

COTATI CREEK CRITTERS

Creek Stewardship Day Guidelines

Here are some simple recommendations for volunteers attending Creek Stewardship Days, which will help to ensure a positive, productive, and enjoyable experience for all.

As from Fall 2011, we will have two different worksites and two different starting points, both in Cotati. Please check the schedule to ensure that you know which worksite we will be at on which day.

- **City of Cotati well lot #2** on Lakewood Avenue (nicknamed “Ladybug Lot”). Parking is on Lakewood Ave. which is a residential street, with extra parking available at Ladybug Park, on Liman Way in Rohnert Park. Walk across the park to the Lot.
- **Gravenstein Way**, near Falletti Park. We’ll meet near the bridge where Gravenstein Way crosses the Laguna channel. Parking is in residential streets so please be respectful of residents’ parking needs.

For maps and directions see <http://www.cotaticreekcritters.info/maps.htm>

Dress appropriately for work and weather!

- Wear **boots or sturdy shoes** suitable for wet or muddy conditions and rough ground. **For safety reasons open-toed sandals or flip-flops are NOT acceptable.**
- Dress in **comfortable, old clothes**, with long pants, and be prepared to get dirty. Shorts are not acceptable as you could be kneeling on rough or muddy ground. Long sleeves can help to protect you from thorns, etc.
- Dress in **layers** – the day may start cool and warm up later, or you may get hot working.
- **We work rain or shine!** Proper **raingear** is essential.
- Wear **sunscreen** and a **hat**, to protect you from sun and/or to keep warm in winter.
- We provide work gloves and tools.

Please arrive promptly or a few minutes early. We will begin with a brief introduction and orientation, and to discuss tasks at hand and safety issues. Everyone will be asked to help with tool clean up at the end.

If at all possible please stay for the entire period from 9am -12 noon. There is a significant amount of preparation and clean up for a work day, so we try to make the most of the time we have! If you need to leave early please inform the Stewardship Coordinator at the beginning of the day so we can give you a task appropriate for the time you are available.

Students under 18 are welcome with permission of their parents. We ask parents or guardians of unaccompanied minors to sign a [parental consent form](#). Children 6-15 must be under the care of a responsible adult. We do not recommend bringing children under 5 for safety reasons.

Credit for school. We are happy to sign forms verifying your hours for credit for school. Please wait until the end of the workday to request a signature from the Stewardship or Outreach Coordinator.

Safety policy. Please read our [Safety Policy](#).

Don’t bring valuables you can’t carry with you. We can’t guarantee to lock them up safely or keep them dry if it’s raining.

Please **bring your own re-usable water bottle** to take with you to the worksite. Single-use plastic water bottles are discouraged. We usually provide refreshments and there is a drinking fountain at City well lot # 2, but no easy access to drinking water at Gravenstein Way.

Questions?:

- Contact Jenny Blaker, Outreach Coordinator, at jenny@creeks.cotati.info or (707) 792 4422.
- For last-minute questions or directions on the workday, contact Wade Belew, Stewardship Coordinator, at (707) 694 0586.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you!