

Canyon Cleanup

Saturday, November 16th

Marian Bear Memorial Park 9am-11am

Location: Marian Bear Parking Lot East of Regents Road,
coordinates (32.8420629, -117.2132823)

Details: Gloves, trash bags, and water are provided. Park in the parking lot east of Regents Road. We will be removing litter from the trails and creek.

Tecolote Nature Center

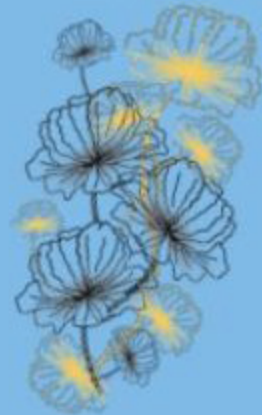
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San Diego, CA 92110
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Still Life Class

Join us for a 6 week Still Life Class at the Center!
Starting November 12th and running until December 17th.
Bring your own charcoal, drawing pencils, ink pens and sketch pads to draw some of our specimens and Flora from the Canyon! This is an all ages class so bring your kids if you wish.

Tuesdays at 10am-11am
in the Classroom



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Restoration Event

Saturday, November 2nd
Tecolote Canyon 9am-11am

Location: Gardena Trailhead
(closest address is 5181 Gardena Avenue, San Diego CA 92110)

Details: We will be removing invasive ice plant at the new restoration site. Gloves, tools, and water provided. This will be a great day to attend if you've never seen the habitat restoration process from the very beginning!

Our next habitat restoration site!



As it turns out, ice plant isn't very *cool* when it comes to supporting biodiversity. This plant was brought over from South Africa in the 1900s to address erosion control along railroad tracks. It turns out the plant has shallow roots and is quite heavy making it not very effective at slope stabilization, but unfortunately it thrives in California's mild climate making it highly invasive. It forms a thick mat that chokes out all other native plants and even alters soil composition. Don't be fooled by its evergreen succulence, these large swaths of plants are actually *ecological deserts* that support almost zero wildlife. Help us restore this habitat at our restoration event!

Nature Play

Wednesday, November 6th
Tecolote Nature Center 1:30pm-3pm

Location: 5180 Tecolote Road, San Diego CA 92110

Details: Come play at the Nature Center and discover the critters that call the canyon home with a bug scavenger hunt and other activities. For children 4 to 12 years old, adults must be present throughout the event.

Guided Hike- Owl Prowl

Saturday, November 9th
Tecolote Canyon 4:30pm-6pm

Location: 5180 Tecolote Road, San Diego CA 92110



Details: Join us for an evening guided hike through Tecolote Canyon to learn about nocturnal canyon dwellers. Sturdy hiking shoes and a warm jacket are encouraged. Headlamps or flashlights are recommended and bring binoculars if you have them! Children are welcome but please leave your four-legged friends at home. This event will be capped at 20 hikers- reserve your spot on Meetup.com

Bloomin' Baccharis- it's November!

Monthly Recap

The Sycamore leaves are changing colors and the coyote brush are blooming- must be Autumn in San Diego. It has been an eventful month in the canyons, highlighted by **Senior Park Ranger Steve Smith being awarded Citywide Employee of the Year!** Ranger Steve coincidentally just celebrated 10 years of working and protecting the Tri Canyons; be sure to congratulate him next time you see him on the trails.

A big project is about to begin that will be updating the Trunk Sewer running through Tecolote Canyon. Access to **trails will be impacted at times** so be sure to pay attention to signage and have a backup trailhead in mind.

In other news, the San Diego Mountain Biking Association recently updated and installed several breakaway bridges at creek crossings in Marian Bear Park and Tecolote Canyon. The timing couldn't be better as we head into the rainy season. *Thank you SDMBA!*

We have some exciting new events coming to the Nature Center. **Nature Play** is back and will be **recurring on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3pm** at the Tecolote Nature Center. There will also be an all ages art class beginning November 12th. Bring your children and a curiosity for the natural world!

