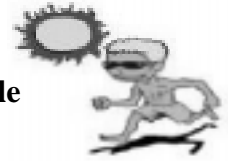




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Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



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GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Los Angeles County Fair is just around the corner, September 9 – October 2, if you're interested in assisting us, please contact Barbara Croonquist at 626-335-1251/cell: 909-731-1587.



We now have available for your use, an enclosed trailer for trail/project work. We're in the initial phase of outfitting this trailer with equipment and hopefully when you have an event that requires tools, you can make arrangements to borrow this trailer by contacting either the Trail Program Manager or myself.

The Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) has given the County of Los Angeles valuable information regarding trails in the greater Santa Clarita Valley area. The Planning Division of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has taken SCVTAC's information and created a trails map. This map will be the bases for a trail system for the Santa Clarita Valley area. The County will be seeking public input regarding this trail system in the near future.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG) has given the County of Los Angeles valuable information regarding a proposed Altadena Crest Trail route from Arroyo Seco watershed east to Eaton Canyon. The Planning Division of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation will incorporate this information into a proposed trail system and will be seeking public input regarding this trail system in the near future.

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for experienced trail maintenance volunteers to assist them in maintaining the County trail system and to complement their trail crew. If interested, please contact Boyd S. Horan, Jr., Assistant Director Regional Facilities Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, 626-369-8693.

Dana Higgins detail ends September 3, he'll be returning to his normal position as Monte Cristo Engine Captain and says to stop by anytime.

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 help in a ASI? Archaeological Scene Investigation as shown on page 6? Then fill out volunteer form.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1. Sept 10th 8:00 AM
VOLUNTEER PATROL
- 2. Sept 10st 7:00 PM
Trail Boss Session
- 3. Sept 17th <http://www.ac100.com/>
AC100 Endurance Race
- 4. Sept 21st 7:00 PM
Wildwood Volunteer House Meeting
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at
the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- 5. Sept 24th
National Public Lands Day
- 6. Sept 24th
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.
- 7 Sept 24th
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.

IC-F11BR
IC-F21BR



LOST YOUR RADIO MANUAL?

Then go to the internet address below to get a copy.
http://www.icomamerica.com/support/manuals/ic-f11br_ic-f21br.pdf

Thanks to Mike Makshanoff of smas.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

Sept 24 National Public Lands Day

Charlton Flat Picnic Area - tree planting
Assist in planting containerized stock in the Charlton Flat
Picnic Area.

Hosted: Tree People Time: 0900-1300
RSVP: Tom Pierson, 818-623-4846

SAVE THE CONDOR

TRASH & MICRO-TRASH MANAGEMENT



Call Mike Havstad
805-520-0534 from 7-9 PM

• Sept 10th,

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.

Mount Wilson Observatory

The observatory grounds, the Astronomical Mu-
seum 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 bro-
chure 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.

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.

• Sept 24th 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 Deb Kure at rocksandtrails@hotmail.com

• Sept 20th TALENT SHOW.

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

• September 3/4/5

Three days on Piru Creek. Tom will probably be out hiking the John Muir Trail, so Kim is leading this one ala-carte. Our 4-wheel buddies will drop us off near Kincaid Cabin where we'll start backpacking down stream. This one is work-as-we-go style, camping in the evening wherever we end up.

We'll be traveling ultralight, but walking along, and in and out of the stream looking for tamarisk. We have about 6 miles to cover on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, and Monday morning, finishing at Sunset Campground, near the confluence of Lockwood Creek. We'll be picked up there and be brought back to our cars.

Call as soon as possible, if you think you might be coming. We need to arrange for 4 wheel drive transport, and we have to have a head count.

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.

CORBA Bike Bells – “Share the Trails”
You can purchase your bell at the CORBA website

• Date: Saturday, Sept 10, 2005

Location: Rogers Road

(the nasty Middle section !)

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at Hathaway School

Work was completed on Oak Springs in late July. Since then, ANF 5130 has turned it's attention to the Trail Canyon Trail outside of Sunland. Our initial survey to Trail Canyon Falls (1.8 miles from the trailhead) revealed a few problem areas including the need for heavy brushing, installation of new steps at one fire road transition and several washouts needing mesh wall construction. In addition, hikers have reported that the trail is choked with poison oak north of the falls.

Work will continue on Trail Canyon, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3-6pm for the duration of the fall with the addition of full Saturdays as needed.

Other news:

- Congrats to 5130's summer crew for successfully completing work training.
- Hathaway School's Annual "Haunted Highway" will take place

Wednesday October 26th, 7-10pm. Additional volunteers are welcome to participate. Contact Kevin at (818) 896 2474 x 306.

