



# VOLUNTEER TODAY

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



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## GREETINGS

### VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

We had 54 individuals in attendance on California Trails Day event at Wildwood Picnic Area and I know others participated in maintaining other trails (Bear Canyon Trail).

I hiked a portion of the Condor Peak Trail and the trail between Wildwood and Stonyvale Picnic Area and want to commend all of you for your contribution in providing a quality recreational experience and hope to see you at National Trail Day.

I'm always interested in improving the Volunteer Program therefore based upon a conversation with George Aumann, he's revitalizing a previous activity (Volunteer Patrol). The mission of Volunteer Patrol is: Conduct trail surveys to provide information on trail condition, use etc. and to be a Forest Service presence on our lesser used trails. Their first outing is scheduled for May 14, if interested in participating in this program please contact either Guy Kuhn at [guykuhn@earthlink.net](mailto:guykuhn@earthlink.net) or myself.

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy has become a partner with the Angeles National Forest through the San Gabriel Mountain Interpretative Association (SGMIA). SGMIA provides sale items (books, maps, clothing etc) at our Offices and Visitor Centers. Ms Celia Smith is the program coordinator and will be providing a further article on her vision for this program. She's tentatively planning a clearance sale of surplus items I'll inform you of this event.

Effective May 1, Linda Winkler will return to the Chilao Engine therefore, if you have any questions or input regarding the Trail Program please contact me.

Julie Smith has been approved a leave of absence until September 30, 2005 therefore I'll be recruiting and filling her position with a detailer.

If you have a need for volunteers, please contact me since I'm starting to get inquiries regarding Community Service and Eagle Scout Projects.

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](mailto: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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**Is your favorite trail to such views as shown page 6 ruined? Then fill out volunteer form and send to Howard and learn how to repair trails**

## MAY CALENDAR

- 1. MAY 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM  
TRAIL BOSS TRAINING  
jbhorton@gte.net
- 2. MAY 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM  
VOLUNTEER PATROL  
GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET
- 3. MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING  
Meetings are held on the third  
Wednesday of each month at  
the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- 4. MAY 28<sup>th</sup>  
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. MAY 28<sup>th</sup>  
No Adventure pass needed in  
Angeles Forest.

### Upcoming events:

- National Trails Day, June 4
- Operation Super Canyon Sweep,  
June 11

Please send news or corrections to [guykuhn@earthlink.net](mailto: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

[mmcguirepoolspa@cs.com](mailto:mmcguirepoolspa@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.

- May 28<sup>th</sup> TBA

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to

[GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto: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

Orientation: May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM or May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM

Natural History: May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 PM or May 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Reconnections: May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM or May 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

### 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](http://www.ctuc.info)

- May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>st</sup> 1PM. CTUC's Annual BBQ  
North Fork Trailhead

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

- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Monica Mountains  
State Trail Days
- May 21<sup>st</sup> REI Arcadia joint trail work

### Habitat Works of Southern California

3436 Foothill Blvd. #130 La Crescenta, CA 91214

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

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.

# Join One Today

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### Monrovia Canyon Park

[http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city\\_hall/public\\_works/canyon\\_park/canyon\\_park.htm](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

### 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.

If interested in helping out with these events. Contact Kevin Sarkissian at [ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org](mailto: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](mailto:maujds@earthlink.net)

### JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

• May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM Mt Lowe East

### Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

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

### SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

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

Richard 626-285-0962

• May 14 BEAR CANYON

### 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](mailto:jnsharrigan@earthlink.net)

[emworks@pacbell.net](mailto:emworks@pacbell.net)

### 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](mailto:katcalls@aol.com)

Toypurina Gallery of Native American Art EVERY SATURDAY 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 7 - Guest Host

Saturday, May 7 – Fundraiser at Sherman Indian High School – Riverside, CA

featuring Tracy Lee Nelson, Carlos Reynosa, O’Jay Vanegas, dancers, singers, and more

Saturday, May 14 – Sea Urchin Rattle workshop – Craig Torres (NEED RESERVATIONS)

Saturday, May 21 – Hands-on activities

Saturday, May 28 - Hands-on activities

The USDA Forest Service will celebrate National Trails Day.

Date: Sat, Jun 04, 2005

Event City and State: Chilao PA CA

Time: 8:30 AM, Registration 8:30 – 9:00

The celebration will include 4 hours of trail work on Chilao Picnic Area trail system, and a lunch at Chilao Visitor Center.

This activity is open to all individuals, including sponsored volunteer groups. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar, so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools.

For Additional Information, contact

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District

(M-Sat, 8am – 4pm):Howard Okamoto

Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229

### *Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure*

67% of the Angeles National Forest has a slope angle greater than 60%. This is evidence of the rapid uplift of the San Gabriel Mtns.

