

**Some are Bony! Some are Not!**

**February 1**

Learn about the special features of fish, both inside and out.

#### INVERTEBRATES:

**Missing - a Backbone!**

**March 7**



Starfish, crabs, squid, jellyfish, and other sea creatures that do not have backbones - yet are all ocean residents.

#### WHALES:

**Are they Gentle Giants or Real Killers?**

**April 4**

What do whales eat? How long can they hold their breath? Learn all about these amazing aquatic mammals.

#### MARINE LIFE SURVIVAL:

**Odds and Ends!**

**May 2**

Special relationships, camouflage, electricity, and lights all help marine animals to survive.



### EXPERIENCING NATURE UP CLOSE

Recommended ages: 6 and up

#### TREES: Growing Tall!

**February 15**

How do trees grow? Would you like to be a dendochronologist? Learn to identify some of the native trees here at Hidden Valley and plant a tree to take home!



#### SILKWORMS

**March 21**

Learn all about silkworms - their life stages, habits, and how to raise them. Bring a shoebox and take home mulberry leaves and silkworms to watch your own caterpillars grow and develop.



#### POND LIFE

**April 18**

**1:30 - 3:30 PM ONLY**

We will be hiking to the pond to study its ecosystem and the creatures that live there. Bring a can with both ends cut out and wear clothes that can get wet and dirty.



#### WATER WORKS!

**May 16**

Come prepared to get wet as we explore the many wonderful properties of water!

## SUMMER CAMP

~8:00am - 12:00pm~

\$100 per week for first child, \$75 for each additional child in family.

June 18-22, 2012

**IN COLD BLOOD**

June 25-29, 2012

**CREATURES OF THE NIGHT**

Priority Registration for Friends' members:  
March 1-14, 2012.

General registration begins: March 15, 2012

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF HIDDEN VALLEY!

*Help support the programs here at the Nature Center and become a member of the Friends of Hidden Valley! Check out our Friends' website at [www.friendsofhiddenvalley.org](http://www.friendsofhiddenvalley.org) for more information. ☺*

**Ask about other programs offered**

**at Hidden Valley Nature Center:**

• Birthday Parties

• Cub Scout Programs

• Boy Scout Merit Badges

(Check website for dates when badges will be offered)

• Brownie & Girl Scout Programs

• Educational In-house and Outreach Programs

# HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CENTER



# WINTER-SPRING 2012

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**Center hours: Saturday  
10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday - Friday: group tours by  
appointment only**

