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**Did You Know?**

**Help Channelkeeper Document King Tides**



King Tides will be hitting our shores again soon and Channelkeeper needs your help! To document the potential impacts of rising sea levels, Channelkeeper and other groups throughout California are calling on citizens to take photos during particularly

high winter tides - known as "king tides" - of areas known to flood and erode, and areas where high water levels can be gauged against sea walls, jetties, bridge supports or dikes. This project, known as the [California King Tides Initiative](#), is helping to identify and catalog coastal areas vulnerable to tidal inundation, and to promote awareness of the specific potential impacts of sea level rise on our region in an effort to support climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

Channelkeeper will be documenting the impacts of each king tide event on the ground and by boat, but we need your help too! We hope to get shore-based photos of each beach for at least one day during each of the king tide events. King tides are expected **November 24-26, December 22-24, and January 21-22**. This [table](#) depicts the times and locations we need covered (green checkmarks indicate that those shifts have already been assigned). Photos at other beaches with infrastructure (seawalls, houses, buildings, pipes, etc.) are also appreciated. So get out your camera and [email](#) us if you are available to help document impacts during these times. Please [email](#) your photos to us and include your name and the date, time and location (latitude and longitude appreciated but not required) the photos were taken. If you have any questions, please [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 x 5.

**Help Wanted for Kelp Study!**

Kelp is on the menu for beach hoppers and other tiny critters that live on our sandy beaches! Where does the kelp come from? The [UCSB Kelp and Sandy Beach Ecosystem study](#) is tagging hundreds of kelp plants to understand how kelp makes its way to local beaches, and how kelp that washes ashore

Channelkeeper helped found the [Blue Business Council](#), a network of companies working with [California Coastkeeper Alliance](#) and California Waterkeepers to protect our state's most vital and threatened natural capital—the coast, ocean, bays, rivers, and streams that power our economy. We are proud to welcome [Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co.](#) as the latest member of the BBC!



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influences sandy beach ecosystems along the Santa Barbara coast. The research team needs help identifying exactly where these plants wash ashore, so if you're walking the beach and see a **BRIGHT ORANGE** plywood card attached to a piece of kelp, please click [here](#) to report the time and location you found it.

## Stream Team November 7th & 8th



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Every month, volunteers join Channelkeeper staff to test for common water quality parameters at numerous sites in the Ventura River and Goleta Valley watersheds. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Stream Team in

Ventura will meet at 9am on Saturday, November 7th, and Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10am on Sunday, November 8th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

## Patagonia 2015 Salmon Run November 8th



Join Channelkeeper on Sunday morning, November 8th at Patagonia's annual Salmon Run along the lower Ventura River. This year's race beneficiary will be Save Open Spaces and Agricultural Resources (SOAR). SOAR is a non-profit grassroots group of citizens dedicated to keeping Ventura County from following the same urban sprawl pattern that has plagued the rest of southern California. There will be no day-of registration for the Salmon Run this year - all participants must

register online prior to the race. The race sold out last year, so click [here](#) to sign up today!

## Volunteers Needed for Envelope Stuffing (and Free Pizza!) November 18th

Channelkeeper relies on volunteers to assist us with many things, including our

year-end appeal mailing. This letter updates our constituents about our many accomplishments over the past year and helps us generate critical funds to support our work to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. People like you help us reduce the cost of donor outreach and allow more of our donations to be used for our clean water programs.



Please join us! We are currently seeking new and veteran volunteers to help us stuff envelopes on Wednesday, November 18th from 5-8pm at the Channelkeeper office (714 Bond Avenue in Santa Barbara) for a group volunteer effort - we'll provide pizza and a surprisingly good time for all who come to help with the mailing. Please [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 6 to RSVP so we can order enough pizza. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you soon!

## MPA SPLASH Event Makes a Splash!

Channelkeeper would like to thank everyone who participated in our second annual MPA SPLASH event on October 17th! Students and community members joined us at Devereux Beach in a paddle-out and celebration of the Campus Point Marine Protected Area (MPA). It was great to see the Isla Vista



community embracing this special area and taking pride in its conservation. Special thanks to [Santa Barbara Adventure Company](#), [Channel Islands Outfitters](#), [Island Packers](#), Xander Sack Fine Arts Guitarist, [Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District](#), and [MarBorg](#) for helping us make this event a success. Check out photos from the event on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

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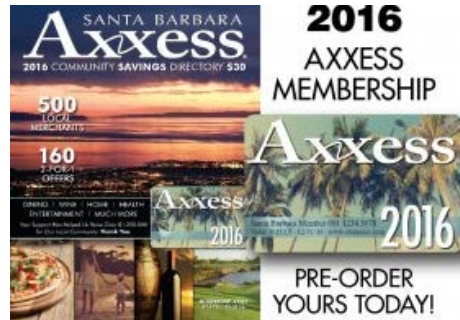
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