

SacValley CNPS Nursery and Gardens [LINK](#)

The mission of SacValley CNPS Nursery (aka Elderberry Farms) is to promote awareness of the benefits of native plant habitat, encourage community involvement, and provide a source of local native plants for gardening and restoration projects.



Volunteer Basics Handout

Volunteers are the face, heart, and soul of CNPS. For this reason, CNPS encourages a culture of gratitude and celebration of volunteers.

When: Workdays are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-noon (9:30 April-September)

Where: 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 ~ Is located on the American River Parkway at Soil Born Farms – **Soil Born Farms is an urban agriculture and education project that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment, and grows a sustainable community.**

Where to Park: (see attached map) Please park in the Main Parking Lot unless you have a mobility issue.

Who: The Nursery leaders are:

Chris Lewis, Nursery Director cnpschris@gmail.com, (916) 812-2876

Robin Rietz, Propagation Director robinrietz@yahoo.com, (916) 390-9671

Volunteer Rights & Responsibilities

- The right to feel safe. All volunteers have the right to be apprised of any potential risks as well as have precautionary measures and safety procedures in place to ensure physical and emotional well-being.
- The right to leave. This isn't a decision that should be made hastily but, if after talking to and working with the volunteer manager or supervisor, a volunteer still feels unhappy, unappreciated, or unsatisfied with the volunteer experience, the volunteer has the right to leave.
- The responsibility to take care of yourself. Volunteers have the responsibility to make sure they aren't overextending, burning out, or causing physical, mental, or emotional harm by taking on roles that aren't a good fit or for which they aren't properly prepared. Please ask for additional training when appropriate.

Code of Conduct

1. Respect each other at all times.
2. Treat each other the way you want to be treated. Recognize that everyone is different and adds value in their own way.

Nursery Workdays

On your first day, please find Chris Lewis or the day's lead volunteer and sign the liability WAIVERS. Individuals may start volunteering during any workday and can work along the side of one of our seasoned volunteers. Please wear closed-toed shoes, gloves and bring a water bottle. We have water for refills.

Volunteer Orientation

Each month we will have a complete tour of the Nursery and Gardens the dates of which will be announced in the monthly eNewsletter. Please sign up for the eNewsletter, see link on the Nursery webpage or at the top of this page if reading online.

Special Notices

According to California Covid Guidelines: People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. We also recommend that if you have a cold, you either stay home or wear a mask.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Lewis via email: cnpschris@gmail.com or text Chris: 916 812-2876.

