

# Hidden Valley Nature Center

## Scheduling & Preparing for Programs

**How to Schedule a Program:**  
Call (951) 785-7452

### When you call, please have ready:

- ✓ Several preferred dates
- ✓ Program
- ✓ Number of children attending
- ✓ Name of school and grade
- ✓ Contact name, school, phone & FAX numbers and e-mail

### Group Size(s)

On most days, the Nature Center can handle 2 average size classes (60 children); *occasionally*, 3 classes of 90 children.

### Program Fees

- \$5.00 per child with **\$100 minimum**
- Parent/Chaperones - \$5.00 each
- Teachers - Free
- Free Parking for program
- Payments are due in advance, on or before, date of program (check payable to “**Regional Park District,**” cash, or P.O.)

**Call early for best selection of dates.**

### Customizing

We are happy to work with you to customize our programs to fit your instructional needs or the specific needs of your students.

### Confirmations/Cancellations

An e-mailed confirmation will be sent out prior to your visit. Please check this over carefully to be sure all the information is correct. You are held responsible for the contract so please correct any misinformation prior to the day of the program. Cancellations within a 24 hour period are subject to a \$50 fee.

### Driving Directions

**From the 15 freeway:** Take the 6th St. Exit in Norco and go east. At California, turn left. At the third stop sign (North Dr.), turn right. The entrance is approximately 0.6 miles on the left hand side. Once in the park, follow the paved road back 1.3 miles. Parking is at the top of the hill.

**From the 91 freeway:** Exit La Sierra. (Eastbound turn left on La Sierra; westbound turn right.) Where La Sierra ends, approximately 5 miles, turn left at Arlington. Follow 1 mile to Hidden Valley entrance, turn right. Once in the park, follow the paved road back 1.3 miles. Parking is at the top of the hill.

### Lunches

Bring a sack lunch and **2 bottles of water** per child. **There are no drinking fountains available.** Outside picnic tables are available for lunch. Lunch time is factored into most of the programs. We will provide a cart to bring lunches from bus to center. Boxed lunches are easier to transport.

### Dress for Success

Closed-toed shoes are required. Come prepared for the weather and count on being outside for most of the program. Children should wear a coat, if the weather requires. Sunscreen and bug repellent are recommended.

### Chaperones

Teachers and chaperones are required to participate in programs and accompany the students on the outdoor portion of the trip. All parents will be charged \$5.00 for entry and participation. There is no charge for paraprofessionals

### Programs

#### **All programs include a hike, hands-on activities, and related craft.**

Most include a live animal presentation. Our program times vary, between 2.5 to 3.5 hours. Longer programs include time for lunch. Program length can be adapted as needed. We understand that traffic or other circumstances arise. We try our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee a complete program with late arrivals. Please plan accordingly for your travel time.

*Please note you are not booked until you receive an e-mail confirmation.*

### Wetland Wonders

#### **(Recommended Grades K-6)**

Students will explore the diverse habitats of Hidden Valley. They will discover the importance of wetlands as a wildlife habitat. Students will search for signs of animal life, relating the animal to its needs and home. They will also consider the interactions of the living and non-living components of an ecosystem.

**NGSS:** 2-LS4-1, 3-LS1, 3-LS2, 3-LS3 & 3-LS4  
**Wetland Wonders:** CSS met for each grade level are listed below.

**Kindergarten:** The World around Me.  
**CSS LS 2a-c**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Habitats  
**CSS LS 2a-e ES 3c**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Cycle of Life  
**CSS LS 2a-f; ES3b, c**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Amazing Adaptations  
**CSS LS 3a-e, IE 5d**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** Web of Life  
**CSS LS 2a-c, 3a-d**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** See *Our Watershed: Pathway to the Pacific* program.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Energy Exchange  
**CSS LS 5a-e**

## **Insect Safari Program** (Recommended Grades PreK-2)

Discover the life cycle, adaptations and ecology of insects. Student will explore the differences among insect, spiders, and other invertebrates. Live insects, invertebrates, and displays will provide a great learning experience. Students will use nets and bug boxes to collect and observe insects. This program provides a great hands-on learning experience.

*Length 2.5 hours w/lunch AFTER program.*

**NGSS:** K-LS1-1, KESS2-2, KESS3-3, K-ESS3-3

**CSS:** K LS 2a, c; 2<sup>nd</sup> LS 2a-d

## **The Tongva Life along the River** (Grade Levels 1-6)

Students will discover how the Tongva met their needs for homes, food, clothes, and medicine by using the resources of their environment, the Santa Ana River. Students will learn how connections to the land were vital to the survival of the Tongva who once lived along the Santa Ana River. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the river and wetlands in the daily life of the Tongva prior to European settlement. This is a very hands-on program where students will play games, play musical instruments, sing songs, use a pump drill, grind seed, and more.

*Length is 3.5 hours w/lunch during program.*

**CSS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> LS 3b H/SS 3.2

## **Rock On! Geology** (Grade Levels 2-5)

Our Naturalists will take your students on a journey exploring the wonderful world of geology. Students will discover through hands-on learning the three classifications of rocks and minerals, how to use the Mohs Hardness Scale, streak plate testing, and the importance of mining. They will make their own toothpaste, and a rock ID card to take home.

*Length 2.5 hours w/lunch AFTER program.*

**NGSS:** 2-ESS1-1, 2-EES2-3, 4-EES1-1, 4-ESS2-1, 4-ESS3-2, 5-ESS2-1

**CSS:** 2nd ES 3a-e, IE 4c, g; 4<sup>th</sup> ES 4a-b, 5a-c

## **Our Watershed: Pathway to the Pacific** (Grade Levels 3-6)

Students will explore what a watershed is and discover the relationships between human activity and the health of the water, plants, and animals of a watershed. Through a visit to the Santa Ana Watershed, interactive watershed model, and hands-on pollution clean-up, students will begin to connect water quality with watershed protection. Students will become part of the water cycle, test the temperature, pH and nitrate levels of water, and create a model landscape to investigate how water flows through and connects watersheds.

*Length 2.5 hours w/lunch AFTER program.*

**NGSS:** 3-ESS2-1, 3-ESS2-2, 4-EES2-1, 4-ESS2-3, 4-ESS3-2, 5-ESS2-1, 5-ESS3-1

**CSS:** 5<sup>th</sup> LS 2e-g, ES 3a-e

## ***Nature Center Information***

***Physical Location:***  
11401 Arlington Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92505

***Contact information:***  
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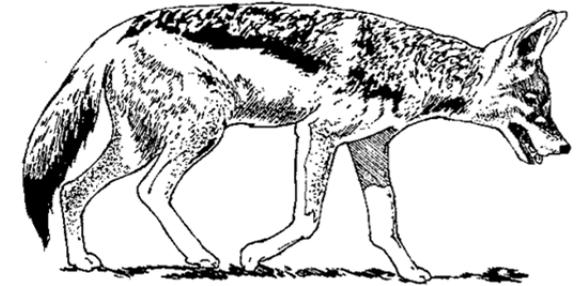
*Open to the public Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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by appointment only.*



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