

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Bay Ecotarium provides NGSS-aligned environmental science education programs at multiple locations in San Francisco.

See our program options below:



Aquarium of the Bay Programs

- **Bay Explorers (Kindergarten):** Using your scientific skills, explore our San Francisco Bay. Discover the wonders of the largest estuary on the West Coast and observe the amazing animals that live in it.
- **Shark Adventure (1st-3rd grade):** Explore the amazing world of sharks and how they play an important role in our oceans. Learn how they have adapted to be a top predator and what we can do to help protect them.
- **Bay Scientists (3rd-5th grade):** Engage in the scientific method, using scientific tools and skills to learn more about the animals around us.
- **Self-Guided Aquarium Tour (Kindergarten-5th grade):** For groups that only have a short time to visit, a self-guided Aquarium tour is the best option. Self-guided tours are flexible and give your group an awe-inspiring look at the life of San Francisco Bay.



Sea Lion Center Programs

- **Between the Tides (Kindergarten):** What is life like between the tides? Discover the amazing animals that thrive in the ever-changing habitat where the waves meet the rocky shore.
- **Salmon! (1st-3rd grade):** Follow the incredible journey of a salmon's life cycle from egg to adulthood. Discover the integral role these extraordinary animals play in the ecosystems of the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco Bay, and the rivers of California.
- **Sensational Sea Lions (3rd-5th grade):** Discover what makes California sea lions so amazing by engaging in scientific practices used by biologists to study PIER 39's most famous residents.



EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park Programs

- **Eco Heroes (Kindergarten-2nd grade):** What does it take to be an Eco Hero? Discover why water is so important to life and what we can do to protect our plant and animal neighbors.
- **Turning the Tide (1st-3rd grade):** Water, the basis of life as we know it, is an incredibly dynamic and important substance. Explore the phases of water, sea level rise, and how we can help maintain water's balance on planet Earth.
- **Native Plant Explorers (3rd-5th grade):** Get up close and personal with California native plants at the EcoCenter and around Heron's Head Park. Discover the importance of native plants to local wildlife and Bay Area peoples while exploring native plants in the field.
- **Restoring Diversity: The Wetlands of Heron's Head Park (3rd-5th grade):** Wetlands are hotspots for life, providing habitat, food, and water for a wide diversity of living things. Learn more about these extraordinary ecosystems by exploring the restored wetland in Heron's Head Park and the constructed wetland in the EcoCenter itself.

