



Spring 2017 Environmental Education Field Trips

Spaces & Species: Exploring Natural Communities

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 2017.

WHAT: FREE environmental education field trip program, correlated to California curriculum and content standards. For more information: www.openspace.org/ss

WHO: Third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. Maximum of 32 students per field trip; minimum of 4 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). Please see available spring field trip dates below.

The spring 2017 field trip dates are indicated by the **gray shadowed** dates on the calendar below:

March						
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April						
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May						
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June						
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Requests to participate in this program will be compiled for a random lottery drawing.

Submissions will be accepted now through January 30.

Note: Please double check your schedule before submitting a request form. This program is fully booked each season; we are unable to accommodate schedule changes.

WHERE: Field trips are held at the David C. Daniels Nature Center, meeting at [Russian Ridge Preserve parking lot](#). **Note about location/attendance:** Please click on the above link for the meeting location; your participation may require considerable travel time. **Be sure your schedule can accommodate the travel time in addition to the required 4.5 hour field trip time before you submit a request form.**

Transportation Note: Transportation is not provided or arranged by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District; however, 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 (link below).

HOW: Fill out a reservation request form online by January 30:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ss_2017_Spring

A separate reservation request form must be submitted for each class wanting to participate.

Important Note - Please Read:

We have seen an unfortunate increase in both 'abbreviated' class schedules on field trip dates as well as cancellations for this popular FREE program. It is often not possible for us to fill these cancellations as most classes require some degree of advance notice for planning purposes. *Please only submit a request form if you are able to make a solid commitment to attend and are available for the entire duration of the scheduled program plus travel time.*

All submissions will be entered into a lottery drawing on Wednesday, February 1. The scheduling of field trips will begin at that time. If you do not hear from us within a week, we apologize, but it means your form was not drawn, 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 Program Coordinator at (650) 625-6556.

Thank you,

Jennifer Williams
Program Coordinator

Please keep us informed of any changes to your schools contact information;
updates can be sent to jwilliams@openspace.org