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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., January 11, 2017 – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will host their third “Teachers Night Out!” on Thursday, February 2, from 4 - 7 PM. K through 12 grade teachers will tour the four-acre ENC and participate in hands-on activities that put into practice the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Admission is \$5. RSVP at encenter.org/upcoming-events. E-mail lori@encenter.org or call 949-645-8489 ext. 103 for more info.

Alison Thalman of the National Science Teachers Association and Helen de la Maza of the California Regional Environmental Education Community will lead educators in modeling activities, offer teaching ideas and facilitate discussions on how to effectively incorporate NGSS in today’s classrooms. NSTA and CREEC spread awareness about education with a focus on science and the environment.

Teachers will learn about incorporating rain barrels into their curricula from Cindy Berglund of Rain Barrels Intl. This family-run business makes rain barrels out of recycled food grade barrels and encourages their use to prevent drought and practice recycling.

The evening will conclude with a light dinner and wine around the campfire, a traditional end to the ENC’s “Teachers Night Out!” events. Teachers who participate receive priority booking of school tours & Traveling Naturalist programs and receive free curricular and instructional resources.

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.ENCenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.