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SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES “YIKES! Don’t Bug Out: Annual Family Friendly Event”

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM), concludes its informal, educational lecture series “Science After Dark” at 6:30pm, May 16th, at the SLO Children’s Museum in San Luis Obispo.

The Morro Bay National Estuary Project joins Cal Poly Future Teachers for a fun, family-friendly, hands-on experience with some of the most interesting and diverse arthropods...insects! Learn about insects that live in the watershed and in your own backyard. See them up close and personal through microscopes, find out why termites follow certain trails, build an insect, and so much more. This Science After Dark is presented by Cal Poly Liberal Studies Department and faculty member Anne Marie Bergen.

Anne Marie Bergen has been involved in education as a university faculty member, elementary teacher, science coordinator, and environmental educator. She has created and implemented elementary science programs to include in-class laboratory experiences, field-work with students, and collaborations with the science community (Dinner with a Scientist, Science Fair, Elementary Science Olympiad, and Passport to Science.) Anne Marie has provided professional development for K-12 teachers in the area of science and effective teaching and has served as the chair for the California Teacher Advisory Council for the California Council of Science and Technology. She collaborates with educators locally, regionally and statewide in the area of science and STEM education.

Anne Marie Bergen has received several prestigious awards in recognition of excellence in her field. They include the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education, 2010; Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence, 2006; and California Teacher of the Year 2003.

Where: SLO Children’s Museum, 1010 Nipomo Street, SLO
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Time: Doors open at 6:30pm
Cost: FREE!

Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM) is a network of educators, business professionals and other community members invested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and achievement. All of tomorrow’s workers will need the analytical, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that STEM subjects 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.

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