

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

19 JANUARY 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Friday

Cowell Student Health Center

Come celebrate with us tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30, at the Cowell Student Health Center, UCSC's first LEED Gold certified building! This remodeling was made possible by students and staff trying to make our health center more sustainable. There will be tours, delicious food and refreshments, as well as speeches from Tony Bautista and Chancellor Blumenthal!

January 25th

Blueprint Breakout

This Saturday join us at the PICA garden at 7:00pm for a wonderful dinner and brainstorming session on sustainable prize ideas for the Santa Cruz Boardwalk!

The Earth Summits fourth Blueprint Breakout will be taking place next Wednesday in the College Eight Red Room from **5:30** to 8:30. This is where you can add your own ideas on how to make our campus more sustainable to this years Blueprint! There is a free dinner catered by **India Joze** available to everyone who participates! This breakout's discussion topics are **Water and Waste Prevention** on campus. For more information or questions, contact [Eliza Milio](#).

February 17th

Green Chef

Students for Organic Solutions is hosting a sustainable cooking competition involving a secret, local ingredient. They are currently seeking chefs in teams of three, the Chef Orientation is Friday, February 3rd, and the competition is Friday, February 17th. For more info, email greenchefucsc@gmail.com.

March 3rd

Earth Summit

Remember to save the date for the 11th annual Earth Summit Event on Campus from 11:00 to 5:00pm!



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

NEW QUARTER - NEW YOU

Winter is finally falling over the UCSC campus. Today it seems as if it actually might rain, and if you step outside your sure to see rain-boots and umbrellas galore. The winter season will transform UCSC into a beautiful, vibrant green wonderland. Instead of appreciating the view from the other side of your window, come join the Student Environmental Center and help us preserve the wilderness of our campus. Our General Gathering are held every week on Wednesday in the College Eight Red room, from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm, with a wonderful home cooked vegetarian meal with vegan and gluten free options, inspiring individuals, and a chance to create change.

Make sure to out the SEC's amazing new [Food for Thought](#) blog today!

Last weekend the SEC had a blast at the 2nd Annual InterOrg Retreat, and would like to give our sincere thanks to all those who made it possible!



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 years projects and getting motivated to spread environmental awareness across UCSC! Contact us to learn about volunteer work, starting your own project, and much more!

Announcements

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

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

Take Back the Tap

Take Back the Tap at UCSC is working hard to ban the sale of plastic water bottles on campus. If you want to get involved, and help UCSC make the next step toward sustainability, check out our [website!](#)

Carbon Fund



The Carbon Fund will be holding an orientation on Friday, January 27th from 2:00 to 3:30pm at the College Eight Red Room. The Carbon Fund staff will be there to walk you through the grant application process as well as answer any questions you might have. Come by for the opportunity to network with other green-minded students, staff, and faculty and learn how to get your greenhouse gas reduction project funded! Refreshments provided! Visit the Carbon Fund's [website](#) for more information.

PICA Garden Workdays

Every Saturday PICA will be hosting Garden Workdays in the A Quad on the Village from **10:00 to 2:00pm**. Come ready to work, meet people, and enjoy a deliciously prepared fresh lunch! Visit PICA's [website](#) for more information on who they are and everything they do.

Classes

The College Eight Garden class is already underway, growing tasty winter vegetables and greens, and expanding the garden. The Green Building Campaign is starting an ESLP class for the Sustainable Living Spaces student audit of residential buildings on campus.

CSC Funding

The Campus Sustainability Council's Funding Round for organizations is in progress. For more information, and the dates of trainings, please visit their [website](#).

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



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



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 Andrew at szeto.andrew@gmail.com



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.



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



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