

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Membership Renewal Request

Please support your local creek group by becoming a member of the Alameda Creek Alliance or renewing your membership. If you have already donated or renewed, thank you very much for your support!

Download an ACA [membership form](#) or make a donation via PayPal [here](#).

Your membership allows us to continue to be an effective voice for creek restoration and for the protection of native species and their habitats in the Alameda Creek watershed. The Alameda Creek Alliance is a non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible.

Spring Alameda Creek Events

Alameda Creek Cleanup – January 20

MLK Day of Service on Alameda Creek – Monday, January 20, from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

Join us at our newly adopted stretch of Alameda Creek just upstream from the Niles Staging Area, where we'll clean trash from the creek and remove ivy invading some of the large mature trees at the site. Our work will vary from easy to straining based on individual interests and abilities. We'll provide gloves, tools, water and snacks. Wear long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, and shoes with good traction, as the ground can be uneven.

Meet at the parking lot for the [Niles Staging Area of the Alameda Creek Trail](#), near Mission Blvd. and Niles Canyon Road, off Old Canyon Road in Fremont. If you arrive late, follow the path upstream past the picnic area to find us.

RSVP to Ralph Boniello, ralph@alamedacreek.org

Sunol Bio Blitz – March 8

Join us for our first Bio Blitz in the Alameda Creek watershed. The Bio Blitz is a biological survey attempting to record all the living species within a designated area. Volunteers will survey with scientists and naturalists to conduct an intensive field study in Sunol Regional Wilderness. More details soon.

Sunol Wildflower Festival - April 12

Saturday, April 12, from 11 am to 4 pm

It's time to celebrate the season of the birds, bees, flowers and trees! Join the EBRPD for hikes, crafts, music, slideshows and nature activities. Hikes are geared for different ages, distances and topics - there is something for everyone. Pack a picnic lunch, put on your hiking boots and join us for a glorious day filled with flowers in this very special wilderness! Fun for the whole family! Carpooling encouraged. Co-sponsored by the Alameda Creek Alliance.

Free event, but \$5 parking fee will apply. No food will be sold at the event. Pack a picnic lunch. Please carpool, parking is limited. Call (510) 544-3249 or e-mail svisit@ebparks.org for hike schedule - available one week prior to event.

Coyote Hills Picnic and Hike – May 17-18

Save the date – more details soon.

Record Your Wildlife Sightings in the Watershed

Citizen science opportunity in the Alameda Creek watershed. Join us in our new [What Lives in the Alameda Creek Watershed?](#) project on iNaturalist. The goal of the project is to gather reliable information about what plants and animals are in the watershed, where they live, and to better be able to identify and track changes over time.

iNaturalist.org is free and easy to use, and is a great place to record what you see and meet other nature lovers. Even if you're not sure of an observation you can post a picture and information that the community of online naturalists can use to help identify. Best of all, you can even make observations from your own yard!

Go to iNaturalist.org to create an account and search for 'Alameda Creek' to find the project. Tell us what you see and start adding your observations!

Urban Creeks Council is Hiring

Urban Creeks Council is seeking a full-time Program Manager for Living Arroyos, restoring stream habitat in the upper Alameda Creek watershed in Livermore. Check out their [Job Description](#) for more information. Learn more about [Living Arroyos](#) and [Urban Creeks Council](#).

Regional Salmon News

[Drought Could Push Endangered Salmon to the Brink](#)

NBC – January 7, 2014

[Salmon Coming Back to San Joaquin River After 60 Years](#)

KCET – January 3, 2014

[Marin Needs a Strong Stream Ordinance to Protect Its Salmon](#)

Marin Independent-Journal – January 2, 2014

[Endangered Coho Salmon Return to Marin to Spawn](#)

KQED – December 31, 2013

[Working From Petaluma, Salmon Advocates Make Their Mark Statewide](#)

Petaluma Argus-Courier – December 31, 2013

[Conservation Groups Object to Lack of Fish Protection in YCWA Relicensing Application](#)

Nevada County Union – December 30, 2013

[Central Valley Salmon Runs Could Be Restored](#)

Central Valley Business Times – December 26, 2013

[Cost of Twin Tunnels Could Be As High As \\$67 Billion](#)

Daily Kos - December 26, 2013

[Lack of Rain Could Spell Trouble for Coho Salmon](#)

Napa Valley Register – December 25, 2013

[Sacramento River Salmon Update](#)

Sacramento River Preservation Trust – December 21, 2013

[Marin County's Golden Opportunity to Protect Region's Endangered Coho Salmon](#)

Indy Media – December 20, 2013

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