

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



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### <u>Upcoming Workshops Without Volunteers:</u>

#### 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

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# 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 leat 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 <u>Kids Composting 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

• Rot Crew Calendar:

**Rot Crew Calendar Link** 



**Signup Sheet Links** 



**WORKSHOP SIGNUP** 

**CLASSROOM SIGNUP** 

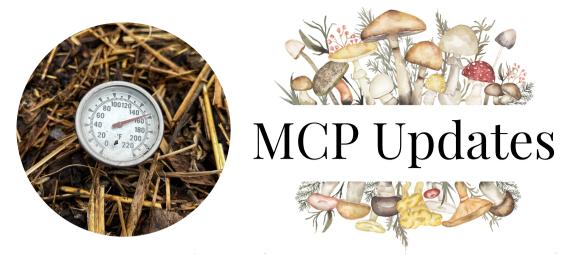
**EVENT SIGNUP** 

# 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 <u>zoom link</u> https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95030497394
- Find the topics and link in the Rot Crew

  Calendar as well







# 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 <u>rot crew google calendar</u> 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 <u>via the volunteer hours log</u>
   linked above
- Bring newspapers and unused bamboo chopsticks to Martial Cottle Park! (chopsticks are for worm demos)



# **COMPOST**

in the

**NEWS** 

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

### <u>Left to rot: how a prisoner cleaned up Panama's</u> <u>dirtiest jail – and its inmates</u>

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
- <u>Interactive Map of the Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine</u> (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: <u>CAFruitFly.com</u>





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