Alameda Creek Cleanup – November 5

Join us for a clean-up along Alameda Creek in Niles this Sunday, November 5 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

We're partnering with the Dawoodi Bohra community in Niles to pick up trash and pull weeds along the creek in preparation for the coming winter rains and the new growing season. Come and enjoy a day by the creek with your neighbors.

We'll meet at 9:30 am at Dawoodi Bohra Masjid parking lot on Old Canyon Road in Fremont, and we'll work until roughly noon. The Dawoodi Bohra community has graciously offered us refreshments in the morning and lunch afterwards.

Please register via Eventbrite so we'll know how many people to expect. We're monitoring the weather and will send an email confirmation to our list of registrants by Friday afternoon. We'll cancel if there is heavy rain.

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. The ground will likely be wet, so please wear clothes that can get dirty. Expect cool weather and morning dew when we start.

All participants need signed waiver forms (one for the ACA and one for Alameda County), and anyone under 18 needs a parental signature.

DUST Marsh Tour – November 11
ACA Member Event: Tour of the Fremont D.U.S.T Marsh, Saturday, November 11, from 10 am to 1pm, at the Alameda Creek Staging Area, Coyote Hills Regional Park, Eastin Ct. at Union City Blvd

Join ACA Board Member Richard Wetzig and ACA naturalist Ralph Boniello for a tour of the D.U.S.T Marsh at Coyote Hills Regional Park. Hear about the history of the Demonstration Urban Stormwater Treatment (DUST) Marsh from its creator while exploring the ecology of the lower Alameda Creek watershed. We’ll also discuss the planned adjacent Eden Landing estuary restoration, and the important opportunity to reconnect the Alameda Creek channel to its Bay wetlands.

Expect to walk approximately 3 miles along mostly level, gravel paths. Bring binoculars, as there will likely be lots of shorebirds.

Space is limited, so register now via Eventbrite

Other Local Events of Interest:

Living Arroyos Volunteer Event: Weed Removal at the Stanley Reach
Saturday, November 4, at 9 am
Join Living Arroyos in removing invasive species from the Stanley Reach of Arroyo Mocho in Livermore, to prepare for future mulching and tree plantings. Why is it important to remove weeds from urban streams? Many invasive species have a negative effect on the health of streams, taking up valuable space and nutrients that our native species need. Invasive species are often not edible to local wildlife and grow voraciously. By removing them, we are acting like nature’s herbivores, keeping them in check so that our trees can thrive.
Bring your friends, family and a refillable water bottle. Tools, water and snacks will be provided. Please visit Eventbrite for more information and to register.

Friends of Five Creeks presents their final Bay Current talk of the season: Greening the Gray
Tuesday, November 14, at 7 pm
St. Alban’s Parish Hall, 1501 Washington St., Albany.
Our paved-over cities are being slowly converted back to green spongy habitats. How do rain gardens, trees, and soils benefit water, wildlife, and people? Hear about the history and potential from Peter Schultze-Allen, who brought low-impact development to Emeryville’s legacy of heavy industry and pollution.

Friends of Sausal Creek presents: How to Beautifully Landscape Your Home with Natives
Wednesday, November 15, at 7 pm
Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland
Pete Veilleux of Fruitvale’s East Bay Wilds will give tips on transforming your landscape with native plants—from creative containers to expansive garden plots. This presentation takes place at the bimonthly Friends of Sausal Creek meeting. All are welcome!
Alameda Creek in the News

Freeing up Fish: The Effort to Remove Barriers to Spawning Sites
Bay Area Monitor - October 2017

Regional Salmon Restoration News

Two Years after California's Biggest Dam Removal, Fish Rebound
News Deeply - October 30, 2017

State Water Board Approves Strict New Pot Regs
Ukiah Daily Journal - October 29, 2017

Interior Sends Mixed Signals on California Water Project
High Country News - October 25, 2017

Wood, Stone Complexes Dropped By Helicopter to Aid Steelhead Trout Recovery
Monterey Herald - October 25, 2017

Salmon Sex Linked To Geological Change
Science Daily - October 19, 2017

State's Own Evidence Shows Tunnels Project Will Harm Fish
News Deeply - October 16, 2017

Cost of Recovery: Carmel River Environmental Mitigation Work Cost $200 Million-Plus
Monterey Herald - October 14, 2017

PG&E Project Blamed for Harming Endangered Fish in NorCal River
Courthouse News - October 13, 2017

Carmel River Lagoon Steelhead Habitat Project Delayed Again By Wildfires Response
Monterey Herald - October 12, 2017

House Republicans Push Two Bills Undermining Protections for Endangered Salmon
Center for Biological Diversity press release - October 11, 2017

Eel River Salmon Face Becoming Stranded After Sediment Dump
Eureka Times-Standard - October 7, 2017

The San Francisco Bay-Delta Gets Trumped
NRDC blog - October 2, 2017

Feds Won’t Oppose Klamath River Dam Removal, Official Says
Eureka Times-Standard - September 29, 2017

Fish Fry: Endangered Salmon Pay for Feds’ Errors at Shasta Dam
Sacramento News & Review - September 28, 2017

A New Movie Hopes to Save a River Threatened by California’s Logging and Marijuana Industries
Willamette Week - September 27, 2017

Dams Seen Driving ‘Mass Extinction’ of Salmon
E&E News - September 26, 2017
Snorkel Surveys Reveal the Fish World of Mount Tam’s Creeks
Bay Nature Magazine - September 25, 2017

Steelhead ‘Fish Passages’ Will Be Subject of West Contra Costa Tour
East Bay Times - September 20, 2017

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