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Take a bite out of litter, garden, restore habitat; Sign up your group for Earth Day

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Take a Bite out of Litter, Garden, Restore Habitat to help the Sharks? Absolutely! In addition to litter cleanups habitat restoration and gardening activities are a big part of Earth Day. A weedy area invites trash and collects it among the bushes. According to studies, a clean well-tended garden and native plant area is more appreciated and respected by the public and less likely to be trashed and more likely to be cared for by people passing by it. Organic gardening brings food sources to our community and reduces chemical use, shipping, packaging, and processing. All of these help the sharks, and us, too.

Earth Day is coming on April 20th, and the Pacifica Beach Coalition is calling all groups, teams, families, schools and businesses to sign up today to take action on April 20th for Earth Day 2013 by calling 355-1668. Some of the needy projects waiting for adopting include:

Litter Hot Spots:

Hickey Blvd., Manor Drive, Mazzetti's area, Palmetto from Safeway to IBL, Sharp Park Library/Hilton Way, Fairway Dr/Francisco, Sharp Park Overlook, Hwy 1 bike path to Calera Creek, Hwy 1 path to Fassler Blvd., Vallemar, Crespi Drive, Oddstadt Blvd., Yosemite, Rosita Road, Higgins Way, Adobe/Seville, Linda Mar Blvd.

Gardening:

Pacifica Gardens, Sanchez Library Garden, Oceana HS Gardens, Mildred Owen Garden, Rockaway, Rotary Plaza at Sanchez Art Center.

Habitat Restoration:

Linda Mar State Beach, Rockaway Bluff areas, Pedro Point Headlands, Devil's Slide, Pampas Grass removal - anywhere, Ocean Shore School - Monterey Frontage area, Vallemar.

As we dedicate this year's Earth Day efforts to the Sharks of the Sea everyone is invited to join the efforts, make a difference, and learn about this misunderstood predator of the sea. Like the Sea Turtle last year, the Shark species suffer greatly due to shark finning, long line fishing, and human impacts including litter. And, unfortunately, they are very misunderstood and feared.

Please mark April 20 on your calendar and set aside 9 to 11:30 a.m. to take action, and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to join the Earth Day Festival with live music, kids activities, circus, environmental booths, friends, speakers, and fun at Linda Mar Beach, south parking lot.

-- Lynn Adams

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