



Spring 2020 Environmental Education Field Trips *Spaces & Species: Exploring Natural Communities*

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is pleased to invite you to submit a request to participate in the *Spaces & Species* school field trip program for Spring 2020!

Note: Reservations are **no longer** conducted by lottery. Instead, field trips are filled on a **first come, first served basis**. See instructions below. **Link to the SignUp will be active at 9:00AM on Friday, Jan 31st.**

WHAT: FREE environmental education field trip program, supporting 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 9:30AM-2:00PM (or 9:00AM-1:30PM by request). **PLEASE NOTE:** These are the START and END times for the field trip program, not your arrival and departure times. Participation in this program requires the full 4.5 hours plus travel time. Be aware of your school's minimum day schedule when selecting dates.

The Spring 2020 field trip dates are indicated by the **gray shadowed** dates on the calendar below:

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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June						
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Requests for this field trip are accommodated on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis using the online platform SignUp.com. A separate field trip reservation must be submitted for each class wanting to participate. **Link to the SignUp will be active at 9:00AM on Friday, January 31st.**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

HOW: Click the link above to sign up for a Field Trip spot. Enter required participant information (teacher's name, email, phone, grade level, class size) to reserve a spot for the desired date. If dates are full, or the only dates that work for your class have been taken, you may sign up for waitlist spots.

We will do our best to accommodate schedules, but we cannot guarantee a field trip to those on the waitlist. Thank you for your understanding.

➔ *Reservation tips:* Each date can accommodate one class up to 32 students. One teacher or coordinator from the same school can sign up on behalf of multiple teachers on different dates. Please have the required information (teacher's name, email, phone, grade level, class size) on hand **for each class** with several workable dates.

WHERE: Field trips are held at the David C. Daniels Nature Center. Plan for buses and cars to meet Docents at [Russian Ridge Preserve parking lot](#).

➔ *Planning tips:* Your participation may require considerable travel time. Please confirm field trip location and ensure all drivers have directions.

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 are limited. If you believe your school may be eligible for this **reimbursement** program, please indicate so on the SignUp.

The District staff and volunteer docents appreciate your interest in *Spaces & Species*. For questions about the program or reservations, please contact Nina below.

Thank you!

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