



# Action News!

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

Web: [www.sonoma.edu/ensp](http://www.sonoma.edu/ensp) • Phone: (707) 664-2306 • Email: [ensp@sonoma.edu](mailto:ensp@sonoma.edu)

---

For the week of: August 24<sup>th</sup>



Our ENSP Faculty and Staff  
welcome you to  
Fall semester 2009!!



- **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.

Prof. Tom Jacobson is Chair of the ENSP Dept.

Registration – According to A&R, on the first day of classes, Aug. 26, you can register for more than 16 units. However, if you go above the 20 unit limit, you must complete a petition to take additional units.

**Advising/Scheduling** - Our faculty suggest that you meet with your advisor each semester prior to registration to plan your schedule. If you have any concerns, contact your advisor or stop by RCH 18 for assistance. If you have having difficulty adding courses, we suggest attending the first session to see if you can be added to a waitlist. Continue to check availability as students are continuing to drop. When “crashing” classes be aware that if you gain admittance

with your instructor's approval, you must add this course to your schedule. If you have difficulties with this process, see me. Your name must appear on the official roster in order to obtain a grade. (Just clarifying policy.)

Conservation and Restoration students (Tracks 1 and 2) are being asked to complete the Advisor Worksheet prior to setting up advising appointments with Profs. Caroline Christian or Laura Watt. These worksheets are available at [http://www.sonoma.edu/ensp/programs/environmental\\_restoration.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/ensp/programs/environmental_restoration.html). If questions, please contact me.

Faculty office hours & contact information is located in the display case outside RCH 18. In the next few weeks, I will have current contact information posted on the ENSP website.

**Furloughs** -all employees must take two days per month. Dates will be posted on our ENSP door and our ENSP website. If you need immediate assistance and the office is closed, please go to the Dean's Office in Stevenson 2078.



## Don't Miss

### • Important Dates:

**July 20 – Open Registration.** If you have been “permissioned” into a class, you must register for the class so that it is listed on your schedule.

**Aug. 26 –** First day of instruction

**Aug. 26~** Last day to drop classes with a full refund.

**Sept. 7-** Labor Day. Campus closed.

**Sept. 8 –** Deadline for Contract Courses; i.e. Internships, Special Studies and Community Involvement. Visit this site for specific details.  
[http://www.sonoma.edu/ensp/documents/internship\\_overview.pdf](http://www.sonoma.edu/ensp/documents/internship_overview.pdf)

**Sept. 15 –** Deadline to submit graduation applications for **December 2009** graduation and for priority review for May 2010 graduates.

**Planning to graduate Spring 2010?** You must pass the WEPT test. For a schedule, click on the following link:  
<http://www.sonoma.edu/programs/writingcenter/wepschedule.html>

### • Environmental Happenings



#### Fall '09 Garden Volunteer Days – ETC

Fridays: 9 a.m – 3 p.m.

Sept. 3; Sept. 11; Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 16,  
Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4.

If drizzling, the work day will be held; if storming, the work day will be rescheduled. If questions, contact Frederique Lavoipierre at [lavoipie@sonoma.edu](mailto:lavoipie@sonoma.edu)

**Friends of Copeland Creek** will begin meetings for Fall semester. If interested contact Julie Bright at 707/664-2717 or [bright@sonoma.edu](mailto:bright@sonoma.edu).



**Cotati Creek Critters** is a grassroots community group planting native trees and scrubs along the Cotati reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. CCC is sponsored by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and the Sonoma County Water Agency. Contact: [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707/792-4422 for info.

Want to discover and/or help restore the bay? Check out **Bay Events** on [www.savesfbay.org](http://www.savesfbay.org).

**Out door Pursuits** has trips planned for Fall semester. They are still working on their schedule so I will keep you posted. For more information, contact 664-DIRT or email [www.sonoma.edu/campusrec/adventure](http://www.sonoma.edu/campusrec/adventure)

• **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.

**Monte Vista Elementary School** located near SSU has existing raised bed garden that needs lots of work. Interns could help establish a composting system, plant native grass gardens, perennial beds, vermiculture, edible organic garden, etc. Students can sign up for one to four units depending on interest and experience of the intern. Contact Kitty Ritz at [kritz414@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kritz414@sbcglobal.net)

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation has a Restoration Field and a Native Plant Propagation internship available for Fall '09. Interns should work a minimum of 45 hours per semester. For specific job descriptions, please see information sent to listserv on Aug. 24 or contact Catherine Cumberland at [Catherine@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:Catherine@lagunafoundation.org)

Cotati Creek Critters has three internships available: a Stewardship Intern; a Videographer; and an Outreach/Education. CCC's goals are to enhance the natural habitat for native species without compromising flood control; to organize Creek Stewardship Days; to encourage an appreciation of Cotati's creeks and creek side (riparian) vegetation; raise awareness that Cotati's creeks are part of the larger Laguna de Santa Rosa and Russian River watersheds. Your cover letter and applications should be received by Sept. 1. For information contact: [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707/792-4422.

**Petaluma City School District Community.** Seven of the elementary schools in Petaluma (Valley Vista, McNear, Grant, McKinley, McDowell, Penngrove, and Cherry Valley schools) have school gardens. You would be working with grades K-6, English and Spanish speaking children. Duties may include: planting, transplanting, digging, seed starting, weeding, doing science inquiries, leading guided lessons and observations, garden art projects, and cooking. Hours vary based on site's needs. Fingerprints and TB test required (not paid for). Contact Vanessa Passarelli at [vcp9@hotmail.com](mailto:vcp9@hotmail.com). Plant the future you wish to be!

Sonoma State University's Job site at [www.sonoma.edu/sas/crc/jobsearch/index.shtml](http://www.sonoma.edu/sas/crc/jobsearch/index.shtml) lists internship and employment opportunities. This site is updated frequently. This information can also be found in the Career Center in Salazar 1070 at SSU.

**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 visit the Career Center in Salazar Hall.

**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/static.py?page=students.html>

The **County of Sonoma** has numerous employment opportunities. Visit their website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sonoma/default.cfm>

If you are enrolled in Peoplesoft as an ENSP Major/Minor, you will automatically be subscribed to this list under your Sonoma.edu email account. Otherwise you may need to re-subscribe. To subscribe please go to: <https://webmail.sonoma.edu/mailman/listinfo/ensp-announce>