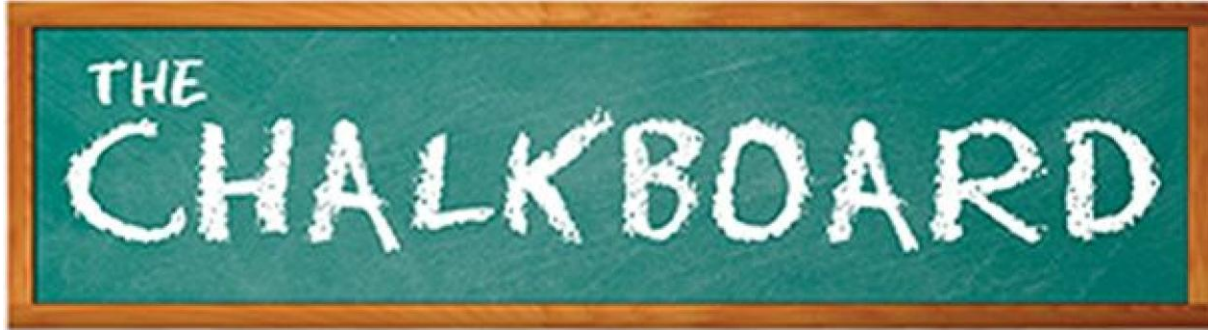




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*Dear Educator,*

*Below you will find the July-August edition of the School Liaison Info Digest. We hope you are enjoying the summer vacation. In this edition you will find several resources, events and professional development opportunities for you and your colleagues to take advantage of.*

*We have also included a "Summer Guide for Parents" section which is a continuation to the Summer Guide that was sent out last month. The intent of the Summer Guide is to assist parents who are looking to plan ahead for their children's summer activities. This guide includes events, camps, and resources students can participate in to continue their learning throughout the break.*

*Eventhough it is July, and it may be somewhat difficult to reach parents, ECCLA wanted to ensure that you have this information in case you receive questions from your interactions with parents throughout the remainder of the summer (You can also access a easy to print Word Version of the Summer Guide for Parents which is more comprehensive than the one provided below from our [website](#)).*

*Thanks again for your support and commitment to Central Los Angeles students. Please remember to forward this newsletter to your faculty if possible. And **SAVE THE DATE: Free Educators Open House for all 3 Expo Park museums on August 20, 8:30am to noon.***

*Best,  
ECCLA*

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUCEMENTS:**

#### **TELL US WHAT INFO YOU NEED**

As we explained at our successful launch event with you at the 24th Street Theatre back in March, we need your feedback to help us learn the best frequency and amount of information



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to send you. Please look this over and let us know if you found anything you can act on.

### **DEADLINES FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS & STUDENTS**

The events/resources are listed in chronological order thus some of the opportunities may occur within the next 1-3 weeks.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **PEACHES: GEMS for Early Educators**

**July 23 and July 30, 2011**

PEACHES (Primary Explorations for Children and Educators in Science) activities are designed for our youngest learners! Participate in activities that convey key primary Science and Mathematics concepts and skills in a developmentally appropriate way, while interweaving literature, language acquisition, drama, art, role-play and environmental awareness! Participants will receive teacher guides for every session taken.

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Registration Fee:** \$35 per class, or \$65 for the two day series

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



#### **Connecting Curriculum and Technology: Teaching with the Tools Kids Really Use!**

**July 26-28, 2011**

In this workshop, participants will examine inexpensive hardware already used by many students, explore free Web 2.0 tools such as social networking sites and virtual worlds, and shed light on both common objections and changing points of view about using mobile technologies for instructional support. Explore a variety of teacher-friendly technologies, strategies and learner-centered activities that will engage students as they learn math and science concepts. **LAUSD teachers may earn 1 salary point upon completion of this workshop.**

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Registration Fee:** \$35 per class, or \$85 for the three day series

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



#### **Ocean Observing Systems: A 5-Day Institute for Middle and High School Teachers**

**August 1-5, 2011** (applications for this week-long seminar were due in the spring, but highly motivated persons interested in ocean systems might want to inquire about



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waiting lists or last-minute openings)

**Cost:** Free (You can get a \$500 stipend for attending, and \$200 more for creating a syllabus)

**Location:** USC, Cabrillo Marine Museum and other venues

In this institute, participants will learn about cutting edge instruments and data from the ocean environment, with related demonstrations and hands-on activities. Scientists will present talks about their research and different ways to use real data to enhance classroom lessons and build students' understanding of ocean systems and the importance of the ocean in their daily lives.

