

## May 2012 Little Basin Program Schedule



May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 PM **Campfires at Little Basin** Come learn about Little Basin's unique history, natural environment, and culture. Be ready to learn some fun songs and hear some interesting facts about Little Basin.



May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 AM **Tanbark Loop Interpretive Hike** Hike a trail at Little Basin with one of our naturalists and learn about the flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a moderate hike (1.5 miles) and you should bring water to drink.



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May 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00– 4:00 PM **Mother's Day Weekend Wildflower Hike** Take your mom on a delightful Mother's Day Wildflower Hike guided by one of our knowledgeable naturalists. Please don't pick the flowers for her, but enjoy the day with your mother and Mother Earth at Little Basin.



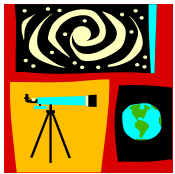
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May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00–10:30 PM **Astronomy Night** Bring the family out at night to see the breathtaking view of the stars from Little Basin. We will bring the telescope out and talk about the planets and seasonal constellations that we can see. Weather permitting.



May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM **Early Bird - Bird Watching** Check out the birds of Little Basin on a beautiful early morning nature hike. California quail and juncos abound all around Little Basin, plus other avian members of the redwood forest community. Some binoculars provided; if you have your own please bring them.



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May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 PM **Night Hike** Explore the other half of the 24 hour cycle of life on a hike around Little Basin at Night. Use your senses to discover owls, coyotes, frogs, and other nocturnal creatures that call Little Basin home.



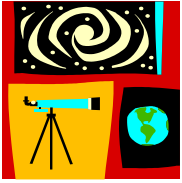
May 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Redwood Ecology Hike** Come on this family friendly hike through Little Basin and learn about the tallest living things on planet Earth – the coast redwood. Redwood trees have many adaptations that help them to survive thousands of years.



May 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM **The Art and Craft of Tracking** Make and decorate plaster casts of animal footprints and make rubber stamps from recycled materials. Learn some the skills of track identification and have fun doing some arts and crafts. This is a fee program. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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May 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM **Tanbark Loop Interpretive Hike** Hike a trail at Little Basin with one of our naturalists and learn about the flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a moderate hike (1.5 miles) and you should bring water to drink.



May 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM **Paper Mache Animal Sculptures** Let your creativity run wild by building and painting your own paper mache animal. This class for age 10 and up is limited to 15 people. This is a fee program. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 AM **Leaf Rubbing Mandala** Make a beautiful design of your own creation by utilizing the beauty of nature. This class will teach plant identification and is fun for the whole family. Meet in front of office.

Friday Campfires	Saturday Campfires	Sunday Campfires
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	

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## June 2012 Program Schedule



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June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM Tanbark Loop Interpretive Hike Hike a trail with one of our naturalists and learn about the flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a moderate hike (1.5 miles) and you should bring water to drink.



June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM Art in Nature, Nature in Art This is a class to enjoy and build your art skills by drawing your inspiration from nature. This is a fee based program. 17 people max. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-11:00 AM Arthropod Adventure Discover the different insects and arthropods of Little Basin as we learn about the most common creatures on the planet. We will use nets and magnifiers to get a closer look at our arthropod neighbors.



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June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 AM **Aquatic Invertebrate Discoveries** Discover the world of freshwater life in Bloom and Scott Creek. From dragonfly larvae to hellgrammites, see what is living in the creeks of Little Basin and the Santa Cruz Mountains.



June 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00 PM **Plant Power!** Unlock the secret world of plants and photosynthesis with an exploration of the plants of Little Basin. Learn how plants make energy, adapt to their environment, and help sustain life on Planet Earth. This is a fee program. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



June 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM **Early Bird - Bird Watching** Check out the birds of Little Basin on a beautiful early morning nature hike. California quail and juncos abound all around Little Basin, plus other avian members of the redwood forest community. Some binoculars provided; if you have your own please bring them.



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June 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM **Tanbark Loop Interpretive Hike** Hike a trail at Little Basin with one of our naturalists and learn about the flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a moderate hike (1.5 miles) and you should bring water to drink.



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June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Reptile Rendezvous** Learn about the reptiles of Little Basin on one of our naturalist-led hikes and discover the world of reptiles. From alligator lizards to ring-necked snakes, we'll see what kind of reptiles live here at Little Basin.



June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM **Tracking** PSST – Pattern, Shape, Size and Toes, these are the things that the tracker knows. On this leisurely hike around camp we'll keep keen eyes on the ground for animal tracks. We'll also take along plaster to make casts out of the best ones we find. This is a fee program. 15 people max. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 – 5:00 PM **Animal Mask Making** Let's make animal masks. You can transform your face into a wolf or an eagle or a deer or any other animal, like one you might see at Little Basin. This is a messy and fun project. Bring a towel. 14 people maximum. This is a fee program. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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June 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00 PM Eagle Rock Interpretive Hike Hike a trail at Little Basin with one of our naturalists and learn about the flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a moderately difficult hike (3 miles) and you should bring water to drink.



June 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM Owl Pellets & Medicine Shield Workshop – Where Science Meets Spirit Owl pellets are the discarded remains of the small animals that an owl has eaten. We'll carefully dissect these pellets and examine the bones to learn what species of animals they are. Then you can make what is known as a Medicine Shield. The shield is made from the cleaned bones from the pellets. A mix of art and science, the Shield represents a time of fresh ideas, energy and promise. This activity takes patience and is a meditation. Come see for yourself and learn about owls. For ages 12-adult (limit 20 people). This is a fee program. \$15 for campers/\$25 non-campers. Pre-register by calling 831-338-8018.



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