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



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Aug 2005 Vol. 3 Issue 8

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The USDA Forest Service celebrated its 100th anniversary on July 1. On this date 100 years ago, the Forest Service was created as an agency with a unique mission: to sustain healthy, diverse, and productive forests and grasslands for present and future generations. Here's a look at some outdoor activities and the portion of people participating.

- Bicycling 39%
- Fishing 36%
- Hiking 30%
- Camping 30%

The month of July was hot and dry with the Angeles National Forest upgrading the Fire Danger from Moderate to High. You continued to contribute to providing a quality recreational experience by conducting trail maintenance work, Eagle Scout Project coordination and completion, O&M of Developed Recreation Sites etc. I want to express my appreciation for your dedication in providing a quality recreational experience.

Some notable events: Our Engineering Department has opened some of the roads (Mt Lowe and Mt Wilson Toll) damaged by this years record rainfall, Dana Higgins is working with Engineering in finalizing a contract for repair of storm damaged trails, OBA, Inc in partnership with the Forest Service is conducting trail maintenance work on the Mt. Waterman Trail, City of Arcadia is working on the Chantry Flat Road bottom slide and we've temporarily closed Switzer's Picnic Area to protect a year old bear cub as well as Forest Visitors. Remember not make your food available to bears by keep your food in odor-free and airtight containers and keeping car windows tightly closed.

If you've contributed 100 hrs of volunteer service from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005, please notify Dana Higgins at 818-899-1900 ext 250 for your free Administrative 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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**Want to be a
Search and
rescue
volunteer as
shown on
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Then fill out
volunteer
form.**

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1. Aug 13th 8:00 AM
VOLUNTEER PATROL

- 2. Aug 17th 7:00 PM
Wildwood Volunteer House Meeting
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.

- 3. Aug 27th
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.

- 4. Aug 27th
No Adventure pass needed in Angeles Forest.

If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Please send news or corrections to guykuhn@earthlink.net or bring them to the Wildwood Volunteer House meeting.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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,

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

Toypurina Gallery of Native American Art Every Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

• Sat Aug 13 & Sun Aug 14
Native Youth astronomy weekend

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

Introduction to Trail Maintenance for Supervising Volunteers

Sat., August 13, 2005,
9:00AM to 4:00PM
Eaton Canyon Natural Area,
1750 N Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
RSVP (626) 369-4074

• Aug 6th,

Micro trash consists of small trash items that condors take back to the nest. Unfortunately the sharp trash is eaten by the chick, and shows up in the necropsies (animal autopsy).

Typical micro-trash items may include: glass fragments, soda can pop tops, water bottle caps, plastic trash, paper clips, metal fragments, staples, nails, springs and small pieces of wire.

Spend several hours or spend the day cleaning up trash and micro-trash at turnouts on a paved road in the Angeles Forest located above the Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valley.

SAVE THE
CONDOR

TRASH &
MICRO-TRASH
MANAGEMENT



For more information
Call Mike Havstad
805-520-0534 from 7-9 PM

Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run
<http://www.ac100.com/>

AC100 Endurance Race scheduled for September 23

Ne'ayuh Mission: To provide education on Native American historic and contemporary culture, history and issues, and inter-relationship with the land for the public, for teachers and students, and for our own families; to provide opportunities for training in leadership and the role of Native Americans as teachers of our own culture; and to bring the diverse elements of the Los Angeles urban and rural Indian community together using the Haramokngna AICC as our landbase, our place to touch the Earth.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepools@cs.com

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

• Aug 27th TBA

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

• Aug 16th

DEB KURE. Birth of the Mountains.

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA <http://www.habitatwork.org/>

Tom Persons 310-402-6700 or 310-412-4986

Kim Clark 818-353-4653 or 818-395-9114

• Aug 6, 7 • Aug 20,21

We would love to have you join us backpacking on one of our last sections of Piru Creek. It may be hot, 95+, but we'll be directly in the water keeping cool as we go. We meet Saturday afternoon, 3:00 pm., near Half Moon Campground and hike with our backpacks ON, downstream in the cool of the late afternoon and evening, hunting tamarisk as we go. We'll camp streamside, primitive style, on Saturday night under the stars. On Sunday morning, we'll work the stream from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m., and then be picked up by our 4x4 rescue team (we still don't know who they will be) and brought back to our cars. Pack light because you'll have to carry it all. We hope to cover 3-4 miles of stream total, but that will depend on how much tamarisk we find. Our group of hardy adventurers will have a great time! If we don't have enough RSVPs by Wednesday evening, Aug. 3rd, this event will be rescheduled for another weekend. If you want to go, let us know.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamtb.com>

CORBA is committed to:

1. Maintaining access to and gaining access to trails in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, through education, information and preservation.
2. Educating mountain bicyclists in the safe and appropriate use of mountain bikes.
3. Contributing to the building and maintaining of riding areas in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas.

