

## Hello!

Dear Board Members,

My name is Trysten Hicks and I own Junior Explorers. I am elated for the opportunity to open a brick and mortar location in the Ventura Harbor Village. I currently hold pop-up classes on the grass area and there are some truly beautiful moments we get being in the harbor.

A little bit about me, I am a wife and mom of 2 VERY energetic boys. I love being a mom and spending time with my boys but I also wanted to create something apart from them while also having them part of it. That's when I created Junior Explorers, a business that was my own but I could still bring them along the ride.

My concept for Junior Explorers came to me because it was something I was looking for but couldn't find. We have such an amazing community here in Ventura but I struggled to find engaging activities for the kids and parents. That is why I am dedicated to providing kids and parents with the proper resources to have fun, be active and discover great new and exciting paths of learning. My goal is to help bring families together by offering a range of STEAM & Sensory based educational activities through indoor and outdoor classes. From problem solving to building communication skills, the activities are designed to challenge, inspire young minds and build meaningful connections with their peers and caregivers.

Junior Explorers is also all about community and what better way to highlight that than at the harbor. In addition to our parent and child classes we will offer drop off classes so parents can explore the harbor "kid free". I am looking forward to partnering with the other businesses in the village to encourage parents to have those date nights they've been longing for and to allow moms to treat themselves to a pedicure while their kids are right around the corner having loads of fun.

Thank you so much for reading about Junior Explorers!

Best,  
Trysten Hicks