



Action News!

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

Check out our revitalized ENSP website at www.sonoma.edu/enspand send us your feedback.

Faculty contact information is readily available. "Semester Schedule" has a listing of current courses. If you continue to click on the "class schedule and location link", all faculty contact information including office hours are listed. Some sections are a "work in progress" so we will continue to update our website.

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

Tip: Check your transcript to see if your Fall '08 schedule is accurate. If there are discrepancies, go to A&R immediately. Do not wait until the end of the semester to determine you have never been registered for the class. Your name must appear on the roster in order to obtain a grade. (Just clarifying policy.)

Spring '09 schedule – according to A&R, the official schedule will not be available until Nov. 21, 2009. However, in the next few weeks, ENSP will have a preliminary schedule of offerings for Spring '09, subject to change in accordance with the state budget.

Six Elements of Sustainability Lecture Series is coming up on Oct 9th. Theme Topic: The Built Environment - The Future of the Built Environment in Sonoma County, A Panel with Candidates Running for Board of Supervisors in the November 4 Election. Forum Panel: Rue Furch (5th District); Will Pier (1st District); Sharon Wright (3rd District); Shirlee Zane (3rd District) on Thursday, October 9, 7 - 9:30pm at SSU Library, Room 3001.



- **Important Dates:**

Sept. 23 – Oct. 10. Registration Freeze. No processing of adds/drops.

Sept. 23 – Nov. 7. Petition to withdraw from a class for \$20 fee/class. Dropping classes permitted for serious and compelling reasons only.

Nov. 11 – **Veteran's Day observed.** No classes.

Nov. 26 – 28. **Thanksgiving holiday.** No classes on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Considering grad school? See info. below.

CSU East Bay – Oct. 22nd

Visit: www.csueastbay.edu or contact Deborah Baker (510) 885-3286 or Deborah.baker@csueastbay.edu

CSU Sacramento – Oct. 23rd

Contact Jose Martinez at (916) 827-23284 or Jose.i.martinez@csus.edu

UC Davis – Oct. 24th

Visit: www.gfid.ucsdavis.edu or contact Maiesha Kiburi (530) 752-2430 of mlkiburi@ucdavis.edu

Graduating Spring 2009? You must pass the WEPT test. For a schedule, click on link:

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

• Environmental Happenings



Fall '08 Garden Volunteer Days – ETC

Oct. 10, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5 - Fridays: 9 a.m – 2 p.m.

In the event of rain, work day will be rescheduled.

If questions, contact Frederique Lavoipierre at 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.



Cotati Creek Critters

is a grassroots community group planting native trees and scrubs along the Cotati research of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. CCC is sponsored by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Events are:

Oct. 11: Fall Trash Pick-up, 9 am – 2 pm.

Oct. 26: Restoring Tools & Plant Care, 10 am – 1 pm

Nov. 8 – See Creek, 9 – Noon

Nov. 30 – See Creek, 10 am – 1 pm

Dec. 13 – See Creek, 9 - Noon

Inside/Outside Nature Education Series

Nov. 3 – History, Ecology & Restoration of California Grasslands. Prof. Caroline Christian. – 7 p.m.

Dec. 1 – Urban Streams: balancing Humans and Habitat with Keenan Foster – 7 p.m.

Contact: jenny@creeks.cotati.info or 707/792-4422.



Project Earth

JUMP has two events lined up for October:

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008: Cotati Creek Critters.

9am-Noon. We will be working with the site leaders of Cotati Creek Critters to help them prepare for the season. Duties will include weeding, pruning, and planting. We will be working close to New Hope Church in Cotati along the bike path. We need at least 15 volunteers. Please meet at the flag pole at 8:45 for carpool. Snacks are provided!

Saturday October 25, 2008: Sonoma Ecology Center Harvest Festival at Sonoma Garden Park

10-3pm. We will be helping out with the harvest festival, placing recycling bins around the area, some volunteers can help with face painting at different booths, and we also be composting. We need at least 10 volunteers. Please meet at the flag pole at 9:20 for carpooling. Wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting a little dirty. More details, contact JUMP office #707 664-4277 or earth@sonoma.edu.

