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## **FIELD NOTES FROM THE PRESERVES: A SCIENCE EVENT FOR ALL AGES JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> WHITE POINT NATURE EDUCATION CENTER**

On Saturday, June 4 from 12 noon – 3:00 pm the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) will host the event, “Field Notes from the Preserves” – an all-ages science event at the White Point Nature Education Center in San Pedro. The free, public event is an opportunity for students and the general public to meet professional researchers who will discuss the results of their studies on the habitat, wildlife, and geology of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Dr. Philip Rundel, UCLA Distinguished Professor, will give the keynote presentation on the Peninsula’s native coastal sage scrub habitat. Dr. Robert Douglas and CSULB Associate Professor Gregory Holk will discuss the movement and geology of the Abalone Cove landslide area.

PVPLC Science Advisory researchers and their students will host a dozen exhibits demonstrating the various methods and tools used in field research, allow participants to touch seaweed from the rocky intertidal zone, have a close-up look at ground-dwelling bugs, spiders, and insects, assess soil texture with their hands, or have their photo taken with a wildlife camera.

This is an excellent opportunity for college-bound middle and high school students and their parents to meet local researchers and learn about their work, as well as how it guides the Conservancy’s preservation and restoration activities. Everyone will have an opportunity to ask natural science questions in the informal learning environment of the White Point Nature Education Center.

The Center itself has a series of permanent exhibits detailing the local history, geology and industry of the area from as far back as the Pleistocene era to present day. The Center is open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays from 10am-4pm, and is located at 1600 Paseo del Mar, in San Pedro. For more information visit: [www.pvplc.org](http://www.pvplc.org) or call (310) 541-7613.

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