

# **Service Organizations-All**

## **Presented by the SPSV Service Team**

### **Community involvement, food, fun and festive!**

<http://www.MyVallejoWaterfront.com> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

427 York Street

Vallejo, CA 94590

Contact Person: Paula Strickland

Come together for a great community clean-up project. Enjoy festive food and entertainment while you show appreciation for your city and community. We provide on-line surveys, and volunteer registration forms. We are dedicated to revitalizing our Waterfront areas to attract more visitors and become a source of pride for all citizens of Vallejo. **Training is provided and meals are included.**

### **Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center (CREEC)**

510-323-3502

[www.creecyouth.org](http://www.creecyouth.org)

The role of this nonprofit organization is to effect wildlife habitat in a positive way through enhancement, maintenance and restoration projects. Jobs include restoring plant life, native and butterfly plant propagation, and butterfly rearing and release. They also offer single events throughout the year.

Locations are the community and open lands surrounding the Carquinez Strait - California's most significant wildlife migratory corridor. This organization works with teenagers that can commit to a minimum of 10 hours of work.

### **Creation of food justice organic sustainability mural**

1625 Shattuck Ave

Berkley

<http://growingconnectionsmural.com/>

**David Stern-Gottfried** (dave at davesg dot com)

Paint Days will be happening every weekday from about 11AM-8PM, and weekends TBA.

Experienced artists are highly encouraged to be a big part of the creation of this epic public art project, and people of all skill levels are welcome to join. Please spread the word and come have some summer fun in the sun, with a paint brush in hand!

### **Discovery Center of Sonoma County**

707-565-2041

[parks@sonoma-county.org](mailto:parks@sonoma-county.org)

[www.sonoma-county.org/parks/index.htm](http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/index.htm)

Sonoma County Regional Parks Department leads in the preservation, conservation, restoration and promotion of natural, scenic, historical, and cultural resources in Sonoma County. We provide recreational, educational, social, and cultural opportunities for the public

## **East Bay Regional Park District**

510-544-2515

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[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

The East Bay Regional Park District was created to provide parks for east bay communities. Its volunteer services include maintaining these parks.

## **The Ecology Center**

(510)548-2220

<http://www.ecologycenter.org/>

The Ecology Center's mission is to promote environmentally and socially responsible practices through programs that educate, demonstrate, and provide direct services. The Ecology Center facilitates urban lifestyles consistent with the goals of ecological sustainability, social equity, and economic development. We seek to make these goals accessible by providing people with the information they need, the alternatives they seek, and the infrastructure necessary to make sustainable practices possible on a large scale. We aim to make the visionary mainstream. Our programs include Information Services, Berkeley's residential curbside recycling, the three Berkeley Farmers' Markets, the Farm Fresh Choice food justice program, Terrain Magazine, and the Eco-House demonstration house and garden. We also serve as the fiscal sponsor for a wide range of projects that align with our mission.

## **The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin**

(415)663-9312

<http://www.eacmarin.org/index.php>

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) works to protect and enhance environmental quality, biodiversity, ecosystem health and rural community character in West Marin. West Marin is the rural, unincorporated area of Marin County, just north of the Golden Gate. We do this by: monitoring, publicizing, and campaigning against threats to West Marin's natural environment, educating the public and policy-makers about the environmental issues facing West Marin, providing reliable information about controversial issues in order to create a common ground of understanding and promote informed debate, and encouraging and facilitating productive resolutions to land-use conflicts by working closely with those who own, manage, and use West Marin's lands.

## **Environmental Volunteers**

3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303-4326 #(650) 961-0545

4020 Moorpark Ave. Suite 105 San Jose, CA 95117 #(408) 244-2449

<http://www.evols.org/volunteer>

“Individual volunteers are the heart of the Environmental Volunteers. Being an Environmental Volunteer gives you the rewarding opportunity to teach kids to love nature and science, as well as the chance to engage in lifelong learning about the environment. Our volunteers work with small groups of children in the classroom and on field trips, and engage them in fun, discovery-based learning activities to teach them about Bay Area environments”

## **Friends of the Earth**

(415)544-0790

<http://www.foe.org/>

Friends of the Earth and our network of grassroots groups in 77 countries defend the environment and champion a healthier and just world. We're progressive environmental advocates who pull no punches and speak sometimes uncomfortable truths to power. It's an approach that for four decades has yielded victories protecting our planet and its people. Our current campaigns focus on clean energy and solutions to global warming, protecting people from toxic and new, potentially harmful technologies, and promoting smarter, low-pollution transportation alternatives.

