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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GIRLS IN OCEAN SCIENCE TEEN CONFERENCES

- Top female scientists will mentor middle and high school students through research projects in marine ecology, oceanography, and conservation. -

DANA POINT (January 5, 2019)-- Registration is now open for the Girls in Ocean Science Conferences presented by Ocean Institute in Dana Point. This one-day event will take place on separate occasions for middle and high school students. Middle school students will attend the conference on Saturday, February 16th and high school students will attend the conference on Saturday, March 16th. Each session will include hands-on workshops and a chance to conduct research in labs and at sea aboard the Ocean Institute’s research vessel, the Sea Explorer.

The conference is designed to demonstrate some of the diverse and exciting opportunities that are available to women who pursue science as a career. Led by 14 visiting female ocean scientists, the Girls in Ocean Science Conference will afford students the opportunity to learn about marine ecology, oceanography, and conservation from experts in the field.

Women remain underrepresented in the science and engineering workforce, although to a lesser degree than in the past. Through conferences like Girls in Ocean Science, young women who love science or are just beginning to show an interest will come away empowered to explore the field further.

Ocean Institute’s mission to use the ocean as a classroom aims to inspire all children to become the next generation of ocean advocates. Girls in Ocean Science is one of many programmatic efforts of the ocean education center to declare the importance of future marine science research and exploration.

The conference takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and registration is required. The cost is $60 per person and $45 for Ocean Institute members. One ticket includes admission to the conference, breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt. A limited number of scholarships are available courtesy of The Steinmetz Foundation and Tiffany & Co. Foundation. Applications for scholarships are due January 14th and recipients will be notified the week of January 21st.

For more information on the Girls in Ocean Science Conferences or Ocean Institute, visit oceaninstitute.org, or call (949) 496-2274.

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About Ocean Institute
Ocean Institute, founded in 1977, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that offers in-depth Marine Science, Maritime History and Outdoor Education programs. Its mission is to use the ocean as its classroom to inspire children to learn. Ocean Institute provides high quality science education about marine life, conservation and the habitats and species of the California Pacific Coast. Ocean Institute’s diverse program inventory includes STEM programs that align with California’s content standards. Learn more at oceaninstitute.org.