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Week Recap

- First CE talk of 2024 with Dr. Josh Garcia
- The CEP Coordinator,
 Victoria gave the program's annual report to TAC
- Michael Cohen, PhD from UCCE Santa Clara and Victoria submitted a grant proposal to conduct a municipal compost experiment at MCP

Upcoming



Third Saturday Workday will be THIS SATURDAY January 20th

- Workday at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Monthly meeting from 12-12:30
- Dress for muddy conditions, bring water, and wear layers!





Mentorship Program for 2024 Initial Training

- Let me know if you want to participate in being a mentor for new volunteers!
- Required March 16th Training attendance at the park and 6 month check
 in

<u>Here is the Signup Sheet</u>

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Upcoming Teaching Opportunities



We still need one more volunteer to join Victoria M at the Pomeroy Elementary Community Garden Day tabling event in Santa Clara, on February 3rd from 11 am to 2:00 pm.

<u>Sign up on our Community Event Google Sheet</u>

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Ellis Elementary, 550 E. Olive Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94086 *had to reschedule to end of Jan Presentation: vermicomposting

Class: TK (4-5 years old), 3 classes of 20 students per class, 60 in total Possible dates/times: Suggested 1/23/24 or 1/24/24 The teachers are only available during the 10-11:30am time frame.

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Louise Van Meter Elementary, 16445 Los Gatos Boulevard Los Gatos 95032

The 5th grade classes at Van Meter Elementary School are starting a PBL unit about waste, and compost will be a huge component of it! We are hoping to tap into your expertise during this project. One of our 5th grade teachers has just started a compost bin and a worm bin at our school.

Presentation: vermicomposting Class: 5th grade,~100 students

Possible dates/times: 1/22/24 or 1/26/24

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Please sign up for a kids classroom activity by filling out your name on the <u>Kids Composting</u>

<u>Google Sheet</u> under the Master Composters column and I will confirm with the schools that we have at the minimum two volunteers confirmed to teach

Important Resources

 Log your hours continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June reappointment slump!

Log your volunteer hours here!

 You can find previous recorded CE speakers on the private Master Composter website.

Watch the meeting recordings here

 Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared Google Drive.

Explore the Google Drive here

Bookmark & save the Continuing Education Zoom link

Find the Zoom link here

• CE ideas? Email them or fill out this survey:

Continuing Education suggestions

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

CLICK LINKS BELOW

2024 WORKSHOP, KIDS ACTIVITIES
AND COMMUNITY EVENT SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!

2024 WORKSHOPS

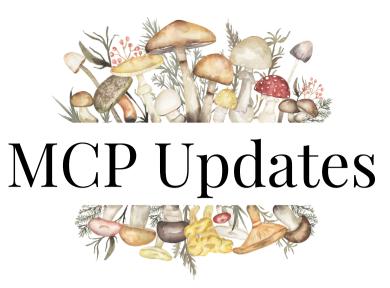
WORKSHOP SIGNUP

SCHOOL REQUESTS

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPECIAL LECTURES

EVENT SIGNUP



Wednesday Workdays are back!

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting
- check the rot crew google calendar for more information
- The code to the front gate at Martial Cottle Park has been changed. You will need to contact Jenel to get the new code at jpvincze@ucanr.edu.
- Remember to post scan the QR code by the worm
 CFT any time you come to Martial Cottle Park to let us know what you've done there!
 - (food scrap drop off, workday tasks, if you've taken compost, etc.)
 - You can also do this <u>via the volunteer hours log</u> linked above
- Bring newspapers to Martial Cottle Park! The worms like to be updated on current events! (juuust kidding)



COMPOST in the

NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

<u>Plastics Companies, Brands Keep Eyes on CA SB 54.</u> <u>Deadline</u>

The formal rule-making process for a California law targeting waste from single-use packaging and plastic food ware is set to begin.By

Plastics Today

By Kate Bertrand Connolly

Biochar-composting substantially reduces methane and air pollutant emissions from dairy manure

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