



Seymour Marine Discovery Center Open Seven Days a Week in August

SANTA CRUZ, CA—The Seymour Marine Discovery Center will be open seven days a week during August 2009 to better serve the visiting public. Typically closed on Mondays, this year the Seymour Center will throw open its doors for five additional summer days.

“A big chunk of our visitation comes during the summer months and these extended hours give us a better opportunity to share ocean science and conservation with people both locally, and from around the world,” says Julie Barrett Heffington, Seymour Center Director.

Overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Seymour Center is a “living classroom” featuring aquariums, exhibits, touch tanks, blue and gray whale skeletons, full-scale elephant seal models, the Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed ocean vistas. Aquarium and exhibits feature the everyday tools of ocean exploration and focus on research conducted by scientists locally and around the world. Interactive stations provide hands-on learning experiences, and docents lead tours and bring marine science to life. Tours are offered from 1 to 3 p.m. daily (last tour ends at 4 p.m.). Extended summer hours during August 2009: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Admission: Adult \$6 Student or Senior (64+) \$4 Child (4-16) \$4

Location: End of Delaware Avenue, Santa Cruz

Directions from Santa Cruz: Take Highway One (Mission Street) north. Continue north through town several miles. Turn left on Swift Street. Turn right on Delaware Avenue. Follow Delaware to the UC Santa Cruz Marine Science Campus entrance at the end of the road. The Seymour Marine Discovery Center is the final building located on the ocean bluff, next to the giant blue whale skeleton.

Information: (831) 459-3800 <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu>.