



ENC hosts "Teachers Night Out" series



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The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) has scheduled its 2018-19 "Teachers Night Out!" series. Local educators are invited to tour the five-acre Center and participate in hands-on activities that connect Nature to the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Admission is \$5 and free for ENC members.

Schedule of themes, dates and guest speakers for the series:

- September 27, 2018: State Pride – Michelle Tollett, Calflora Communications and Outreach Director
- October 18, 2018: Fear Factor – Skie Bender, Education Outreach Specialist – California, Wolf Haven
- November 8, 2018: Water – Justin Finch, Water Use Efficiency Analyst from Mesa Water and Cindy Berglund, Rain Barrels Intl.
- December 13, 2018: Plastic Problems – Anika Ballent, Education Director, Algalita
- January 31, 2019: Food Science
- February 28, 2019: Weather
- March 28, 2019: Citizen Science
- April 25, 2019: Native Plants
- May 19, 2019: Share-a-thon

Online registration will be available by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, but teachers are encouraged to mark their calendars now.

"The Teachers Night Out' series is one of my favorite events to present each month," said ENC Outreach Coordinator Mindy Schwartz. "I love spending the afternoon with all kinds of educators, and seeing their enthusiasm as they learn exciting new hands-on ways to teach children about science and nature."

The series welcomes all kinds of educators, including classroom teachers, outdoor educators, scout leaders, homeschool parents – anyone who wants to be a better educator and acquire some new teaching techniques. Afterward, participants enjoy a light meal together and share some wine by the campfire before breaking out the skewers to make s'mores. Teachers who participate receive priority booking of school tours and Traveling Naturalist programs, and receive free curricular and instructional resources.

For more information and to register, visit www.encenter.org or call (949) 645-8489. ENC is located at 1601 E. 16th St., Newport Beach.