Sanctuary Steward Training 2027

Day 1: Saturday, February 13 from 10 - 12 p.m. In-person at the Save Our Shores office (345 Lake Ave. Suite A Santa Cruz, CA 95062) Bring your own mug for coffee, we'll have bagels.

We'll meet in-person and kick off training by getting to know our fellow ocean advocates and why we are here! We will cover:

- Save Our Shores' history, our full-circle approach, org. goals and roles
- Monterey Bay, our Marine Sanctuary and Marine Protected Areas (MPA)
- What it means to be a Sanctuary Steward, responsibilities and opportunities
- Our community, vision, and impact

Day 2: Wednesday, February 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. (Virtual Training)

Discuss the scope of Save Our Shores' work, what brought us here and what keeps us here. We will cover:

- Intro to types and impacts of pollution and resource protection
- Where pollution in Monterey Bay comes from, how it gets here, solutions
- Community education events, why and how we engage in meaningful conversation. Learn about special events, presentations and outreach tabling

Day 3: Wednesday, February 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. (Virtual Training)

Take a deep dive into Save Our Shores' youth education and cleanup programming. We will cover:

- Youth Education: An overview of our youth education programs and tips for engaging youth
- Cleanups: Why, where and how we run them! Data Collection, Marine Rescue Resources, Safety Tips, etc

Day 4: Wednesday, March 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. (Virtual Training)

We'll dive into public speaking and what SOS is doing to advocate for change. We will cover:

- Local advocacy impacts, strategies and goals
- How community members can get involved
- Public speaking tips, how to have effective conversations around pollution and solutions

Day 5: Saturday, March 6 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Public Beach Cleanup at Corcoran Lagoon Beach

Graduation: Running a real live cleanup! ! Join Save Our Shores team member, Sam, for a public cleanup event - You'll get hands-on experience with:

- Assisting with cleanup setup, running an event and wrap up process
- Ask questions and get your gloves dirty!
- Get a sense of your responsibilities when leading events independently in the future
- Ask all the questions

Afterwards, we'll take our successful cleanup energy to socialize and celebrate! Join us for a graduation party after the cleanup from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Meet other Sanctuary Stewards, SOS staff and enjoy some post-cleanup pizza, sips and good company.