

# Mandatory Field Trip #5

## West Coast Marine Life and Habitats

### Birch Aquarium - La Jolla, CA

**Tuesday July 25, 2017**

**Introduction:** This fieldtrip assignment involves participating in a local field trip to the Birch Aquarium, which will focus on marine life, their habitats, and environmental concerns. Students must complete a field trip worksheet during the fieldtrip. The fieldtrip worksheet must be turned in at the start of next class meeting. If you do not sign in with me at the aquarium, you must retain and turn in your stamped admittance receipt with your worksheet.

#### **Mandatory Birch Aquarium Fieldtrip**

**Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2017** Meet earlier than normal class meeting time at 11:20 AM Finish by 11:30 AM. This fieldtrip is self-guided, and can be done outside of normal class meeting time. If you plan on going at a different day and time, then you need to contact the professor first for an OK. Note that if you do go to the Birch without the instructor, then you will need to retain your stamped admittance ticket along with your completed worksheet to professor the following class meeting.

**Meet Where:** The Birch Aquarium, located at the end of Expedition Way in La Jolla. It will take about 20-25 minutes from Encinitas. Parking is free for three hours in the main aquarium parking. We will meet out in front of the aquarium at 11:20 am sharp. The price of admission for students with an ID is \$8.00 if purchased through Birch Aquarium website. There is free 3-hour parking.

**How long:** The trip will probably take at least 2 hours to complete (9:30 am to 11:30 pm). Those that cannot start at the 9:30 am time can go at another day and/or time to complete the assignment. If you do not show up at the scheduled time and elect to do it on your own at another time and/or date must keep and submit your Scripps Aquarium admittance receipt with your completed assignment.

**Purpose:** To familiarize students with marine life, including the impacts humans have on nature, and the impact nature has on humans.

**Field Assignment:** Students will be required to complete a field trip handout, which includes observations and answering fill-in questions, and writing a short reflection on the field trip experience.

Follow this link to download the questionnaire worksheet:

**[http://seascisurf.com/costa\\_ocean\\_fieldtrip4\\_worksheet.pdf](http://seascisurf.com/costa_ocean_fieldtrip4_worksheet.pdf)**

**Credit Points:** Students will receive up to 30 grade points for attending, including the completion of the field trip worksheet and a written reflection. The completed field trip worksheet and reflection is due at the beginning of the following scheduled class meeting.

**What to Bring:** Bring a copy of the worksheet, a clipboard, and writing tools.

**What to Wear:** Loose, comfortable clothes (T-shirt and shorts is good) along with a hat and sweatshirt or windbreaker. Beach weather may range from sunny and warm to overcast and cool. So it is a good idea to be prepared either way.

## HOW TO GET YOUR DISCOUNT TICKET

The Birch Aquarium now has system in which students on assignment can get an **educational discount** by buying tickets **ahead of time** using a credit card on the aquarium website.

- Go to: [http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Plan\\_a\\_Visit/](http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/Plan_a_Visit/)
- Click on “**Buy Tickets Online**”
- Scroll down to “**College Students on Assignment**”

If you don't buy your ticket ahead of time through the aquarium website, admission will cost about twice as much at the entrance!

For aquarium hours and more information go to: <http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/>

**How to Get There:** <http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/visitor/>

## Birch Aquarium Field Trip Map

