Hayward Area Recreation & Park District

Nature Education Programs

Hayward Area Recreation & Park District operates two nature centers, Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center and Sulphur Creek Nature Center. Both sites offer reservable interpretive programming designed for groups. In addition, both sites offer nature activities through the H.A.R.D. Activity Guide for individual registration.

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545
Shoreline@HaywardRec.org | (510) 670-7270

Perched on stilts, the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center is your entryway to an 1,800 acre salt marsh, a vital part the San Francisco Bay Estuary. It features programs, activities, and exhibits designed to inspire a sense of appreciation, respect, and stewardship for the bay, its inhabitants, and the services they provide.

Sulphur Creek Nature Center
1801 D Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Nature@HaywardRec.org | (510) 881-6747

Hidden among the oaks, Sulphur Creek Nature Center is a native wildlife rehabilitation and education facility dedicated to bringing people and animals closer together. There are live animal displays featuring wild and domestic animals, a Discovery Center, registered activities, school and group education programs, and volunteer opportunities.

To sign up for individual registration activities, go to www.HaywardRec.org/Register

To request a group program from either site, visit: www.HaywardRec.org/ProgramRequest


or Email us: Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center at Shoreline@HaywardRec.org
Sulphur Creek Nature Center at Nature@HaywardRec.org
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Group Programs available for Reservation

Prices are listed next to each program, the District resident fee is listed first and non-resident fee is second. District residents are individuals, schools, or groups that have addresses within the H.A.R.D. boundary including Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Fairview, and Ashland areas. Prices are subject to change. All programs are designed to meet Next Generation Science Standards.

**Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center**

**Salty Stories**
Cost: $121/$145  
(1 hour, Preschool-K, in-person)
Use all 5 of your senses to explore the salt marsh and observe life in the area on our trail walk.

**Salt Marsh Wonders**
Cost: $225/$270  
(2 hours, 1st-2nd, in-person)
Discover plant and animal adaptations to salt water and marsh life. Journey to the bay and observe wildlife on our extended trail exploration.

**Shoreline Discoveries**
Cost: $310/$370  
(3.5* hours, 3rd-5th, in-person)
Take a deep dive into adaptations as we head out on the trail and then identify local vertebrate and invertebrate species. Students will dip net and collect mud samples to view marsh life. *Program length includes a 30 minute lunch break on site.

**Bird Beak Buffet**
Cost: $85/$95  
(30 minutes, K-5, Virtual)
Students will learn about adaptations by examining some of the plants and animals found in the salt marshes of San Francisco bay and learning what makes them survive so well in this harsh environment. The program emphasis is on shorebirds, and the diversity of their beaks among various species.

**Sulphur Creek Nature Center**

**Animal Discoveries**
Cost: Virtual - $85/$95  
(30 minutes, Preschool, in-person or virtual)
Meet and touch some of Sulphur Creek’s resident animals in this specially designed experience for preschoolers.

**Adaptation Exploration**
Cost: $85/$95  
(30 minutes, K-5, virtual)
Explore animal adaptations while taking an up close look at some of Sulphur Creek’s resident animals on camera.

**Learning Labs**
Cost: $121/$145  
(1 hour, K-5, in-person)
Join our education staff in this immersive learning experience, choose from one of the following themes. *Please note, the pellet lab has an additional $30.00 flat fee.
- Vertebrates (K-5)
- Feathers (K-5)
- Skulls (2nd-5th)
- Owl Pellet Lab* (2nd-5th)

**Wild Things Birthday Parties**
Cost: $235/$295  
(2.5 hrs, with a 1 hour presentation, in-person)
Customize your Sulphur Creek birthday party with a variety of activities like a presentation of live animals, puppet shows, crafts, and a nature walk. Enjoy the rest of your time outdoors while serving refreshments and doing your own activities at your reserved picnic site.