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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter APRIL 2005 Vol. 4 Issue 3

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Spring has arrived with vibrant colors painting the San Gabriel Mountain canvas with green, orange, blue etc. This past winter rain storms have left and a lasting impression upon both the terrain and human memory.

April has been designated as National Volunteer Month therefore I salute you for your contribution in making the Angeles National Forest a wonder place to enjoy and visit.

What is a volunteer's time worth?

Each April, during National Volunteer month, we are reminded of the tremendous value that volunteers bring to all of our Forests. The Forest Service relies on volunteers to help us maintain trails, preserve historical/cultural sites, public information, fire lookout etc. The time they give us is worth a great deal.

The National Survey on Giving and Volunteering recently reported that the value of volunteer time, updated yearly, has increased by nearly 65 cents from \$16.54/hour tow year ago, to \$17.19/hour today. When they first calculated the value of volunteer time in 1980, it was \$7.46/hour. This value is based on the average hourly earnings for private nonagricultural workers as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and then increased by 12 percent to estimate fringe benefits. Time is money, and volunteers donate their time to hundreds of cases. The next time you run into a volunteer, why not take a moment to say, "Thank You!"

California Trails Day is scheduled for April 16 at Wildwood Picnic Area. Last year's event was a huge success with you folks accomplishing trail maintenance and feeding 100 individuals. Hope to see you there.

If you've contributed 100 hrs of volunteer service from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, please notify Julie Smith at 818-899-1900 ext 237 for your free Adventure Pass.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you're interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229 or e-mail hokamoto@fs.fed.us

Again THANK YOU for your dedication to Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer



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If you would like to help the volunteers shown on page 6 Please fill out volunteer form and send to Howard!

APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 APRIL 1st - 2nd ChainSaw Class
- 2 APRIL 16th 8:00 A.M.
California Trails Day
at Wildwood Picnic Area
- 3. APRIL 20th 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at
the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- 4. APRIL 30th
Take a walk and learn more about the
Angeles Forest. Meet at the San
Gabriel Canyon Environmental
Education Center on Highway 39.
Donation is \$5.00 per person.
No Adventure Pass needed.
You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at
626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829.
This tour is limited to 35 people.
- 5. APRIL 30th
No Adventure pass needed in
Angeles Forest.
- 6 Haramokngna American
Indian Cultural Center (HAICC)
is now open. Check out page 4
Upcoming events:
National Trails Day, June 4

Please send news or corrections to guykuhn@earthlink.net or bring them to the Wildwood Volunteer House meeting. Send your E-mail address if you want an E-mail newsletter..

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepools@cs.com

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage riders to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

• April 30th TBA

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to

GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Applicants from the community willing to volunteer as a Fire Lookout for the 2005 fire season can apply for training with ANFFLA.

Need assistance on the Slide Mountain Lookout fuel hazard reduction and trail maintenance project.

If interested, please contact Robert Moore, 760-249-1925

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss trail related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and patrolling of trails to enforce rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.

Looking for interested hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to be a part of this Coalition. If interested come to our next meeting or check out www.ctuc.info

CTUC's Annual BBQ

North Fork Trailhead

May 21 & 22, 2005 1PM.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) <http://www.corbamtb.com>

• April 29,30 Trail Days - Pt Mugu

Take Pride in America

This program is based on the idea that there are thousands of people who would like to help out and volunteer but need direction, counsel and instruction on how to proceed.

Some of the projects planned include: trail maintenance, cleaning up trash and litter, painting and restoring signs, weed removal, wildlife habitat restoration, safety patrol, erosion control, and shoreline clean up.

For more information, the Web address is

www.takepride.info – home of volunteers on line.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Monrovia Canyon Park

http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at HCFS

Work will be suspended on the Gold Canyon Trail until conditions improve. Access to the upper trailhead via Gold Canyon saddle is currently washed out, and steam conditions via the lower trailhead are still too dangerous.

In the meantime, we will turn our attention to Oak Springs, which when initially surveyed, showed extensive tread damage from the Gold Creek Trailhead to Yerba Buena Road. Work will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays in early spring with the addition to full Saturdays as needed.

Other news:

- Congrats to Juniors Cody R. and Rebecca H. for achieving Trail Crest recognition.
- April 16th CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAYS

If interested in helping out with these events. Contact Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack equipment, supplies etc to your worksite. Jonathan Schultz
951-830-3400
maujds@earthlink.net

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

<http://www.jplreclclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

- April 9 8:15 (note date change)
Mt Lowe East
- April 16 CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAYS

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

(SMAS) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>
Richard 626-285-0962

- April 16 CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAYS

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails
626-256-8282

Pacific Crest Trail Association

(PCTA) <http://www.pcta.org>

Need volunteer individuals or groups to work on PCT Contact Howard Okamoto if interested.

