



2020

HBSCA Lesson

Hermosa Beach Sister City Association

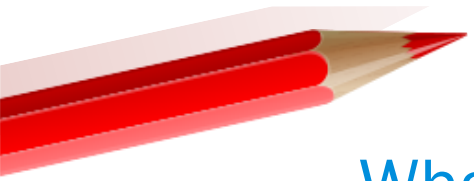


What does it mean to be a sister or a brother?

Is that an easy question?

Do you have a sister or brother? (More than one?)

What's it like? (Think about the positives and the negatives)




What is a Sister City Program?


Click on the picture to go to Wikipedia page and read the first paragraph



Twin towns fingerpost signage in Oskarshamn, Sweden.
The cities on the sign are the following: Middelbart, Denmark;
Mandal, Norway; Pärnu, Estonia; Korsholm, Finland; and
Coast, South Africa



Sister cities...are a form of legal or social agreement between...cities...in geographically and politically distinct areas to promote cultural and commercial ties. The modern concept...was intended to foster friendship and understanding among different cultures...as an act of peace and reconciliation, and to encourage trade and tourism.



**Hermosa Beach and Loreto
have been Sister Cities
since 1967**

*Why would cities want
to be "sisters?"*

Hermosa Beach Sister City Association

Click on our logo and visit our webpage

- In 1967, Hermosa Beach, CA, formed a "sister city" relationship with the city of Loreto, in Baja California Sur, Mexico, and thus was formed the Hermosa Beach Sister City Association (HBSCA).
- This serene, picturesque fishing village is located on Sea of Cortez in the southern part of the Baja California peninsula.
- Over the years, the HBSCA has forged a very close bond with Loreto and its citizens.
- The HBSCA is a United States Congressionally Recognized Program.

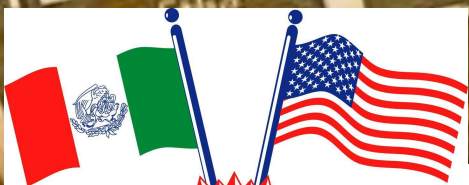


A Brief History



Click on the picture and read the brief history of the HBSCA

- What year did Hermosa Beach become Sister Cities with Loreto?
- What year did the Student Exchange begin?
- When was the first Paramedic Training in Loreto?
- When was the US/Mexico Conference hosted by HBSCA? What was the theme?