Working in teams, participants will learn about incorporating Principles of Ocean Literacy, and develop lesson plans that they can integrate into classroom instruction.

**Additional Information:** Contact Pat Harcourt, COSEE-West Program Manager at USC via email at [pharcour@usc.edu](mailto:pharcour@usc.edu); phone 213-740-4693 or via website at <http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/6360.asp?item=8986>

### **Making the Connection: Teaching Science Across the Curriculum**

**August 2, 3 and 4, 2011**

Participate in a 3-part series that examines teaching and learning Science across the disciplines. Workshops focus on teaching science through literature, mathematics, writing and art. Activities meet National and State Science Standards and are geared for educators in grades PK-5. Receive materials, ideas and strategies that you can use with children immediately.

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Registration Fee:** \$35 per class, or \$85 for the three day series

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



### **Preschool Science! Explore, Discover! Investigate!: Science Learning Through Play**

**August 6, 2011**

Balls, cars, things that go! Children learn most when they are engaged in play. Explore the concept of play as you make and play with toys that can teach science and math concepts.

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 12:30pm

**Registration Fee:** \$50

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



### **Out of the Classroom and into the Park: Exploring Ecosystems!**

**August 9 and 10, 2011**

Participate in a workshop that will investigate the Ecosystems gallery at the





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California Science Center! Receive materials to use in your classroom that can be used to reinforce or introduce a fieldtrip to the exhibit. By attending this two day training you will be eligible to participate in a raffle to win bus transportation to bring your students to the California Science Center!

**LAUSD teachers may earn 1 salary point for upon completion of this workshop.**

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Registration Fee:** \$35 per class, or \$65 for the two day series

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



### **I Dig Dirt! Exploring the Earth Beneath our Feet**

**August 13, 2011**

What is dirt? What is soil? Are they the same? Investigate these questions and more as you learn about the earth beneath our feet! Activities include discovering what can live in soil and constructing a habitat.

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 12:30pm

**Registration Fee:** \$50

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).

### **Teacher Appreciation Days @ the Autry in Griffith Park**

**August 18, 2011 (for teachers of K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**August 25, 2011 (for teachers of 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

This summer, the Autry would like to show its appreciation to Southern California teachers with an invitation to Teacher Appreciation Days. Museum educators will be on hand to talk with teachers about museum programs and online resources, as well as to answer your questions. Afterwards, the Autry invites teachers to be its guest at Sizzling Summer Nights, the Autry's weekly summer salsa evening. Tickets will be distributed at registration.

The day includes:

- Overview of grade level/curriculum appropriate materials including upcoming exhibitions and online resources
- All Aboard! program materials for Title I schools
- Opportunity to schedule field trips for the fall
- Preview of new programs with museum teachers
  - NEW! Animals of the West.
  - NEW! The Poetic West.
- Sizzling Summer Nights, 6:00pm—9:00pm

RSVP no later than August 1 to Janet Jung at [jjung@theautry.org](mailto:jjung@theautry.org). For additional information please call (323) 667-2000 or visit the website at [www.theautry.org](http://www.theautry.org).



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### **Educators' Open House w/ CAAM, CSC and NHM (K-12 teachers)**

**August 20, 2011**

**Cost: Free w/ RSVP**

The California African American Museum, The California Science Center and The Natural History Museum will be holding —An Educators' Walk in the Park at Exposition Park. Saturday, August 20, 2011. This is an Educators' Open House that will begin at CAAM at 8:30am with light refreshments followed by tours at each museum, raffles, giveaways for teachers, and activities for specific exhibits.

**Hours:** 9:30am – 12pm (starts at CAAM and ends at NHM)

**Addition Information or to RSVP:** The CAAM RSVP number is (213) 744-2024 or the NHM RSVP number is (213) 763-3390 or via email at [mollyporter@nhm.org](mailto:mollyporter@nhm.org).

### **Becoming a Scientist**

**August 20, 2011**

What is science? What does a Scientist do? These questions and more will be answered as participants engage in hands-on activities that focus on providing teachers with strategies and activities to help students observe, ask questions and experiment.

**Workshop Hours:** 8:30am - 12:30pm

**Registration Fee:** \$50

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at [agaiter@cscmail.org](mailto:agaiter@cscmail.org).



