



Dan Hafeman and Lee Moncton teach Compost 101 to Stanford Faculty

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Week Recap

- First Monthly Meeting over zoom (recording will be posted online soon)
- Dan and Lee gave a special composting talk to faculty at Stanford
- Victoria met with UC Climate Action Initiative to go on a tour of Z-Best Composting Facility

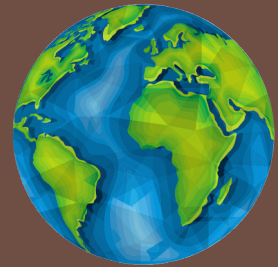
Upcoming



Mentorship Program for 2024 Initial Training

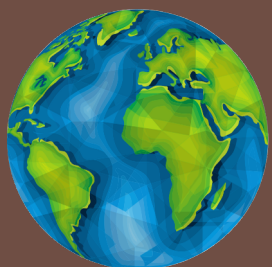
- Let me know if you want to participate in being a mentor for new volunteers!
(Exact Position Description coming soon)
- Required March 16th Training attendance at the park and 6 month check in

[Here is the Signup Sheet](#)



Lots of incoming earth Day Event Requests

- Monday, April 22nd 2024 is Earth Day!
- Different cities, schools, and orgs have been sending in their requests for MC's to table
- If someone asks you about requesting a Master Composter PLEASE have them fill out our event request form
- Our website is a great resource and volunteers should know that it can be reached at ucanr.edu/compost
- Please lead folks to the form so we can get all the info on the sign up sheet!



[Community Event Page](#)

Upcoming Teaching Opportunities



Tomorrow Morning!

email me by 8:30 tomorrow if you want to help support me at this one)

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

Dates/times: **Tuesday 1/23/24 10-11:30am**



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: 1/26/24 (This Friday) Please Let me know ASAP



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.

[Sign up on our Community Event Google Sheet](#)



Please sign up for a kids classroom activity by filling out your name on the [Kids Composting Google Sheet](#) 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

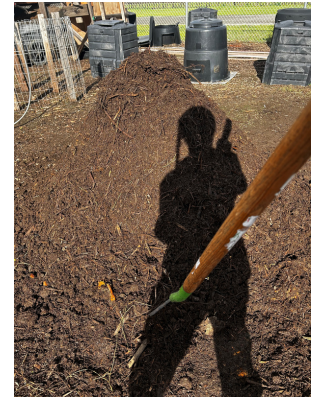
CLASSROOM SIGNUP

2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPECIAL LECTURES

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



Wednesday Workdays are back!

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting (expect rain this week, stay tuned)
- 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 [via the volunteer hours log](#) 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

Americans are still putting way too much food into landfills. Local officials seek EPA's help

CHICAGO (AP) — More than one-third of the food produced in the U.S. is never eaten. Much of it ends up in landfills, where it generates tons of methane that hastens climate change.

BY MELINA WALLING

AP News

Microplastics from natural fertilizers are blowing in the wind more often than once thought

Though natural fertilizers made from treated sewage sludge are used to reintroduce nutrients onto agricultural fields, they bring along microplastic pollutants too. And according to a small-scale study, more plastic particles get picked up by the wind than once thought.

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