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Earth Day at Cabrillo

Aquarium celebrates the 'ocean planet' with free programs April 17.

Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You are invited to join the 30th annual Earth Day Celebration of our "ocean planet" at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 17, with a day of free programs, including a beach cleanup, speakers, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, sharing information, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh, and more.

You can be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m.; supplies and refreshments are included. Then you can stop by the auditorium to view selected presentations of the day and visit with more than 40 organizations and agencies as they share how they are working to care for the earth. Musicians will be sharing their thoughts about the ocean through songs. And you can educate yourself about choices we can make every day to

make a difference in protecting our planet.

Throughout the day, the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, where you can visit the touch tank; search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life; observe the aquarium's newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery; and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

Free parking is available at 22nd and Miner Streets with access to a shuttle in each direction. Guests can also connect to the shuttle from the Marina station of the Pacific Red Car Line along the Port Waterfront.

Red Car info: www.railwaypreservation.com/page8.html. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or go to: www.cabrilloaq.org.

Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

When: Saturday, April 17
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. San Pedro.
What: Beach cleanup, free aquarium admission, grunion hatching, food, music, booths, activities, representatives of more than 40 organizations.
Cost: Free; some attractions might have minimal cost.
Parking: Free parking at 22nd and Miner Streets, with Red Car access. Limited car parking at Cabrillo, \$1.
Info: www.cabrilloaq.org, or (310) 548-7562.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

... and at the Zoo, Too

The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

The Los Angeles Zoo and K-EARTH 101's Earth Day Expo 2010, themed Celebrating California Wildlife, features education, conservation and recycling information in an interactive and fun Earth-friendly environment. The two-day event includes a bevy of information booths, fun crafts and the opportunity to meet K-EARTH DJs.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

Information: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org



Newsbrief

PYLONS GO DARK:

On March 27, the 100-foot-tall LAX Gateway pylons that illuminate the entrance to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), were lighted solid green one hour before Earth Hour. Then, during Earth Hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., the pylons were turned off as part of a coordinated worldwide effort to raise public awareness of climate change and the need for energy conservation.

Last year, the second year of Earth Hour, more than 80 million participants in the U.S. and nearly a billion people worldwide dimmed their lights in support of action for climate change and for a cleaner, safer and more sustainable future.

The World Wildlife Fund, sponsor of Earth Hour, identified Los Angeles as a leader in environmental issues and chose it as a flagship location for Earth Hour. Earth Hour officials noted the event is a voluntary power down of non-essential lighting by participants. Lighting required for public safety will not be turned off.

The LAX Gateway pylons have become a symbolic gateway to Los Angeles since they were first lit in August 2000. In 2005, airport workers installed a new system of light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures that were unavailable in 2000. LEDs are small devices that convert electrical energy directly into light.

Significant cost savings were realized with the new system. The 2,000 LED fixtures in the pylons consume 75 percent less electricity than the previous 736 lamps and burn for 75,000 to 100,000 hours, compared to 3,000 hours for the original lights. With the elimination of moving parts, motors, lamps and filters not required by the new system, maintenance costs also significantly dropped.

The 1.5-mile lineup of 11 translucent, tempered glass columns of increasing height, from 25 to 60 feet along Century Boulevard, culminates with a ring of 15 100-foot-tall columns at the intersection of Century and Sepulveda boulevards. Together, with 32-foot-high "L-A-X" letters facing eastward to welcome incoming motorists, the pylons create what is considered the world's largest permanent public art light installation. The pylons, oriented skyward and designed to mimic an aircraft takeoff pattern, are visible to airline passengers from 3,000 feet.

The pylons are illuminated in a variety of colors - 16 million color possibilities - and sequences as designed and programmed by lighting artists and airport staff.

The pylon lights resumed their color-changing display beginning at 9:30 p.m., following Earth Hour.

In addition to the LAX Gateway pylons, other famous L.A. landmarks that were set to turn off their lights during Earth Hour include the Santa Monica Pier and Nokia Plaza.

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