## **Wednesday Evenings with the Condors** **Even Wednesdays in 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!

## **Radio training at Foxfield Dispatch**

*by* KATHY REILLY

LARRD volunteers attended the Radio training at Foxfield Dispatch near Lancaster on March 19.

We got a tour of the entire facility. Half of the facility is the airport for fixed-wing fire-fighting aircraft. (none were there yet for fire season May to November). The fire retardant is also mixed there.

The other half is Dispatch, year round. Priorities are 1) life 2) property 3) resources.

Interesting note, you can usually use a cell phone near a Call Box.

Besides the Angeles Forest, they also provide service to Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:**

Kathie Reilly, Hal Winton, Dee Marcroft, Brian Marcroft, Mike Makshanaff, Mike McGuire, Robin McGuire, and Glen Abraham upon completing the course.

## **Avalanche training at Wrightwood** by Tom Dwyer

On Saturday February 19, 2005 Patty & Tom Dwyer sponsored an Avalanche Awareness Class in Wrightwood at the San Bernardino County Fire Station 101.

The attendees learned about how avalanches are started, what to look for and what do you do if you get caught in one. Also, the attendees learn how to use the personal locating beacon. There was a a BBQ lunch at the fire station (20 degrees and snowing).

**INSTRUCTORS :** USFS Fire Captain Jeff Bradford  
National Ski Patrol Cash Murphey

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:**

Shelley Hanson, Patricia Smith, Kenneth Anderson, George Morey, Pam Morey, Sharon Iverson, Keith Iverson, Robert Ferrier, Robert & Maria Moore, Carolyn Therrio, Micheline Bradley

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## **California Trails day** pictures by Brian Marcroft and George Aumann

On behalf of California Trail Days on April 16, we would like to thank the Pasadena Cyclery for donating \$100 towards food for this event. And a big thank-you to Maria and Bob Moore for cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone.



**Maria and Bob Moore**



**Volunteers rebuilding trail**



**Volunteers cooking food**



**Volunteers removing slides**

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

**One of many water falls in the  
Angeles Forest**



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# USDA Forest Service & BSA High Adventure Team

## **TRAIL BOSS TRAINING (ADVANCED)**

**DATE:** May 7, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Meet at Georges Gap Trailhead on the World of Chaparral Trail

**DIRECTIONS:** From Fwy. 210 in La Canada, take Angeles Crest Highway (CA Hwy. 2) to the Georges Gap Trailhead (8 miles; located at the vista area 1 mile before Clear Creek Junction). Sign-in is between 08:00 and 08:30. **Allow 0.5 Hours Driving Time from Fwy 210 in La Canada.**

**WORK PLANS:** We will work on the World of Chaparral Trail going north from Georges Gap to the Hoyt Mountain Trail junction. We have two major erosion problems to fix. We expect to rebuild switchback #7, which received major erosion damage during the winter rains and we will rebuild switchback #17 at location (46+11), which must be rebuilt on rock. This is an advanced training session. We can give leadership credit for brushing and tread work on another section of the World of Chaparral Trail. However, the leader must bring his/her own crew to work for this credit. Please let me know if you plan to bring your own crew.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Be especially careful on the Angeles Crest Highway. Be prepared for heavy motorcycle traffic. Use turnouts and passing lanes to let vehicles pass.

### **Personal Equipment to Wear while working:**

Work Gloves, Work Shoes, Work Clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), Sun Protection Hat, Hard-Hat (if available). Please bring Ten Essentials (includes personal First Aid kit), extra Water (3 Qt's.), snacks and lunch for working until about 3:00 PM. Please be prepared for bugs and snakes.

### **Sessions**

Safety  
Leadership  
Tread Maintenance  
Containment Walls  
Switchbacks  
Brushing for equestrian travel  
Water Bars  
Major construction for erosion control

### **Personal Equipment**

Work Gloves  
Work Shoes  
Work Clothes  
Large Hat  
Ten Essentials  
Water (3 Qt's.)  
Snacks  
Lunch

### **For Additional Information, contact one of the following:**

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(M-F, 8am – 4pm):    Howard Okamoto                      Bob Shockley  
                                 Recreation Officer                      BSA Trail Activities  
                                 (818) 899-1900 X229                      (310) 417-3186

(Evenings):            John Horton  
                                 **Trail Boss Training**  
                                 **(310) 375-5032**

### **Additional training opportunities scheduled for 2005:**

**June 4, 2004, National Trails Day (Basic techniques), Chilao Trails System**

**September 10, 2005, Advanced Trail Boss Training (High Country)**

National Trails Day training activities are open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups.