

Informal Learning



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Informal Learning (IL): Goals

IL's mission is to “*Bring the science to the people*”:

- Relevant to our audience(s)
- Inclusive for our audience(s)
- Increases STEM awareness, literacy, interest
- Environmental awareness, literacy, interest, stewardship
- Leads to community buy-in, support
- Creates and fosters a diverse workforce
- Interactive, engaging, fun





E.L.O.C.

(Environmental Learning Outside the Classroom)

Classes are exposed to the marine & environmental sciences through 2-part enrichment.

- In-class interactive presentations
 - Gamification
 - VR/AR
 - Aquariums
- Field-based activities
 - Guided seashore exploration
 - Mangrove restoration
 - Snorkeling/Kayaking



Youth Ocean Explorers

4-week marine science program
focused on exposing local
underrepresented minority youth to
the Geosciences.

- Middle and High School students
- Both in-class and field-based approach
- Introduction to various Geoscience disciplines
- Interface with diverse STEM professionals
- At-home Science kits
- Professional development





STEM Fridays

Collaboration with the University Bound (UB) program that focuses on exposure to various STEM disciplines, and career paths.

- Exposure to STEM disciplines
- Interface with diverse STEM professionals
- Professional development



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