- April 9th Trail Fest

- April 22-24

Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kick Off (ADZPCTKO) is a low key gathering of present section and thru-hikers, past thru-hikers, ancient thru-hikers, trail angels, supporters, and aspiring section- and thru-hikers. 2005 marks the seventh ADZPCTKO.

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

Conserving and maintaining remnants of Mt Lowe Railway, Echo Mountain Resort, Mt Lowe/Alpine Tavern Campground and Inspiration Point."

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

Brian Marcroft
562-868-8919

John Harrigan
626-968-5092

jnsharrigan@earthlink.net

emworks@pacbell.net

The Natural Trails and Waters Coalition works to protect and restore all public lands and waters from the damage caused by dirt bikes, jet skis and all other off-road vehicles.

Our website is designed to be a resource for the media, activists, and others wanting to know more about the impacts of off-road vehicles on natural resources, wildlife, and public health and safety. <http://naturaltrails.org/>

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (HAICC)

located at the former Red Box fire station, in the Angeles National Forest
on the Angeles Crest Highway at Mt. Wilson Rd, 4 mi. N of the 210 Freeway,

APRIL 2nd 12:00 - evening Naming Ceremony potluck dinner

Jimi Castillo – 951 –675-3344 Barbara Drake - 909-989-6466

Terry or Robin Coronett – 760-249-3158

APRIL 9th Spirit vessel gourd art open to the public

Call 626-449-8975 or 310-455-1588 to register, or email at katcalls@aol.com

Join well-known artist Nadiya Littlewarrior to learn how to "dress-up" the spirit of the gourd that calls to you to reveal and enhance its beauty. \$20.00 + including materials

Habitat Works of Southern California Tom Persons 310-402-6700 or 310-412-4986
3436 Foothill Blvd. #130 La Crescenta, CA 91214 Kim Clark 818-353-4653 or 818-395-9114
Habitat Works is to foster stewardship of our precious natural areas by providing people with opportunities to learn about Southern California's threatened and endangered species and to be directly involved in enhancing the habitats where they live.

Wednesday Evenings with the Condors

Even Wednesdays in April, May and June, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Micro-Trash Clean Up, Angeles National Forest

We will be working again this year in the known play areas of the endangered California Condor, collecting microtrash before adult condors get to it. We hope there will be many wild nestlings this year growing up on the Sespe Wilderness without the threat of ingesting microtrash, which is inadvertently regurgitated by their parents. We meet at 4:30 pm for some condor talk, updates and nestling gossip, and then collect micro-trash until around 7:30 pm. There have been some significant condor sightings at These clean ups, so bring your binoculars and camera!

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deborah Kure

Most chaparral plants are evergreen (keep their leaves year-round) because there will not be enough water to regrow them in the spring. It takes 500 grams of water to grow 1 gram of plant. In deserts, 1,000 grams of water are needed to grow 1 gram of plant.



The 4 pairs of cool looking glasses next to this note are actually safety glasses offered by the AOSafety company. This is just a sample of what is available from the company.

At the website WWW.AOXSERIES.COM, the company is offering a free pair for you to try out.

If you are interested in some cool looking glasses that meet ANSI Z87.1-2003 then go to the website!

Please note that not all things are completely free. You must use a company e-mail address. E-mail address that are with AOL.com, earthlink.net, etc. will not be accepted at the website. You also agree to receive e-mail news and information from AOSafety and Aereo Company.



Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA)

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act was passed in the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 108-447) signed into law by President Bush on December 8, 2004. The 10-year Act authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to establish, modify, charge and collect recreation fees at Federal recreation lands and waters as provided for in the Act.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act benefits visitors to Federal public lands by:

- Reinvesting a majority of revenue back to the site of collection;
- Providing an interagency pass program that reduces confusion;
- Providing more opportunities for public involvement in determining recreation fee sites and fees;
- Providing focused criteria and limits on areas and sites where recreation fees can be charged; and
- Providing more opportunities for cooperation with gateway communities through fee management agreements for visitor and recreation services, emergency medical services and law enforcement services.

Many recreation activities and sites will be free. No fees will be charged for:

- General access
- Traveling through areas where no facilities or services are used
- Access to overlooks or scenic pullouts
- Undesignated parking areas without facilities
- Solely for parking
- Picnicking along roads or trails; and
- People under the age of 16.

For more information:

Please contact your Forest or Regional Recreation Fee Coordinator.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2005

Pancakes 8AM-10AM
Sausage Coffee Fruits

Raffle at 10AM
Tickets Just \$1

TREK
FOES Pasadena Cyclery



MILLARD CAMPGROUND
PARKING LOT
(No parking in lot. You must ride in)

OAKLEY
ENERVIT

HOPE
HADLEY

**Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**

**Removing trash from Kagel
Canyon (A California Condor
roosting area)**



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

**Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education

Other: _____
