

March Volunteer Opportunities

Literacy Tutor Orientation

Date: Wednesday March 13th, Saturday March 23rd

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

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>

she.is.beautiful 5k/10k Race

Date: Saturday March 23rd

Time: shifts vary between 6:30 and 11:30 am

Location: Lighthouse Point, Santa Cruz

Description: The she.is.beautiful women's 5k/10k benefiting the Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center needs volunteers on March 23rd to help cheer on racers while monitoring road closures along West Cliff Drive. Snacks, water and a free t-shirt provided for all volunteers!

Contact: Genevieve Ortila, gortilla@wafwc.org, (831) 426-3062 x215

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

Costanoa Commons Farm Hand

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Location: 335 Golf Club Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Description: Costanoa Commons Farm is an urban, organic farm where people with and without disabilities grow healthy food and build community. We have countless projects that would benefit from you or your group's help. If you are interested in volunteering at Costanoa Commons, please sign up online.

Contact: Kyle, info@costanoacommons.org

Sign Up Online: www.costanoacommons.org/volunteer

Homeless Garden Project Farm Drop In

Date: March through November, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Time: Thursdays & Fridays: 10 am – 2 pm, Saturdays & Sundays: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Shaffer Road at Delaware Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Description: On the farm you will meet the crew, learn more about the farm, and join that day's activities which may include: weeding, harvest, planting, building compost and more. Projects are weather dependent and defined by the day's priorities. We often can't tell you exactly what project you'll be working on in advance. If you are group, please contact Justin ahead of time.

Contact: Justin, justinw@homelessgardenproject.org, 831-426-3609 x 10

Visit the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County website: www.scvolunteernow.org

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Evergreen Cemetery Beautification

Dates: Every Friday

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

Location: Evergreen Cemetery in Harvey West Park

Description: Join MAH in a major effort to restore and transform Evergreen cemetery into an inspiring place for learning local Santa Cruz History. With some serious volunteer powered digging, planting, and beautifying, Evergreen is seeing its best days as a historic landmark and a resting place for Santa Cruz's culture-shaping men and women. Lunch is provided at noon.

Sign Up online: <https://bit.ly/2MqHr5T>

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

River Health Days

Dates: March 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.

Contact: Alev, abilginsoy@coastal-watershed.org

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

Loch Lomond Broom Bash

Dates: Saturday, March 24th

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

Location: Loch Lomond

Description: Join our small group of volunteers that preserve and protect the watershed that drains to the Loch Lomond Reservoir - the only drinking water reservoir for the City of Santa Cruz. This ridgeline has been overgrown by broom in the past and requires consistent management. Broom is a strong competitor and can quickly dominate landscapes and outcompete native flora which impacts wildlife, wildfires and more.

Contact: Angie Richman, arichman@cityofsantacruz.com, (831) 335-7424, cell: (831) 247-7499

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

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Wetland Restoration 4th Saturday

Dates: Saturday, March 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@watsonvillemetlandswatch.com (831)234-3210

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

Young Writers Program – Short Term Project (6-8 weeks)

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@youngwritersssc.org

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