## **Friends of Five Creeks**

(510) 848-9358

<http://www.fivecreeks.org/>

f5creeks@aol.com

“Friends of Five Creeks are an all-volunteer group working hands-on for clean water and healthy watersheds. We protect and restore natural areas that welcome both wildlife and people on the urbanized east side of San Francisco Bay.” “Friends of Five Creeks strives to keep nature a vital part of the urbanized east side of San Francisco Bay, in Berkeley, Albany, Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond. The "five creeks" in our name are Codornices, Village, Marin, Middle (Blackberry), and Cerrito Creeks and their tributaries. We also have projects on Schoolhouse and Strawberry Creeks and on the Bay shore”. They have many different events planned for the year.

## **Friends of the Urban Forest**

(415)561-6890

<http://fuf.net/about/index.html>

Mission Statement: to promote a larger, healthier urban forest as part of the urban ecosystem, through community planting, maintenance, education and advocacy. Friends of the Urban Forest are a non-profit committed to the belief that trees are a critical element of a livable urban environment. Since 1981, we have offered financial, technical, and practical assistance to individuals and neighborhood groups who want to plant and care for trees.

## **Garden help at the Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden**

<http://www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

Benicia State Recreation Area

Benicia, CA 94510

Contact Person: Dan Jensen

Every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30am, volunteers come to the botanic garden located in the Benicia State Recreation Area to help with normal garden tasks. There are core volunteers as well as many who come by once in a while. Depending on the season and the level of effort you desire, we have a variety of tasks that can be done, all of which help to make the garden grow. Planting new plants, weeding and mulching are good examples of normal tasks. Tasks are typical of what you perform when tending to a garden. No previous training is necessary; we will show you what to do for each task. There are opportunities available for all levels and abilities, just as long as you don't mind getting your hands dirty.

**Wants: Every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30am**

## **Garden for the Environment**

(415) 731-5627

<http://www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/>

Garden for the Environment maintains a nationally acclaimed one-acre urban demonstration garden and offers environmental education programs about organic gardening, urban compost systems and sustainable food systems. Since its founding in 1990, the garden has operated as a demonstration site for small-scale urban ecological food production, organic gardening and low water-use landscaping. Organization type: Conservation & Advocacy, Environmental Education

## **Gardeners needed**

<http://www.vallejonhs.org> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

610 Lemon Street

Vallejo, CA 94589

Contact Person: Carol Hardy

Vallejo Neighborhood Housing Services wants the appearance of our organization to reflect the beauty of our mission, and right now we could use your help! Our agency needs gardeners to plant flowers, rake, do weeding, and just generally beautify the surrounding area of our building. By creating a welcoming and aesthetic office, we can reflect the beautiful homes that we are providing for our clients. So if you would like to devote a couple hours of your weekend to growing a garden for us, please contact us!

**Would like: Volunteers to work on weekends**

## **Golden Gate Audubon Society**

510-919-5873

[ggas@goldengateaudubon.org](mailto:ggas@goldengateaudubon.org)

[www.goldengateaudubon.org](http://www.goldengateaudubon.org)

Golden Gate Audubon is dedicated to protecting Bay Area birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitats. We conserve and restore wildlife habitats, connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educate and engage Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment.

## **Help with Restoration Activities in Solano County!**

<http://www.solanorcd.org> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

1170 N. Lincoln Suite 110

Dixon, CA 95620

Contact Person: Marianne Butler

Solano Resource Conservation District is looking for community members interested in participating in stream bank restoration. Additionally, we are seeking assistance at our Education Center. Volunteers are needed to help improve & maintain our demonstration garden, construct bird & bat boxes, and assist with our native plant sales.

