

# WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S

## FISH & WILDLIFE!



**Thank you for your class registration. We're excited to have you aboard!**

***ALERT: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are taking special precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and campers this year. Please be aware that all campers will be required to wear a face mask while on property and must have a backup ready (bring 2 masks). Campers are asked to keep at a safe distance from individuals at all times and will need to bring their own refillable water bottles to camp (we have a refillable station on site). All of our camp staff will be wearing masks and ensuring that campers follow safety measures and protocols. When you arrive our staff will help guide you through our security checkpoints from the comfort of your car. You will be asked to stay in your vehicle for pick up and drop off and we will not have spots for parking. All campers will receive a temperature and health screening before being allowed to enter camp. After the health screening campers will join their counselor and group. We know this is a difficult time and appreciate your help and cooperation. Please also be advised that our office will remain closed to the public. We will however have office staff ready to answer your questions by phone or email. For immediate assistance please call our office line at (949) 642-5031.***

**NOTE:** Click [HERE](#) for the recently revised merit badge requirements.

### **Course Description:**

During this course, students will discuss the meaning of fish and wildlife conservation and management, the problems our state's fish and wildlife face, identify management practices and learn education and training requirements needed to acquire careers in the field.

### **Class Highlights:**

- Building a bird feeder, keeping written record of the visiting birds.

- Dissecting and recording findings.
- Day 2 Field trip to the Back Bay Science Center. At the Back Bay Science Center, students will be able to identify many different, live and preserved wildlife species outside along the Upper Newport Bay trails/wetlands as well as inside the wildlife center. Newport Bay is an ecological reserve so be prepared to see some rare and unique species in this protected wildlife area.
  - Students not wearing closed-toe shoes will not be able to participate in field trip.
  - Bring a notebook, pencil/pen.
  - Water, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended and strongly encouraged.
  - Students will return to the Sea Base by the normal ending time of the class.

**Here are a few items we ask you keep in mind while preparing for class:**

- Be sure your Scout picks up a syllabus from the instructor on the first day of class and reviews the syllabus with parents/guardians.
- Scouts should bring the merit badge booklet to each day of class.
- Most of the merit badge requirements and course information are covered and discussed in class, however we do assign 2 homework assignments.
- Scouts MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AT ALL TIME. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes are permitted.
- Scouts should label all personal belongings.
- Electronics and other valued items should be left at HOME. Sea Base is not responsible for any lost, stolen or broken items.
- On the last day of class, bring a blue card signed by your Scoutmaster.

**This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for all youth (girls and boys, ages 11-17), not just Boy Scouts.**

**Note:** Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, campers must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Campers who are unable or unwilling to do so, may not be eligible to participate. (Youth who are working on their English language skills can decide to bring an interpreter but may still not be eligible to participate.)

Thanks again for your participation at the Newport Sea Base. Have a  
**GREAT class!**

**NEWPORT SEA BASE STAFF**

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