

Kids in Marshes



Students learn about the plants and animals that live within different zones of the salt marsh through interactive games and building a model salt marsh. Students visit a local marsh for their field trip, and have the opportunity to explore the shoreline, observe birds and go on scavenger hunts to deepen their knowledge of salt marshes. Teachers are also provided with a lesson plan to engage their students in an action project to connect their community to what they learned through this program.

Program Overview

Lesson 1: Introduction to Salt Marshes (*1 hour in the classroom, TWP-led*)

Field Trip: Salt Marsh Exploration

Lesson 2: Deeper Dive into Salt Marsh Ecosystems (*1 hour in the classroom, TWP-led*)

Optional Lesson 3: Action project to communicate about and protect salt marshes (*content provided by TWP, teacher-led*)

Program Goals

1. Students will learn about marsh ecosystems through a variety of hands-on, game- and evidence-based activities.
2. Students will increase their connection to, and time in, nature.
3. Students will engage in nature explorations in local marshes in order to deepen their understanding of, and connection to, their watershed.

Standards Connections

Kids in Marshes supports learning and engagement in the following Next Generation Science Standards:

- Practices: Engaging in Argument from Evidence; Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
- Performance Expectations: LS3 - Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy and Dynamics; LS4 - Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

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Field Trip Expectations

We understand that elementary schools are often interested in having all the students in a particular grade level participate in the same programming. This often means that three or four classes are participating in the same program, which is great!

However, for field trips it's challenging for our small staff to provide a quality nature experience to students and teachers if three or four classes (more than 50-60 students) are attending the same field trip. Given this, we ask that no more than two classes attend a field trip on the same day. If we are scheduling this program with you and there are three or four classes participating, we will work with you and the other teachers at your school to schedule two days of field trips.

Field Trip Locations

Stege Marsh ([Shimada Friendship Park](#))



Shoreline and marsh access, great birding opportunities, picnic tables and bathrooms at the park

More field trip options coming soon!

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