Making New Friends

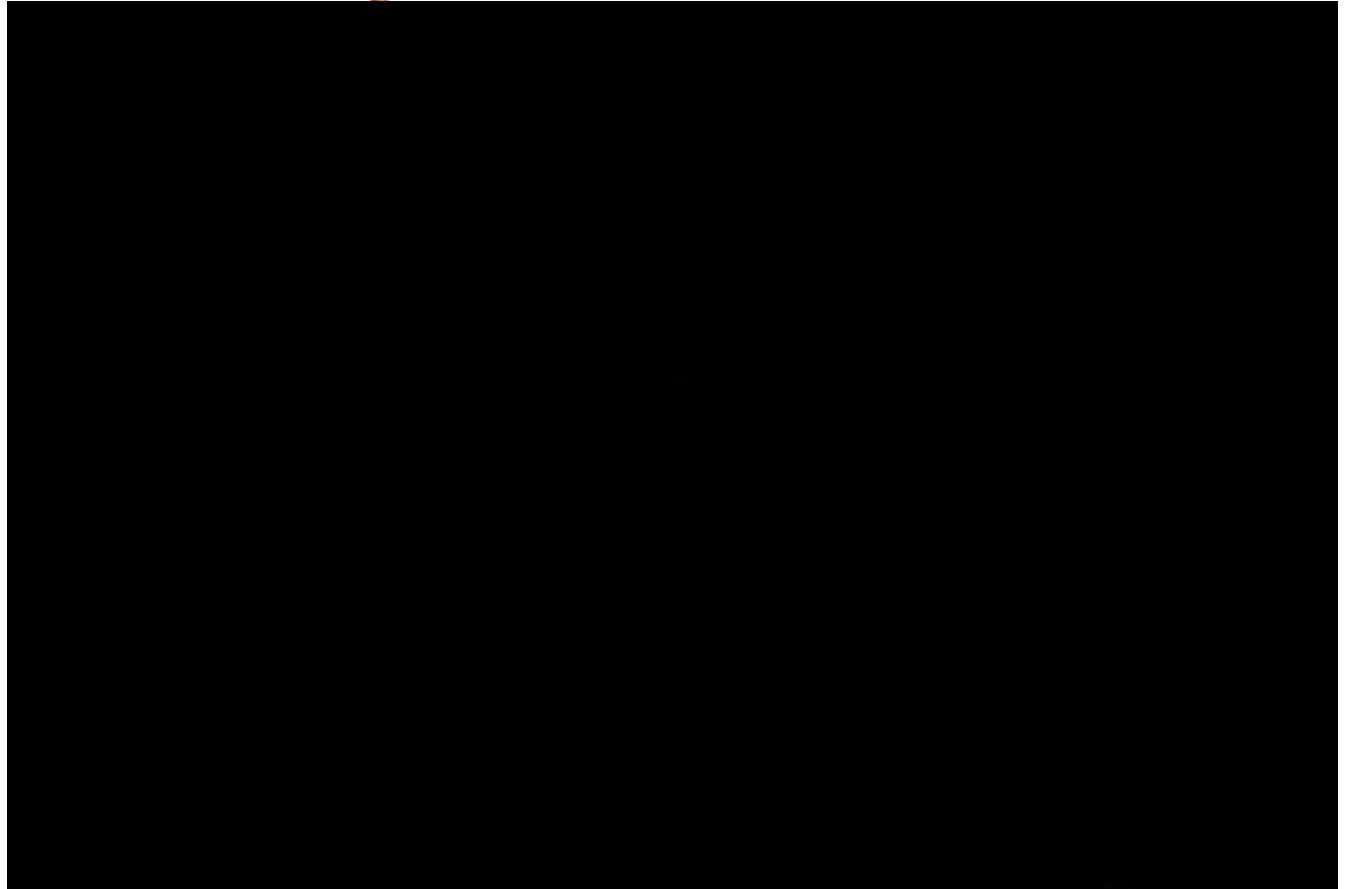
Click on the picture to read about the VERY FIRST student cultural exchange!

Write a letter to a new friend in Loreto. What would you tell him/her about your life? What questions would you like to ask?

Can you translate your letter into Spanish using Google Translate?



Hermosa
Beach, CA
and
Loreto, BCS



What do you already notice that Hermosa Beach and Loreto have in common?

Loreto and Hermosa

Find these answers by researching online.

	Hermosa Beach	Loreto	Your city
Population (How many people live there?)			
What body of water is it near?			
What Festivals are celebrated?			
When was the city founded?			
What else can you compare?			

What other ways can you compare your city to Loreto?



The FIRST Mission...

Mision de Nuestra Senora de Loreto Concho was the very first mission established in ALL the California's.

Click on the picture to read about it online.



Why do you think in 4th Grade you only learned about the 21 Missions in Alta California, not in Baja California too?
Research the Missions of Baja California on your own...

The Student Exchange Program

Visit our [Student Exchange Program Webpage](#)

- What kinds of activities do we do in Loreto?
- What kinds of activities do we do in the South Bay?

What would YOU really like to do in Loreto?



In their words...



Monica Frey, Joe and Marie Diaz's granddaughter, speaks about the first student exchange. JR Reviczky adds about his daughter's experience.



The **BIG** Question:

How your life the *same* as a
kid's life in Loreto?

How is it *different*?

