

**WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE!**



**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.*

**Course Description:**

Earth is an amazing place, full of wonders and colors. From the Sahara desert to the vast Pacific Ocean, our planet inhabits life and promotes excitement around every corner. This blue planet has over eight million different species of animal and plants, each equipped with unique features that help them survive and populate. Everything has learned to interact with each other in a harmonious, balanced way. It is our job, as Earth's most intelligent inhabitants to keep it blue and beautiful. After all, Earth is our only home.

In this 3 Saturday course, you will be:

- Learning about the ecosystem.
- Conducting experiments on air, water and land pollution.
- Exploring wildlife habitats and researching endangered species.
- Conserving valuable resources, reducing waste and considering alternate energy sources.

**Below is information you'll find valuable in helping you prepare for the class:**

- Most of the merit badge requirements and course information are covered and discussed in class, however we do also assign some homework items.
- Your student will find it easier to be successful in this class if he/she learns the vocabulary before the first day of class.
- Scouts MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AT ALL TIME. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes are permitted.
- Electronics and other valued items should be left at HOME.
- Scouts can carry their belongings with them to class; Sea Base is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.
- Snacks and drinks are recommended if your child is participating at NSB for an extended period of time.
- Scouts are not permitted to leave the Sea Base without a parent/guardian.
- Scouts should label all personal belongings.
- Scouts should get their blue cards from their Scoutmaster or delegate and bring them to class on the last day of class. Instructors will not hold blue cards for students before the last day of class.

**Pontoon Boat Ride:**

- Trip to the Back Bay Science Center (Final class mtg) - Students will be driven over by pontoon boat from the Newport Sea Base and will be conducting research, examining local plants and animals, and furthering their study of the ocean and local Newport Bay.

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

**Note:** Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, participants must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Youth 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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