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# Press Release

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## ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER HOSTS TEACHERS NIGHT OUT

*Local educators will explore, socialize, learn, and relax at the ENC, after hours.*

**Newport Beach, Calif., March 14, 2017** – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will host their fourth “Teachers Night Out!” on Thursday, March 30, from 4 - 7 PM. Third through 6th grade teachers will tour the ENC’s grounds and participate in mini-workshops that put into practice the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Admission is \$5. RSVP at [encenter.org](http://encenter.org). E-mail [lori@encenter.org](mailto:lori@encenter.org) or call 949-645-8489 ext. 103 for more info.

ENC’s Community Outreach Director, Sama Wareh, will guide teachers through a hands-on “magnet art” project that connects Common Core Standards and NGSS to art. Teachers will engage in hands-on activities about aquatic ecosystems and water conservation that they can use in their own classroom using NGSS concepts.

The evening will conclude with a light dinner and wine around the campfire, a traditional end to the ENC’s “Teachers Night Out!” events. Wine is being generously donated by PRP Wines, who will be on hands to provide information on the wines they’re bringing.

Teachers who participate are entered to win a professional development program and priority booking of school tours & Traveling Naturalist programs.

### **About the ENC**

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For over 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life’s pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 28,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community’s knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community’s first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community’s foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit [www.ENCcenter.org](http://www.ENCcenter.org). The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.