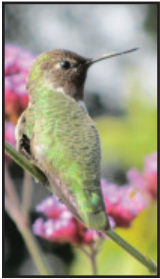


Ocean Song Nature and Environmental Studies School-Year Program 2011-2012

Are you home-schooling your child and looking for an experiential, engaging nature and science program as part of your child's education?

Ocean Song Educator Lisa Baiter will be offering a weekly Nature Education program at Ocean Song for students in grades 4 and 5. The curriculum will focus on zoology and botany and will come to life through the students' direct observations and experiences in the wild and cultivated areas of Ocean Song. Emphasis

will be on inquiry-based science, in which the children's curiosity and questions about nature will energize their learning experiences. The curriculum will develop sequentially throughout the year and will include interactive nature games and activities, written and drawn observations, special projects, art, songs, and stories. Curiosity, playfulness, wonder, understanding and caring for the world will be fostered in this program.



Core information

When: Thursdays, 9:45 am to 2:00 pm. A separate Tuesday session may be added for interested families.

Fall Session: September 15th through December 15th.

Winter and Spring Session: January 12th through May 31st

Where: Ocean Song Farm and Wilderness center at 19100 Coleman Valley Road, 5 miles west of Occidental. In the mornings we'll meet in the habitat gardens and

from there will explore the diverse habitats throughout the 340 acres of land, and when needed, we'll utilize a comfortable indoor classroom. To learn more about Ocean Song, visit www.oceansong.org.

Enrollment: Once it's mutually agreed that this program is right for your child, families make a commitment for a month at a time. New students may enroll on an ongoing basis. There is a maximum class size of ten children.

Cost: \$40 per child per day.

To enroll your child or for more information: contact Lisa Baiter at (707) 570-6873

Teacher biography: Lisa's roots as a naturalist began when she was a child exploring forests near her home and observing marine life in the Aegean Sea in Northern Greece. She received a B.A. in Human Ecology from Connecticut College, and for the past 21 years has loved her work as a teacher, naturalist, and program director. For ten

years she's been a Nature and Environmental Studies teacher at the Waldorf-inspired Greenwood School in Mill Valley where she developed and taught an inquiry-based field studies program for students in grades three through eight. Her experience includes eight years at Ocean Song where she has developed nature and science based curriculum and taught ecology to students ages five through thirteen, directed Ocean Song's summer education programs, and created a watershed education program. She spent two years in the classroom teaching the 4th and 5th grade classes at the American Pacific International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Through immersion in nature, observation, stories, and creative arts she helps people of all ages deepen their relationship with nature and each other, and to cultivate kindness towards all beings.

