

Upcoming events of interest this Spring:

April 13 - Expose Sierra Pacific Industry's "Sierra Chainsaw Massacre" - Fremont

Join the ForestEthics rally against Sierra Pacific Industries at their store in Fremont this Friday, April 13, from noon to 1:00 pm.

Sierra Pacific Industries is the biggest threat to California's forests. This timber company is the largest landowner in California and the biggest logger of California's national forests. It is rapidly clear-cutting the majestic forests of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Yet, this secretive company has been able to do so with little attention from the public or the media.

On Friday, April 13, ForestEthics is organizing a statewide day of action against SPI. It is an apt day whose horror movie connotations mirror the chainsaw massacre being committed by SPI. Please join the picket line to educate Sierra Pacific customers about the harm that SPI is causing to our forests. Location: Sierra Pacific Windows office, 45897 Hotchkiss St., Fremont CA 94539 - near the Mission Blvd (Hwy 262) exit of 880, about 10 minutes from downtown San Jose.

For more information about this rally, including driving directions, car pool information, and exciting props in keeping with the Friday the 13th/chainsaw massacre theme, contact Douglas Bevington at 831-423-5403 or dougbev@ucsc.edu. For more information about Sierra Pacific Industries and the Save the Sierra campaign, go to www.forestethics.org

April 14 – Step It Up: Day of Action on Climate Change – San Francisco

This Saturday, April 14 has been set aside as a national day of climate action, to gather momentum for a highly visible grassroots movement to publicize the urgent need for Congressional and state action to reduce the threat of the devastating consequences from global warming, due to unsustainable uses of fossil fuels. There are over 1,250 events planned around the U.S. and about 50 in the Bay Area. Go to the web site www.stepitup.org for more info.

The Center for Biological Diversity is sponsoring a Step It Up event from noon to 5 pm at 1095 Market Street, Suite 511, in San Francisco (near Civic Center BART). To sign up for the S.F. event or for more information contact Kelli Shields of the Center at (415) 436-9682 or kshields@biologicaldiversity.org.

April 20-22 – Free Electronic Waste Recycling – Pleasanton

Free electronic waste recycling event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for Earth Day. Location: Gate A (off of Valley Ave. - off of Bernal Ave.) in Pleasanton: Friday, April 20th from noon to 5 pm; Saturday, April 21st from 9 am to 3 pm; and Sunday, April 22nd from 9 am to 3 pm.

Free drop-off with no limit to help keep these items out of our landfill: microwave ovens, household appliances, car & household batteries, smoke detectors, televisions, monitors, copy machines, computers & components, fax machines, printers, toner cartridges, telephone equipment, VCRs & DVDs, cell phones, power cables, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, stereo equipment, and scrap metal & wire.

For more info call toll-free (866) 335-3373 or visit www.noewaste.com.

April 21 - San Jose Mammoth on Display - Berkeley

The prehistoric mammoth remains found in San Jose in 2005 in the Guadalupe River by Roger Castillo of SiliChip Chinook (the group working to restore chinook salmon to the Guadalupe River in San Jose), will be on display on Saturday, April 21, at the University of California Museum of Paleontology during Cal Day 2007, from 9 am to 4 pm.

See <http://www.silichip.org/mammothindex.htm> for more info about the local mammoth find.

April 21 – Aquatic Insect Identification Workshop – Fremont

The Math Science Nucleus is offering a free workshop on pond water ecology at the Tule Ponds in Fremont, on Saturday, April 21. Learn how to use the right microscope and identification of both aquatic and creek microorganisms. See <http://www.ms-nucleus.org/classes/teacher.html> for information. There are 6 slots still open - contact Joyce Blueford at (510) 790-6284 or blueford@ms-nucleus.org.

April 28 and May 5 - Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour – Various locations in the East Bay

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is offering a series of Select Tours - exclusive, guided tours of inspirational native plant gardens - that will take place on Saturdays, April 28 and May 5. One of the Select Tours will visit well-loved native plant gardens at a pre-school, an elementary school, and a high school. Two other tours will include stops at selected native plant gardens for in-depth looks at gardens designed to attract butterflies, native bees and birds. The fee for each tour is \$30 per person. The registration deadline for both the Select Tours is **April 25**, at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net. These Tours are expected to fill quickly. Early registration is suggested to ensure a place. For more information contact Kathy Kramer at (510) 236-9558 or kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net.

May 7 - Close to Home: Living with Wildlife in the East Bay 2007 Program Begins - Montclair

Close to Home invites you to join their fifth year-long program that begins on May 7th. Every month May-April (except Dec) Close to Home offers a Monday night talk followed by a Saturday field trip, each focused on a different species of animal. They visit some of the most beautiful and interesting habitats, led by naturalists who will help you understand life in the wild from that species' perspective. This year's animals include salmon, coyotes, owls and bees. The cost of \$375 covers all talks, field trips, fees, and a binder with monthly handouts. For more information, please see www.close-to-home.org or call Cindy Spring at (510) 655-6658.