



EXCURSION

Thursday, March 18th, 2010

Marine Mammal Center

2000 Bunker Road, Fort Cronkhite, Sausalito

10:00 am

Enter our exciting classroom to be surrounded by marine mammal specimens. This program gives participants an in-depth look at the work of the Marine Mammal Center. You will learn about the tools and techniques used by the veterinarians and volunteers to care for our patients - from Rescue, to Rehabilitation and Release. Video clips of actual rescues, animal care, handling procedures, and releases will allow you to "experience" the sides of our work that you are not able to see on a tour. You will learn about feeding and veterinary procedures; and using hands-on specimens, you will explore the differences between seals, sea lions, otters, and other marine mammals. Part of the program will allow you to examine x-ray images and marine debris entanglement from former patients, and hopefully you will come to understand how connected our lives are to these intelligent creatures of the sea. Our goal is that by sharing the amazing stories of our patients, your group will be more informed ocean stewards.

Let's meet at school and carpool from there. Please arrive at regular school time of 8:30. We will load the kids up and be on our way.

If you are providing the science or art lesson for the day, please provide an appropriate on-site lesson. A simple lesson is a 'question of the day' to ask the children.. Thursday's snack person will provide snack for the children. Look for the carpool sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at school.

Directions from Hansel & Gretel: From Argyle Road, turn right on Appian. Take I-80W toward Oakland. Take the Fitzgerald Drive exit toward 580/San Rafael. Turn right onto Richmond Pkwy for 5.1 miles. Slight right onto Castro St for 1.7 miles. Merge onto 580W for 5.9 miles. Take the Sir Francis Drake Blvd exit for 0.4 miles. Merge onto E Sir Francis Drake Blvd for 1.4 miles. Merge onto US-101S toward San Francisco via ramp on left.

Proceed 8.4 miles south on 101. After the tunnel and just before the Golden Gate Bridge, take the second and last Sausalito exit. Upon exiting, turn right onto Sausalito Lateral Rd for 0.3 miles. Turn slight left onto Bunker Rd for 3.3 miles. You've arrived!

Upcoming excursions, dates and details to follow:

in the month of April - Adventure Playground and MOCHA

Incursion, April 30 - Recycle More worm workshop