



## My Earth Day Marin Coalition

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### CLEANUP AND PROTECT MARIN FOR EARTH DAY

San Rafael, CA – The My Earth Day Marin Coalition invites Marin County residents, visitors and businesses to celebrate Earth Day 2012 by joining hundreds of volunteers on Saturday, April 21 to clean and protect Marin’s public places, wildlands and watersheds. Volunteers will remove litter from beaches, parks, and creeks; invasive plants from open space preserves and graffiti from public buildings and structures. The My Earth Day Marin Coalition is comprised of public agencies and volunteer programs including City of San Rafael, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, Marin County Parks, Marin Municipal Water District and the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin. The Coalition promotes organized service projects throughout Marin.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a project at a particular site or, if they have a group, they can host a new project site. Service projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12noon. Visit [www.myearthdaymarin.org](http://www.myearthdaymarin.org) or call (415) 499-6583 for a list of Earth Day service projects.

Litter cleanups are important because they keep our community clean and protect wildlife in our Bay and Ocean. Invasive plant removal and trail maintenance programs improve habitat for wildlife and reduce sediment that enter our creeks and impact salmon. Last September, more than 2,000 volunteers in Marin picked up over 8,000 pounds of trash and recyclables on Coastal Cleanup Day. The My Earth Day Marin Coalition is urging people to participate in a similar effort this spring in various service projects throughout the County. So, please join a local effort on Earth Day, and help preserve our beautiful and unique environment in Marin.

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# My Earth Day Marin 2012

## Come Out and Volunteer!



## Mahon Creek and Path Cleanup - San Rafael

Saturday, Apr 21, 2012 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



**Site Location:** Corner of Albert Park Lane and Lindaro St. , San Rafael, CA 94901

**Project Description:** Mahon Creek and Path is a wonderful little oasis adjacent to downtown San Rafael. Easy access and parking make it a great spot to serve and then visit nearby Wildcare, or walk downtown for a little lunch or shopping. Occasionally occupied by egrets and river otters, this path tends to accumulate trash from the tides or insensitive late night visitors. Volunteers are needed to help with clean up of litter and trash from the creek and surrounding path. The site is on level ground and the project is recommended for volunteers of all ages.

**What will be provided:** We will provide water, snacks, litter grabbers, garbage buckets/bags, gloves, education and leadership.

**What to bring:** Please bring sturdy shoes, layered clothing, sunscreen, a sunhat and a water bottle.

**Registration/Sign-up Information:** Volunteers can sign up on [www.sanrafaelvolunteers.org](http://www.sanrafaelvolunteers.org) , or just show up. Volunteer Service Agreements will be at each site and youth under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All youth must have a Volunteer Service Agreement form signed by a parent in order to volunteer. Sign up online to get the form.

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- prevent stormwater pollution
- protect and enhance water quality in creeks and wetlands
- preserve beneficial uses of local waterways
- comply with State and Federal regulations

Partners in the My Earth Day Marin Coalition are: City of San Rafael, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, Marin County Parks and Open Space District, Marin County Community Development Agency, Marin County Department of Public Works, Marin Municipal Water District, and the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin

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## Belloc Lagoon Cleanup - Strawberry Manor

Saturday, April 21st, 2012 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



**Join Supervisor Kate Sears and Your Neighbors for an Earth Day Experience!**

**Site Location:** Strawberry Cove Park, across from 107 Seminary Drive, Mill Valley (about a block west of the intersection of Seminary Drive and Ricardo Road), CA 94941

**Project Description:** Belloc Lagoon is tucked between DeSilva Island and Seminary Drive, which makes it an ideal sheltered cordgrass marsh that provides quiet salt water habitat. The scenic path around Belloc Lagoon tends to accumulate trash that blows in from the surrounding streets and pathway. Volunteers are needed to help with cleanup of litter and trash from the edges of the lagoon, Strawberry Cove Park, and the surrounding path and streets. The site is on level ground and the project is recommended for volunteers of all ages.

**What Will Be Provided:** Tools, refreshments, trash bags, and disposable gloves.

**What To Bring:** Reusable water bottle, gloves, sunscreen, layered clothing, sturdy closed-toe shoes, a 5-gallon bucket to collect recyclable bottles/cans (reduce the use of plastic bags).

**Registration/Sign-up Information:** Volunteers can just show up at the meeting location. All volunteers must sign in at the table and fill out a waiver form. Youth under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All youth must have a waiver form signed by a parent in order to volunteer.

**For More Information:** Contact Ray McDevitt (415) 388-9218 or Vicky Dehnert (512) 454-4109

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