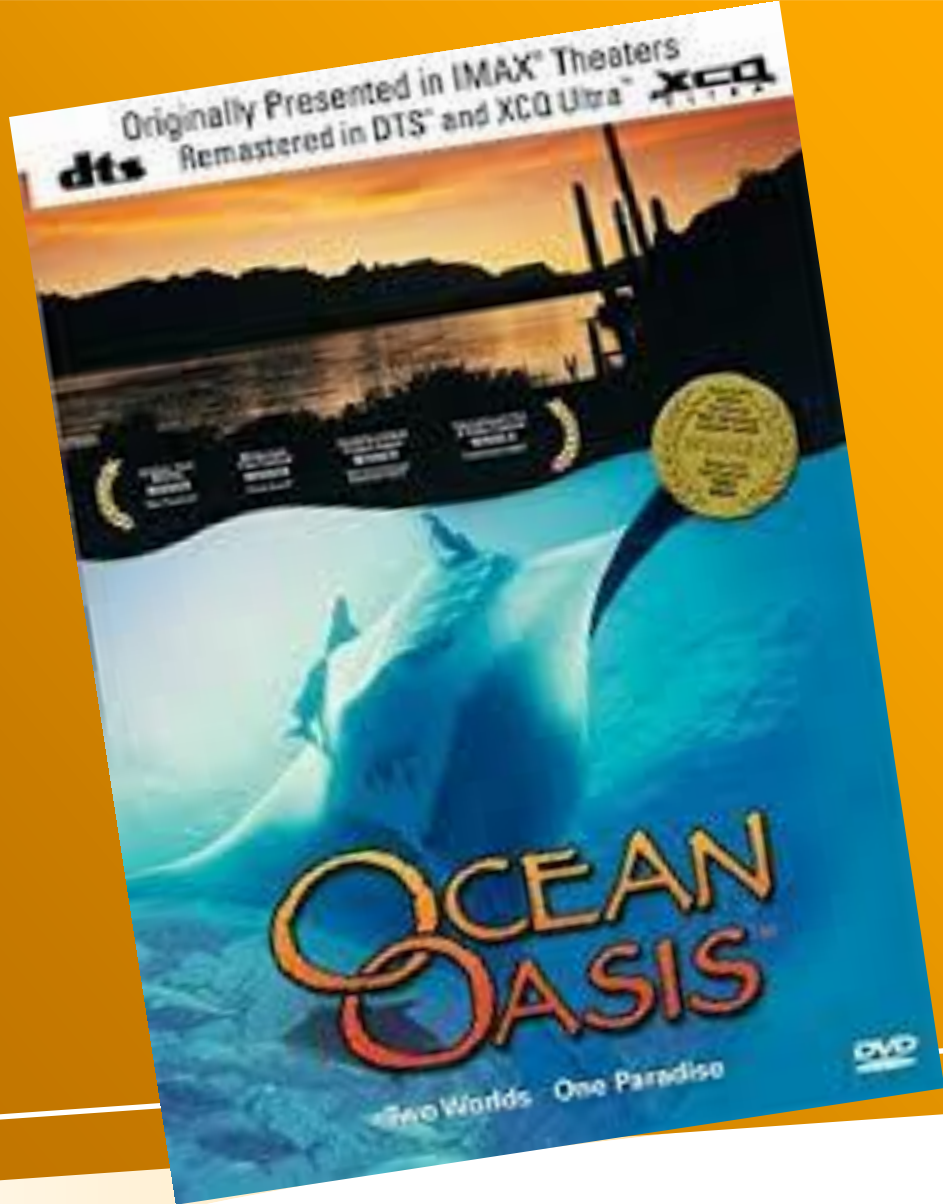


What do *YOU* think?

Projects



- **K-1st Grades** – Make “All About” books with topics like “Me,” “My Family,” “My House,” “What I like to Do,” etc...
- **2nd-3rd Grades** – Learn how to write personal and business letters and write letters to friends in Loreto, stores, government officials, etc. Start with templates and then get creative and make your own...
- **4th-5th Grades** – Research a topic like local history, the environment, government, the Baja CA Missions, etc. and make a PowerPoint presentation
- **6th-8th Grades** – Create a multi-media presentation using PowerPoint, Prezi, Explain Everything, or another media program to Teach a Lesson. Maybe a “How to” or an English as a 2nd Language or a Spanish Lesson.
- **Any Grade** – Create art using any medium (scenes depicting the beach, pier, walk streets, businesses, weather, people, parks, families, friends, etc.



Ocean Oasis

In 2004, HBSCA hosted a showing of Ocean Oasis at the Hermosa Beach Community Center

- In partnership with the San Diego Museum of Natural History
- To raise environmental awareness
- And to raise funds for HBSCA

Click on the picture to the left to read all about it!

The DVD is available to purchase through Amazon and to view on Amazon Prime. A Teacher's Guide is available from the San Diego Natural History Museum at <https://www.sdnhm.org/oceanoasis/teachersguide/index.html>



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