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## Facts and Figures

**CuriOdyssey brings kids of all ages up close with the natural world through interactive science exhibits, up close animal encounters, and engaging science and art programs.**

CuriOdyssey provides engaging educational experiences for 100,000 children and families each year. Founded in 1954 by the Junior League of San Francisco as the San Mateo County Junior Museum, and later named Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education, CuriOdyssey updated its name in 2011 to better reflect the mission and philosophy of the organization. We continue to kindle the natural curiosity and imagination of children by providing the tools, environment, and experiences for children to engage with the natural world on an inquisitive journey of lifelong learning.

### Programs

- **Science-based exhibits:** interactive science exhibits that help children explore how nature's many complex systems work together to create our environment.
- **Wildlife exhibits:** live animal habitat exhibits that allow visitors an up close view of native non-releasable animals. CuriOdyssey is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Fewer than 10% of zoos and aquariums nationwide are accredited by AZA.
- **Wildlife programs:** exciting programs designed to give visitors an opportunity to meet and learn about our primarily native California animals in up close and personal interactions.
- **School-based education programs:** hands-on, engaging on- and off-site environmental science education programs designed to support school and group educators in science education.
- **Public education programs:** hands-on, explorative programs for the general public that give children and families the opportunity to investigate, discover, and interact with the natural world through workshops, tours, presentations, and camps.

### Chronological History

1954: Founded by the San Francisco Junior League as the San Mateo County Junior Museum

1975: Became Coyote Point Museum

1981: Opened main museum building

1991: Opened Wildlife Habitats

2011: Became CuriOdyssey

### FY 11 Visitors and Program Recipients

General Attendance: 102,066 (10% increase over the prior year)

Member households: 3,294

School program recipients: 8,381

Summer camp: 626 camper spots filled (97% capacity)

### Programs and Exhibits

391 programs provided to schools and groups (312 on-site, 79 off-site)

101 animals (49 education animals, 52 exhibit animals)

26 science exhibits in 3 exhibitions (*The Science of Nature*, *Tinkering*, and *Backyard Science*)

### **FY 2012 Financial Information**

Fiscal year: October 1 – September 30

Organization Budget: \$2,671,769

School Services Budget: \$180,570

Wildlife Budget: \$552,762

Exhibits Budget: \$210,597

Human Resources: 133 volunteers, 22 Board members, 44 staff members (28 full-time equivalents)

### **Recent Awards and Accolades**

Coyote Point Museum has received a number of recent accolades for our programs and exhibits including:

- 2011 Bay Area Parent Magazine Gold Medal Winner for Museums and Silver Medal Winner for Zoos, Aquariums, and Nature Centers
- 2010 Nickelodeon Parent's Pick Award for Best Museum in the San Francisco Area
- 2009 and 2010 Bay Area Parent Magazine Favorite Family Playdate
- 2009 Association of Science-Technology Centers' Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award for Experienced Leadership in the Field to Rachel Meyer, Executive Director
- 2009 international finalist for the Association of Science-Technology Centers' Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award for Visitor Experience for *The Science of Nature*
- 2008 Bay Area Parent Magazine Gold Medal Winner for Children's Museums
- 2007 Bay Area Parent Magazine Best Museum for Families and Best Place to See Animals

### **Visitor Information**

#### Open Hours

Tuesday – Saturday, 10-5

Sunday, 12-5

Closed Monday

Open most holidays 12-5

#### Admission Prices

\$8 Adults

\$6 Seniors (62+)

\$6 Students (13-17)

\$4 Children (2-12)

Free Under 2