### **Opera for Educators Program @ LA Opera**

**7 Saturdays starting August 27, 2011, running through May 5, 2012**

**Cost:** \$105 for entire series (25% discount for all 7 sessions); \$20 per session after 8/27, 2011.

LA Opera's award-winning Opera for Educators series explores opera from an interdisciplinary point of view. Gain insight about opera and the historical context in which it was created. Discuss opera as history and art, as well as language and social commentary. Learn all about the stars and artists of the opera world, as well as the production and business of opera. Enjoy recitals and rehearsals, and receive special opera news updates. Up to three LAUSD salary points or equivalent UCLA Extension credits are offered for participating teachers.

**Hours:** 9am -5pm on performance Saturdays

**Additional Information:** Visit website at <http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/6360.asp?item=9015>

### **Kresa Educator Resource Hall**

**Ongoing,** California Science Center.

**Cost:** Free

Throughout the year the Kresa Educator Resource Hall will host “Make and Take Saturdays” where visitors can try out a variety of engaging hands-on science and mathematics activities relating to





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different themes. Join us to meet and network with other educators and parents in the Southern Californian community. Please visit the website for additional information:

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/Kresa/Kresa.php>.

### **The Autry**

#### **Ongoing**

**Cost:** Free

The Autry provides several hands-on, outreach kits ( <http://theautry.org/education/outreach-kits> ), which help bring to life the stories of individual Westerners. Each kit profiles a community through the eyes of an actual person. Their stories, traditions, challenges, and opportunities come to life through carefully chosen resource materials and lesson plans. Free for Title 1 Schools. To apply for free busing or to gather more information please visit the website at <http://theautry.org/>.



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### SUMMER GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

#### CAMPS:

##### **EXPO Center Summer Day Camp**

**Now- August 26, 2011**

EXPO Center offers several camps: Day Camp (variety of activities), Sport Camp (sports, field trips and swimming), and Dance and Cheer Camp.

**Ages:** Day camp & Sports camp, 6 -12 years old, teen camp for ages 13 and up.

**Program Hours:** 7:30am – 6:00pm.

**Cost:** \$120 per week. See website at <http://www.laparks.org/expo/>.

**Address:** 3980 Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037

**Phone:** (213) 763-0114 ext: 227



##### **Hollywood Girls Camp**

**Now - August 19, 2011**

This program offers a week-long resident camp with activities. Hollywood girls camp is located in Griffith Park, nestled in the canyon between the Hollywood sign and the Observatory. The camp is designed to provide youth in LA with camping and recreational programs, close to the city, in mountain atmosphere.

**Ages:** 6 - 17 years

**Cost:** \$375 to \$450

**Address:** 3200 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068

**Contact:** (323) 467-7193 or visit website at

<http://www.laparks.org/dos/camps/hollywoodland.htm>.

**Email:** [camphollywoodland@lacity.org](mailto:camphollywoodland@lacity.org)

##### **Zoo Camp**

**Now - August 26, 2011**

This summer program at the Los Angeles Zoo offers children ages 4 -12 yrs old, the chance to explore the zoo and all its creatures, learn about conservation, animal related careers and other fun activities.

**Program Hours:** 9am - 3pm

**Cost:** members \$240, nonmembers \$300 per week

**Address:** 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Email:** [zooreservations@zoo.lacity.org](mailto:zooreservations@zoo.lacity.org)

**Contact:** (323) 644-4211 or visit the website at <http://www.lazoo.org/education/zoocamp/>.



##### **Autry Adventurers Summer Camp**

**Now - July 29, 2011**

The Autry Museum of the American West designs week-long sessions of historical adventures especially for children.





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**Cost & Ages:** Half Day (9:00 am -12pm Noon; Ages 5-12) \$145 Autry Members/\$185 nonmembers: Full Day (9:00 am - 4pm; Ages 8-12) \$240 Autry Members / \$300 nonmembers  
**Address:** Griffith Park 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027  
**Contact:** (323) 667-2000 ext 275 or visit the website at <http://theautry.org/education/summer-camp>.

### **Adventures in Nature Summer Day Camp (Held at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits)**

**Now - August 12, 2011**

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County offers week-long activities and field trips from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; half-days are available too. They also offer extended day care.

**Ages:** Kindergarten through 6th grade **Cost:** \$250 members and \$300 non-members

**Address:** 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

**Contact:** (213) 763-3348 or visit the website at <http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/adventures-in-nature>.

