

PRESS RELEASE: Friends of the Dunes Events, January 5-7, 2016
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Life Under the Sand: the Story of the Dune Silver Bee

Did you know that many of our native bees spend the majority of the year underground? Or that most bees live solitary lives? Have you ever wondered about the sex life of bees? Join Friends of the Dunes Executive Director, Kim McFarland as she presents a lecture “Life Under the Sand: the Story of the Dune Silver Bee” at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center on Thursday, January 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Kim will share what she discovered during her graduate research at HSU on the mating and nesting behavior of the Dune Silver Bee. Learn how this important, local, native pollinator makes a living in our coastal dunes. The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center is located at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 7 p.m., arrive early for hot tea and light snacks. A suggested donation of \$5-10 is requested. For more information contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

New Year's Hike

Start the year off right with a New Year’s Hike at the beautiful and diverse Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, January 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Lanphere Dunes features a large intact dune forest, seasonal wetlands, moving sand dunes, and a diverse community of plants and animals. Meet naturalist Barbara Reisman at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Road in Arcata to carpool to this protected site.

Exploring Protected Areas on Land & Sea

Learn about protected areas on land and sea with Friends of the Dunes and the Northcoast Environmental Center in celebration of Underwater Parks Day. Naturalist Carol Vander Meer and Marine Protected Area Outreach Coordinator Delia Bense-Kang will lead a guided walk focusing on the benefits of protected areas, both on land and underwater, at the Ma-le'l Dunes Cooperative Management Area on Saturday, January 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about the biodiversity and conservation of our coastal environments, including the Ma-le'l Dunes and the Samoa State Marine Conservation Area located just offshore. Meet at the BLM’s Ma-le'l Dunes South parking area, off of Young Lane in Manila. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or emailing info@friendsofthedunes.org with your phone number.

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