



Bolsa Chica / Huntington State Beaches
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Dear Educators,

Our staff at Bolsa Chica & Huntington State Beach love their jobs, and for many good reasons. Not only do we work at one of the most beautiful locations in California, but we also get to experience the local wildlife, plant life and history of these amazing beaches. It is the purpose of our Outreach Programs to make the beach come alive for your students.

The Marine Debris & Recycling Program focuses on the coastal watershed and how many of our everyday actions affect the marine environment, in both positive and negative ways. We will use an interactive model of the local area to show how pollutants affect the environment and we will discuss positive alternatives that will lead to healthier behaviors for us and our community. Then we will take a look at common types of trash that are found on our beach and discuss their various lengths of degradation, as well as what materials can be recycled and repurposed. Kindergarten / First grade will include a sorting activity with recyclable / non-recyclable materials. This program is suitable for all ages.

Some of the most awe inspiring creatures that the public may see at our beach are the marine mammals that call our coast home. In our **Marine Mammal Life Program**, students will compare and contrast the three most common mammals in Huntington Beach – the Pacific bottlenose dolphin, the California sea lion and the gray whale. Students will learn about the characteristics of a mammal, as well as the physical & behavioral characteristics of our three amazing mammals. This program is interactive & exciting for students of all ages.

In our **Build-A-Beach Ecology Program** (suitable for K-2 only), students will build a beach on a display board while learning about the flora and fauna of the beach. Students will get to interact with various tangible items and artifacts that help to illustrate beach ecology, such as marine mammal bones, animal puppets, bird calls and sea shells. This is a highly interactive program and a wonderful way for children to learn about beach ecology.

Outreach Program requests will be honored Monday – Friday from 9am – 3pm, providing we have the staffing available. The programs are designed for up to 30 students and last 45 minutes. If your school would like multiple programs on one day, we require a 15 minute transition time between programs, with a maximum of 3 programs a day.

The suggested Outreach Program fee is \$1.00 per student. We accept cash or checks. Please submit payment on the day of the Outreach Program. We must receive a copy of the Outreach Program Request at least 2 weeks before your planned trip. State Park staff will review the request and send you a confirmation of your day and time. If possible, please provide at least one alternative date in order to ensure staffing is available for your program.

We look forward to inspiring, provoking and encouraging the students in your group.

Sincerely,
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