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Restore and Create: Earth Day Celebration at Stinson Beach

Sunday April 22, 2018, 10am–3pm

Caring, creativity, and collaboration combine in a unique celebration

The 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration at Stinson Beach combines care for the environment with hands-on arts activities for all ages. Participants can help with beach cleanup or creek restoration and join with collaborating artists in sculpture-making with natural materials, making music, dancing, and more.

Staff from the National Park Service, One Tam (Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy), and Marin County Parks are on hand to support beach cleanup and creek restoration. Bags and gloves are provided, however Earth Day organizers encourage participants to bring their own buckets and gloves to reduce the environmental footprint of the event.

All are invited to join over a dozen collaborating artists in making ephemeral art with natural materials from the beach, music making, dancing, and more. The public is welcome to bring small percussion instruments such as shakers, bells, or palm-sized drums.

The south end of Stinson Beach offers an unusual diversity of natural materials and microenvironments: boulders, stones, tide pools, seaweed, driftwood, feathers, and sea glass. In past years, participants stacked rock towers; created imaginary cities from sand globes; made spirals from seaweed; planted a forest of driftwood "trees"; and created dragons, fairies, and abstract sand drawings. A professional musician led a band of beachgoers in making beats with sticks and rocks, while a dance took place among driftwood sculptures.

According to environmental artist Zach Pine, who founded the event thirteen years ago, "This event aims to forge a strong, hopeful, and constructive connection with the earth through stewardship and collective creative action. My aim is to energize people to care for and protect the earth not only on Earth Day, but throughout the year."

The event is produced in partnership by Zach Pine Nature Sculpture, One Tam, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and Samavesha, in collaboration with Marin County Parks, Friends of Mt Tam, Surfrider Foundation (Marin County Chapter), and Marin County Community Development Agency, Shrinking Shores Program.

Zach Pine is a socially engaged environmental artist whose group art-making events, hands-on create-with-nature installations, and consulting work connects people with nature (naturesculpture.com). One Tam is the community campaign of the Tamalpais Land Collaborative (California State Parks, Marin County Parks, Marin Municipal Water District, and the National Park Service) (onetam.org). The mission of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the park visitor experience, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future (parksconservancy.org). The National Park Service, founded in 1916, preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations (nps.gov). Samavesha is an international multidisciplinary nonprofit music and arts organization (samavesha.org).

Event details:

Restore and Create: Earth Day Celebration at Stinson Beach; Sunday April 22, 2018, no need to register; drop in at any time between 10am and 3pm; south end of Stinson Beach; free; all ages; rain or shine; bring a picnic; [earthdaystinsonbeach.org](http://www.earthdaystinsonbeach.org). Accessibility information is at earthdaystinsonbeach.org/accessibility.html