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Kids Love Balboa Island Museum

Educational enrichment is a top priority on the Annual Museum Calendar of Tours and Programs.

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It's all about teaching kids the history of coastal Southern California: learning about the people, the land, the ocean, and the great evolution of change over two centuries. Balboa Island Museum located on iconic Marine Avenue in the center of the island that stirs passion in the hearts of residents and visitors alike, welcomes school students from pre-school through high school on educational field trip tours.

The museum, now in its tenth year of operation, thanks principally to the long-standing donor support of platinum underwriters

Julia and George Argyros and daughter Lisa Argyros, celebrates its open-door policy for students. In the first quarter of 2024, student guests have included Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, Brownies, Home Schoolers, English as a Second Language (ESL) Students, all grades of elementary, junior high, and high school tours from a diverse community of public and private institutions, as well as local university students from Orange Coast College, UCI, Chapman and more.

The experiences are often either multiple hour or half-

day visits curated by Museum Executive Director Tiffany Pepys Hoey coordinating with schoolteachers, counselors, and parents. Upon arrival, students are hosted for a guided tour of all museum exhibits including permanent displays featuring the history of Balboa, and legendary people such as John Wayne and Duke Kahanamoku. Students watch videos displaying ocean history, architectural landmarks, agriculture, shipping and commerce, yachting, and the environment.

Recently, the museum welcomed several troops

of Brownie Scouts from different regions to explore. In addition to the guided tour, the students read materials produced for this experience and participated in a creative Scavenger Hunt around the museum unlocking clues to further enlighten and provide insight into the history of the Newport Coastal region.

For the young visitors, at the end of the visit and tour, the kids are provided with a colorful Balboa Island Museum postcard. They sit at the long tables in the center of the museum gallery and write a postcard



detailing their experience addressing it to whom they please, primarily their parents. The museum staff then guides the kids down Marine Avenue to the old Balboa Post office where they each mail that postcard completing the journey at the museum. A childhood memory made to last.

Area schools that have participated in visits include Carden Hall, East Bluff, Newport Coast, Cabrillo Academy Home Schoolers, La Habra, University High School, and many more.

It's all happening at Balboa Island Museum, open daily year-

round and free to the public. Consider becoming a part of the museum family with a tax-deductible donation of \$100.00 per year as a museum member.

Contact Tiffany Pepys Hoey for more information, or to schedule a tour for your children.

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