



Spring 2018 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 2018.

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 2018 field trip dates are indicated by the **gray shadowed** dates on the calendar below:

March							April							May							June						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Requests to participate in this program will be compiled for a random lottery drawing. Submissions will be accepted online starting now through Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

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 Russian Ridge lot hyperlink 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, 2018:**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ss_spring_2018

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

Important - Please Read:

We have seen an increase in both 'abbreviated' class schedules on field trip dates as well as cancellations. **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 Thursday, February 1, 2018. 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 email Jennifer Williams at jwilliams@openspace.org or call (650) 691-1200.

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