



Action News!

The news source for the Department of
Environmental Studies & Planning at SSU

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- **News & Announcements:** *This section highlights professional training opportunities, speakers, workshops, relevant news items and events.*

ENSP T-Shirts are available for \$15 in Rachel Carson Rm. 18. Proceeds support your department.

Chair – ENSP Department

Effective August 2007, Prof. Jacobson is the Chair for our department.

Fall semester leaves/sabbaticals:

Prof. Orlick is on leave for Fall 2007. If you need advising in the Planning study plan, contact Profs. Laura Watt (RCH24) or Tom Jacobson (RCH7).

Prof. Von Meier is on sabbatical and will be returning in Spring. For advising, see Prof. Rohwedder (RCH 26) during his office hours.

Sept. 19 – Nov. 9: Petition to withdraw from a class. \$20 fee for serious and compelling reasons only.

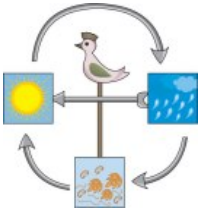
Oct. 2 – Study Abroad Fair,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Salazar Quad.

Planning to graduate Spring 2008? You must pass the WEPT test. For a schedule, click on the following link:

<http://www.sonoma.edu/programs/writingcenter/weptschedule.html>

Internship information from ENSP:

To assist students with questions, we have compiled an FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet; so when you pick up your internship form in RCH-18, don't forget this document or view it on line at www.sonoma.edu/ensp.



• Environmental Happenings

Austin Creek Restoration Cleanup, National Public Lands Day – **September 29, 2007**, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance of Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. Join Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods for an opportunity to help restore the public lands in the Austin Creek State Recreation Area. Austin Creek is a wilderness area comprised of 5,683 acres of oak woodlands. Volunteers are needed to hike into this remote area and haul out the debris so it can be transported out of the park. Hiking on steep terrain is required. Water and some snacks will be provided. Volunteers should bring a lunch, extra water, wear sturdy shoes, and wear long pants. National Public Lands Day is sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation Program. Local sponsors include REI and the Sonoma County Trails Council. For more information please call Stewards at (707) 869-9177 or email stewards@mcn.org.

Cotati Creek Critters is a grassroots community group planting native trees and scrubs along the Cotati creek of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. CCC is sponsored by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and the Sonoma County Water Agency. Current projects are funded by the California Dept. of Water Resources Urban Stream Restoration program, the City of Santa Rosa and the City of Cotati. Community Planting days are:

Sat. – 9 a.m. – Noon		Sun. – 10 am – 1 p.m.	
Oct. 13	Dec. 8	Oct. 28	Dec. 30
Nov. 10	---	Nov. 25	---

If you have any questions, please check out www.cotaticreekcritters.info or Contact: jenny@creeks.cotati.info at 707/792-4422

Want to discover and/or help restore the bay? See **Bay Events** on www.savesfbay.org.

Out door Pursuits has several trips planned for Oct. **Sierra Hot Springs** – Oct. 5-7; **Harvest Road Bike Tour** – Oct. 13th; **Castle Rock Climbing** – Oct. 19&20th; **Surf Santa Cruz** – Oct. 27-28th. For more information, visit www.sonoma.edu/campusrec/odp/

Fairfield Osborn Preserve – 2007 Field Workshops

Oct. 13 – Early Birding with Becky Olson

8 – 11 a.m. – \$10. Beginners welcome. Bring binoculars.

Oct. 27 – Geology of Sonoma Mountain

10:30 – 2:30 p.m. – \$15 – Stephen Norwick.

Nov. 3 – Master Naturalist Tour

10:30 – 2:30 p.m. – \$15 – Ron Robertson

Nov. 10 – SODS for Non-Scientists

10:30 – 2:30 p.m. – \$15 – Lisa Bell

Dec. 15 – Wild Mushrooms

10:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Charmoon Richardson

Workshops are appropriate for those 13 & older. We suggest dressing in layers. Bring water and a lunch. Rain does not cancel event.

WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands – Oct. 13, 2007

WOW! features over 50 multidisciplinary activities correlated to National Science Standards. This fun, hands-on workshop will introduce you to basic wetland ecology, including soil, water, and plants, as well as wetland functions and values through fun and interactive activities in lesson plan format. Bring wetlands alive and into the classroom! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., \$20 includes

WOW! curriculum guide, all course materials and lunch!

Location: Napa-Sonoma Marsh outside the City of Sonoma. For more information, or to register, visit www.sonomacountywater.org, or call the Water Education Program at 707-521-6211 or 6209.



SSU Habitat Hedgerow Planting Day – Oct. 19 at Sonoma State University, Departments of Environmental Studies and Planning & Biology

Goal: Improve the sustainable agriculture garden at the university by planting a native plant hedgerow 120' x 10', screening the parking lot, providing shelter from the west sun, and adding habitat for wildlife and beneficial insects. This hedgerow provides a significant wildlife corridor extending from Copeland Creek along the edge of the parking lot and garden.

