

June Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Match Appointments

If you want to volunteer but want support finding the best placement for you we offer free consultations with a specialist to learn about volunteer and internship opportunities in Santa Cruz County. More information on our website:

Call or email to set up and appointment: (831) 427-5070
americorps@scvolunteercenter.org

Henry Cowell Park Beautification

Date: Sunday, June 2nd

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: Henry Cowell Park

Description: The California State Parks Foundation Park Champions program is currently seeking volunteers to help maintain and beautify Henry Cowell State Park. Work will focus on making improvements to Campgrounds, picnic areas and general maintenance of the park. Please join us by registering link below. Snacks and lunch are provided!

Sign up online: www.calparks.org/volunteer

Open Streets Watsonville

Date: Sunday, June 2nd

Time: 9:15 am – 1:30 pm and 1:15 – 4:30 pm

Location: Main St, Watsonville

Description: This annual event is when we close down a section of Main Street to have a pop-up street park that celebrates sustainable transportation and community. **We are seeking barricade ambassadors** to monitor barricade at closed side street. Re-direct cars if necessary.

Answer questions about event. *Must be 18 years or older*

Contact: Elana, (831) 427-5070x119, americorps@scvolunteercenter.org

Sign up online: <https://www.scvolunteernow.org/opportunity/a0C2I00000YN6G1UAL>

Connect People with Services

Date: Wednesday, June 19th

Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm

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

Description: Project Homeless Connect is a one-day community wide event that provides housing support and quality of life resources to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

Client Navigator / Advocate for Project Homeless Connect volunteers assist homeless clients in navigating the services available and help them identify what services they'd like to receive.

Sign up online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scc19volunteers>

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Wetland Restoration 4th Saturday

Dates: Saturday, June 22nd

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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: Yesenia, yesenia@watsonvillewetlandswatch.com

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

St Francis Soup Kitchen

Date: Monday through Friday, but we are especially looking for people to prep (8:30 to 12) and serve (12 - 1:45) on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Time: Prep 8:30 am to 12 pm and/or serve 12 - 1:45 pm

Location: 205 Mora St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Description: Each day a hearty meal of soup, salad, bread, coffee and milk are served to over 180 people at noon. There are an estimated 400 people who sleep outside in Santa Cruz and it's difficult for one agency to handle all their needs. The Kitchen is one place where those in need will find a kind welcome, food and an opportunity to rest in safety. Please join us by volunteering in our kitchen cooking, serving or both. We can accommodate up to four volunteers every day. No special experience required, just a desire to work in the kitchen.

****Please wear closed toed shoes!**

Contact: Richard Crowe (831) 459-6712

Commons Roots Farm Hand

Date: Every Tuesday

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

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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

Garden Gurus

Date: Every Friday

Time: Fridays 10am-11am

Location: Watsonville Wetlands Watch

Description: Gardeners help maintain the Native Plant Demonstration Garden which includes weeding, planting and pruning. No gardening skills required, just a love of the outdoors and a zest learning about plants and gardening!

Contact: Noelle Fletcher at noelle@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org or at (831) 455-6771

Prolific Propagators

Date: Every Friday

Time: Fridays 11 am – 1 pm

Location: Watsonville Wetlands Watch

Description: Maintain the Native Plant Demonstration Garden at the WERC which includes weeding, planting, pruning. Observe plants in their habitat and record findings as a group. Keep plant ID markers current and visible. Tools and Gloves are provided. No gardening skills required, just a love of the outdoors and a zest learning about plants and gardening!

Contact: Noelle Fletcher at noelle@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org or at (831) 455-6771

Santa Cruz Shakespeare Prepare Outdoor Theatre

Date: Every Saturday in May and June

Time: 10:00 – 3:00 pm (you can join for 2 or more hours)

Location: 501 Upper Park Rd, The Grove in Delaveaga Park

Description: Preparation for the Grove outdoor theater site requires no special experience. Related skills and tasks include: raking, weeding and doing general debris collection. We also have a need for special skills such as electrical, plumbing, tree work and carpentry. We provide tools, and there is a restroom on site. Dress comfortably, wear sunscreen and bring gloves and water or snack. Come join us! Volunteers who serve for 10 or more hours will receive 2 free tickets to a show.

Contact: Douglass, volunteer@santacruzshakespeare.org

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Weekend Friends Book Store Host

Dates: Saturdays (10 am – 1 pm, 1 pm – 4 pm), Sundays (1 – 4 pm)

Location: Friends Downtown Santa Cruz Library bookstore (224 Church St)

Description: We are looking for weekend hosts at our Friends Downtown Santa Cruz Library bookstore. If you would like to host you will learn to use a square system to receive payments as well as manage a small bookstore while you are here.

Contact: Mary, mary@fscpl.org

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

Grey Bears Volunteer Orientation

Date: Every Thursday

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

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. We are an all-volunteer effort that has been steadily uncovering, restoring, improving, and adding to the cemetery to make it a beautiful, safe and educational site. We aim to inspire our community to learn more about local history and appreciate the many cultures represented at Evergreen. Lunch is provided at noon. Wear clothes you can get dirty and a water bottle. Please bring work gloves if you have some.

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

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