

What's New in the Visitor Center

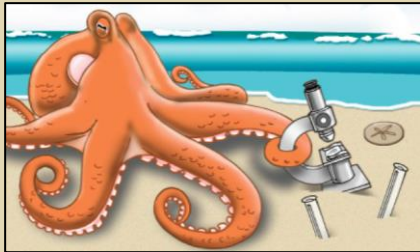
Visitor Center staff have been working diligently to get the exhibits back online. After a year of no use and some wireless upgrades, there is a lot of work to do to get everything back online. We are also implementing safety measures to ensure that the VC experience will be a fun, social distanced place for the public to explore.



Although we do not have a confirmed opening date, we are working hard to make sure that we are ready when the time comes.

HMSC Events

Join in for Marine Science Day this Saturday, April 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is open to everyone: families, students, and adult life-long learners. The theme this year is The Beauty of Science and will include a mix of live (via Zoom), written content, and recorded events.



Attendees will go to a landing page and pick their own adventure from tours, exhibits, kids activities, an art wall, or live talks. The website will go live at 10:00 a.m. on April 10th, 2021 and will remain open with recordings of the live events for the next year.

<https://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/marine-science-day>

Yaquina Bay Clean Up

The [HMSC Green Team](#) is co-hosting a **Yaquina Bay cleanup** with the Oregon Coast Aquarium on April 17 for SOLVE's Oregon Spring Clean Up for Earth Day. We hope you can join us! Please register for the clean-up and encourage others to attend. The direct link to register is [here](#).

**'Clean Up Your Beach'
HMSC Eco-Challenge**

Clean up your beach, on your own
or with Solve Oregon

Saturday, April 17th, 10 am – 1 pm
Yaquina Bay Yacht Club
750 SE Bay Blvd, Newport
Register @ www.solveoregon.org – Bay Road
Bring your HMSC friends!
Ages 14+

Post your pictures!
#HatfieldEcoChallenge



Next Volunteer Meeting: April 13 @ 10:00 AM

Zoom meeting link

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/95887466041?pwd=bGZHV0Vkd0hKM1E3eFltelJsTTthydz09>

Volunteer Highlight with Cynthia Resendiz

I was born and raised in the State of Coahuila in Mexico, a desert area near the border with Texas. After six years of studying in Quebec City, I joined my husband to live on the stunning Oregon coast in 2019. He works at HMSC as an Oceanographer.

I studied to be a clinical laboratory technician and got a bachelor's degree in biology in Mexico. I have experience in different areas of biology, including conservation biology, Geographic Information Systems, protected areas management, population ecology, and environmental education.



Since 2007, I have lived in many different countries including New Zealand, Germany, Spain, Canada, and the U.S. I joined a PhD program in Canada with a focus on the reproduction of the greater snow goose. During four consecutive summers, I conducted fieldwork on a remote Arctic island located in the Canadian Archipelago. Hiking alone for up to 20 miles a day in the endless tundra and watching out for polar bears, I collected data on plants, migratory birds, Arctic foxes, lemmings, and more.

On this island, I ran a rustic tent camp that was missing even the most basic amenities. This camp was the base for several researchers working on the main nesting bird colony.

During my internship in California, I delivered programs on bird-banding and mist-netting to school groups and the general public. I also collaborated with the National Park Service in deploying community surveys. Throughout my internship experience, I learned much about the issues and challenges the Latino community is facing in the U.S. Years later, living abroad I encountered obstacles while obtaining visas, applying for universities, for scholarships and loans, learning new languages, and adapting to new cultures. These two experiences led me to my current position as a Bilingual Outreach Specialist at the Oregon Coast Community College in Newport. I offer assistance in Spanish to students and their families interested in attending college. My position has an emphasis on underserved, low-income, and first-generation college students. Being myself also a first-generation college student, I want to use my experience and skills to help high school students to consider post-secondary education as an option. I want students in our community to feel the empowering moment of receiving a college degree.

Thanks to Cynthia for her volunteer contributions at Hatfield since 2019!

