



OCH Field Trip Program Guidelines – Little Corona Tide Pool Exploration Field Trip

OC Habitats provides field trip habitat programs at local habitats within Orange County to public, private, and home school groups. This document provides an overview of the program, the rules and guidelines for a successful trip, and our Release of Liability Waiver. Due to the fragile nature of this habitat, the maximum number of people allowed for this particular habitat field trip is 100, if student group is larger than this number, two or more field trips will be scheduled to accommodate the grade level. OCH likes to maintain an average 15:1 student/educator ratio so that students can engage and learn in these dynamic environments.

Title 1 Program

OCH has special programming for Title 1 Designated Schools. We provide up to 3 scholarships per school year to qualifying applicants of \$500 to cover bus costs and parking. If your school fits this requirement, please choose the Title 1 option in **How to Apply** below. If your school is chosen, teachers agree to have students fill out a pre-and post-survey for OCH. We also require a teacher evaluation of our program, as we strive to provide the best program possible and feedback is a vital part of this process. Scholarship payments will be made once all surveys and evaluations have been completed and collected.

OCH™ Habitat Education Field Trip Details – Little Corona Tide Pools - Tide Pool Exploration

We will explore the marine, intertidal, and coastal zones of this habitat. Next Gen, Ocean and Environmental Literacy concepts will be introduced in this program. Students will be asked to locate species and provide “educated guesses” as to what they are, how they live, and how they interact with their environment. Students will be asked to fill out an evaluation once they are back at school within two weeks of field trip.

- **Location:** Little Corona Beach, meet at Corona del Mar State Beach aka Big Corona
 - 3001 Ocean Blvd, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625 (parking lot)
 - Busses may park in lot, take 2 spaces (obtain parking permit)
 - Walk from Big Corona to Little Corona (1/2 mile each way)
- **Length of Field Trip, Start Times:**
 - Field trips are approximately 2-2.5 hours in length.
 - Start times vary but generally begin between 9-10:30am, allowing students to arrive from school destination and to return back before the school day ends.
- **Restrictions:** 7 years is minimum age, all minors must be with responsible adult parent, teacher, or guardian. ALL SCHOOLS NEED TO HAVE SIGNED AND DATED THE OCH RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER BEFORE PROGRAM (see below).
- **Dynamic Habitat** – Tides and Weather



- All programs are tide and weather dependent and, therefore, have the potential to be canceled on short notice. All participants must be aware of this and agree to be flexible in the case of unexpected issues.
- **What to wear and bring:** clothes you can hike in, a jacket/sweater in case it gets breezy/chilly, water to drink, footwear should be lace up running style shoe or hiking shoe for wet and craggy rocks, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, (binoculars and camera if you want to carry it)
- **How to Apply:** Please click on the links below for the Field Trip Application and Requests
 - Title 1 Schools – [Field Trip](#)
 - Public, Private, or Home Schools – [Field Trip](#)

What you can't do: (provided by [Orange County Marine Protected Area Council](#))

1. Absolutely NO Collecting
 2. *Never remove animals, shells or rocks from the tidepools.*
 3. *Never pick up animals.....observe them where they are.*
 4. *Walk gently, taking care not to step on plants or animals.*
 5. *Never turn over rocks.*
- These rules are on the MPA signs at the entrances to all the beaches.*

What you can do:

1. Step carefully and look without touching (Remember, no collecting or moving animals, rocks or shells)
2. Collect trash and beach glass
3. Stack small rocks in the dry sand area of the beach, as long as you don't move rocks from tidepools
4. Play in the sand
5. Go for a walk – get your toes wet
6. Identify the other species, like birds or mammals using the habitat
7. Sit on the benches and enjoy the view
8. Take photos or videos of your discoveries, rather than taking them home (Find a cool rock? Snap a photo. Like to watch the hermit crabs crawl? Take a video.)



Waiver & Release of Liability:

In consideration of the Program, I (We), the undersigned, recognize, agree and acknowledge as follows: (1) participation in the Program is voluntary; (2) Follow and abide by the rules, regulations, guidelines of the Program and the public space being used; (3) Due to the nature of the OCH™ program, all participants (adult and minor) need to be in good health, physically able to participate in the program without restrictions and has no medical condition that would or may cause participation to be potentially hazardous to his/her health; (4) Participant assumes all risks associated with participation in the Program. I hereby, for myself, my child, heir or anyone who might claim on my or my child's behalf, agree not to bring any claim, and waive, release and forever discharge OC Habitats™ and all their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all duty to me, my child and/or liability for damages arising out of or in the course of my or my child's participation in the Program, including all liability for any active or passive negligence by OCH™ officers, agents, employees, or volunteers. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I waive and voluntarily assume all risk of personal injury which may be sustained while participating. The undersigned, hereby acknowledged to be lawful participants, and lawful parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the participant, acknowledge(s) my/our qualifications to sign the Release on behalf of the participant.

Field Trip Representative Signature

Date

School or Organization Affiliation

Contact Phone

Contact Email: _____