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2013 Earth Day Activities at Asilomar

Event is Open to the Community; Volunteers Needed

Asilomar State Beach & Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA will host its 2013 Earth Day on **Saturday, April 20, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This year's activity is planting native vegetation and eradicating non-native plants in the dunes and forest. Meet the State Parks staff on the deck of the Hearst Social Hall (guest registration).

Volunteers are needed for the planting, and can register by visiting www.volunteermontereycounty.org or calling the Asilomar State Park office at (831) 646-6443. Volunteers are asked to bring outdoor gardening gloves and knee pads, if necessary. Shovels, spades, and other gardening tools will be provided by State Parks.

As part of the State Parks' mission to protect natural lands and preserve the environment, this planting helps meet our goal. Plants and trees reverse the impacts of land degradation and provide food and habitat for wildlife. Trees filter the air and help stave off the effects of climate change.

"Earth Day has been about people and how they interact with environment," said Eric Abma, Asilomar Superintendent, "It's a way the local community can make a difference and focus on ways to exist more harmoniously with the Earth."

Asilomar's concession, ARAMARK Parks & Destinations, will provide a complimentary lunch at Asilomar for registered volunteers at 12:00 p.m. They have also provided support for the 2013 Earth Day project by purchasing plant containers.

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