

## Sep 2011 Sustainability Forum

Wed, Sep 07, 2011 / 6:00pm-7:30pm

Madrone Rm@ MLK / Free Food, Open to All Students



### Summary

Attracting over 90 attendees, the September 2011 Sustainability Forum featured 28 speakers from various campus environmental organizations in a large lecture hall. Occurring once a semester, the sustainability forum aims to bring together all those interested in sustainability to come together and exchange information. In addition, since the forum is held at the beginning of every semester, the event helps new and returning students find which student group they want to get involved in. The majority of the audience heard about the forum through social media websites and email. Representatives included the **Little Green Book** a project that is the Wikipedia to everything green in Berkeley, **Campus Bicycle Initiative** which launched their first 1<sup>st</sup> ever bike-to-campus day where students were given free tune ups and music powered by pedaling. Both projects are generously funded by the **Green Initiative Fund**. The special thing about this forum was that after the 2-3 minute group presentations were over, students could find their groups easily by moving to the student group signs posted all over the large lecture hall. At the end, everyone was able to chat, snack, and mingle on organic fruits, vegetables, and crackers.

### Downloads

1. [Information Sheet](#)

### Photos

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### Sep 2011 Sustainability Forum Notes\*

**ASUC Efforts-** Green certification program where you certify green clubs to be green. Current project is “Take back the tap” initiative, funded by TGIF. Participates in ECO meetings, green certified events, support at next week’s senate meeting

**BEACN-** has around 35 students, every major out there eligible to apply, looking for freshman and sophomore. A consulting organization that advises local businesses on environmental quality and values. Looking to collaborate to help host campus-wide events, professional development events, send them an email. Visit [beacn.berkeley.edu](http://beacn.berkeley.edu).

**BERC-** Berkeley Energy and Resources and Collaborative, helps connect undergraduates and graduates, and hosts multiple events a semester. Events include meet the grad, engineering grad. BIG BERC (graduates) has opportunities in ideas labs, meeting other grad students and public policy job opportunities. General meetings are every Wednesday.

**Green Campus-** student-run organization. Currently seeking 2 interns, looking especially for freshman and sophomores, who will work with dorms on campus.

**Forestry Club-** One of the oldest clubs founded in 1220. It’s a professional field club open to all majors. Participates in Cal Day, and has a bean feed near Mulford. Volunteers needed for restoration projects. Sep 15<sup>th</sup> is their first Thurs outdoor activity. [cnr.berkeley.edu/forestryclub/](http://cnr.berkeley.edu/forestryclub/)

**Strawberry Creek Restoration Project (SCRCP)-** Helps restore natural areas around campus. Leads 2 decals on Mondays 4-5pm. Always seeking volunteers.

**Reuse-** free foods and flexible hours, adopt a reuse station

**Berkeley Student Food Collective-** Come to 2440 Bancroft and purchase some foods. Sells ecologically sound, fair-trade, and local produce. Hosts movie nights, field trips to urban farms. Volunteers for 2 hours work shift, food prep like making sandwiches, and helping out with events.

**Exchange.berkeley.edu-** Free materials exchange website for Berkeley community. Post give-a-way online for somebody else who might want it. Everything posted is free.

**CALPIRG**- state-wide, non-profit non-interest group. campaigns include banning plastic bags. CALPIRG's mission is to educate students and make a large impact in Berkeley Unified School District. Some campaigns this year were Prop 65, no to the chemicals being sprayed in our food. Get involved by signing petitions. Find them on Sproul Meeting are every Tuesday 2040 VLSB with a surprise speaker.

**BOAA**- General interest group for animal rights, animal oppression, racism, oppression, vegetarian lifestyle, factory farm abuse, environment, and reduction and resource use. Fundraises through bake sales, potlucks. Meetings are on Thursdays at 7pm. Email blast every week. Add us on Facebook: Calveg.

**ECO**- Currently creating website with to help lost environmentalists to find information on the internet. This year's goal is to maximize effectiveness of monthly Eco forum. The 1<sup>st</sup> forum meeting is Sep 15, 5-6pm.

**Environment Media Project decal**- Meets on Wed at 7pm

**Sustainability Team (STeam)**- Sustainability team, steam for short, was founded by the ASUC in 2005. A broad sustainability group including One Side Clean Notebooks and the Local.

**The Local**- a student-run Farmer's market on Sproul on Mondays.

**Engineers Without Borders**- Connects students to sustainability projects in developing countries. Recent projects are improving water quality in Peru, plastic bottle reuse in El Salvador, and trying to develop a hand-powered crank to reuse plastic to make pellets for building properties.

**Compost Alliance**- Hosts a campus-wide compost collection. Current establishments are in University hall pilot was very successful, Volunteer and help organize events. Paid positions available.

**Net Impact**- large network, professional, business professionals who want to create a socially responsible world. Delivers consulting services and works with Fortune 500 companies. We are sponsored by the Center for Responsible Business. Are you interested in attending a consulting conference in Portland? Email [niberkeley.org/undergraduate](mailto:niberkeley.org/undergraduate)

**Eco-waste group**- Small student group initiated by the CAL leadership institute that aims to encouraging recycling e-waste at the GBC and other Cal dining locations. Recycling e-waste includes cellular phones, headphones, broken printers, etc. We are partnered with Cal Surplus and Savage.

**Little Green Book**- Little green book is funded by CACS, with the purpose of being the Wikipedia to everything green in Berkeley. Posters are posted in the residence halls with robots and a green pledge to be filled by the students. Come check us out: [littlegb.berkeley.edu](http://littlegb.berkeley.edu). If you want to be featured on the website please email us.

**Campus Bike Initiative**- TGIF-funded initiative that promotes cycling on campus. Hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> ever bike-to-campus day on Friday, September 9 from 3-7 pm. The event included raffle off helmets and locks, free music powered by pedaling, and free bicycle tune ups.

**Residential Sustainability Program**- Lots of opportunities to work for the different units and residential halls.

**Greening the Greeks**- 2 missions this year: To increase recycling in the Greeks, and partnering with green campus to do energy competition between Greek houses.

**Graduate assembly of Sustainability**- Jason Trager, sustainability office for graduate assembly. New project includes Green your GSI. Email [enviro@ga.berkeley.edu](mailto:enviro@ga.berkeley.edu) for more information.

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*Please see the September 2011 Information Sheet for more club and contact information*