



They
Think.
They're
Playing.

If you ask the kids of San Mateo County what CuriOdyssey is, they would say, "It's fun!"

And that's just what CuriOdyssey intended. But it's also a science museum for young children based on powerful ideas about how kids learn. At CuriOdyssey, kids observe wild animals and experiment with real scientific phenomena. Their purpose is to teach essential science to children in the first decade of life.

They accomplish this by offering a comprehensive array of STEM education programs, over 60 hands-on interactive science exhibits and a wildlife program featuring 100 non-releasable native California animals.

CuriOdyssey is revolutionizing science education by going back to the fundamentals: Harnessing kids' in-born curiosity

about animals and nature. The museum's wildlife, hands-on exhibits, programs, and play structures let kids explore and begin to understand natural laws. The kids think they are just having fun, but they are actually observing nature and figuring out how the natural world works, building the foundations of early interest in science.

This is key at a time when too many kids are deciding in elementary school that science is not for them and are abandoning the track to college and good jobs, despite the fact that 80% of the fastest-growing jobs require science fluency.

CuriOdyssey
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Visit CuriOdyssey, and watch your children's innate curiosity lead them to an early and lasting interest in science. Best of all, they'll think they're just having fun!

San Mateo County's champion for early science learning

CuriOdyssey's ambitious vision is to become San Mateo County's champion for early science learning, increasing its impact by helping local elementary school teachers learn how to teach science, and through increased accessibility for the kids who need science enrichment most: those who are underserved or have special needs.

Wildlife: The gateway to interest in science

CuriOdyssey is home to many rescued native California wildlife who act as animal ambassadors, connecting kids with the natural world and encouraging a lifelong stewardship of the environment. Visitors meet and learn about a wide range of animals including bobcats, eagles, owls, a river otter, fox, porcupine, opossum, reptiles and invertebrates. CuriOdyssey was just named one of the top 20 zoos in the country by USA Today, and has received a number of national awards for science education.

Introducing the Physics-in-Action Play Area

In 2020 CuriOdyssey will break ground for a play area that not only illustrates physics concepts, but is accessible to kids of all abilities. Through a partnership with Magical Bridge, CuriOdyssey is becoming even more welcoming to kids with special needs, who already benefit from a way of learning that is self-directed and adaptive to each child's abilities.

A San Mateo County Treasure

For many, CuriOdyssey has become a family tradition and one of the destinations that makes San Mateo County great. 190,000 people visited last year, many several times. More than 100 qualifying families benefit from CuriOdyssey's low-cost family memberships and 1500 qualifying individuals visited for free. Another 8,000 kids experienced CuriOdyssey's education programs in community schools and 9,696 kids and teachers visited CuriOdyssey for field trips. Annually, CuriOdyssey's 200 volunteers educate visitors and assist in conservation efforts that, for example, removed 825 gallons of trash and recyclables from Coyote Point Park last year.

First Fridays Evening Celebrations

On the first Friday of every month, CuriOdyssey hosts an open house for parents and kids from 5:00 – 8:00, where all can enjoy food, drinks, and a band, and kids can meet the animals and play with fun science exhibits. The theme-oriented parties have become a popular community attraction for families in San Mateo County, who welcome the chance to hang out with their kids and other families at beautiful Coyote Point.

For more information and to plan your visit go to curiodyssey.org

