



Teacher Institute Series

The Inside the Outdoors (ITO) Teacher Institute is a series of free professional development trainings for K-5th grade teachers. Each workshop includes a special, on site ITO naturalist led program for your family to participate in while you are attending the workshop! (Family participants must be over 5 years of age).

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Jan 19 Wetland Exploration, 4th and 5th grade teachers

Feb 2

Upper Newport Bay
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Experience Upper Newport Bay's unique wetland system. We will study the components of the estuary ecosystem and the specific birds that rely on it for survival.

Jan 27 Hidden Wilderness Park Exploration, K-3rd grade teachers

Feb 24

Santiago Park
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our cities and school yards are teeming with playful birds, magnificent trees, and fascinating insects. Learn techniques and activities to engage student's natural curiosity wherever you might be. We will show you ways to use playgrounds, parks, and school fields to create explorations and activities that introduce students to science in fun and exciting ways.

Mar 8 Ocean Science at the Tide Pools, 4th and 5th grade teachers

Mar 16

Crystal Cove State Park
March 8, 2008, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
March 16, 2008, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Explore the tide pools using real scientific techniques that you can apply in your own classroom lessons. Enjoy a hands-on lesson in geology and erosion.

Apr 5 Foothill Ecosystem Discovery, 4th and 5th grade teachers

Apr 13

Rancho Soñado
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gain a deeper understanding of the survival adaptations of our native plants. We will study plant adaptations and photosynthesis while walking through chaparral and wetland ecosystems.

May 6 California History, 3rd and 4th grade teachers

May 13

Key Ranch
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Who put the orange in Orange County? Find out as you go back in time to the George Key Ranch and home, built in 1898. Experience what it was like to live in Orange County over 100 years ago, and learn how local history has been influenced by national events such as the completion of the Intercontinental Railroad.

May 17 Mountain Madness, 4th and 5th grade teachers

Oak Glen (San Bernardino Mountains)
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy the crisp mountain air while you learn methods to engage your students in scientific discovery no matter where they are. We will explore forest, wetland, riparian, and chaparral ecosystems.

At each ITO Teacher Training Institute, you will:

- Discover unique, hands-on ways to explore ecosystems in class, on the playground, and on field trips.
- Learn simple ways to combine Science with English-Language Arts Content Standards.
- Take home hands-on activities and techniques to engage your students in experiential learning.
- Receive a **\$50 Acorn Naturalists** gift card per workshop to help you with the purchase of resources you learned about during your workshop.

Curriculum for each workshop is aligned to the California Content Standards and California's Environmental Principles and Concepts.

Choose one workshop, or the entire series for your grade level. There are 20 participants, maximum, per workshop so call now to reserve your space!

For reservations and registration information please call: 714-708-3885

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