

ENJOY THE DAY ON HUMBOLDT BAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

EVENT SCHEDULE

Get outside and enjoy the scenic beauty of Humboldt Bay -
there is so much to do!

HELP RESTORE THE BAY

BEITH CREEK. Join the volunteer workday to remove invasive plants from the Sunny Brae Forest sponsored by the Humboldt Fish Action Council (HFAC), City of Arcata, CA Department of Fish & Game, Americorp Watershed Stewards, and Sunrise Rotary of Arcata from 9am-1pm. Take Sunny Brae's Buttermilk Lane to Beith Creek (just past the corner of Margaret Lane and Buttermilk). Look for the volunteer workday signs along Buttermilk Lane. Wear work clothes and boots. Tools and gloves will be provided. All volunteers must sign a liability release form to participate. Continental breakfast and B-B-Q lunch provided for all volunteers. Contact Dennis Houghton @ 825.2163 for more information.

MAD RIVER SLOUGH. Come join the salt marsh planting party at Mad River Slough Area with Andrea Pickart, USFWS ecologist. Plan on getting muddy, this workday follows previous work to clear non-native *Spartina* from the area. Meet at Ma-le'l Dunes south parking lot at 930am, work will go to 1230pm. Call Andrea at 822.6378 for more info.

KOKTE POTTERS NEEDED. Come help the Jacoby Creek Land Trust (JCLT) protect lands for wildlife habitat, agriculture, and riparian forests in the Northern Humboldt Bay watersheds of Beith, Jacoby & Freshwater. A group will be transplanting native plants that JCLT is propagating into bigger pots for future watershed restoration work to keep sediment on the hills! Fun work from 10am to noon and a beautiful place at the 63 acre Kokte Ranch located at 2182 Old Arcata Road in Bayside. Call Susan Ornelas 822.0900 for more info or www.jclandtrust.org.

BOATS ON THE BAY

HSU CORAL SEA. Visit the open house on-board Humboldt State University's 90-foot Research Vessel *Coral Sea* - the only vessel in America dedicated to undergraduate oceanography research. Board the ship at the Woodley Island Marina breakwater dock from 10am to 3pm. Admission is free. Call Scott Martin for more information at 599.2147.

HUMBOATS. Check-out boat rentals to get on the water in Humboldt Bay. Go to Dock A at Woodley Island Marina for kayaks, canoes, paddles and safety equipment. Call John Martin at Humboats 443.5157 for more info and rental rates.

KID FUN AROUND THE BAY

FISH PRINTS. Come enjoy a walk around the Woodley Island Marina managed by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District. Stop by the tent at the foot of Dock E and the Americorps Watershed Stewards will show you the fine art of fish printing. Free fun for the whole family from 11am to 3pm. Call 443.0801 or www.portofhumboldtby.org.

DISCOVERY MUSEUM. Kids can come and learn about wind, water and weather at 517 Third Street in Eureka. Hours are 10am to 4pm. Costs are \$4 adults/\$2 kids ages 2 to 18. Call Jennifer Taylor at 443.9694 or www.discovery-museum.org for more info.

NATURAL HISTORY. Visit HSU's Natural History Museum to learn and appreciate more about the dynamic natural world of the Humboldt Bay region. Museum hours are 10am to 5pm, located at 1315 G Street in Arcata. Other special events on Saturday include a raptor biology workshop, lectures on bee ecology and a plant sale. Call 826.4479 for more info or www.humboldt.edu/~natmus.

HIKE AROUND THE BAY

COASTAL DUNES. Join Bureau of Land Management Botanist Jennifer Wheeler and Friends of the Dunes Executive Director Carol Vander Meer for a fun-filled 2-hour hike (10am to noon) through some of the Humboldt Bay area's coastal dunes. The hike will meet at the Friends of the Dunes offices and site of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, located at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. The area serves as a "gateway to the dunes" connecting public access and resource conservation. Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, hat, light jacket & bring water. Be prepared to hike in loose sand in some areas, this will be an easy to moderate walk. No dogs please. Call 825.2300 for details.

EUREKA'S NATIVE PLANTS. Take a walk through Eureka's Sequoia Park with CA Native Plant Society botanist Liz McGee. The walk starts at 1pm and wanders through remnant, second growth, redwood forest. See trillium, candyflower, mitella, four species of fern, willows, and the invasive, non-native species that threaten them. Also see where weed warriors have rescued the natives from the invasive English ivy. Meet Liz at the fountain at the south end of T St., at T and Glatt Sts. Call 443.5139 for more info.

ARCATA MARSH. The Friends of Arcata Marsh (FOAM) will host an "up close and downwind" walking tour of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant. The group will meet at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center located along South G Street at 230pm. Call Denise Homer at 826.2359 for more information.

WAKE-UP WITH THE BIRDS. A bird watching nature walk will be led around the Arcata Marsh by the Redwood Regional Audubon Society. Meet at the east parking lot along South G Street in Arcata at 830am. Call Ken Burton at 839.5179.

DFG WILDLIFE AREAS. The Department of Fish and Game owns and manages wonderful wildlife lands around the bay and in the Eel River delta. Wildlife Areas (WA) include Mad River WA in the Arcata Bottoms, Fay Slough WA along the east side of Highway 101 between Eureka and Arcata and the Eel River WA south of Table Bluff near the mouth of the river are available for self-guided public use or passive recreation. Call Eureka DFG office at 445.6493 or www.dfg.ca.gov.

HEADWATERS HISTORY HIKE. BLM Park Ranger Julie Clark will lead a 2 mile round trip hike about the natural and local history of Headwaters Forest Reserve entitled "Falk, From Company Town to Forest Ground." The trail meanders along Elk River for the first mile and stops at the past location of the historic mill town of Falk, a ghost town for forty years. The tour is approximately 2 hours long and is an easy walk. Directions to Headwaters: Take the Elk River/Herrick exit just

south of Eureka, go east over freeway and take an immediate right on Elk River Road. There are two forks in the road, stay to the right and you will end up in the parking area. There is a bathroom facility available and no further developed facilities for the duration of the walk. Call Bureau of Land Management at 825.2317 for more details or www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/arcata.html.

HUMBOLDT BAY REFUGE. The US Fish and Wildlife Service manages the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in south Humboldt Bay across Highway 101 from the College of the Redwoods. Take exit 696 to either the Hookton Slough or Salmon Creek Units where there are walking trails open to the public. Questions? Call 733.5406 or www.fws.gov/humboldtbay.

Please - do not bring your pets to the events.

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