



First Session: Sept. 24th!  
3:30-5:00PM

Looking for a unique after school experience to ignite your child's curiosity, enhance learning through fun STEAM activities, and foster connections with other students? **Join us for our new after school program, Coastal Guardians - a weekly program at the Central Coast Aquarium.**

### Program Details

- 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students welcome
- Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00pm
- \$115 monthly subscription
- Animal encounters, fun STEAM projects and activities, tidepooling, beach exploration, and more!

### Monthly Themes

- **September:** *Something Fishy*
- **October:** *Into the Deep*
- **November:** *Autumn Aquascapes*
- **December:** *Jingle Shell Rock*
- **January:** *Polar Plunge*

**Register before Sept. 24th to receive 50% off your first month!**



### Contact Us:

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**Register today and join the Coastal Guardians team!**

# Our Community Impact

## Who We Serve

The CCA actively serves schools from over 5 counties, including SLO, Santa Barbara, Kern, Kings, and Tulare County. **Some students have never visited the ocean.**

## Our Students

**>7,800 PreK-12 students** participated in the CCA's marine science education programs between 2024-25 alone.  
**>5,800** attend **Title I schools.**

## Our Partners

**>700** students received scholarships to attend marine science programs through the generous support of local partners between 2024-25,



# Join our education team!

Interested in dipping your toes into education and inspiring the next generation of ocean stewards? Reach out to us for volunteer opportunities in our Education Department!

For more information about our programs

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# Programs

## Discover & Learn



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Seeking financial assistance to send your class on a field trip this school year? Visit our website to learn more about scholarship opportunities.

## DISCOVERY LABS

Encourage students to think like scientists through hands-on marine science Discovery Labs! **Pick and choose** from a variety of options for a custom learning experience.

### Program Options Include:

- PreK Explorers
- Plankton Ecology
- Rocky Intertidal
- Marine Mammals
- Sharks & Rays
- Ocean Stewardship
- Squid Dissection
- Water Chemistry

## HOMESCHOOL: QUEST DISCOVERY LABS

Check out **Quest Discovery Labs**, a monthly program designed for homeschool students to connect and explore marine science together. Visit our website for program dates & themes.

## Explore Education

**Our mission is to cultivate a community of ocean stewardship through education, engagement, and action.**

Explore our **PreK-12 programs** to take your student's learning to the next level!

### Floating Labs

All aboard, sea explorers! Join us for an **adventure in Avila Bay** as we study local marine ecology aboard a **55 ft sportfishing boat**. 2nd grade minimum requirement for this experience.

### TIDEPOLS ON TOUR

**Bring the rocky intertidal into your classroom, school STEAM night, or community event space** through our mobile Aquarium program featuring a selection of our tidepool animals!



## Marine Life Monitoring Program

**Hands on, feet in marine science!** Through student led investigations, **middle and high school students** explore the rocky intertidal habitats at Avila Beach. Students will learn basic field sampling protocols before heading into the field.



### Big Fish Little Fish

Looking for a fun learning experience for your **two to five year old**? Join us for Big Fish Little Fish! With new themes, crafts, and teacher directed activities every month, there's something that every little mind will enjoy.