• Date: Saturday, Aug 20, 2005

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Los Robles

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

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

• August 10th 06:00 p.m.

Forest Service meeting at Chili's restaurant summit ave and 15 fwy

• August 27th

Pack party @ Lower San Antonio fire station for Eagle Scout project.

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at Hathaway School during summer

ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

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 stream conditions via the lower trailhead are still too dangerous.

Work will continue Monday through Thursday 3-7pm, with a crew of 21 students. We plan to turn our attention to completely brushing Oak Springs between Gold Creek and Yerba Buena Roads. Upon completion, work will begin on the Trail Canyon from the trailhead at Gold Creek RD to Trail Canyon Falls.

Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- August 6 and August 27
8:15 AM Mt Lowe East

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

(SMAS) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>

Richard 626-285-0962

- Gone hiking for the summer

Monrovia Canyon Park

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

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft

562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

The Scenic Mt. Lowe Volunteer Group has been active with brush clearing around the Pavilion at Inspiration Point. The original structure was destroyed by fire and we don't want that to happen again. Because the road is not cleared in the lower Sam Merrill, work parties are low. We hope to "re-vamp" once clearance is obtained.

The volunteers have also been working on the Mt. Wilson 60 inch telescope Observatory. John Harrigan, an electrical engineer, has been helping the Mt. Wilson Volunteer Group to figure out the problems with the electrical system in the old observatory which was built at the turn of the 20th Century. Things are a mess, and John along with us helpers, is making headway to fix, repair, renovate, and recommend what has to be done.

Every year on the 4th of July, we hike up to the MacPherson Trestle and the Mt. Lowe Falls.

At:

http://www.mtlowe.net/every_year_on_the_4th_of_july_we.htm

Are pictures detailing the hike.

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure

A 4 ft elevation gain is approximately equivalent to going 1 mile north in latitude. So a 6,000 ft elevation gain will give you the climate range of hiking from southern CA to Canada!

Mount Wilson Observatory

The observatory grounds, the Astronomical Museum and the visitor's gallery of the 100-inch telescope are open to the public. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM seven days a week. Pick up a free self-guided tour brochure at the Museum or download the brochure at WWW.MWOA.ORG.

Free weekend walking tours have begun and will continue through October 30, 2005. Tours start at 1:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays at Skyline Park Pavilion.

Patrol Report By George Aumann

Dear hikers:

Early in the season, when the snow has just melted, the flowers are out and there are few flies is the best time for hikes in the high country. If you missed the hike on 9 July 2005 from Islip Saddle to Troop Peak on the PCT, you can read about it at

http://www.geocities.com/hhaumann@sbcglobal.net/hiking/USFS_VolunteerPatrolHike.20050709.pdf \

On the trail there are some trees down which require a chains saw crew (details and pictures on request) and Little Jimmy campground needs urgent care. As soon as USFS vehicles are allowed on the fire road to Little Jimmy, the work could start in earnest.

The next hike will be August 13, 2005. Destination TBD, Howard Okomoto's requests have priority, maybe the PCT to Baden Powell.

George Aumann

THANK- YOU !!!!!

Dear Doc Larsen

I had a call a few days ago about no water in the "trough". Yesterday, I got an e-mail saying both "Doc Larsen" and "Fascination Springs" both have water and you had been working the trail and it is now rideable again. Thank you so much! I'm enclosing a check for you to use to pay for some help. Wish I could be of some help but am not great with anything physical!

Thanks!

Fire Danger Level Raised on the Angeles National Forest

As of July 22, The Fire Danger Level on the Angeles National Forest has been raised from "Moderate" to "High," as summer temperatures continue to dry out vegetation. Similar changes occurred in the San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests.

Open campfires will be permitted in developed campgrounds only. Gas, jellied or propane-type camp stoves are permitted in campgrounds and in trail camps and backcountry areas with a valid California Campfire Permit. Forest visitors should be especially aware of their surroundings and make sure campfires are completely extinguished. Over 90 percent of wildfires on the Angeles National Forest are human caused.

Commuters and off-highway vehicle riders are also urged to maintain a higher level of vigilance with the increased fire risk. Spark arresters (required year-round) should be checked to make sure they are in good working order on all off-road vehicles, chain saws and other equipment with internal combustion engines. Travelers through the Forest should remain on designated routes and never park on dry brush or grass.

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

Welcome !!!

The Altadena Mountain Rescue Team is staffed by reserve deputies (all volunteer), it's goals are saving lives through mountain rescue and safety education. Headquartered at the Altadena Sheriff's Station, the team is operational 24 hours each day, 365 days every year. It is one of eight teams in the Los Angeles County which, together, are staffed by 120 trained members. To learn more, contact Howard.



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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: _____
