



Spring 2015 Volunteer Events

Join us this spring for restoration events happening within the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. We will continue the creekside restoration efforts at Samuel P. Taylor Park, the San Geronimo Golf Course, private residences, and at SPAWN's native plant nursery.

If you would like to volunteer or attend any of these events, please RSVP to Preston Brown, Watershed Biologist at preston@tirn.net. All ages and abilities are welcome! Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. You can keep tabs on our restoration events via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/salmonprotection>) and on our website (<http://seaturtles.org/take-action/events/>). We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Preston Brown
SPAWN Turtle Island Restoration Network
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Habitat Restoration Volunteer Events:

Diggin' the Nursery
Every Friday
10 am to 2 pm

Be a part of our native plant nursery team and help us germinate seeds, plant seedlings and cuttings, transplant mature plants, and learn what it takes to care for thousands of native plants. Afterwards, take a stroll with us as we collect wild seeds along one of many local trails. This is a great opportunity to learn more about native plants and the unique horticultural techniques it takes to grow them. Please join us for a great time with very skilled botanists! No experience needed. Meet at our office at 9255 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Olema, CA 94950 at 10am. Please RSVP to Preston Brown at preston@tirn.net.

Earth Day Extravaganza!
Saturday, April 25th
10am to 2 pm

Give back to our planet this holiday weekend by joining SPAWN for a special Earth Day restoration event. For this event, we will focus on restoring the streamside forests next to our beloved Lagunitas Creek by removing invasive plants, picking up trash, collecting native seeds, and propagating native trees in our native plant nursery. Morning coffee and snacks will be provided. Meet at our office at 9255 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Olema, CA 94950 at 10am. Please RSVP to Preston Brown at preston@tirn.net

Seed Collection Saturdays
May 16th, May 30th, June 20th
10 am to 2 pm

Couldn't make our Friday nursery day? Then join us on Saturdays for a short seed collection hike as we search for native seeds, followed by a seed germination and propagating workshop at our native plant nursery. Meet at our office at 9255 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Olema, CA 94950 at 10am. Please RSVP to Preston Brown at preston@tirn.net

The "Zen" of Weeding
Friday April 10th, Sunday April 12th
Friday May 8th, Sunday May 17th
Friday June 12th, and Sunday June 14th
12:30 pm to 3 pm

Join us for a habitat restoration project in Samuel P. Taylor State Park. SPAWN naturalists, volunteers, and California Native Plant Society member Nancy Hanson will lead us on a special reconnaissance-style weeding adventure for invasive forget-me-nots. While these dainty little plants may look innocent, their shallow-roots and preference for streamside slopes contribute to erosion and sedimentation in our salmon-bearing creeks.

We will meet at the Camp Taylor entrance to Samuel P. Taylor State Park at 12:30 pm. Tell the staff at the kiosk that you're volunteering with Nancy Hanson and they will direct you where to go. Please bring gloves, a water bottle, and appropriate clothing for the weather- it can get chilly in the redwoods. Please RSVP to Nancy Hanson at nphanson@comcast.net.

Riparian Renovation
Saturday, June 27th
10 am to 2 pm

Help us restore local coho salmon habitat! This is where all the hard work in the SPAWN nursery pays off, as we transfer native plants to a local site ready for restoration. Improving the habitat quality around Lagunitas waterways is essential to the conservation of coho salmon in Marin County. Meet at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center located at 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. San Geronimo, CA. 94963 at 10 am. Please RSVP to Preston Brown at preston@tirn.net.