Up Your Creek!
The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Join Us at the Sunol Wildflower Festival April 9

It's time to celebrate the season of the birds, bees, flowers and trees at the annual Spring Wildflower Festival in Sunol Regional Park. The festival is this Saturday, April 9th, from 11 am to 4 pm. Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at the Old Green Barn Visitor Center in Sunol Park for hikes, crafts, music, and nature activities. Visit our outreach table and learn more about native fish in Alameda Creek and how you can help keep a clean and healthy environment for them.

The East Bay Regional Park District has hikes and activities planned for different ages, distances and natural history topics. Download the event flyer and hike schedule. Pack a picnic lunch, put on your hiking boots and join us for a glorious day in this very special park! Carpooling encouraged. This event is free, though a parking fee is required at the park entrance.

We need volunteers to help staff our outreach table and help with our popular paint-a-trout activity for kids. This activity brings people of all ages to our table, and while they're enjoying painting a steelhead trout that they can take home with them, we are able to talk about the amazing natural resources in the Alameda Creek watershed. Please contact Ralph Boniello at ralph@alamedacreek.org if you can help; and indicate whether you'd prefer to volunteer from 10 am to noon, or from noon to 2 pm.

Earth Day Restoration in Niles April 17

Join us for a morning of habitat restoration along Alameda Creek in Niles to celebrate Earth Day, on Sunday, April 17th, from 10 am to noon. We'll focus on removing invasive ivy and on maintaining the native plants our volunteers put in the ground at our Niles adopt-a-spot earlier this year. Your efforts will continue past work by volunteers and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife along Alameda Creek for years to come.

Meet at 10 am at the Niles Staging Area Parking lot along Old Canyon Road, near Canyon Oaks Court in the Niles area of Fremont (roughly 720 Old Canyon Road). We'll work until about noon. To RSVP and for more details visit us on Eventbrite.

Please wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes that can get dirty (no sandals or flip-flops). We provide gloves and tools. The work isn't on much of a slope, but the ground can be uneven. There is no poison oak in the immediate area where we'll be working. Expect cool weather and morning dew when we start. Heavy rain cancels. All participants need signed waiver forms (one for the ACA and one for Alameda County), and anyone under 18 needs a parental signature.

Union City Creek Care for Earth Day April 24

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at Creek Care for Earth Day in the Union City Civic Center Park, on Sunday, April 24th, from 10 am to noon. Come and help improve the health of the park and local creek with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and neighborhood

volunteers. We'll spend a couple hours picking up litter along the creekside trail and duck pond, and planting native plants to improve wildlife habitat. More information can be found at the [Hands on Conservation website](#).

Alameda Creek in the News

[*The Search for Steelhead in Alameda Creek*](#)
San Jose Mercury News – March 27, 2016

View the Search for Steelhead **[video](#)** posted by the Mercury News on FaceBook

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[*Pact Reached To Remove Four Klamath River Dams That Block Salmon Migration*](#)
Los Angeles Times - April 6, 2016

[*Klamath Dam Removal Agreement Signed*](#)
CalTrout press release - April 6, 2016

[*Two New Agreements for Klamath River Basin*](#)
Herald and News – April 6, 2016

[*States, Federal Agencies Will Seek Removal of Klamath Dams*](#)
Mail Tribune – April 4, 2016

[*Feinstein, Republicans Ask Obama for More Water Pumping From Sacramento Delta*](#)
Sacramento Bee – March 24, 2016

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