

Boring or Beguiling?

Community Workshop for Volunteers

Monday, October 6, 2008, 9:00 AM – NOON

Fleischmann Auditorium

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

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If you are a docent or volunteer working with visiting school groups at your institution, you are invited to attend a very special community workshop that will add value to your program and fun to your efforts. Come learn inquiry-based techniques which successfully engage students in the construction of knowledge.

- How do we beguile students?
- What kind of questions engage kids and provoke thinking?
- How can we avoid questions that shut down the dialogue?
- Can these techniques be applied to any content? To any grade level?
- What's the difference in talking to a six year old, a nine year old, or a twelve year old?
- What one thing should students take away from their field trip to your institution?

Workshop Elements

Beware of Badges - a brief look at perceptions of Santa Barbara school trips.

Guest Presenter - Sharon Lang, Early Childhood Education Expert, Antioch University

Find out ten things you can do with students to create that moment of connection when learning really takes place.

Inquiry-based Practices - Learn how the right questions by docents can lead children into observation, interest, and real thinking.

Break-out Sessions - Individual organizations will have a chance to discuss these techniques as they can be applied to their own locale.

Networking Lunch - \$10.00 fee or bring Brown Bag Lunch.

To register, send form and payment if purchasing lunch by October 1 to

School and Teacher Services
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
2559 Puesta del Sol
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

For more information, call Elaine Gibson at 805-682-4711 ext. 165

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Organization: _____ Participant's name: _____

Volunteer Staff Position: _____

I will bring my own lunch and beverage

I prefer to purchase lunch (beverage included)
(enclose check for \$10, payable to SBMNH)

Preference: meat vegetarian vegan I will not stay for lunch



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