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SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES

"Science Goes WILD!" Appreciation Night to Thank All of our Past Presenters, Free Food, and Hands-on Animal Exhibits and Environmental Science for All Ages

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM) concludes the fourth season of its informal, educational lecture series "Science After Dark" at 6:30pm, June 15, 2016, at Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School adjacent to the SLO County Office of Education.

Over the years we have explored everything from worms at the bottom of the sea to Kuiper Belt Objects billions of miles away in space. Enjoy appetizers and beverages, including wine for those of age, hosted by CCSTEM amidst a menagerie of wildlife! All past presenters have been invited so that we may raise a glass and toast some of the best minds and generous hearts in our area. This is an all age event, so bring the kids to learn about local wildlife from the professional staff at the Outdoor School.

There will be plenty of living specimens to see and touch. Exhibit stations available include:

- Amazing arthropods, including a friendly tarantula to cradle in the palm of your hand
- Reptiles, some to hold if you dare!
- Raptorology Birds of Prey including a Red Tail Hawk, Turkey Vulture, and Great Horned Owl
- Permanent marine exhibit of intertidal invertebrates

| Where: | Rancho El Chorro, 3350 Education Dr., San Luis Obispo |
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| Date: | Wednesday, June 15, 2016 |
| Time: | 6:30pm to 7:15pm interact with Naturalists, then meet past presenters and enjoy appetizers |
| | and beverages throughout the evening until 8pm. |
| Cost: | FREE! |

Rancho El Chorro is located behind the County Office of Education. To get there from San Luis Obispo, take Highway 1 north, past El Chorro Regional Park, to the traffic signal across from the most northern entrance to Cuesta College. Turn right at the signal onto Education Drive. Follow the road to the left behind the offices for about .8 mile to the parking area adjacent to the auditorium where the event is being held.