

## **Week of Wildlife Events at Museum of Natural History**

The Morro Bay Museum of Natural History is planning a series of family-oriented events during the week between Christmas and New Year. This week has been a great time to visit the Museum in the past, so we are gearing up for a series of talks and other events that will be called the "Week of Wildlife" (WOW for short).

Following is a list and brief description of events that will take place at the Museum the week of December 26-30. Most events will be held in the Museum auditorium unless specified otherwise.

### **Tuesday, Dec. 26**

1:00 PM Feet, Feathers, Feeding, and Form

Join Docent and assistant Curator Tony Krause for a look at the features of birds and how birds use them to survive. He will use specimens from the Museum collections. About 1 to 1-1/2 hr.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 27**

11:00 AM Songs and Sounds of the Great Whales

Join Museum Manager and Park Interpreter Rouvaishyana as we listen to recordings of different species of whales. We will discuss some of the amazing findings of whale researchers about whale "language." About 1 hr.

2:00 PM Puppet show and storytelling

Docents Linda Winters (puppeteer) and Dick Evans (storyteller) and friends will present a puppet show and stories about our wildlife relatives. Especially suitable for younger children. About 45 min.

### **Thursday, Dec. 28**

11:00 AM A Day to Drive You Buggy

Dennis Sheridan, entomologist, will have some truly amazing insects on display and will discuss where they live, how they survive, and more. About 1-1/2 to 2 hr.

1:00 PM How to Build an Insect Collection

Sherri Hayes and the Estero/Morro Bay 4-H Club will give a demonstration of how to pin insect specimens for an educational or display collection. About 1 hr.

### **Friday, Dec. 29**

10:30 AM Bugs and Bugs

More insect mania! Louise Abbott is our Heron Rookery specialist, and today she will illustrate the fascinating world of bugs. A craft project is planned. Meets in the Learning Center downstairs.

11:00 AM Wolves

Wolf Hybrid Adoption and Rescue, from Paso Robles, will give a presentation about wolves. They will bring two live wolf hybrids (wolves crossed with domestic dog species) so you will get to see firsthand what a wolf looks like.

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**Saturday, Dec. 30**

10:30 AM Sea otters and elephant seals

Docents Ray Easton and Dick Evans will regale you with these 2 marine mammals, how they live, and where to find them. This could be a perfect prelude to a visit to the elephant seal rookery north of Hearst Castle. About 1-1/2 hr.

Please note that the Museum has a selection of informative and entertaining wildlife videos for your viewing before and after these special events. Also please see the Museum's Adventures With Nature (AWN) schedule for December at [www.slostateparks.com](http://www.slostateparks.com) or [www.ccnha.com](http://www.ccnha.com) for activities during this week.

The Museum of Natural History is located at 20 State Park Rd., across from the golf course in Morro Bay. The telephone number for the front desk is (805) 772-2694. Hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission to these special events is free. For those wishing to explore the Museum before or after the events, regular adult admission is \$2. Children and youth under 17 are always free.