



Dear Friends and Family,

I am excited to be part of a bird watching team participating in the Spring Birdathon fundraiser sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS). Our team will spend a day running all over the county to see how many different species of birds we can identify. Our aim is to find more species than all the other teams! There is a good chance that I may even win a great prize for the most money raised.

SCVAS' educational programs reached over 7,000 youngsters in Santa Clara County last year. Trained volunteers conduct hands-on, in-class activities and presentations to schoolchildren, teaching them about birds, wildlife, and the environment. Some of these presentations include live predatory birds visiting classrooms! Volunteers also lead school field trips, taking children into nature to identify birds and learn about ecosystems. In the last year SCVAS took hundreds of kids on field trips. Where needed, SCVAS provided free school busses to make these field trips possible for students from low-income communities. This could be a child's first experience to enjoy nature or observe our birds!

This is where you come in – won't you help support SCVAS' education and conservation programs by making a pledge? If you pledge over \$20, you can receive a free 1-year membership in SCVAS. I will greatly appreciate any amount, no matter how small. Your pledge can be a set donation, a per species amount, or a per species amount with a limit.

Thank you for sponsoring me with a **tax deductible** pledge!

Sincerely,

Your Birdathon Team Member

Keep this top portion as a reminder of your pledge and for your tax records.

Spring Birdathon Pledge

Benefiting:

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society
22221 McClellan Road
Cupertino, CA 95014
(408) 252-3747

SCVAS is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit local grassroots chapter of the National Audubon Society (tax ID 946081420), so of course all the money you donate is **tax deductible**. Nearly 4,000 members, many volunteers and a very small staff support SCVAS to make it one of the most successful and largest of the more than 500 chapters of the National Audubon Society. Visit their website at www.scvas.org for more information or to become a member.

Pledge amount: \$ _____ Sent? _____ Check number: _____

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Complete and mail, phone or email this bottom portion (or the information on it) to me:

Team Member:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Number of species expected:

Choose your pledge:

\$ _____ per species,

OR at \$ _____ per species but not to exceed \$ _____ ,

OR for a set amount of \$ _____ .

If you donated \$20 or more and are not already a member, would you like a free one-year membership to SCVAS? yes____ no____.

For set donations, enclose a check now. For per species pledges, I will contact you later with the number of species found to calculate your donation. Please send your donation by the **end of April** so I can enter to win a prize. Make checks payable to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society or SCVAS. Thank you for your generous support!

Sponsor name _____

Sponsor street address _____

Sponsor city, state, zip _____

Sponsor email _____