

# NATURALISTS OF SUNDARVAN

## Annual Membership Programme for School Students

Established in 1978, Sundarvan, A Nature Discovery Centre is a unique facility created for experiencing and understanding nature. Located at the heart of Ahmedabad city, Sundarvan is recognised as a Mini Zoo by Central Zoo Authority of India (CZA). It is an activity of Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad. Sundarvan's activities with children and youth act as a catalyst and stimulate the process of inquiry into nature.

**Sundarvan conducts nature appreciation events throughout the year. This academic year we introduce an outdoor classroom component for students of 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> class under our Annual Membership Programme – “Naturalists of Sundarvan”.**

The programme includes:

### I. ZOO TO SCHOOL



Our team visits your school (Introduction to the world of insects):

- An interactive talk with the aid of PowerPoint presentation
- We will bring with us aids such as insect nest, exo-skeleton, videos etc
- Introduction to birds and Bird-watching (pre-event activity for Outdoor Trip)

Time: 8.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Includes: Transportation, resource person charges, resource material and projector (if required)

## II. A VISIT TO SUNDARVAN ~ KNOW YOUR TREES:

- Tree trail at the zoo to learn and identify
- Interactive presentation as well as observation of our seed collection.
- Learning through the medium of a taste-touch-smell module.

Time: 9 AM to 12 PM

Includes: Entry tickets to Sundarvan and activity charges

- Transport to Sundarvan will have to be taken care of, by the school management

## III. A VISIT TO SUNDARVAN ~ KNOW YOUR REPTILES:



- Nature trail and zoo visit
- Learn about fascinating reptiles (snakes, lizards, crocodiles and turtles-tortoises).
- Learning through the medium of hands-on activities

Time: 8.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Includes: Entry tickets to Sundarvan, activity charges and resource material

- Transport to Sundarvan will have to be taken care of, by the school management

#### IV. OUTDOOR TRIP (LETS GO BIRD-WATCHING)



- Visit to a nearby wetland (Pariej)
- Learning about wetland ecosystem
- Learning basic bird identification skills
- An introduction to etiquette of bird watching

Time: 5 AM to 12 PM

Includes: Breakfast, transport from school/Sundarvan to wetland and back, resource material



How does the gecko stick to the wall?



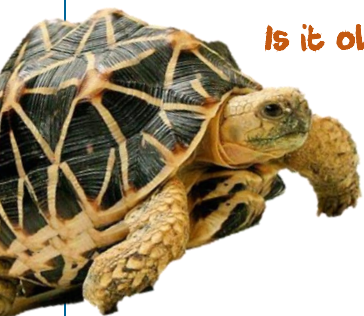
What happens to the wetland birds when the water dries up?

Is it okay to keep star tortoises as pets?

Are monitor lizards venomous?

Can insects remove their skins?

How long have trees been on our planet?



**Minimum Students: 40**

**Membership Fees: Rs 1500 per student**

- 1. Benefits of the programme: All the members of Naturalists of Sundarvan Programme will get **an official certificate, a memento and a field journal** to encourage record keeping.**
- 2. One teacher per 20 students will be allowed to accompany for visit to Sundarvan and Outdoor Trip, for no charge.**
- 3. Take home assignments and two project evaluation meetings with the students that will give them sense of responsibility towards the programme as well as give us a chance of one-on-one interaction to monitor their learning process.**
- 4. All programmes at Sundarvan are inter-linked with the curriculum. Our team consists of experienced biologists who will bring you correct information as well as encourage and inspire the students in ways beyond the capacity of a book.**
- 5. An outdoor classroom provides a lot more room for students to think, touch, feel and appreciate nature. Through this programme we aim to create an informal group of aware students who will go on to be ambassadors of nature.**

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