

Meeting Minutes:
Davis chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology
12 January 2015, 5:10PM, PES 3001

1. Outreach Fair

We had speakers from 7 local outreach organizations present on their volunteer programs and opportunities for SCB-D members to get involved.

KIDS - contact: Allie Weill, amweill@ucdavis.edu

- 5th graders in Lake county = underserved community
- fall efforts include training for classroom visits
- one-time or return visits to classrooms possible
- also need volunteers for field day – April??

Center for Land Based Learning/SLEWS - contact: Matt Lechmaier, matt@landbasedlearning.org

- partner high school classes with private land owners to do restoration work
- you can be involved as a returning volunteer to mentor a group of students; commit to a single class and project (3 visits/yr)
- you can get involved for a 1-time event (usually happens ~1x/year)

Putah Creek Council - contact: Karin Petrites, karin@putahcreekcouncil.org

- focuses on restoration and community involvement around Putah Creek
- can become a Lake Solano Docent; incl training
- can volunteer for restoration days or planting at nursery; both year-around
- can use card at the nugget to raise funds

California Waterfowl Association - contact: Sabreena Britt, sbritt@calwaterfowl.org

- can volunteer for day events with youth (elementary?)
- overnight camps in the summer
- can volunteer to work with students checking bird nest boxes (paired with genetic work by John Eadie's group at UCD)
- paid internships available for UCD students

UC Davis arboretum - contact: Melissa Cruz, melcruz@ucdavis.edu

- Need volunteers for help create and run educational programs
- Jan 24th, educational programs begin
- Volunteers get trained for 3 months: learn history of arboretum, public speaking training
- Can also volunteer at the teaching nursery, or with the horticultural staff

California Phenology Project, Stebbins subsidiary - contact: Christine Sur, csur@ucdavis.edu

- Started by graduate students, also working with UC nature reserve staff
- Lead and plan training events for citizen scientists
- Opportunity to get involved as a leader, help with program logistics

WIDSI - contact: Jacob Moore, jlmoore@ucdavis.edu

- Visits to classrooms (K-5 students)
- Topics vary with presenters' interests

- Part of larger outreach and education training program through SEOP (Science Education and Outreach Program) on campus

2. Updates from SCB-D Sub-committees

Education/Outreach committee – contacts = **Anna Steel (annaesteel@gmail.com)** and **Sara Kross (saramaekross@gmail.com)**

- Upcoming Workshop = ‘Introduction to Outreach’: January 26, SCB will hold an 'Introduction to Outreach' workshop at the John Muir Institute for the Environment. The workshop will be led by Jacob Moore, the section leader for the WIDSI program (Watch it, Don't Squash it) through the John Muir Institute for the Environment. This workshop will cover:
 - Understanding your audience (age, # students, environment [e.g. classroom, after school, science fair, field, community event])
 - Planning an outreach lesson (backward design, developing good learning objectives, problem based / active learning)
 - Making the most of the outreach event (# of visits, assessments)
 - Working with teachers (teaching to standards, integration with existing topics)

Policy committee – contact = **Katie Smith (ratsmith@ucdavis.edu)**

- Policy committee will be putting together a brief on the National Parks Service. Contact Katie if you want to be involved.

Restoration/Volunteer committee – contact = **Luke Petersen (lukepetersen12@gmail.com)**

- Feb 21st, Saturday morning– Habitat Planting (native grass plugs) at Pleasants Creek with PCC and Solano RCD
- Stebbins Cold Canyon Mentoring Opportunity with Tuleyome. 4-5 SCB members, two events. Dates TBA.

Website – webmaster = **Sarah Bahan (sbahan@ucdavis.edu)**

- Website is now live! You can access the site through our SCB-D Facebook page
- Web address = <http://blogs.des.ucdavis.edu/scb/>

Social/Fundraising committee – contact = **Jessica Abbott (jmabbott@ucdavis.edu)**

- Upcoming silk screening party -- early February. Email to follow.
- Movie night this quarter. Looking for house with projector or large TV to host.
- Fundraiser this quarter. Contact Jess if you can help plan it.
- Conservation Teas – contact = **Megan Kelso (makelso@ucdavis.edu)**
 - Upcoming Sturgeon Day, Jan 29th! Mark your calendar!
 - Contact Megan if you have an idea for the next event (any hands-on conservation activity)
- Nature Hikes – contact = **Jackie Aliperti (jraliperti@ucdavis.edu)**
 - Planning a trip to Jepson prairie this year to see the vernal pools. Email to follow.

Sustainability committee – contact = **Rachel Wigginton (rdwigginton@ucdavis.edu)**

- Sustainability committee will have it's first meeting of the quarter at the end of January. Contact Rachel if you are interested and want to be part of the date/time selection for that meeting. Once a time is selected, meeting details will be emailed out to the SCB-D listserv.

3. Other Upcoming Events

- SCB-D silk screening party
 - Bring a t-shirt/bag to print on
 - Check out our 2014/2015 t-shirt design!



Society for Conservation Biology Davis Chapter

- Check out the embedded SCB-D calendar on our new website. Bookmark it! (http://blogs.des.ucdavis.edu/scb/?page_id=35)
- Biodiversity Day is coming up (Sunday Feb 8th, 12-4pm). Three museum collections on campus (herbarium, Bohart museum of entomology, museum of wildlife) will have programs for the public.
- Non-academic career panel: We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate a non-academic career panel at UCD. If you have contacts in conservation/resource management who could be good panelists, or if you are interested in helping to coordinate the event, please contact Megan Kelso (makelso@ucdavis.edu)