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

Bored????? Outdoor Pursuits has trips planned for Fall semester; Mountain biking; Annadel State Park; Harvest Road Bike Tour; Four Winds Ropes Course; Backpack Big Basin, Kayak to Angel Island; Yoga & Hot Springs; Boulder & Bike Bishop; Spelunking; and Skydiving. For information, dates and pricing, contact 664-DIRT or email 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.*

Gold Ridge RCD Internship: The Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (RCD) is seeking to hire a part-time/intern position to assist with our water quality monitoring programs in Salmon, Green Valley, Americano, and Dutch Bill Creeks. No water quality monitoring experience is required, but is preferred. The intern must be able to commit 10-15 (flexible) hours per week from October through May. This is a paid internship position (\$12 - \$14/hour DOE). Responsibilities: 1.) Assist the water quality Project Manager to complete water quality testing in the field, often in wet or rainy conditions; 2.) Assist the water quality Project Manager with other administrative duties as they arise. If you are interested in this position, please contact Brittany Heck and (707) 874-2907 or brittany@goldridgercd.org.

A Fall 2008 through Spring 2009 **Internship at Valley Oaks School of Independent Study** is available to a SSU student who is looking for a part time, unpaid, really great organic garden project that will involve a small group of our high school students enrolled in a *Special Project* course. The goals and

students with their research projects, and to collaborate with the students at all stages of their objectives of this internship are to teach garden ecology in the garden environment, to supervise winter garden project. The garden site at Valley Oaks has been active for years. Tools and materials are available. A SSU intern will need to be available to the students and in the garden on Mondays from 11:30 to 1pm throughout the months, with exception of holidays, from now until the end of harvest in early May. It is a great project, and a SSU intern is very much appreciated by the students and school community. For more information or to make an appointment with the project supervisor at Valley Oaks, contact June Nason 707 778-4794.

Watershed Conservation Internship. October – January in West Marin County.

The Salmon Protection And Watershed Network (www.SpawnUSA.org) is seeking a committed intern with a background in ecology and watershed resource management to be an integral part of our team as we begin implementing stream restoration and stormwater harvesting and water conservation projects throughout the County. Intern duties will include: Field and site assessments, site design, restoration field-work and project implementation, research and report writing, website maintenance, volunteer and probono outreach and coordination. Our office is located in West Marin County near the town of Olema (~1-mile west of Samuel P. Taylor State Park). Looking for a minimum commitment of 20-hours/week Sept - Jan. Schedule can be flexible. Pay commensurate with experience. Applicants should be dedicated to their field of work, proficient with computers, and comfortable working with tools and willing to spend long days working outdoors sometimes during inclement weather. Resume and cover letter should be sent via email to Paola Bouley (SPAWN Conservation Program Director) at Paola@tim.net.

Sustainability Programs Research Assistant – Help make Marin’s future greener by updating a greenhouse gases database. Project-based internship of at least 120 hours includes research, data entry, and report-writing. The intern will assist staff with a newly formed joint powers authority to plan a community choice aggregation effort and help with the green business, green building and solar programs. Candidates must have background in and passion for sustainability topics, particularly greenhouse as emissions and metrics. The ideal intern will be a superior writer and a self-starter who can juggle tasks, be proficient in Word and Excel, and have the ability to plan events for 10 to 100 people. This intern will receive an individual orientation and participate in Wednesday staff meetings. For more information, contact Anne Starr, Civic Center Volunteers, 415-499-6028.

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

Student Assistant, Environmental Technology Center. ENSP is looking for a Student Assistant for Sonoma State University’s Environmental Technology Center. The position requires an average of 10 hours/week, possibly including occasional weekends, and pays at the approved rate (we anticipate a Level III wage of \$11.25). Additional benefits include a shared office space and traditional campus office support (photocopying, phone, high speed internet connection, etc.), and a great addition to your resume. The ETC Student Assistant will be responsible for a wide range of activities necessary to keep the ETC facility and programs functioning smoothly. If you would like a complete description, stop by Rachel Carson 18. Applicants should email a one-page cover letter and a resume to joann.smith@sonoma.edu. We will begin reviewing applications at 4 pm on Friday, October 17, and will

continue to take applications until a suitable candidate is found.

Sonoma State University’s Job site at 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.**

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

Check out Google.org. 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>

• **Scholarships:** We are happy to announce that the 2008 COMTO scholarship application is now available. A copy of the application is accessible through our website at www.comtonorcal.org. Scholarships of \$1,000-\$5,000 will be awarded to undergraduate minority college students from the Northern California region; all academic majors are eligible. The application deadline is November 14, 2008. Information, contact comto.norcal@gmail.com

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