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Resolution

of the City Council

Creek Week April 11-18, 1998

WHEREAS, communities all over California are actively working to protect, preserve, and to restore our urban creeks; and

WHEREAS, as growth overtakes many of our former urban open spaces, creeks remain as potential neighborhood parkways; and

WHEREAS, urban creeks can provide a healthy habitat for wildlife, carry storm water to rivers, moderate the valley's temperature, and provide educational play areas for children and quiet retreats for adults; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Chapter of the Urban Creeks Council, with the assistance and support of the Sacramento Discovery Museum Learning Center, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District, Sacramento Open Space Committee, McClellan AFB, the City and County of Sacramento, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will attempt to educate the public on the aesthetic, recreational, and ecological values of natural creeks and streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento that we do hereby proclaim April 11-18, 1998 as Creek Week in Sacramento and urge all citizens to become more aware of this important resource and actively participate in caring for them.

ISSUED: This 7th Day of April 1998.

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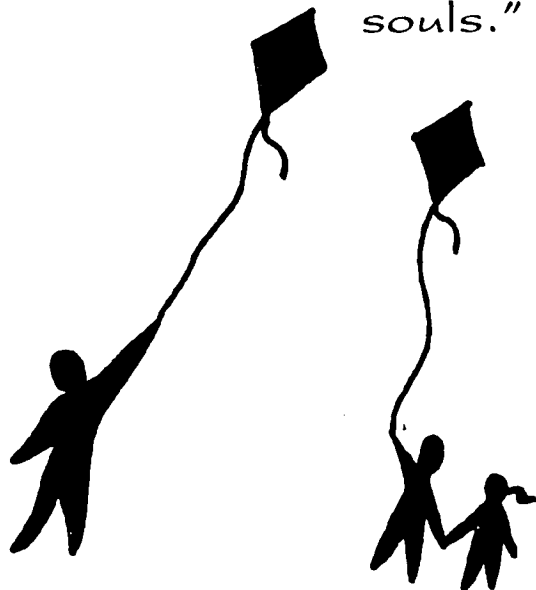
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"Down from
the hills,
flowing to the
river, our
natural
streams and creeks
enhance our lives
and touch our
souls."



"Join us in thanking
Creek Week
sponsors
and supporters!"



Splash Off !!!

Monday, April 13
11:00 am- noon

Creekside Elementary School
2641 Kent Drive, Sacramento
(just north of El Camino)

In addition to recognition of all who have
made Creek Week possible . . .

. . . the annual
Creek Steward Award
will be presented to
Nancy Sinnwell and her fourth grade class
at Creekside Elementary School.

*This award annually honors a group or class
which has made a special effort to care for and
learn about a creek.*

Come early to explore the newly
refurbished Creekside Nature Area,
made possible by a generous grant
from Sam's Club.

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Sacramento Urban Creeks Council
presents our eighth annual

Creek Week '98

April 11-18, 1998

"Creeks Connecting
Communities"



"Bringing communities together
in a week-long celebration of
our local creeks."

Join the Celebration

Enjoy, explore and learn about our local creeks and aquatic life. Join us as we celebrate the vital role our waterways play in uniting our communities.

There is something for everyone during Creek Week — for people who like to fish, explore, learn about and see new places, take pictures, make pictures, make new friends, get wet and muddy, do a good deed for the environment, and have fun and celebrate our creeks.

Bring your family and friends to Creek Week '98!

... just look inside for things to do.



Something extra!

Would you like to use creeks to teach science concepts?

Call 489-4918— ask for Beth or Jenny. They will help you sign up for the

Dipping Into Creeks Workshop

to be held

**Saturday, April 4th,
9:00am - 12:00 noon**

It's a workshop for all types of educators— teachers, parents, youth group leaders.

1998 Sponsors

Contributions from:

- Bureau of Reclamation
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
 - CH2M Hill
 - Herzog Surgical
 - A. Teichert & Sons
- HLA Group Landscape Architects
 - Jones & Stokes
 - EIP Associates
 - Raley's-Bel Air
- Granite Construction
- Montgomery Watson Engineering
- Glenn F. Williams Engineering
 - Wildlands Inc.
 - Jack in the Box
- Citizens, Water Resources
- Sacramento Open Space

plus

priceless support from:

- The City of Sacramento
- The County of Sacramento
- Clean Water Business Partners
- Arcade Creek Rec & Park District
- Rio Linda Elverta Rec & Park District
 - Sunrise Rec & Park District
 - Mission Oaks Rec & Park District
- Sacramento Local Conservation Corps
 - Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- Discovery Museum Learning Center
 - McClellan AFB
- Sugnet and Associates
- Brownie's Blueprint
- Carmichael Lions
- "Boomer" the Band

Creeks Connecting Communities . . .