**Wants: Volunteers who are available on weekends.**

## **International Bird Rescue Research Center**

4369 Cordelia Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

(707) 207-0380

[info@ibrcc.org](mailto:info@ibrcc.org)

<http://www.ibrcc.org>

The International Bird Rescue Research Center helps save birds affected by the BP oil spill. Training is required and you must commit to work 4 hours in a week.

The International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) has been helping birds around the world since 1971. Its mission is to mitigate human impact on aquatic birds and other wildlife. This is achieved through rehabilitation, emergency response, education, research, planning and training. **You must be at least 18!**

## **Loma Vista Farm**

(707)-556-8765

Contact Person: Rita Leroy

150 Rainer Ave

Vallejo, CA 94589

<http://www.lomavistafarm.org/> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

Location is 4 miles from SPSV

We need volunteers to help us maintain our farm, which is the outdoor classroom for our young students. We have a variety of plants and animals that serve as learning tools, but they need to be taken care of in between lessons. Animal maintenance would include cleaning their living spaces, feeding them, and socializing them. Garden maintenance would include watering the plants, weeding and raking, and planting when necessary. If you enjoy working outdoors, surrounded by animals and beautiful nature, please help us maintain our farm and provide students with a top-notch learning environment and experience. **The age minimum for this volunteer opportunity is 14 years old.**

**Wants: Volunteers willing to work on week days. Minimum age is 14.**

## **Maintenance needed around Suisun Wildlife Center**

<http://www.suisunwildlife.org/> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

Address: 1171 Kellogg Street

Suisun City, CA 94510

Contact Person: Monique Ligouri

At Suisun Wildlife Center, we want to make sure that our animals are living in the best possible environment that we can provide, so that they can feel home away from home. Because we have been rescuing and caring for animals for so long, our facility has been damaged and needs help being cleaned up and fixed. We need volunteers who want to help see the injured and orphaned animals of our wildlife living the best possible lives, and who want to help make their new home as comfortable and homey as can be. If you like making repairs and doing general maintenance on buildings and other structures, please help! The age minimum for this volunteer opportunity is 16 years old. High school students with community services hours are encouraged to apply.

**Wants: Volunteers 16 years old or older**

## **Making Solano County beautiful by restoring our lands!**

<http://www.solanolandtrust.org> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

1001 Texas Street

Fairfield, CA 94533

Contact Person: Miriam Sachs Martin

Help make a difference while getting fresh air and exercise on Solano County's beautiful lands by assisting with volunteer restoration activities. Solano Land Trust has several sites (Rush Ranch and Lynch Canyon to name a couple) we are working on this season to plant and care for new plantings, monitor past plantings and perform maintenance activities. These projects are also great team-building activities for groups or organizations. We'll supply all the equipment; you need your own boots and gloves. Activities include weeding, trail maintenance and bio-monitoring. The age minimum for this volunteer opportunity is 16 years old. Volunteers 16-18 years of age must have minor permission form (link available on the Solano Land Trust website).

**Wants: The minimum age for this volunteer opportunity is 16 years old.**

## **Monthly Community Clean-up**

<http://www.mattgarciadreamteam.org> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

**Downtown Starbucks on Jefferson and Texas St, Fairfield**

Contact Person: Teresa Courtemanche

We meet the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Downtown Starbucks on Jefferson and Texas St. ready begin our clean-up. Bring gloves and trash pickers (if you have them). **We meet the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Downtown Starbucks on Jefferson and Texas St, Fairfield**

## **Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association**

925-837-6122

[www.mdia.org](http://www.mdia.org)

The mission of Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association is to maintain its trails, wildflowers, and cleanliness/other maintenance of the park

## **Nature in the City**

(415)564-4107

<http://natureinthecity.org/>

To conserve and restore the nature and biodiversity of San Francisco and connect people with nature where they live. Our strategies/program areas are public education, community stewardship, conservation advocacy, ecological restoration and collaboration. Ecological restoration and long-term ecological sustainability depend upon people and institutions changing how they interact with their local natural environment. In San Francisco, a new culture of local community ecological stewardship is emerging. Nature in the City: Inspires wonder, knowledge, celebration and respect for the Franciscan bioregion, Restores urban people's sense of place and interconnectedness with their local biodiversity, Builds Community by catalyzing local wild land stewardship, and public advocacy for the city's nature, biodiversity and natural areas and Unifies our local ecological restoration and stewardship movement.

