English 2 (EE): Volunteer Project

To encourage your new or continuing involvement in hands-on work with animals and/or the local environment, you’ll need to participate in at least five visitations to one or more sites this semester, including any orientation involved. The list below may help you figure out what you want to do. Or consider other possibilities you know of or that have come up in class.

1. **Surfrider Foundation**  
   [www.surfridersantacruz.org](http://www.surfridersantacruz.org)  
   831-476-7667  
   These organizations often cooperate for beach clean-ups, usually one Saturday per month, from 11:00-1:00. Check the websites for locations. There are also possibilities for weekly water quality testing and storm drain stenciling.

2. **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**  
   [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org)  
   Click on Volunteer Info  
   General number: 831-454-7303  
   Call Jennifer Price at 831-454-7203, Ext. 6 to sign up for a volunteer orientation.  
   Santa Cruz Shelter  
   2260 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz  
   Watsonville Animal Shelter  
   580 Airport Blvd., Watsonville  
   (Heading south on Hwy 1, turn left off the Airport Blvd. Exit and go past Watsonville Community Hospital, till you see the shelter on your left.)  
   This is a small and dear shelter, and the animals are waiting for you!

3. **Santa Cruz SPCA**  
   [www.santacruzspca.org](http://www.santacruzspca.org)  
   831-465-5000  
   Call Lisa Carter to find out about volunteer possibilities.

4. **Native Animal Rescue**: 831-462-0726 or Molly: 831-475-6489  
   1855 17th Ave., Santa Cruz  
   (Between Rodriguez and Capitola Rd.)  
   You can get involved in any number of help and rescue operations with local wildlife. (Spring is especially good for feeding baby birds.) They always need help transporting injured wildlife.
5. **Gateway School Organic Garden**
   126 Eucayptus Ave.,
   Santa Cruz (near West Cliff Dr.)

   Call Caprice Potter, Lifelab Science Director, to arrange internship hours working with the kids in the garden: 831-234-7191.

6. **www.trailworkers.com**
   This is an excellent website that tells of trail clean-ups in local state parks, such as Nisene Marks and Wilder Ranch.

7. **California Native Plant Society**
   www.cruzcnps.org (Click on Habit Restoration.)
   Call Linda Brodman for more info: 831-462-4041.
   Volunteer to restore native habitat in state parks, usually two Saturdays per month, 10-1:00. Call, or check the website for locations.

8. **Coastal Watershed Council**: 831-464-9200
   Coastal-watershed.org
   Help with storm-drain monitoring or general water quality monitoring of local watersheds, such as on Snapshot Day.

9. **Elkhorn Slough Foundation**
   1700 Elkhorn Rd. (just north of the power plant in Moss Landing)
   www.elkhornslough.org (Click on Get Involved)
   831-728-2822
   There are greenhouse days twice a month, as well as various monitoring possibilities for shorebirds, rookeries (for raptors, as an example), or benthic invertebrates.

10. **Watsonville Wetlands Education Resource Center**
    500 Harkins Slough Rd., Watsonville
    831-728-1156
    www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org Click on events calendar.
    They sponsor restoration activities every 4th Saturday of each month.

   **And more!** Look up the animal/environmental organizations that interest you to see about volunteer opportunities. Students have enjoyed working with the Homeless Garden Project (83-426-3609) or with the immense Soquel Creek clean-up put on by Dave Schwartz’s oceanography class here at Cabrillo (daschwar@cabrillo.edu). **You can always grab a garbage bag (and gloves) and head down to any beach for 1-2 hours of self-propelled clean-up.**