

## January Volunteer Opportunities



Here's a snapshot of volunteer projects throughout Santa Cruz County. There are HUNDREDS more available on our website [www.scvolunteernow.org](http://www.scvolunteernow.org).

We keep this site updated with the new projects every week!

### Historic Evergreen Cemetery

**Date:** Every Friday, January 4, 11, 18 and 25. **AND Monday, January 21st**

**Time:** 9:30 AM -12:00 PM

**Location:** Evergreen Cemetery, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Description:** Join us for a morning of restoration and beautification at Evergreen Cemetery on Make A Difference Day, October 22nd. Please bring water. Gloves and tools will be provided, but if you have your own gloves please bring them. We'll have a variety of projects to choose from.

**Contact:** Gary, gary\_neir@yahoo.com

**Families and youth welcome**

### Food Not Bombs

**Date:** Saturdays and Sundays, January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27.

**Time:** 12pm to 7pm

**Location:** Downtown Santa Cruz, contact coordinator for exact location

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help us prepare vegan meals on Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm-3pm. No experience is needed as we always need help with the basics of washing and cutting vegetables. Volunteers are welcome to join us in serving the meal at the Post Office from 4pm - 6pm and with clean up afterwards. **We especially need help with clean-up after the meals from 6pm to 7pm.**

**Contact:** Keith at [keith@foodnotbombs.net](mailto:keith@foodnotbombs.net)

**Sign up online:** <https://www.scvolunteernow.org/opportunity/a0C0G00000XLZoVUAX>

**Families and youth welcome.**

### Beach Clean Up with Ecology Action

**Date:** Monday, January 21st

**Time:** 11am to 1:00pm

**Location:** Main Beach- near Ideal Bar and Grill, 106 Beach St, Santa Cruz

**Description:** Help protect this natural treasure! Recent storms have washed debris onto the beach, we will remove it to protect the habitat for wildlife.

**Contact:** Erin at (831) 426-5925 or [edevitt@ecoact.org](mailto:edevitt@ecoact.org)

For more opportunities contact the Court Community Service Program at (831)423-4592

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### Moore Creek Preserve Volunteer Day

**Date:** Monday, January 21st

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

**Location:** We will meet at the west end entrance of Moore Creek Preserve off of Meder St. Please consider alternative transportation or carpooling as parking is limited.

**Description:** Come join the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County at Moore Creek Preserve. We will be celebrating **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** with a community volunteer event. Volunteers will pull the invasive French broom plant along the creek. This is a continued effort to remove French broom and maintain diversity of the native plant species. Learn why it's important to remove this invasive and get to explore this beautiful preserve.

**Contact:** Ginger at (831)588-3613 or [ginger.wojciechowski@landtrustsantacruz.org](mailto:ginger.wojciechowski@landtrustsantacruz.org)

### Cook a Warm Meal at St. Francis Soup Kitchen

**DATE:** Ongoing every Monday - Friday

**Time:** We begin cooking at 8:00 AM and finish serving the meal at 1:45 PM.

**Location:** 205 Mora St, Santa Cruz

Each day a hearty meal of soup, salad, bread, coffee, and milk are served to over 180 people at noon at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen. We have been serving meals to the hungry in Santa Cruz for over 25 years! Please join us by volunteering in our kitchen, where we can accommodate up to four volunteers daily. No special experience is required aside from a desire to work in the kitchen.

**To volunteer:** head over to 205 Mora Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 wearing closed toes shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty, or contact Richard Crowe 831-459-6712

<http://www.stfrancissoupkitchen.org/howtohelp.php>

### Wetlands Restoration

**Date:** Saturday, January 26

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

**Location:** Pajaro Valley High School campus (500 Harkins Slough Rd)

We invite 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 we will go for a guided nature walk. The restoration group meets at the Fitz Wetlands Education Resource Center located at the top of the Pajaro Valley High School campus (500 Harkins Slough Rd) at 9 a.m. Please bring water, and wear layered work clothes, sturdy shoes and a sun hat. We will provide tools, gloves, and a snack.

**To volunteer:** contact Mary at [mary@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org](mailto:mary@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org) (831) 566-4938

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