



# ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

## ***Strentzel Meadow in Martinez***

*(planting, weeding, and habitat restoration at the Butterfly Garden)*

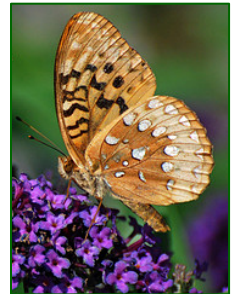
**WHEN:** Sat. Nov. 21 and Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m to Noon.

**WHAT:** We need your help to clear weeds that are choking native plants and shrubs planted at the meadow. We will also build brush piles to provide safe shelter for birds and small mammals to encourage more wildlife in the meadow.



The Friends of Alhambra Creek are gradually restoring this meadow to conditions prior to the arrival of European settlers. The Butterfly Habitat has over 75 varieties of native plants.

**PLEASE RSVP to:** Mary Grim at [mary.grim@ca.nacdnet.net](mailto:mary.grim@ca.nacdnet.net) or 925-672-6522 x113. **Get driving directions at:** [http://www.ccrd.org/Alhambra\\_other/directions\\_strentzelmeadow.htm](http://www.ccrd.org/Alhambra_other/directions_strentzelmeadow.htm)



### ***WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING:***

- If you're under 18- bring the waiver form below signed by a parent or guardian.
- Bring garden gloves and weeding tools if you have them. (otherwise we'll provide them).
- Wear sunscreen, close toed OLD shoes or boots. Long pants are advisable

### **Liability Waiver**

I release the following from any liability due to accidents or injury while participating in the Arundo Removal Project on September 27, 2009: Friends of Alhambra Creek, City of Martinez, Resource Conservation District, The US National Park Service and Martinez Unified School District.

Students name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

Parent/Guardian name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## *More About Strentzel Meadow*

- It was named for John Muir's wife, Louisa Strentzel Muir.
- It's on Alhambra Valley Road just over the hill from John Muir's historic home
- It is part of the John Muir National Historic Site

## *The Strentzel Meadow Restoration Project*

- A stream channel was created to help reduce flooding of nearby homes.
- Invasive grasses and weeds are gradually being replaced with native grasses & shrubs.
- This project improves water quality in Alhambra Creek and provides wildlife habitat.
- Workdays are on 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9-noon.



## *The Butterfly Garden*

- Began last fall as a demonstration garden to showcase native plants.
- Contains over 75 varieties of native plants used by native butterflies and other pollinators.
- Provides an educational site for school classes and youth groups.
- Involves youth in hands-on environmental education.
- Further improves the habitat, especially for native pollinators.

## *How You Can Help!*

**GET INVOLVED! JOIN OUR RESTORATION PARTIES!**

**1stT & 3rd Saturdays of each month 9 am-Noon**

**NOTE:** Please confirm with Mary Grim at [mary.grim@ca.nacdnet.net](mailto:mary.grim@ca.nacdnet.net) or

**925-672-6522 x113 or Elaine Jackson 372-0687 or [elainejx@att.net](mailto:elainejx@att.net)**

