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](http://www.HaywardRec.org/Register)

To request a group program from either site, visit: [www.HaywardRec.org/ProgramRequest](http://www.HaywardRec.org/ProgramRequest)


or Email us: Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center at Shoreline@HaywardRec.org
Sulphur Creek Nature Center at Nature@HaywardRec.org
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District

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

Shoreline Discoveries  Cost: $310/$370
(3.5 hours*, 3rd-5th, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM)
Take a deep dive into adaptations as we head out on the trail and then identify local vertebrate and invertebrate species. Search for animals with dip nets and use sieves and microscopes to search for life in our mud lab. *Time includes a lunch break.
Program Activities include:
- Trail Exploration
- Dip Netting
- Mud Lab

Wetland Ecology  Cost: $360/$415
(4 hours*, 5th-8th, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM)
Embrace you inner scientist by performing water testing and recording data. Students will explore the marsh by hiking and searching for signs of wildlife. Learn how to use scientific tools while observing plankton through a microscope. *Time includes a lunch break.
Program Activities include:
- Trail Exploration with Water Sampling & Testing (Temperature, pH, Salinity)
- Dip Netting
- Mud Lab

Sulphur Creek Nature Center

Animal Discoveries  Cost: Virtual - $85/$95
In-person cost varies, contact us for a quote.
(30 minutes, Preschool only)
Meet and touch some of Sulphur Creek's resident animals in this specially designed experience for preschoolers.

Learning Labs (1 hour) Cost: $121/$145
Join our education staff in this immersive learning experience, choose from one of the following themes.
- Vertebrates vs. Invertebrates (K-5th)
- Shells & Scales (K-5th)
- Skulls (2nd-5th)

Mobile Learning Labs* (1 hour) Cost: $156
Can't come to us? We can come to you! Our naturalists can visit your school and give a lesson in your classroom. Choose from themes listed above. *Available within H.A.R.D. boundaries only.

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

Scout Programs (1 hour) Cost: $121/$145
Both sites offer interactive scout programs. Our lessons can be tailored to your badge goals. (Badges not included.)