### **Iridescent Engineering Summer Camp**

**Now - August 5, 2011**

Students have a chance to work with and learn from engineers, build models, and conduct experiments that will help them understand physics and engineering principles.

**Ages:** 6 and up

**Cost:** \$300 (full scholarships available-contact [Jenna@iridescentlearning.org](mailto:Jenna@iridescentlearning.org))

**Address:** 553 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

**Phone:** (424) 241- 2649 or visit the website at <http://iridescentlearning.org/>.

### **Griffith Park Boys Camp**

**July 27 - August 19, 2011**

this program offers a week-long resident camp with activities. The camp is located in the Griffith Park and provides a great camping experience for boys. Campers participate in sports, arts and crafts, campfires and much more. Program runs from June -August.

**Ages:** Boys 7-17 yrs old **Cost:** \$350 - \$450

**Contact:** (323) 664-0571 or visit the website at <http://iridescentlearning.org/>.

**Address:** 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027



### **Woodcraft Rangers Summer Camp**

**August 2011**

Woodcraft Rangers has a proud 87 year history of providing innovative and creative programs for children in the under-served areas of greater Los Angeles. Currently, Woodcraft Rangers reaches out to over 18,000 at-risk young people annually





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through enriching after-school and camping programs. The organization's programs are responsive to social trends and designed to help children and youth mature into healthy, productive adults through positive experiences and age-appropriate challenges. They provide residential camp services to nearly 300 boys and girls. This camp is one week camping experience for youths of ages 7-11. Activities include hiking, archery, scavenger hunts, arts & crafts, stargazing and nature studies.

**Address:** 1625 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Email:** [camp@woodcrafrangers.org](mailto:camp@woodcrafrangers.org)

**Contact:** (213) 249-9293.

### **MUSEUMS & RESOURCES:**

#### **Adventures in Nature @ Natural History Museum**

**Now to August 12, 2011**

Adventures in Nature is a day camp offered every summer. In it, children K through Grade 6 have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of Museum topics — Earth's features, creatures, and cultures from around the globe. Enroll your children in our hands-on, interactive classes and they will learn about fascinating topics through active encounters that spark children's natural curiosity and creativity.

**Hours:** All camps are from 9 am to 3 pm daily and are one week in length. **Cost:** Members (per week): \$250; Non-members (per week): \$300

**Additional Information:** <http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/adventures-in-nature> .

#### **The Butterfly Pavilion @ Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County**

**Now - September 5, 2011**

Tickets are sold in half hour intervals throughout the day. Admission for this pavilion only is \$3, and children 4 and under are free. Museum Members are free of charge. Tickets can be purchased at any Museum admissions desk or at

the Pavilion of Wings itself. The Pavilion is open each day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the last tickets sold at 4:30 pm. Exhibit runs through Sept. 5, 2011. For more information please visit the website at <http://www.nhm.org/site/explore-exhibits/special-exhibits/butterfly-pavilion> or call (213) 763-3466.



#### **The Autry School Tours/ Family Programs**

**Ongoing**

The Autry National Center offers engaging, one-of-a-kind educational experiences for students of all ages. With over 20 years of educational experience, the Museum of the American West offers a unique interactive environment which invites students and teachers alike to experience the art, history, and cultures of the American West. The California Gold Rush, Life in the West Plains Indians, The Art of the West and Westward Expansion are just a few of the many museum teacher taught programs available.

**Cost:** Daily K-12 tour - \$1 per person. Docent guided tours and programs are available in



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the morning or afternoon.

**Exhibits:** The Autry also has American Indian Culture Day (First Sunday of the Month) for families and Family Sunday at the Autry (Third Sunday of the Month).

### **PERFORMANCES & EVENTS:**

#### **Houdini: Art & Magic**

**Closes: September 4, 2011** (companion exhibit “Masters of Illusion” continues thru mid-January)

*Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles.* Magician, escape artist, and showman extraordinaire Harry Houdini (1874–1926) has remained an object of fascination for generations. The exhibit explores Houdini as an individual and an enduring cultural phenomenon, documenting the period in American history when the young Jewish immigrant helped shape the cultural landscape and became a mass-market star. Featuring more than 150 objects—including film clips, stunning period posters, dramatic theater ephemera, rare photographs, original props (including a straitjacket, milk can, and Metamorphosis Trunk used by Houdini), and the work of select avant-garde artists—the exhibition reveals Houdini’s legacy as an iconic figure, both in his time and in ours.

