

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

18 OCTOBER 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19th

Blueprint Breakout

The Earth Summit's Blueprint Breakout is the perfect way to get involved and take action in making our campus green. Take advantage of this ideal opportunity to bring your ideas to the table and even have them included in this year's Blueprint. A delicious free vegetarian dinner will be provided to all who participate. This breakout's discussion topic is **Transportation and Social/ Environmental Justice**. It will be held in the College Eight Red Room 201, from **5:30pm to 8:30pm**. For more information or questions, contact [Eliza Milio](#).

October 22nd

Practical Activism Conference

Attend [Practical Activism](#) from 11:00 am to 5:00pm in the College nine and ten Multi-purpose Room to get empowered!

October 24th

Food Day

FSWG is hosting a [Food Day](#) at UCSC. This includes a local and organic entree in the dining halls all day, as well as pumpkin carving and a movie showing at the farm from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

November 4th - 6th

Harvesting Radicals

The California Student Sustainability Coalition's (CSSC) Fall 2011 Convergence is almost here! This year's convergence will be held at California State University Chico. Registration is only \$25, so [click here](#) to sign up today!



GET INVOLVED NOW

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEEKLY UPDATES

The purpose of the Student Environmental Center is to promote student involvement through research, education, and implementation of environmentally sustainable practices on campus in collaboration with the university

COLLABORATION IS KEY

Here at UCSC, collaboration is a common theme among students, staff and faculty. This university is not a habitat for competition, but prefers equality and team work instead. Like UCSC, the Student Environmental Center is a haven for collaboration and combined forces. As a small group of individuals working towards a common goal, the SEC must band together. If you'd like to team up with us, come out this Wednesday to our weekly General Gathering (replaced by the Blueprint Breakout session this week) in the College Eight Redroom 201, from 5:30 pm to 8:30pm, and enjoy a wonderful home cooked vegetarian meal with vegan and gluten free options!

Start thinking of creative ideas to share at Blueprint Breakout **tomorrow!**

Remember to sign up for the CSSC's Convergence as soon as you can for an unforgettable time and a great chance to meet influential people.



The Student Environmental Center is made up of six campaigns; Waste Prevention, Transportation, Students for Organic Solutions, Green Building, College Eight Garden, and Earth Summit. Each Campaign is busy starting this year's projects and getting motivated to spread environmental awareness across UCSC! Contact us to learn about volunteer work, starting your own project, and much more!

CAMPAIGNS

Waste Prevention

The Waste Prevention Campaign works toward creating

Zero Waste by 2020. Click [here](#) to get involved and see how we do it. For more information on waste prevention work contact Amber at aglaab@ucsc.edu



Green Building

The Green Building campaign offers opportunities for students to build and improve sustainability on campus, while Building Audits enable students to rate how green a building is. Click [here](#) for details about Green Building projects or contact Carson at cbwatts@ucsc.edu



College 8 Garden

The College 8 Garden is a beautiful space that offers peer-facilitated education. Currently the garden is expanding and kicking off many exciting projects. The 1 unit class (CLEI 90) offered by College 8 Garden is just starting winter planting. For more details on how to get involved, [email](#) the College 8 Garden staff.

Students for Organic Solutions

Students for Organic Solutions (SOS) brings foodies together to improve food systems on campus. Specifically to raise awareness about the health, environmental, social, and economic implications of our current approach to food. There are plenty of ways to get involved, learn more [here](#). For further information, contact Dominique at dtteixei@ucsc.edu



Transportation



The Transportation Campaign is dedicated to increasing

awareness of alternative transportation and challenging the current transportation system. The [Bike Class](#) is still open for enrollment, to learn more contact Jeff at jschmelter101@gmail.com

Earth Summit

Earth Summit plans events such as the Blueprint for a Sustainable Campus and the annual Campus Earth Summit to bring individuals together to share ideas! To learn more about these collaborative events click [here](#). Or contact Eliza to get involved at emilio@ucsc.edu



Announcements

General Gathering 10/19

Blueprint Breakout

Don't forget that the Blueprint Breakout discussion is replacing General Gathering this week. Starting at **5:30** in the College Eight Redroom like usual. Come and bring your friends!

PICA

Green Kitchen

PICA has made progress in getting enough signatures to combat the additional fees to complete it's Green Kitchen project here at UCSC. For updates please visit the Green Kitchens [facebook page](#).

General Gathering 10/12

Community Workdays

The Program In Community and Agroecology (PICA) is holding weekly workdays on Sundays in the Village from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Come help work and enjoy a free organic lunch harvested from the garden!

Take Back the Tap

Help Take Back the Tap ban the sale and distribution of plastic bottles on our campus. This is a very important issue at UCSC, that needs your participation. Click [here](#) to learn more and get involved.

FSWG

The Food System Working Group is having a Funkreativity Session, World Cafe, and Potluck on Sunday, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the farm gatehouse. Come ready with ideas on how to change the food system, and be sure to bring food to share!

If your organization would like to add announcements to this newsletter, please [email](#) information by 9pm Monday.

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