



April Volunteer Opportunities

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, please sign up online.

Contact: Kyle, volunteer@costanoacommons.org

Sign Up Online: www.costanoacommons.org/volunteer

Earth Day School Garden Beautification

Date: Earth Day, April 20th

Time: Drop in anytime between 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary

Description: Come spend Earth Day helping out in the garden at Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary! We will beautify Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary life lab garden and to help create a sense of pride for their students.

No gardening experience required! We will have a variety of tasks for all ages. We recommend volunteers wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers.

Contact: Melissa, engagement@scvolunteercenter.org 831-427-5070

Sign up online: <https://bit.ly/2W1KDbN>

Earth Day Ecology Action Community Program Preparation

Date: Earth Day, April 20th

Time: 9 am – 11 am and/or 4 pm – 6 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary

Description: Earth Day Santa Cruz is a yearly community event that offers educational information, activities for kids, live music and a focus on green businesses. The City of Santa Cruz, the County of Santa Cruz, Ecology Action, Coastal Watershed Council, local non-profits, and concerned citizens work together every year to make Earth Day the premier environmental event for the greater Santa Cruz community.

Contact: Erin, edevitt@ecoact.org (831) 515-1353

Homeless Garden Project Farm Drop In

Date: 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

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Habitat for Humanity: Help Build Affordable Housing

Date: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

Time: 8:00am – 2:30pm

Description: Volunteers can be both skilled or non-skilled. Volunteers are assigned a variety of tasks depending on the construction site build phase and the individual's skills. Experienced volunteers will help guide non-skilled volunteers in the various tasks. Volunteers learn basic home construction skills, and the satisfaction of knowing that their work allows families and individuals to secure affordable housing in a demographic where affordable housing is crucial.

Location: Santa Cruz, CA

Contact: Allie, volunteer@habitatmontereybay.org **Sign Up Online:** <https://bit.ly/1PigFv3>

Evergreen Cemetery Beautification

Dates: Fridays

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: April 13th

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>

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Jacob's Heart Food Pantry

Date: Thursdays

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: 680 West Beach St, Watsonville, CA 95076

Description: We envision a community where every child with a serious or life-threatening condition has a strong, supported and informed family empowered to fully participate in their care. We strive to inspire compassionate action within local communities to create a safety net of support for the unique needs of each child and family. Food pantry volunteers are responsible for 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.

Contact: Alex, alex@jacobsheart.org, 831-724-9100

Wetland Restoration 4th Saturday

Dates: Saturday, April 27th

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>

Homework Club Helpers

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Emerald Bay Apartments, Live Oak, Santa Cruz

Description: The Emerald Bay Homework Club provides free once a week homework assistance to children of low-income families who cannot afford the high price of hiring a private tutor. The volunteers here tutor the children free of charge and help to improve their education as well as form bonds with the kids that keep them coming back week after week. Education is so important, and with the assistance of our volunteers, we can offer improved learning to the Live Oak community for kids of all ages as well as provide community service hours for the volunteers themselves. It is a truly rewarding experience in which the tutor and pupil benefit. Volunteers provide homework assistance to a group of 3-4 students of one grade level in a Homework Club setting.

Contact: Annie, annam@cbridges.org

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Grey Bears Volunteer Orientation

Date: Thursdays

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: Grey Bears, 2710 Chanticleer Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Description: Grey Bears improves the health and well being of seniors through food distribution, volunteerism and community participation. Volunteers are essential to the success of Grey Bear's programs! Volunteer opportunities include packing food for the Brown Bag Delivery program, cooking lunch, ringing up sales at the thrift store, sorting recycling, assisting in the office, selling books online, facility maintenance and more! Before volunteering we ask that you attend an orientation. We hold an orientation every Thursday at 1pm in the main office of Grey Bears. At the orientation you can sign up for the project that fits your interests.

Contact: Michelle, michelle@greybears.org, (831) 479-1055 ext 226