Welcome to the Nature Exchange

Discover, Collect, Learn, Trade.

Nature Exchange is an ongoing program where guests can bring in natural objects* from their personal collections and/or found in nature. Guests share knowledge about their objects and trade them for points. Points can be spent or saved and ultimately traded in for special objects found in our dedicated trading case.

Free with paid admission.

Information: Call 805-682-4711 ext. 169 or naturalist@sbnature2.org

*Bird material, cultural artifacts, dead animals, living plants and animals, natural objects found at the Museum campus, or anything protected by law are not accepted.
Each guest can bring one natural object* discovered in nature or from their personal collection for each visit. The guest will share information with a Naturalist about the specimen and fill out a tag indicating where the object is from, when it was collected, and by whom. The Naturalist will assign a point value for the session. Exchangable items in the Nature Exchange trading case have varying point values. Guests can use awarded points immediately or bank their points. Points can also be earned by doing research in the Curiosity Lab or the Museum Library.

POINTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON:

• **Information**: what you know about the natural object.
• **Uniqueness**: what makes your object special?
• **Quality**: is the object in a clean/good condition?

WHAT CAN & CANNOT BE TRADED?

You can trade natural objects* like rocks, shells, pine cones, and fossils. We also award points for leaving items in nature and bringing in pictures with information.

* Current wildlife regulations prohibit individuals from possessing bird bones, feathers, nests or eggs and marine mammal bones. Living animals, plants, cultural or man-altered artifacts are also not accepted. No items are allowed from National Parks, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property, State Parks (except rocks/minerals) or from the Museum campus.