There is a lot going on! In addition to all the activities listed inside, other creek celebrations include:

• The **Elk Grove Community Services District** Creek Cleanup and Celebration is Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For information about Elk Grove's activities, please call 686-1747.

• The **Dry Creek Conservancy** and the **City of Roseville** will hold their annual creek cleanup on Sunday, April 19th. From April 13th to the 19th there will be nature walks, historical talks, and aquatic insect identification explorations. For information about these activities call 771-2013. To volunteer at a site in the Roseville area call 774-5334. Join Cleanup volunteers at the Earth Day Celebration Sunday afternoon at Maidu Regional Park in Roseville.

• **Willow Creek** by Lake Natoma in **Folsom** is the site of a bird walk on Saturday, April 11th, from 7:00 am to 12 noon. Mike Marsh of the Sacramento Audubon Society will lead this trip to find early migrant songbirds. Also he will show you one of the best remaining examples of creekside riparian habitat. Call Mike at 989-4935 for directions.



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Creek Week Activities - Join in the Fun and Adventure ...

Saturday, April 11th

8:30 am-12:00 noon

Fishing in the City Learn the secrets of catching fish. Staff from the CA Department of Fish and Game will provide equipment and the know how — all you have to do is show up! Come to the Pond by Chicken Ranch Slough in Howe Park. Call 358-2872 if you have questions.

9:00-11:00 am

Vernal Pool Exploration Join plant expert, Nancy Wymer, for an enlightening tour of the vernal pools in Phoenix Park. The unique characteristics of these springtime pools are only on display a short time each year. Meet at the Sunset Avenue parking lot at Phoenix Park in Fair Oaks for a special seasonal treat.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Trail Ride on the Ueda Parkway Spend the day horseback riding along Dry and Robla Creeks. If you don't have your own horse to ride you can call to reserve a rental — limited numbers — call early. Sitting up high on a horse can give you a whole new view of this future Dry Creek Parkway. A creekside picnic lunch will be served to all riders. Call Bill Katen, 991-5929, at the Rio Linda Elverta Park District for more information and the cost. The ride will start and end at the Elkhorn Staging Area in Rio Linda.

1:30 pm

Fish Printing Learn the ancient art of fish printing and the role fish play in the balance of nature in our waterways. This program at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center will help you create your own fish print, which you can take home. The class is \$2 a person; \$4 per car to enter the park. For more information call the Nature Cen-



THE **BIG** DAY!!

Saturday, April 18th
start at 9:00 am

First we clean . . .

Call 454-4544 to volunteer
at a clean-up site in your community

In Orangevale, Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks
there will be sites on
Arcade, Brooktree, Cripple
and Minnesota Creeks

In Rio Linda, Elverta, North Sacramento
and North Highlands
cleanups are planned on
Arcade, Don Julio, Dry, Magpie, Rio Linda
and Robla Creeks, as well as sites on the
Natomas East Main Drainage Canal

In Carmichael and Northeastern Sacramento

Monday, April 13th

6:00 pm to dusk

Creek Exploration Meet students from the Creekside Elementary School and wildlife biologist David Wolff, of EIP Associates, for a tour of the new Creekside Nature Area. Learn about the critters living in and along Chicken Ranch Slough with the help of an expert, and several budding naturalists. Meet at the Creekside Elementary School, 2641 Kent Drive, Sacramento.

6:00 pm to dusk

Ueda Parkway Walk Bring your binoculars and camera to this nature walk along Dry Creek in the Ueda Parkway. Join Barbara Graichen, environmental consultant, and John Bassett from SAFCFA for a tour of marshes, ponds, and riparian forest. Come learn how nature and prudent flood control can successfully coexist. Meet at the Elkhorn Blvd Staging Area on the east side of the East Levee Road in Rio Linda.

