

Self-Evaluation of Interpretive Program

Interpreter: Mike Baird Date of presentation: 2/25/06 Walk: Coon Creek

Theme Statement: We gain inspiration and fully appreciate nature by pooling insights with like-minded companions on active hikes.

Item	Yes?	Ideas to Try Next Time
<p>Was my presentation RELEVANT?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did I use the pre-program time for assessing my group's interests and prior knowledge of the park? Was the presentation appropriate to the age and ability of the group? Did I use comparisons to relate new ideas to familiar concepts? 	Y	<p>Hike Coon Creek: On this brisk hike get some good exercise with other outdoor-loving companions. While exploring the riparian landscape along Coon Creek, admire a variety of wild flowers, berries, shrubs, and trees. Meet in Montana de Oro State Park at the end of Pecho Road in the Coon Creek parking lot. Bring water and snack, sturdy walking shoes. (*Moderate) 4.7 mi., 3.0 hr. Optional return along Rattlesnake Flats Trail.</p>
<p>Was my presentation ACCURATE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was I fully prepared to answer a variety of questions? Did I give a balanced presentation of conflicting theories? Do I have any doubts about any statements I made? 	Y	<p>Category: (H) "Hike -- Active to strenuous, no interpretation." (Moderate) Outline/Plan -- longer description (rev. 2-25-04, 4-12-04) Docents: Anita Zehnder, Mike Baird.</p> <p>Hike Coon Creek: On this brisk hike get some good exercise with other outdoor-loving companions. While exploring the riparian landscape along Coon Creek, admire a variety of wild flowers, berries, shrubs, and trees.</p>
<p>Was my presentation PROVOCATIVE/ENJOYABLE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did I get my group involved and provoke them to care about the park and my subject? Was my volume appropriate? Did I vary tones for emphasis? Were my words clearly pronounced? Did I use body motions such as pointing for direction and gesturing for emphasis? Did I avoid distracting postures such as folded arms or hands in pockets? Was I using facial gestures as positive responses? Was I available for conversation before and after the presentation? Was I supportive when my group responded to my presentation? Did I handle strange questions gracefully? Did I express warmth, interest and enthusiasm? Did I use humor appropriately? 	Y	<p>Meet in Montana de Oro State Park at the end of Pecho Road in the Coon Creek parking lot. Bring water and snack, sturdy walking shoes. (*Moderate) 4.7 mi., 3.0 hr. Long pants are recommended but not essential. http://morro-bay.com/docents/anitaz/ Hike a well-defined wide fairly level path, crossing over six small shaded bridges along Coon Creek. In this riparian landscape you will discover many berries, shrubs, trees, and beautiful seasonal wild flowers. Optionally bring binoculars to better view the many birds. By briskly hiking with other outdoor-loving companions, you will find that your knowledge and curiosity will mix with that of the others, and the expert training of qualified State Park docents, to provide an enriched unique experience, satisfying to both your body and your soul. You may well meet others on this hike that you will run across again and again on other docent-led walks, making the outdoor experience even more enjoyable and valued. When you are</p>
<p>Was my presentation PROGRAMMATICALLY ACCESSIBLE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did I provide a thorough orientation with ground rules and safety tips? Did I offer services that are available for people with disabilities or limited English? Did I explain the length of the program, rest stops, and exits? Were key concepts illustrated through the use of objects, media and/or site features? Was my mouth clearly visible to assist possible lip reading? Did I speak slowly enough to be understood by everyone in the group, including people with hidden disabilities? 	Y	<p>hiking and see something interesting in nature, you can appreciate it more if you can share and discuss your experience with others. Some guests may take photos and share them with others after these walks using Internet web sites and e-mail. http://morro-bay.com/docents/anitaz/ The docents will be prepared to discuss natural history topics as they come up, or may choose to give one or more short talks depending on the guests' interests. However, the hike will generally proceed with only a few brief rest or interpretation stops to make sure we maintain an aerobic and healthy experience. At the half-way point, at the end of the Coon Creek path, we will</p>
<p>Was my program ORGANIZED?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did I introduce myself and California State Parks? Did I relate the DPR mission and park significance to the visitors lives? Did my presentation have an introduction, body and conclusion? Did I organize what I said so that the visitor could understand the major points I was making? Was the progression of ideas smooth and logical? 	Y	<p>rest for a snack for about 15 minutes, before returning. The hike will be paced to meet the needs and abilities of the participants. This hike is conducted by two docents...one leading, and one following. In this way, if any hikers need to proceed at a slower pace, or need to return early, the follow-docent is available to assist those guests. We invite suggestions for improving our hikes and walks, and we encourage your feedback and evaluation during and after the event. Our objective is to make</p>
<p>Will my presentation be RETAINED?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were my questioning strategies successful in encouraging participation learning? Did the visitors' questions reflect an understanding of the subject? Did I use questions to check for understanding? Did I summarize? Did I review my theme for visitors? Did I leave them wanting more? 	Y	<p>sure that you thoroughly enjoy and benefit from the natural beauty of our State Parks, and learn the importance of, and your role in, preserving these precious resources.</p>
<p>Was my presentation THEMATIC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did I use a clearly stated theme? Did I select appropriate facts to accomplish the objectives and illustrate the theme of my program? Did my theme address the significance of the park and help bring the park to life? 	Y	<p>Theme: We gain inspiration and fully appreciate nature by pooling insights with like-minded companions on active hikes.</p>

How can I improve my presentation? Is there someone who can assist me with my presentation?

Make sure everyone agrees to the proposed pace and plan based on a preview of the interests and capabilities of the participants.