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DISCOVERING OUR BAY

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MSI News

We will be moving!

As many of you already know, Abbott Laboratories has purchased the land MSI resides on. Abbott has generously agreed to give us space on their campus for a permanent home, but we still need to raise several million dollars for a building! This will be an ongoing project for the next few years. Stay tuned for more information about the move and the capital campaign, and how you can help!

Summer camp wraps up

Even though school was out, things were busy at MSI over the summer. More than 600 kids attended our week-long Marine Camps. Kids going into kindergarten through 8th grade enjoyed voyages on the *Robert G. Brownlee*, tidepool expeditions in Half Moon Bay and even an overnight trip to the Aquarium of the Bay, where students slept under the shark tank!



Member events

This fall, take a whale-watching cruise, learn to paint fish, or enjoy Seaside Story Hour! There's an activity for every family on our fall schedule of member events.

All members and funders are invited to participate in events. Some are free and some have a fee.

Please see the attached flier for more information!

Meet our staff

The MSI office has welcomed several new faces in recent months:

Wisconsin native Tyler Hammer is MSI's Membership and Volunteer Coordinator. He works part time in the office and is also an instructor.



He has also taken on responsibility for our ship's web cam project.



Meg Platt has been an instructor at MSI for two years and is now working full time as our Ship Program Coordinator.

Jeanine Borland joined the Development Office in August. She was born and raised in nearby Foster City, but has traveled the world as a Peace Corps volunteer and a humanitarian aid worker in Afghanistan.



Fun facts

Did you know...

- Northern Anchovies make up about 98% of live bait catch in the SF Bay.
- One handful of mud scooped from the bottom of the Bay contains 40,000 organisms!

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Now that school is back in session, spend some quality marine science-time with the family. We have some favorite events returning as well as some new events. REMEMBER: YOU NOW MUST RESERVE YOUR SPOTS FOR EVENTS ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.SFBAYMSI.ORG. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT TYLER AT 650-364-2760, EXT. 16 OR BY EMAIL AT TYLER@SFBAYMSI.ORG.

SEASIDE STORY HOUR – CRABS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 Time: 11:00am~12:00noon

Join an MSI naturalist for tales of these creepy crustaceans. This event will feature the ever-popular live Hermit Crabs, Rock Crabs and Purple Shore Crabs from our very own San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean! This free event is held on the third Saturday of every month (except December) at the Redwood City Library's Main Branch on 1044 Middlefield Road in downtown Redwood City.

OCEANIC SOCIETY WHALE WATCH CRUISE – FARALLON ISLANDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 Time: 7:45am~5:00pm

"The amount of Humpback Whale activity this year is absolutely amazing!", said Marcy of the Oceanic Society. If there is one MSI event you don't want to miss this year – this is it. Join the Oceanic society and an MSI naturalist for an all day voyage to the Farallon Islands for a truly amazing opportunity to watch an abundance of marine wildlife. The Farallon Islands, just 27 miles off San Francisco, lie amid the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, a food-rich marine ecosystem which attracts whales, dolphins, seals and seabirds each summer and fall, to feed and to breed. Fall is also the season in which Great White Shark activity increases, as Seals give birth to young. (*Note: We cannot guarantee the sightings of any particular animals). Online Registration Required, SPACE IS LIMITED. Minimum age: 10 years old. Departs from San Francisco Yacht Harbor/Marina Green. \$68/person.

FISH WATERCOLOR CLASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm

We are excited to have professional artist Cleo Villet coming to MSI to share her knowledge and expertise with you for a watercoloring class. Study the morphology of fish from our aquarium and then learn how to use watercolors to draw them. Materials will be provided. Online Registration Required, space is limited. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult (no charge for adult). \$30/person.

SEASIDE STORY HOUR at the LIBRARY – OCEAN FISH

Saturday, NOVEMBER 20 Time: 11:00am~12:00noon

Join an MSI naturalist for tales of the sea and touch live fish from our aquarium.

STAR PARTY & OCEANS TO OUTER SPACE SLIDE SHOW at MSI

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Dave Rodrigues, lecturer at the Morrison Planetarium and at the California Academy of Sciences, will change the way you look at the night sky, and show how our planet Earth isn't the only celestial body with oceans. The 3-D slide show incorporates magic, humor and stunning images taken by NASA space probes and the Hubble Telescope to reveal the mysteries of our universe. During the telescope viewing you will use large telescopes and giant lasers to help you map out our nighttime sky (weather permitting – if overcast, we will use a portable planetarium). Appropriate for people of all ages. Online Registration Required, space limited. Cost: \$15/person.