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Innovative environmental science education that improves student learning

Newsletter for the EV Community

January 2012

EcoCenter



The restoration on the EcoCenter is almost complete. Come to the Baylands to see its progress.

To see pictures of the EcoCenter's restoration journey, click on the photo above.

To learn more about the EcoCenter, click [here](#).

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Happy New Year!

Here's to another year of bringing environmental science programs to our local schools!

School Services Update

by Laurie Lopez, Programs Coordinator

**Don't blink;
you might miss it!**



Did You Know? "The dragonfly can have up to **28,000 lenses in each eye.**" (NYTimes, 12/13/11)

Thanks to EV Leni for sharing! If you have any fun facts to share, please send them to justyne@evols.org.

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December services finished out 2011 strong! In the Peninsula, our volunteers led **22 services** (16 classrooms, 6 field trips). While our South Bay EVs led **21 services** (14 classrooms, 7 field trips). Combined, both areas gave a total of **361 hours of volunteer time** during the holiday season to **inspire 735 students** in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties to love science, nature, and learning.



"Thank You" card from one of the children we serve



EV Susan Dorsky in Energy & Natural Resources training.

Training Update

We are always looking for new volunteers to join the EV family and if you sign up now you will be a part of our very first [volunteer training course](#) to be held in our new building! You don't want to miss this opportunity. **The Living in California course begins on March 19th** and runs every Monday through April 23rd at the EcoCenter. No need to have a background in natural science, you just need a love of nature. And teaching experience isn't required either, just a desire to work with kids. Our volunteer training provides the rest.

To get more information or to request an application, contact Volunteer@EVols.org

Who's News: Larry Spivak

by Jan Whitmer

If you haven't met **Larry Spivak**, you have a treat in store for you, for Larry has a diverse background and many interests. He heard about the EV from a birder group posting on the Internet (interesting sign of the times) and joined us last spring. Growing up in Berkeley, Larry has always been...



Find out what Larry's always been [here](#).



EV Bay Tour App Launch was a Great Success!



ED Allan Berkowitz & PA Mayor Sid Espinosa show kids how to use the app.

Yes, we have an app for that! On December 4th, we launched our EV Bay Tour App and it was a wonderful event.

Palo Alto Mayor Sid Espinosa and local school children helped us celebrate the launch of the app by using it to discover the flora and fauna of the Baylands! We're so excited to have people use it out at the Baylands.

Download the [free app](#) and take the family out on a free self-guided tour of the Baylands.

Wild Crush: A Wine and Chocolate Adventure

Indulge yourself with delightful wines and delectable chocolates in support of the Environmental Volunteers.

**Sunday, April 29, 2012
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

Oshman Family JCC, Palo Alto

Enjoy a 3-course meal, wine and chocolate tasting, and live auction conducted by State Senator Joe Simitian while celebrating the completion of the EV's new EcoCenter. Proceeds from the [gala](#) allow us to provide environmental science education for today's students and tomorrow's environmental stewards.

Ticket price is \$175.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate auction items, email shannon@evols.org.



Stop 'Lion' Around!

by Lindsey Tillisch, Intern

Perhaps you have heard the echoing, dog-like bark coming from the

sea while walking along harbors and beaches, but this vocal mammal is no house pet - it is the **California sea lion**. The California sea lion is a marine mammal native to the state of California and a nongame species under state law. The California sea lion is known for its...

What are CA sea lions known for? Find out [here](#).



EV Snapshots

Look what EVs captured on their cameras while they were out and about.

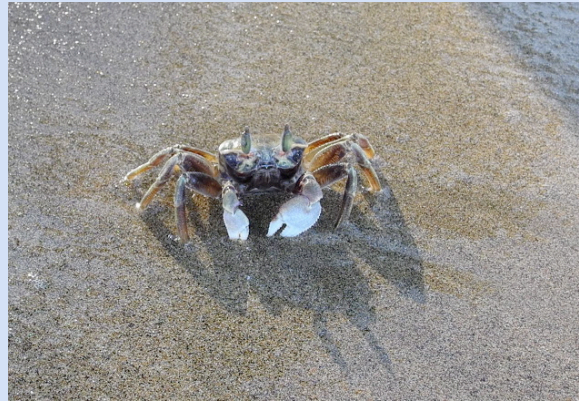


On a birding trip through Panama, **Lisa Myers** digiscoped this distant **Three Toed Sloth**.

At the Santa Cruz Island, Bob 'Scatman' Dodge shot this **live oak**. It is a very small pacific oak and the largest they saw was 4 feet tall. He says, "The galls are similar to our local oak galls only smaller and with paper



thin walls."



Scatman also photographed this **Hawaiian Ghost Crab**.

Thanks Lisa and Bob. If you have any images

from EV services, field trips or your own excursions, and would like to share them with the EV community, please send them to justyne@EVols.org.

With Deep Appreciation...

We thank our donors who gave during the holiday season. With your help, we are able to teach more students in 2012.

There is still time to contribute to EV's 2012 programming. Click [here](#) to donate.



EV Frosty Krieger and a student digging around in our Backyard Soil learning lab.

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