## **The Nature Conservancy**

(415) 777-0487

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/california/>

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. We address threats to conservation involving climate change, fresh water, oceans, and conservation lands.

## **Opportunity: Adopt A Beach**

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/aab/aab1.html> (Log onto website in order to sign up.)

614 East 5th Street, Benicia, CA 94510

Contact Person: Susan Frost-Alfeld

You or your organization can adopt a beach for ongoing clean up. We supply the materials and haul away the trash. **Wants: At least 3 times volunteer in a year, no other requirements.**

## **Planet Drum Foundation**

(415) 285-6556

[www.planetdrum.org](http://www.planetdrum.org)

Planet Drum was founded in 1973 to provide an effective grassroots approach to ecology that emphasizes sustainability, community self-determination and regional self-reliance. In association with community activists and ecologists, Planet Drum developed the concept of a bioregion. Through its projects, publications, speakers, and workshops, Planet Drum helps start new bioregional groups and encourages local organizations and individuals to find ways to live within the natural confines of bioregions. There are many volunteer opportunities in their calendar.

## **Restore Habitat at Lake Merritt**

[www.volunteer.truist.com](http://www.volunteer.truist.com) (Log onto this website in order to sign up.)

Oakland, CA 94610-5026 (Alameda County)

Contact Person: Dew Gude

Come out and join other volunteers as we spend the morning working with the Lake Merritt Institute to clean up the Lake Merritt shore and waterway. The Lake Merritt Institute is dedicated to keeping the lake clean and beautiful for the residents and animals. (East Bay: Oakland)

**The Minimum Age is 14.**

## **Ruth Bancroft Garden**

1553 Bancroft Rd.

Walnut Creek 94598

(925)-944-9352 Office

<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/>

“The mission of the Ruth Bancroft Garden, Inc. is to preserve this exceptional example of garden design and to continue to develop its collection of water-conserving plants for the education and enjoyment of the public.” “As a volunteer at the garden you will have the opportunity to learn more about gardening with water conserving plants, be a member of an interesting community of volunteers, spend time in a relaxing environment, and be a part of this inspiring garden and the organization behind it.” Some different things you can do include: Garden Work, Event Assistance, Office Assistance, Education, or Docent (Docent need to go through training and lead tours).

## **Santa Rosa Plateau**

<http://www.riversidecountyparks.org>

951-677-6951

The Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve 39400 Clinton Keith Road is located at the southern end of the Santa Ana Mountains in southwest Riverside County, near the city of Murrieta, 92562. The Reserve consists of 8,300 acres and protects unique ecosystems like Engelmann oak woodlands, riparian wetlands, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, bunchgrass prairie and vernal pools

## **Save the Bay**

(510)452-9261

<http://www.savesfbay.org/>

Save The Bay is the largest regional organization working to protect, restore and celebrate San Francisco Bay. As its leading champion since 1961, Save the Bay protects the Bay from pollution and inappropriate shoreline development, making it cleaner and healthier for people and wildlife. We restore habitat and secure strong policies to re-establish 100,000 acres of wetlands that are essential for a healthy Bay. We engage more than 25,000 supporters, advocates and volunteers to protect the Bay, and inspire the next generation of environmental leaders by educating thousands of students annually.

## **SF Bay Wildlife Society**

510-792-0222

[info@sfbws.com](mailto:info@sfbws.com)

[www.sfbws.org](http://www.sfbws.org)

The primary mission of SFBWS is to promote public awareness and appreciation of the San Francisco Bay and its natural history, and to conserve and preserve the remaining bay lands as essential wildlife habitat



## **Solano County Friends of Animals**

707-552-3323

[info@solanocountyfoa.org](mailto:info@solanocountyfoa.org)

[www.solanocountyfoa.org](http://www.solanocountyfoa.org)

Solano County Friends of Animals (SCFOA) is a group of animal loving volunteers who are dedicated to reducing the population of unwanted and abandoned pets in Solano County by providing an adoption service for homeless pets and by actively working to provide low cost spay/neuter options and reduce the number of feral cats in Solano County through Trap/Neuter/Return.

