

COTATI CREEK CRITTERS



~ Restoring the native plants of the Laguna de Santa Rosa ~

Cotati Creek Critters mission is to engage the local community in restoring the upper reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and to nurture a sense of environmental stewardship.

We are seeking **Stewardship and Outreach/Education interns**. Interns will gain experience in hands-on restoration work applicable to employment opportunities, and in working with volunteers to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

- **Stewardship Interns** will participate in a variety of stream restoration activities under the direction of the Stewardship Coordinator to manage two restoration sites on the upper reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa (1 mile and 1/2 mile). Duties include:
 - Planting native trees, shrubs and understory.
 - Maintaining existing plants with weeding, mulching, pruning and watering.
 - Propagating and maintaining plants in our nursery.
 - Working with volunteers of all ages on Creek Stewardship Days.

Stewardship Intern candidates should have these interests and aptitudes:

- General understanding of restoration ecology.
- Specific understanding of botany and native plants.
- Ability to perform difficult, physical work on uneven terrain. This is physically demanding work!

- **Outreach/Education Interns** will help promote the activities of CCC to the local community under the direction of the Outreach Coordinator. Duties include:
 - Setting up, hosting, and clearing up after volunteer Creek Stewardship Days.
 - Creating (or assisting with) promotional and educational materials that encourage participation in CCC events and inform the community about important environmental issues. This may include flyers, web pages, posters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.
 - Representing CCC at community events, schools or speaking engagements.

Outreach/Education Intern candidates should have these interests and aptitudes:

- Background in general ecology/botany, with an understanding of and enthusiasm for the goals of Cotati Creek Critters.
- Public speaking, photography, art, writing, etc. are an asset and there may be opportunities to develop these according to individual interests. We would welcome bilingual students with Spanish language skills interested in helping to develop our community outreach program.

All intern candidates need to be reliable and motivated to show up on time, have good communication skills, the ability to receive direction, and to work well both independently and in a team. Typical intern positions would require some amount of physical work, however, we will make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities and can design an internship position to fit individual needs.

- **Independent Study Projects:** Anyone interested in over 1 unit (45 hours) of internship may need to develop and execute an independent study project, in collaboration with CCC staff. This may include developing educational materials, web pages, plant information sheets, flyers, articles, etc. related to CCC.

Please send **cover letter and resume (check with your Adviser or Department Administrator for timing deadlines) by email, to:**

Jenny Blaker, Outreach Coordinator, Cotati Creek Critters, at jenny@creeks.cotati.info

For further information see **www.CotatiCreekCritters.info** or call 707 792 4422

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