



**Spring 2012 Environmental Education Field Trips**  
*Spaces & Species: Exploring Natural Communities*

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The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) is pleased to invite you to submit a request to participate in the *Spaces & Species* school field trip program for spring 2012.

**Reminder Notice:**

- The District is continuing its transition to a completely electronic mailing and reservation system. Please keep us informed of any changes to your contact email; updates can be sent to [jwilliams@openspace.org](mailto:jwilliams@openspace.org)

**What:** FREE environmental education field trip program, correlated to California curriculum and content standards. For more information: [www.openspace.org/ss](http://www.openspace.org/ss)

**Who:** Third, fourth, and fifth grade elementary school classes (third graders are welcome in the spring only). Absolute maximum of 32 students for each field trip; minimum of four participatory chaperones required to accompany each class.

**When:** Field trips are scheduled on select Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am –2:00 pm (or 9:00 am –1:30 pm for early schools). **Participation in a Spaces & Species field trip requires 4.5 hours. Please do not request a field trip on your school's minimum day and be aware of your school's closure/holiday schedules when requesting dates!**

Requests to participate in this program will be compiled for a random lottery drawing and will be accepted between now and Tuesday, February 7.

**(The spring 2012 field trip dates are indicated by the shadowed boxes on the calendar below.)**

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May						
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**Where:** *Spaces & Species* field trips are held at the Daniels Nature Center at [Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve](#).



**Important Transportation Note:** Transportation is not provided by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. A **transportation assistance (reimbursement) fund** has been established for qualifying Title 1 or low-income schools where buses or parent-assisted transportation is limited. If you believe your school may be eligible for this **reimbursement** program, please indicate so on the reservation request form.

**How:** Fill out a reservation request form online at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/spaces\\_species\\_spring\\_2012](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/spaces_species_spring_2012)

- A separate reservation request form must be submitted for each class wanting to participate.
- Unless otherwise requested, multiple classes of the same grade-level from the same school will be grouped together for purposes of the lottery drawing.

All submittals will be entered into a lottery drawing on **February 8, 2012**. The scheduling of field trips will begin at that time. If you do not hear from us within a week's time, we apologize, but that means we did not draw your form or that the remaining open field trip dates did not match your availability and you will be placed on a waiting list.

The District staff and volunteer docents appreciate your interest in *Spaces & Species*. For questions about the program, please call the Assistant Programs Coordinator at (650) 625-6556 or Docent Programs Coordinator at 650/ 625-6536.

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