Benefits: Provide the community an accessible public garden with a demonstration native plant hedgerow. Provide a printed guide to hedgerows and habitat planting that will include a list of habitat plants found in the SSU sustainable agriculture garden. Provide an improved outdoor lab experience for students in a variety of Environmental Studies courses. Facilitate on-site research opportunities in agroecology and biology. Contact: Frederique Lavoipierre at rockyroad56@aol.com or lavoipie@sonoma.edu

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation –

Lagunakeepers 2007 Calendar of Events (summary)

Oct. 20 – Alpha Farm Native Plantings; Nov. 17 – Oak Woodland Restoration; Dec. 8 – Cotati Creek Critters collaboration....All work dates are 9 a.m. – Noon. Be sure to bring gloves and water. Only heavy rain cancels event. For complete calendar and more details, visit www.lagunafoundation.org.

CEQA Workshop: Christopher A. Joseph & Associates (CAJA) – Environmental Planning & Research will be hosting the 2007 CEQA Basics Workshop on Thursday, November 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Petaluma at the Petaluma Community Center in Lucchesi Park. Complete details for this workshop including registration form will be sent in addition to Action News.

• **Internships:** For more information about any of the listings, please see the “Current ENSP Internship” binder in the ENSP office, Rachel Carson Rm. 18-B.

Planning Internship at Christopher A. Joseph & Associates in Petaluma. The Research Assistant responsibilities include assisting planners with project-related tasks including internet research, site photography, graphics presentations, document production and distribution. Candidates should be proficient in the use of Microsoft Power Point, Word and Excel, and Adobe Acrobat. Interested candidates should visit the CAJA website at www.cajaeir.com. If questions, contact Terri McCracken terri.mccracken@cajaeir.com

Two internships are available with the North Coast Water Quality Control Board & U.C. Davis. Pathogen source assessment along the Russian River. Contact Bruce Guynn at 707/576-2661 for details.

Operations Engineering Intern (Water Agency) – County of Sonoma – Gain exposure to permits and regulations involving water, wastewater, and recycled water issues. Duties include site visits to read meters and collect data, input data into Access database, data manipulation using Excel to plot data, and possibly assisting with design work. Enrolled in related major. \$12.09 per hour. Visit: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/hr/cid/intern.htm>

Land-Management Internships at SSU's Galbreath Wildlands Preserve. SSU recently acquired a 3,670 acre nature preserve in southern Mendocino County and has hired a team of interns to assist the Preserve Director with a variety of land management activities. We hope to hire two additional interns this semester and are soliciting applications. Students can work up to 20 hours/week and are paid \$10.25/hour. Applicants must have background in biology, geology, environmental studies and/or land management. In addition, applicants must be willing and able to work in a rugged and remote location for long periods often under physically demanding circumstances. A valid driver's license and safe driving record are required. For more information, please email Dr. Hall Cushman (cushman@sonoma.edu).

County of Marin has student internships available through the Civic Center Volunteers. Visit <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HR/ccvol/interns.cfm> and contact the Joan Brown, Volunteer Manager for recent updates at 415/499-7167. With appropriate skills, she is able to custom-design an internship to meet your strengths and goals.

Sonoma State University's Job site:

http://woodstock.sonoma.edu/users/e/esas/public/crc_search.php lists paid and unpaid internships and employment opportunities. This site is updated frequently. Volunteer or internship opportunities can be found in the **Career Center in Salazar 1070 at SSU** or by visiting www.sonoma.edu/sas/crc/jobsearch/index.shtml

The **County of Sonoma** has internships available. For more details visit www.sonoma-county.org/volint or call Renee Rutan at (707) 565-2930.

Orion Grassroots Network: This site is a great resource for updated listings of **new internships and job openings**, visit <http://www.oriononline.org/ogn>.

• **Employment:** *For more information about any of the employment listings, please see the "Current ENSP Employment" binder in the ENSP office, Rachel Carson Rm. 18-B or visit our employment link on the web:* www.sonoma.edu/ensp/employment_links.htm

Yosemite Institute is seeking a Yosemite Institute Field Educator who will work in the vast classroom of Yosemite National Park. Instruction takes place in remote and rugged areas with complex logistics and in all kinds of weather. Groups are comprised of 10-15 students of varying ages, backgrounds and interests. A complete listing of expectations, qualifications, compensation and the application process are available in RCH-18 or by visiting <http://www.yni.org/yj/employment/fieldeducator.php>

Check out Google.org. This site includes the work of the Google Foundation, some of Google's own projects using Google talent, technology and other resources, as well as partnerships and contributions to for-profit and non-profit entities. The focus areas of Google.org include global poverty, climate changes and global public health. Browse U.S. openings at <http://www.google.com/support/jobs/bin/topic>

The **County of Sonoma** has numerous employment opportunities. Visit their website at

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sonoma/default.cfm>

Other sites of interest:

enews@environmentalcareer.com

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