

February Volunteer Opportunities

Literacy Tutor Orientation

Date: Saturday January 26th, Saturday February 2nd, Wednesday February 13th, Saturday February 23rd

Time: Saturdays from 10 – 11am, Wednesday from 6-7pm

Location: Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County, 1740 17th Ave, Santa Cruz

Description: The Literacy Program of Santa Cruz is looking for dedicated individuals to help community members learn English. This can help them get a better job, be able to talk to their children's teachers, and be able to get help in an emergency. Attend an orientation to learn more about becoming a Literacy volunteer. The first step to becoming a tutor is to attend a one hour orientation

Contact: Yolanda, literacy@scvolunteercenter.org, (831) 427-5077

Sign Up Online: <https://bit.ly/2sGR07B>

Transportation Hero for a Senior

Date: Ongoing, flexible schedule

Time: Monday- Friday 9am to 3pm

Location: Countywide

Description: "It's So Much More Than A Ride". As a volunteer driver, you provide rides to seniors for doctor and dentist appointments, grocery shopping and banking. Volunteers have the freedom to choose their destination, driving schedule and frequency. Drivers will receive a mileage reimbursement and the satisfaction of connecting with isolated seniors in need.

Contact: Tara, (831) 427-5070, helpinghands@scvolunteercenter.org

Jacob's Heart Food Pantry

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services, 680 West Beach St, Watsonville

Description: Volunteers will be helping families pick out items from our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Whether they are explaining the benefits of kale or helping find the right shoe size, volunteers will be a vital help to our families. The pantry is open every other Friday from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Contact: Alex Dami, alex@jacobsheart.org

Sign Up Online: <https://bit.ly/2Mrbmek>

First Friday Festival at the MAH

Date: February 3rd

Time: 4:30 - 7 pm or 6:30 - 10 pm

Location: Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz

Description: Volunteer at the biggest stop on the Santa Cruz First Friday Art Tour. Help activate three floors of free exhibitions and a family-friendly art activity for hundreds of visitors. Volunteers can act as an art activity helper or an art ambassador. No experience is necessary!

Contact: Victoria Lee, victoria@santacruzmah.org, (831) 429-1964 x7033

Sign Up Online: <https://bit.ly/2RbZFsG>

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Young Writers Program

Date: Ongoing

Time: Meet with students for one hour twice a week (two hours a week) for 6-8 weeks

Location: Various high schools in the county

Description: The Young Writers program values the voices of young people and the transformative power of writing. Their volunteers work with small groups of students on creative writing projects for a duration of 6-8 weeks, mentoring them through the messy and beautiful process of writing for publication. At the end of each project they compile student writing in books that we then sell at Bookshop Santa Cruz. If you love writing and want to help raise the voices of young people in your community, please consider volunteering with the Young Writers Program!

Contact: Angela Tapia, vc@youngwriterssc.org

Sign Up Online: <https://bit.ly/2CHlaMP>

River Health Days

Dates: February 9th

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: the east bank of the San Lorenzo River upstream of the Broadway Avenue Bridge. We will meet at the Santa Cruz Riverwalk adjacent to Mimi De Marta Dog Park on 119 Broadway Santa Cruz.

Description: Make a difference in the lower San Lorenzo River ecosystem by volunteering with a Coastal Watershed Council's River Health Day. During the December River Health Day, we will be planting native plants along the banks of the San Lorenzo River to improve biodiversity and habitat complexity in the river ecosystem.

Sign Up online: <https://bit.ly/2HrojWH>

Wetland Restoration 4th Saturday

Dates: Saturday, February 23rd

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fitz Wetlands Education Resource Center located at the top of the Pajaro Valley High School campus (500 Harkins Slough Rd) at 9 a.m.

Description: Wetlands Restoration invites you to participate in this family-friendly outdoor volunteering activity helping to restore wetland habitat. Volunteer work includes planting native plants, removing exotic invasive plants, and helping in our native plant greenhouse. Afterwards, they will go for a guided nature walk. Please bring water, and wear layered work clothes, sturdy shoes and a sun hat. They will provide tools, gloves, and a snack.

Contact: Denise, denise@watsonvilletwetlandswatch.com (831)234-3210

Sign Up online: <https://bit.ly/2FYLRzA>