

## Join us for workdays!

### FALL/WINTER 2006/2007

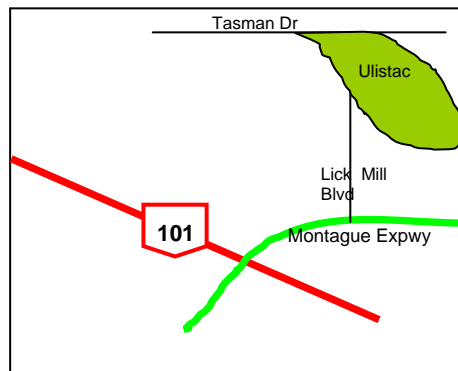
Saturday, 11/4, 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday, 11/19, 10 am - 2 pm  
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Saturday, 1/6, 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday, 1/21, 10 am - 2 pm  
Saturday, 2/3, 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday, 2/18, 10 am - 2 pm

### SPRING/SUMMER 2007

Saturday, 3/3, 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday, 3/18, 9 am - 1 pm  
Saturday, 4/7, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, 4/15, 9 am - 1 pm  
Saturday, 5/5, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, 5/21, 9 am - 1 pm  
Saturday, 6/2, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, 6/17, 9 am - 1 pm  
Saturday, 7/7, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, 7/15, 9 am - 1 pm  
Saturday, 8/4, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, 8/19, 9 am - 1 pm

Wear long pants & sturdy shoes; bring a lunch and water. Gloves, tools, and instructions are provided. Only *heavy* rain cancels a workday.

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Visit us on the web:

<http://www.scu.edu/envs/ulistac>



## Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project

welcomes you to  
support, restore,  
and enjoy  
your community park!

## A community effort...

Ulistac Natural Area was created by a grassroots effort of community members who wished to save Santa Clara's remaining open space from development. Formerly a golf course that fell into disuse, the 41-acre parcel was designated a city park in 1997.



*Volunteers clear weeds at a Ulistac workday.*

Since 1999, hundreds of volunteers, supported by the city of Santa Clara and local agencies, have put in thousands of hours of work to begin the transformation of the site from a weedy lot to a wooded natural area that preserves California native habitat.

Although much remains to be done, volunteers are gratified by the return to Ulistac of native wildlife species like the Cooper's hawk, California quail, snowy egret, golden eagle, monarch butterflies, and jackrabbits.

## Ulistac History

Ulistac Natural Area was originally inhabited by the Ohlone people. In the Ohlone language, “tac” means place, and “Uli” or “Ulis” may have been the name of a chief.

In 1846, in the latter days of Mexican rule in California, a land grant was made for “Rancho Ulistac,” stretching from the Guadalupe River to Saratoga Creek. The low-lying land flooded frequently and levees were built to make it more suitable for agriculture. In the 1940s it was planted as a pear orchard, during the Santa Clara Valley’s heyday as a fruit packing center. A decade later the land was again converted, this time to a golf course. Many of the non-native trees (e.g., eucalyptus) planted to delineate the fairways and traps are still visible.

In 1988, the golf course was closed and divided into parcels for housing developments. The last 40-acre parcel was never developed, but sat vacant for seven years as weeds, neglect, and dirt-bike enthusiasts transformed the site. Finally, in the late 1990s, local community activists convinced the city to set aside the parcel as open space. Trail maintenance, interpretive signs, and habitat restoration are underway. Volunteers work two days a month to plant native species, weed and water plantings, and maintain trails.

## What does UNA-REP do?

- plant native species
- organize volunteer workdays
- lead field trips for schoolkids
- offer college/HS internships
- design community projects
- support academic research



*The painted lady butterfly is a frequent visitor to Ulistac’s Bird and Butterfly Garden, maintained by UNA-REP volunteers.*

The mission of UNA-REP is to help restore and preserve native habitat at Ulistac Natural Area, while providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and education about California ecosystems and the Ohlone people.

## How can I get involved?

- come to a workday
- become a Ulistac docent
  - attend our spring Wildflower Walk
- join the board of directors
  - help with grant-writing
  - write an article for our newsletter
- donate money or tools
- add to our flora/fauna checklists
- invite your workplace to do a community service day

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to:

**Ulistac Outreach Center  
Environmental Studies  
Institute**

**Santa Clara University  
500 El Camino Real  
Santa Clara, CA 95053**

**Make checks payable to  
“SCU Environmental Studies  
Institute” and specify “Ulistac  
Natural Area” in the  
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