

## **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. **Call or email to set up and appointment: (831) 427-5070**  
[referral@scvolunteercenter.org](mailto:referral@scvolunteercenter.org)

## **Census Outreach Ambassador**

**Dates:** August 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Shifts are generally 2-3 hours and the schedule is flexible

**Location:** Throughout Santa Cruz County

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to table at different events and share information about the census: why it is important, what the economic impact of under counts mean, signups for volunteers etc. Short trainings will be provided to help educate tablers on the census and how to engage with the larger population on this issue in a non-political way.

**Contact:** Lisa, [lisam@cabin.org](mailto:lisam@cabin.org) (831) 763-2147 x 223

## **Wetland Restoration 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Dates:** Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**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:** Yesennia, [yesenia@watsonvillemetlandswatch.org](mailto:yesenia@watsonvillemetlandswatch.org), (831)234-3210

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

## **Mole and Mariachi Festival**

**Date:** September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** shifts from 7 am – 1 pm

**Location:** Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

**Description:** Volunteers are essential to help make this event the huge success it has been in the past. You will get experience working with the public and helping to put on a large scale event. This festival also promotes community interest in the historic Mission. Any funds raised go back to the Mission's operation.

**Contact:** Leslie at [leslie@millermaxfield.com](mailto:leslie@millermaxfield.com)

## August Volunteer Opportunities



### Garden Gurus

**Dates:** Fridays 11am-1pm

**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, [noelle@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org](mailto:noelle@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org)

### Commons Roots Farm Hand

**Date:** Tuesdays 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. Please sign up online.

**Contact:** Kyle, [volunteer@commonrootsfarm.org](mailto:volunteer@commonrootsfarm.org)

**Sign Up Online:** [www.costanoacommons.org/volunteer](http://www.costanoacommons.org/volunteer)

### 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, harvesting, planting, building compost and more. Projects are weather dependent and defined by the day's priorities. If you are group, please contact in advance.

**Contact:** Emily, [emilyr@homelessgardenproject.org](mailto:emilyr@homelessgardenproject.org), (805) 729-6383

### Grey Bears Volunteer Orientation

**Date:** Thursdays 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. 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.

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

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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](mailto:mary@fscpl.org)

### Transportation Hero for a Senior

**Date:** Ongoing, flexible schedule

**Time:** Monday- Friday 9am to 3pm

**Location:** Countywide

**Description:** 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, [helping\\_hands@scvolunteercenter.org](mailto:helping_hands@scvolunteercenter.org)

### Feed Hungry People

**Date:** Monday-Friday 8:30AM-1:45PM

**Location:** St Francis Soup Kitchen

**Description:** Volunteers can help the estimated 180 people who come to this event weekdays at noon. Volunteers help by cooking in the kitchen, serving food, or both. This program has a limit of 4 volunteers daily, and no experience is required, just a desire to help in the kitchen. Children ages 11-17 need adult supervision. Court ordered volunteers allowed.

**Contact:** Richard Crowe, (831) 459-6712

### Share Arts and Crafts with Seniors

**Date:** Ongoing

**Location:** Elderday Adult Day Health Care Center

**Description:** Elderday Adult Day Health Care Center is home to elderly adults that need help with daily living tasks and have conditions such as Alzheimer's. Volunteers can share their passion and talent for art by leading small group in music, singing, dancing, painting, clay quilting, sewing, knitting, crafts, photography, poetry, reading and writing, theater, and more. Children ages 10-17 require adult supervision.

**Contact:** Liliana Rensi (831) 458-3481 x4011 [liliana@cbridges.org](mailto:liliana@cbridges.org)