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,

- Sept 10th Fundraiser concert
- Sept 17th Pine Nut pancake breakfast
- Sept 17th - 18th FALL EQUINOX FLUTE FESTIVAL

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

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

Below is a picture of Stacey Camp conducting an archaeological dig with the Forest Service's permission at a site on Echo Mountain where Pacific Electric's repair crews are thought to have lived in the early 1900s.



JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- Sept 17th 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

- Gone hiking for the summer

Patrol Report By George Aumann

For those of you where not able to go on the hike on 13 August 2005, go to

http://www.geocities.com/hhaumann@sbcglobal.net/hiking/USFS_VolunteerPatrolHike.20050813a.pdf

to see what you missed. Make sure to put September 10, 2005 on your calender.

We will try to make if from Dawson Saddle to Baden-Powell.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

An aggressive bird at
Little Jimmy Campground is
flying around and demanding
food!

Picture by George Aumann



*Angeles National Forest Trivia
by Deb Kure
Picture by George Aumann*

Sugar Pines are so named for the crystalline resin that the tree produces around wounds or fire scars. The 'sugar' often drips down the long cones (longest of any pine), which then sparkle in the sunshine.

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



Stacey Camp is working with volunteers doing the tedious work of archaeological sleuthing.

She and her crew of volunteer students are conducting an archaeological dig with the Forest Service's permission at a site on Echo Mountain where Pacific Electric's repair crews are thought to have lived in the early 1900s.

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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Its Fair Time!

Here we are again! Another year and we're ready to begin the LA County Fair at Fairplex in Pomona. The dates of this years fair are from Friday, September 9 to Sunday, October 2. This year the fair will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The fair takes on a different flavor this year at Caring for the Land/ Camp Smokey since BLM is the lead agency. They will be highlighting recreational opportunities such as "sand rails". We'll still have many of your old favorites such as log sawing and branding the tree giveaway and Leroy and Sherman, but you'll find a few new surprises too! (You have to come out and see for yourself!)

We will be entered in the popular fair parade every weekday (5:30 Weds. - Fri) and you are welcome to come participate in that too if you wish. Saturday, Sept 17 is Fire Prevention Day at Caring for the Land/Camp Smokey with the Forest Service as the lead agency for that event.

If interest in helping contact Howard

USDA Forest Service & BSA High Adventure Team

TRAIL BOSS TRAINING (Advanced)

DATE: September 10, 2005 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Sunset Ridge Trail between Sierra Saddle and Cape of Good Hope
(Meet at the locked gate on lower Mt. Lowe fire road. Be prepared to park behind the locked gate until 3:30 p.m.)

DIRECTIONS: From Fwy. 210 in La Canada take Fair Oaks Blvd. north to Lomo Alto Drive. Turn west (left) and go two blocks to Chaney Trail (flashing yellow light). Turn north (right) onto Chaney Trail and proceed to top of the ridge; be prepared to stop at the locked gate on the right. We will park in an area about 100 yards beyond the gate, on the left. Wait at the locked gate for the Forest Service truck (leave room for the truck to go through the gate). **Driving time is about 0.5 hours from Fwy. 210.** We will hike or car pool to the work area from the parking lot.

WORK PLANS: We will work on the Sunset Ridge Trail near Sierra Saddle. We will remove two major landslides and reconstruct damaged sections of the tread using containment walls. We can arrange for groups to work together.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Be especially careful on Chaney Trail Road, which has many blind turns. Be prepared for hikers, cyclists and other cars on Mt. Lowe Road. Use low gears going up and down Mt. Lowe Road. During the work sessions be careful to avoid dehydration and poison oak.

Please be prepared for bugs and snakes. Bring sunscreen, extra water, snacks and adequate lunch for working until about 2:30 pm. We expect to cover the basic sessions including surveys.

Sessions

Safety
Surveys
Tread Maintenance
Containment walls
Switchbacks
Brushing for equestrian travel
Water Bars
Instruction

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, Los Angeles River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(M-F, 8am- 4pm): Howard Okamoto
Recreation Officer
(818) 899-1900 X229

(M-F, 9am – 6pm) Bob Shockley
BSA Trail Activities
(310) 417-3186

(Evenings) John Horton
Trail Boss Training
(310) 375-5032
jbhorton@verizon.net

Reminder:

Trail Boss Training sessions for 2006 are expected to be in April, May, June, and September. The sessions in April and June will be combined with California Trails Day and National Trails Day.