## **Solano RCD**

707-678-1655

[mail@solanorcd.org](mailto:mail@solanorcd.org)

[www.solanorcd.org](http://www.solanorcd.org)

1170 N. Lincoln St., Suite 110

Dixon, California 95620

The mission of Solano Resource Conservation District is to protect, promote and enhance the soil, water, wildlife, plant-life and air quality resources within Solano County. This is done through a variety of events and restoration projects.

## **SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION District**

(707) 678-1655

<http://www.solanorcd.org/volunteernew.htm>

### ***Dixon - Martha Jensen***

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### ***Vallejo – Carolyn Corse***

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### ***Benicia – Sue Alfeld***

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### ***Fairfield • Suisun City – Kevin Cullen***

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Website: [www.fssd.com](http://www.fssd.com)

### ***Rio Vista - Jessica Becerra***

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### ***Lake Solano Park - Sean McDowell***

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Website: [www.solanocounty.com/parks](http://www.solanocounty.com/parks)

***Sandy Beach Park – Chris Drake***

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Website: [www.solanocounty.com/parks](http://www.solanocounty.com/parks)

***Lake Berryessa – Marianne Butler***

(707) 301.5778

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Website: [lakeberryessanews.com](http://lakeberryessanews.com)

***Putah Creek locations – Libby Earthman***

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Website: <http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org>

Some of the work includes: Stream bank restoration, improving & maintaining the demonstration garden, assisting with educational field programs, constructing bird & bat boxes, and assisting in the greenhouse or with the native plant sales

**Solano County SPCA**

707-448-7722

[www.solanospca.org](http://www.solanospca.org)

[solanospca@castles.com](mailto:solanospca@castles.com)

The Solano County SPCA is dedicated to finding a loving responsible home for every adoptable animal in Solano County. We also strive to reduce pet overpopulation and surrender rates by providing education to the public. Volunteer jobs include: Fundraising, 'Shelter Beautification', Greeter, taking care of animals, helping at adoption events, etc. **You must attend an orientation before you start.**

**Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge**

<http://www.fws.gov/stonelakes/volunteer.htm>

"Thousands of hours are donated annually by dedicated volunteers helping with programs such as environmental education, refuge tours, habitat restoration, bird counts, wood duck box monitoring, office work, and many more! New volunteers are recruited and go through a short series of orientation sessions to become a member of our growing team. The refuge does not rehabilitate injured or orphaned animals."

## **Surfrider Foundation: San Francisco**

(949) 492-8170

<http://sfsurfrider.org/>

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 80 chapters worldwide. The San Francisco chapter consists of over 1,200 members throughout the Bay Area. We are surfers, windsurfers, dog walkers, environmentalists, fishermen and more. Many members of Surfrider are organized into sub-committees; many are involved with other organizations; and many act on their own when they find the time. Our chapter consists entirely of volunteers looking to make a difference. We are an organized group, and together with other non-profit, government and private organizations, we can and DO affect change in our local area. Mission statement: The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches for all people, through conservation, activism, research and education.

## **Tree Davis**

<http://treedavis.org/node/1>

<http://treedavis.org/node/26> (contact through web page)

Tree Davis is dedicated to enhancing and expanding our urban forest to keep Davis clean, green and cool. Our dedicated volunteers have been planting and caring for trees in the Davis area for 15 years.

## **Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation**

925-9396610

[contact@wcosf.org](mailto:contact@wcosf.org)

[www.wcosf.org](http://www.wcosf.org)

The Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation works to preserve and enhance Walnut Creek's nearly 3000 acres of open space and to educate area residents so that they can enjoy this wonderful resource. Volunteers will work on habitat restoration and city sponsored events. Some past projects include Oak tree, Quail, and Native Grass restoration.