



SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES

“A Year in the Life of a Shark!”

Presentation with hands-on exhibits for all ages at SLO Children’s Museum

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM), will continue its ongoing informal, educational lecture series “Science After Dark” at 6:30pm, June 10, 2015, at the SLO Children’s Museum in San Luis Obispo.

Join families for a 20-30 minute talk about sharks by retired science teacher, Diana Barnhart, 2006 California Teacher of the Year. You won’t be in danger of being eaten by a Great White; but there will be plenty of non-living specimens to see and touch. Exhibit stations available include:

- Shark coloring information page
- Shark skin viewing- compare shark skins to fish and snake skin
- Shark smelling station- sharks smell prey from great distances, how far is a mile?
- Shark jaw comparison- compare the structure and function shark jaws to other animals, you provide teeth/jaws of shark
- What do sharks eat? See and touch skulls of animals that live in the ocean with sharks, like elephant and harbor seals.

Barnhart was named 2006 California Teacher of the Year for her innovative, interactive approach to teaching science. Students motivated by her enthusiasm discover more than anticipated. She also has taught the teaching of science concepts in Cal Poly’s teacher preparation program. A Cal Poly grad, Barnhart is a member of a select group of honored alumni. Young and old alike will enjoy her interesting and entertaining presentation.

Where: SLO Children’s Museum, 1010 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Time: Presentation starts at 6:30pm, come early as seating is limited. After presentation, hands-on shark exhibits with docents available throughout the museum.
Cost: FREE!

CCSTEM is a regional affiliate of the California STEM Learning Network (CSLNet). The statewide network was created in 2011 to advance STEM teaching and learning in local communities. All of tomorrow’s workers will need the analytical, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) impart. CCSTEM is committed to enhancing and promoting STEM learning and developing career readiness in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties by fostering the collective impact of local, state, and national stakeholders.