

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Happy Earth Day from the Alameda Creek Alliance

There's a lot going on around the Bay Area this weekend in celebration of Earth Day. We hope you'll donate some time and energy this weekend to one or more of the many activities happening.

Join us at the March for Science: 11 am Saturday, April 22nd at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco



The March for Science celebrates public discovery, understanding, and distribution of scientific knowledge as crucial to the freedom, success, health, and safety of life on this planet. The March begins with a rally at 11 am at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco, and attendees will start marching around 12:30, going up Market Street and ending at Civic Center Plaza.

The Alameda Creek Alliance will be marching with Baykeeper, and invite you to join us. Wear your ACA t-shirt to show off our science-based restoration efforts, and for easy identification. Make a Sign! The Center for Biological Diversity has some [downloadable sign templates](#), and [this article](#) shows off some other home-made sign ideas.

We'll meet at 10:30-10:40 am at [Pier 14](#) in San Francisco (Mission and the Embarcadero, bay side). We'll meet near the Bay Trail/sidewalk (don't walk out on the Pier). Look for the Baykeeper banner and look for people wearing blue Baykeeper sweatshirts and t-shirts, or for those wearing our ACA t-shirts.

We march as a nonpartisan group in support of the following goals:

- **Communication:** Publicly-funded scientists must be free to communicate openly their research, data sets, and interpretations of their work.
- **Funding:** Investment in science and research is essential to drive innovation and deliver solutions to the complex challenges society faces.
- **Policy:** Public policy should be guided by evidence-based scientific research, local scientific knowledge, and mainstream scientific consensus.
- **Literacy:** A well-informed citizenry is essential to a free and successful society. We support initiatives to promote broad public knowledge and discussion of scientific work.
- **Diversity:** We consider all human beings equal. This should be reflected by diversity in scientific opportunities and leadership, open access to scientific results, and fair distribution of the benefits of scientific discoveries.

Join us for our Earth Day clean-up along Alameda Creek in Niles on Sunday, April 23rd



We'll pick up trash and continue clearing invasive plants at our adopted restoration site in lower Niles Canyon. We have a particularly large area of trash along Alameda Creek that we're hoping to clear this Earth Day. We also will have people pulling invasive cape ivy from trees, and doing some light weeding around recent native plantings. This continues past work by ACA volunteers, and your efforts will 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 Rd), and we'll work until about noon. If you arrive late, walk upstream along the Alameda Creek trail, through the picnic area and past the small stone building. We'll be working in a small swale between the creek and Old Canyon Rd, just before the path narrows into a foot trail.

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. The ground will likely be wet, so please wear clothes that can get dirty. 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.*

Join other Earth Day volunteer events around the Bay Area:

1. Save the Bay's [Oakland Earth Day cleanup](#) on Friday, April 21st at the MLK JR. Regional Shoreline Park.
2. East Bay Parks' [Alameda Coastal Cleanup](#) on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at Crown Memorial State Beach, Crab Cove Visitors Center.
3. The Watershed Project's [Albany Earth Day](#) on Saturday April 22nd at the Albany Bulb.
4. The Watershed Project's [Earth Day at Wildcat Creek](#) in Richmond, on Saturday, April 22nd.

5. The City of Berkeley's [Marina Shoreline Cleanup](#) on Saturday, April 22nd, 9-11:30 am.
5. Aquarium of the Bay's [San Francisco Aquatic Park cleanup](#) on Saturday, April 22nd, from 10 am to 1 pm.
6. Eco Center's [Heron's Head Coastal Cleanup](#) in San Francisco on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 am to noon.
7. [Stinson Beach Earth Day Cleanup](#) at Stinson Beach on Sunday, April 23rd, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Help bring resistance to Trump's attacks on wildlife, people, civil rights and democracy for Earth Day. See the Center for Biological Diversity's press release, [Hundreds of 'Wildlife Warriors' Bring Trump Resistance to Earth Day](#), and [find an Earth Day event near you](#) where you can find petitions to sign, advice on actions to take, and pre-stamped postcards you can send to your member of Congress urging protection for endangered species, our climate and public lands.

The Alameda Creek Alliance is a non-profit community watershed protection group. Please support our efforts by [becoming a member](#)