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THESE EVENTS ARE ALL ABOUT GRUNION

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro is the place to be

SAN PEDRO – Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, will continue its 2009 “Meet the Grunion” program, which coincides with the mating season for this unusual fish, in May.

The aquarium’s exhibit hall will open at 8:00 p.m. each night, with a film and program about grunion at 9:00 p.m., then onto the beach for a close-up look. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, students, and children.

Remaining 2009 program dates:

- May 9, which is a Saturday. ***The first-ever Grunion Fish-tival will be held from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, with grunion egg hatching, arts and crafts, and a classic video being part of the fish-tivities. Grunion researchers will also be on hand, and attendees will be able to touch live tide pool animals.***
- May 26 and June 9, both of which are a Tuesday
- June 24, which is a Wednesday
- July 9 and July 23, both of which are a Thursday

Grunions are small sardine-like fish of the silversides family, which are among the few species of fish that actually come ashore to lay their eggs on sandy beaches. They are found from Southern California to Baja, with Cabrillo Beach being one of the better viewing locations.

Grunion may be caught by hand in March, June, and July, but anyone age 16 or older must have a valid California state fishing license and photo identification. In April and May, grunion may be observed, but not captured. Participants are encouraged to dress warm.

For more information about the “Meet the Grunion” program or the aquarium, or for a calendar of facility events and activities, call (310) 548-7562 or go to www.cabrilloaq.com.

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