

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
476-7667

Save Our Shores

www.saveourshores.org
462-5660

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 Services Authority**

www.scanimalservices.us/ Click on Volunteer for ASA

General number: 454-7303

Call Tricia Geisreiter at 454-7202 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**

2685 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz

www.santacruzspca.org

465-5000

Call Lisa Carter to find out about volunteer possibilities.

4. **Native Animal Rescue:** 462-0726 or Molly: 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: 423-0341, Ext. 509

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: 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:** 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) 728-2822 elkhornslough.org

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. **Natural Bridges**

Call Martha Nitzberg: 423-4609 for various volunteer projects:

Restoration

Training for tidepool walks

Visitor center host, including crafts for kids.

11. **Watsonville Wetlands Education Resource Center**

500 Harkins Slough Rd., Watsonville

728-1156

www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org Click on events calendar.

They sponsor restoration activities every 4th Saturday of each month.

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