

## **Guide to the Village Green**

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At most venues, the Jack Johnson Tour hosts a handful of regional nonprofits in addition to the four regular national/international organizations. In Santa Barbara, where the community ties to Jack and company are strong, they've opened up their Village Green to 15 hometown nonprofits, including five from UCSB alone. Here's a brief guide to whom you'll find in the Village Green at Harder Stadium.

## **UCSB**

**E-Coalition:** Serves as a network for environmentally minded groups based on campus. Visit **sustainability.ucsb.edu/ students**.

**Emerging Green Builders:** Students interested in sustainable building, associated with the Central Coast chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. Visit <u>usgbc.org</u>.

**Environmental Affairs Board (EAB):** Fosters volunteerism, spreads environmental awareness, and influences campus planning policy. Visit <u>as.ucsb.edu/eab</u>.

**TGIF (The Green Initiative Fund):** This student fee-powered fund gives out more than \$100,000 per year to green initiatives. Visit **sustainability.ucsb.edu/tgif**.

**Coastal Fund:** A student fee-supported fund that pays for preservation, education, access, and research of the shoreline. Visit spf.as.ucsb.edu.

## Regional

**Growing Solutions:** Uses education, native plant propagation, and hands-on restoration to address watershed issues. Visit **growingsolutions.org**.

**Santa Barbara Channelkeeper:** Restores, protects, monitors, and teaches about the Santa Barbara Channel. Visit **sbck.org**.

**Heal the Ocean:** Researches and attacks all sources of ocean pollution. Visit **healtheocean.org**.

**Naples Coalition:** Works to block development on the Gaviota Coast. Visit **savenaples.org**.

**Art From Scrap:** Teaches children and adults how to turn recycled goods into art. Visit **artfromscrap.org**.

**Ocean Futures Society:** Explores the ocean and educates about its wonders all over the world. Visit **oceanfutures.org**.

**Food for Thought Ojai:** Brings locally grown fruits and vegetables and nutritional/agricultural education to Ojai schools. Visit **foodforthoughtojai.org**.

**Environmental Defense Center:** Law firm that works with citizens to protect water quality, open space, endangered species, and public health. Visit **edcnet.org**.

**Fairview Gardens:** Working farm that educates all ages about agriculture and produces a variety of fruits and vegetables for sale. Visit **fairviewgardens.org**.

**Community Environmental Council:** Promotes energy efficiency and alternative transportation, and fights climate change. Visit **community environmental council.org**.

## **National**

**Surfrider Foundation:** Promoting its Rise Above Plastics campaign to eliminate single-use plastic bottles and containers. Visit **surfrider.org**.

**Climate Counts:** Fights climate change by maintaining a scorecard of companies' environmental practices. Visit **climatecounts.org**.

**Vote the Environment:** Fosters support for voting on candidates and initiatives that better the environment. Visit **votetheenvironment.org**.

**HeadCount:** Registers voters from the live music community to ensure greater participation in democracy. Visit **headcount.org**.