



Master Composter

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NEWSLETTER

New Compost Education Trainees take Tiur around MCP

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Mentor Meeting to discuss mentor program roles and responsibilities
- New Initial Training students came out to Martial Cottle Park and got oriented to the program
- Santa Clara University Students completed the update of our online compost calculator tool
- Our new Eagle Scout Volunteer started project on MCP Garden beds

Upcoming



Upcoming Workshops Without Volunteers:

San Jose

- **Wednesday /27/2024 5pm - 7pm**
- **Worm Composting at Joyce Ellington Branch Library**
- **491 E. Empire St. San Jose, 95112**



Palo Alto

- **Saturday 4/6/2024 10am - 12pm**
- **Compost Basics**
- **Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room**
- **1305 Middlefield Rd.**



Volunteers needed to table at SJ Creekside Evergreen Neighborhood Association World Planting Day *THIS* Sunday 3/24.

- **1:00-4:00 pm 3480 Yerba Buena Avenue**
- **Contact Jenel if you want to do this**



Upcoming: Kids Group Activities

Los Gatos Library

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting with DIY worm bin build
- **Class:** Elementary/middle
- **Date:** April 2nd 4:00-5:30 pm
- **Address:** 100 Villa Ave. Los Gatos, CA 95030



Stipe Elementary School

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting
- **Class:** Kindergarten, 50 students
- **Possible dates/times:** March 27th at 10:15
- **School Address:** 5000 Lyng Drive, San Jose, 95111



Stratford School

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting
- **Class:** Kindergarten, 120 students
- **Dates/times:** *Need at least 4 volunteers, had to reschedule
- **School Address:** 890 Pomeroy Ave., Santa Clara, 95051



Campbell School of Innovation

We have Worms to give them so please sign up to help!

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting
- **Class:** 2nd Grade 100 students
- **Possible dates/times:** March 25th or early April 8:30-9:00, 9:00-9:30 or 10:30-11:00, 11:00-11:30
- **School Address:** 295 Cherry Lane Campbell, CA, 95008



Composting Advice for Hester School

We are a special ed school for adults ages 18-22 years old. Most students are have severe disabilities. They attend weekly gardening classes .

-Seeking advice about their own backyard school composting system

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!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

[Watch the meeting recordings here](#)

[Explore the Google Drive here](#)

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

[Rot Crew Calendar Link](#)



Signup Sheet Links



[**WORKSHOP SIGNUP**](#)

[**CLASSROOM SIGNUP**](#)

[**EVENT SIGNUP**](#)

COMPOSTING ED INITIAL TRAINING

- IT has begun and you're invited to attend our weekly zoom lectures!
- Regular First Tuesday Meetings will begin again in July)
- Join us Thursday Evenings 7-8 to get CE credit for attending our gues lecture series
- Our next lecture is this Thursday, 8/21 with Steven Sherman with a talk about th ehistory of organic waste management
- Join bin 7 pm with this [zoom link](https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95030497394) <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95030497394>
- Find the topics and link in the Rot Crew Calendar as well





MCP Updates



Third Saturday Work Day!

- **Work Day will Continue on April 20th**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting
- check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information

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 and unused bamboo chopsticks to Martial Cottle Park!** (chopsticks are for worm demos)



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Left to rot: how a prisoner cleaned up Panama's dirtiest jail – and its inmates

La Joyita prison was notorious for its squalor but a recycling scheme has helped rehabilitate inmates and eased gang fights

By: [Sarah Johnson](#)

[The Guardian](#)

Oriental Fruit Fly Information

- [Resident Fact Sheet:](#)
- [Resident FAQ](#)
- [Interactive Map of the Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine](#) (Residents can enter their address to see if their property is located in the quarantine area):

To learn more about fruit fly quarantines, please visit: CAFruitFly.com