**Hours:** 12:00-5:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

**Cost:** Free with Museum Admission: \$10.00 adults; \$7.00 seniors and students; \$5.00 children 2-12 (Includes admission to all other exhibitions). The Museum is free to all on Thursdays, but free admission does not include this exhibit.

**Additional Information:** [www.skirball.org](http://www.skirball.org).

#### **Noah's Ark @ Skirball Cultural Center**

##### **Ongoing**

Imagine yourself immersed in a favorite childhood tale. Five years in the making and occupying an 8,000–square–foot gallery, Noah’s Ark at the Skirball welcomes children and families to take this journey together. Inspired by the ancient flood story, which has parallels in diverse cultures around the world, this one–of–a–kind new destination invites visitors of all generations to have fun—and to connect with one another, learn the value of community, and help build a better world.

**Hours:** 12:00-5:00pm Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

**Cost:** \$10.00 adults; \$7.00 seniors and students; \$5.00 children 2-12 (Includes admission to all other exhibitions). The Museum is free to all on Thursdays.

**Location:** Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles, CA.

**Additional Information:** Please call (310) 440-4500.

#### **“Magic Strings” @ Bob Baker Marionettes**

##### **Ongoing**

Children and adults will enjoy Bob Baker’s staging of this circus-themed show featuring over 100 marionette puppets.

**Hours:** 10:30am Tues.-Fri.; 2:30pm Sat. & Sun.



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**Cost:** \$20.00. Recommended for all ages.

**Location:** Bob Baker Marionette Theatre - 1345 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA.

**Additional Information:** Please call (213) 250-9995.

### **Masters of Illusion: Jewish Magicians of the Golden**

#### **Ongoing through mid-January 2012**

*Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles.* Spotlighting celebrated innovators during magic's "Golden Age" (1875–1948) whose stories have largely been forgotten, Masters of Illusion: Jewish Magicians of the Golden Age is the first museum exhibition to investigate the significant contributions of Jewish magicians to entertainment history and to American and European culture at large. Through more than 150 treasured artifacts, the exhibition highlights the accomplishments as David "Papa" Bamberg (1843–1914), Herrmann the Great (1844–1932), The Great Leon (1876–1951), Carl Ballantine (1917–2009), and many more leading Jewish magicians of the day.

**Hours:** 12:00pm -5:00pm Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

**Cost:** Show included with Museum Admission. The Museum is free to all on Thursdays.

### **Da Vinci Hollywood Exhibit @ Hollywood & Highland Center**

#### **Ongoing**

A unique exhibit of machines described, designed, and developed by Leonardo da Vinci, in addition to reproductions of his most important artistic contributions. The exhibit includes: more than 60 full-sized interactive replica machines; more than 20 reproductions of his works of art in three art galleries (with two devoted to the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper); activity area with more than 30 intriguing games to play and models to build; plus books, puzzles and more!

**Hours:** 10:00am-6:00pm daily.

**Cost:** \$18.00 adults; \$16.00 seniors; \$13.00 students; \$11.00 children. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

**Location:** Hollywood & Highland Center - 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 201, Hollywood, CA.

**Additional Information:** Please call (323) 464-3300.

### **20,000 Jobs Under the Sea: A History of Commercial & Fishery Diving**

#### **Ongoing**

Los Angeles Maritime Museum - Berth 84, Foot of 6th St., San Pedro. Most people associate the word "diving" with recreational activities such as scuba or snorkeling. But diving is a profession as well. The work of underwater construction, inspection, salvage, and repair all require special skills and equipment. The people who perform these jobs are known as "commercial divers." Professional divers who harvest sea life such as abalone, urchins, or sponge are called "fishery divers." Their skills and equipment are specific to the requirements of underwater fishing, and for that reason a fishery diver is not the same as a commercial diver. This exhibit is an introduction to just a few of the thousands of jobs performed by commercial divers and fishery divers in the South Bay, and is the inspiration of Torrance R. Parker, noted commercial diver and author of 20,000 Jobs Under the Sea.

**Hours:** 10:00am -5:00pm Tues.-Sun. Closed Mondays.



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**Cost:** Free with Museum Admission: \$3.00 adults; \$1.00 seniors, youth and students (with ID); FREE for children. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

**Additional Information:** Please visit website at [www.lamaritimemuseum.org](http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org).

### REMEMBER TO VISIT:

**Find more resources at the ECCLA Blog** at <http://ecclablog.blogspot.com/>.

New information every week on programs for educators at the museums, colleges and community organizations here in our own neighborhood.