Tuesday, April 14th

9:00-11:30 am

Wildlife Walk Join retired biology teacher Bruce Swinehart for an entertaining look at life along Arcade Creek. Bruce has many stories to share about both the birds and plants to be found on this stretch of creek in Del Paso Park. Meet in the park on Park Road just off Auburn Boulevard by the freeway off-ramp.

10:00-12:00 noon

Explore Laguna Creek. Discover the rich variety of flora and fauna in this south area creek. Glen Holstein, biologist with Zenter and Zentner, will meet you at the bike bridge on Jacinto Avenue just west of Center Parkway where the creek

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Sunday, April 12th

9:00-11:00 am

Arcade Creek Walk - Water Quality Assessment Join Theresa Ward of Zentner and Zentner, and Dave Tamayo Director of the Urban Creeks Council Volunteer Monitoring Program. Together you will discover the variety of plants and wildlife that are found in urban creeks and learn how to test water chemistry and assess water quality through biological indicators. Meet at the Discovery Museum Learning Center parking lot at 3615 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento. This is an easy way to learn more about volunteer water quality monitoring, as well as do some hands-on exploring of creek life.

1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm

Vernal Pool Flower Tours Choose one of these times to join the California Native Plant Society in exploring the variety of wildflowers at Mather's vernal pools. To reserve a spot and find the meeting location call 737-9453 and leave your name and phone number. Sacramento County is blessed with some of the last remaining examples of these spring time ponds with their rings of colorful flowers and unique aquatic life. As more valley land is developed natural vernal pools are becoming more and more rare. Don't miss this chance to see some of the best.

Bring your camera!

1:30 pm

Aquatic Critters Discover the many fascinating critters living in our creeks, ponds, and rivers. Learn about the myriad of tiny things that live in the water and meet some of them face to face. It's a wet and wild world! Bring the family to this program at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael. For more information call 489-4918. There is a \$4.00 fee per car to enter Hoffman Park. — no charge for the program.

and Robin Creeks, as well as sites on the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal

In Carmichael and Northeastern Sacramento there will be sites on Arcade and Verde Cruz Creeks and Chicken Ranch and Strong Ranch Sloughs

In South Sacramento and Elk Grove, sign up for Elk Grove, Florin, Laguna or Morrison Creek

... then we celebrate!

12:00-3:00 pm

Clean up volunteers are invited to join the fun at the Creek Week wrap-up celebration. Enjoy a picnic, live music by Boomer, earth friendly exhibits and interactive displays. Receive your Creek Week '98 t-shirt and enter your clean-up finds in the junk and gunk contest!

Where?

Just look for the folks having fun at the Discovery Museum Learning Center
3615 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento

*Park at
Renfree Field
just east
of the Center*



*This week-long event is
brought to you by:
Sacramento Urban Creeks Council
4855 Hamilton Street
Sacramento, CA 95841
(916) 482-8377*

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6:00 pm to dusk

Clay Station Vernal Pools and Wetlands

See how Sugnet and Associates have restored vernal pools and seasonal wetlands. This 400-acre mitigation banking site in the southern part of the county is adjacent to Laguna Creek. From Hwy 99, take Dillard Road east, then go south on Clay Station Road for about 4 miles. Because this is such a wide-open part of the county, when you see people and cars by the side of the road, you will know you are there.

Wednesday, April 15th

5:30-7:30 pm

Creek Exploration at Crosswoods

Park Join naturalist Bonnie Ross and discover the plants and animals that live in and around this wooded area of Arcade Creek. Meet at the Community Center, Crosswoods Park, 6742 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights, for a popular trip.

Thursday, April 16th

7:30-10:00 am

Bird Walk on Arcade Creek

Birding expert, Ed Harper, has identified more than 100 bird species along this stretch of creek by the ARC Campus. Join him to see what species Creek Week brings. Meet at Arcade Creek Park at the end of Omni Drive off Hackberry Lane with your binoculars for a wonderful morning walk.

6:00 pm to dusk

Discover Mather's Vernal Pools

Meet Betty Christoff at this magical time of evening to enjoy the wildflowers of Mather's vernal pools. Meet at Kitty Hawk Elementary School on the corner of Dean Terrace and Anders Drive. Photographers as well as botanists will find the flower show a true delight.

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