4-H Marine Biology Monterey Fieldtrip

On July 27 & 28, the 4-H Marine Biology Project with leader, Donna Wice, spent two full days learning about the next ‘frontier’, the ocean.

The first place the group visited was the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab in Santa Cruz where they had a tour of the grounds and explored the ‘gripping’ world of sea stars, sea urchins, and friends. The group explored marine science through ‘hands-on’ exploration. They saw an 87 foot blue whale skeleton, found that a sea star and starfish are one and the same, and much much more. After the tour, the group had a BBQ at Natural Bridges State Beach where Jennifer Poor, Jennifer Rios, Rachelle Broomfield, and Melissa Rios had the opportunity to hit the waves and get wet. When dinner was over, they went to their motel to get a good night’s rest before heading to Moss Landing on Saturday.

Elkhorn Slough Safari at Moss Landing was Saturday’s first destination. The safari is a school like cruise which includes an in depth look at various aspects of slough ecology plus watching the precious wildlife such as playful sea otters, harbor seals and waterfowl. The group saw more than 230 seals, over 30 otters, 23 species of waterfowl, and various jellies including the egg yolk jelly fish. The 4-Hers were awarded a ‘naturalist certificate’ at the end of the cruise for answering their ‘bird bingo quiz’ correctly.

Did you know that there is a dwarf seahorse? Well, this is one of the many things that the members learned at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. From shallow tide pools to the open ocean, there were many ‘hands-on’ learning experiences for the members to view and touch.
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Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I just wanted to follow up on our recent conversation about the potential for new business opportunities in Denver.

Denver is a rapidly growing city with a thriving startup community. The city is home to several technology companies and is known for its innovative spirit. This makes it an ideal location for businesses looking to expand their reach.

I believe our company could benefit greatly from a presence in Denver. Not only would it allow us to tap into the local talent pool, but it would also provide us with a unique market for our products.

I have attached some information about the local business environment and some statistics on Denver's growth. I hope this will give you a better idea of the potential benefits of moving to Denver.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can provide to help you make a decision.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
With their tummies full and also their minds, the group finally hit home around midnight on Saturday with new sea life and waterfowl knowledge under their belts.

Thank you to the chaperones, Cendie Poor, Armando & Tina Rios, Beth Broomfield, and Cathie Kirk for taking the group on their trip. The girls had a great time!

If your child would like to join the 4-H Marine Biology Project, or any other 4-H project, the new program year will begin October 1st. Contact the CE office at 966-2417 for more information on the 4-H program.

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