



VOLUNTEER TODAY



Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter June 2006 Vol. 4 Issue 6

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Memorial Weekend, the start of the summer travel season has come and gone. Cool weather kicked off the Memorial weekend and the gradual temperature warm up created a busy but not overwhelming visitor use. The most overwhelming activity observed this weekend was the amount of trash created by the Forest Visitors.

Our new Bear Proof Dumpsters in the Charlton-Chilao Recreation Area are a success since no Bears have been spotted utilizing the dumpsters as a food source.

In the past few weeks, you've seen or heard reports of strange wildlife activity (bear sightings in the city, rattlesnakes on the District compound or trails etc), rescue of Forest Visitors and on Memorial Day we had a small fire in Lopez Canyon, so as you adventure into the National Forest be aware of your surroundings and be safe.

June 1st is the scheduled date to open the Chantry Flat Road. Parking will be limited to the lower parking lot since our Contractor hasn't completed the Chantry Flat Picnic Area Rehabilitation work. Expect temporary road closures, when the City of Arcadia and Monrovia repairs their respective road damage segments.

This Saturday, June 3rd is National Trails Day event at Redbox, this year's theme, "Experience Your Outdoors". According to the weather forecast you can anticipate higher than normal temperatures, so be prepared if you plan on attending. Our lunch and entertainment will be provided by the folks at Haramokngna Native American Cultural Center, so come and enjoy this event.

Are you interested in assisting us in enforcing the Pass Program? The Board of Directors has authorized volunteer authority to issue Notice of Non compliance. Additional training is required and entails successful completion of the 8-hour Basic Law Enforcement Orientation class. The added training will improve a volunteer's capability for making of these types of "information contacts" with the public. A criminal and vehicle background check is required. If interested, please contact me.

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

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

Angeles National Forest

Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

INDEX

Calendar..... pg 2

Volunteer Group News.... pg 2- pg 5

Angeles National Forest service help wanted. pg 2

What is that?pg 2

Trail Patrol report.....pg 6

First Aid.....pg 5

Angeles Forest Trivia.....pg 6

Trails need work as shown on page 7!

Fill the form!

"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can't be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people."

**Lee Iacocca,
former president and
chairman of the Chrysler Corp.**

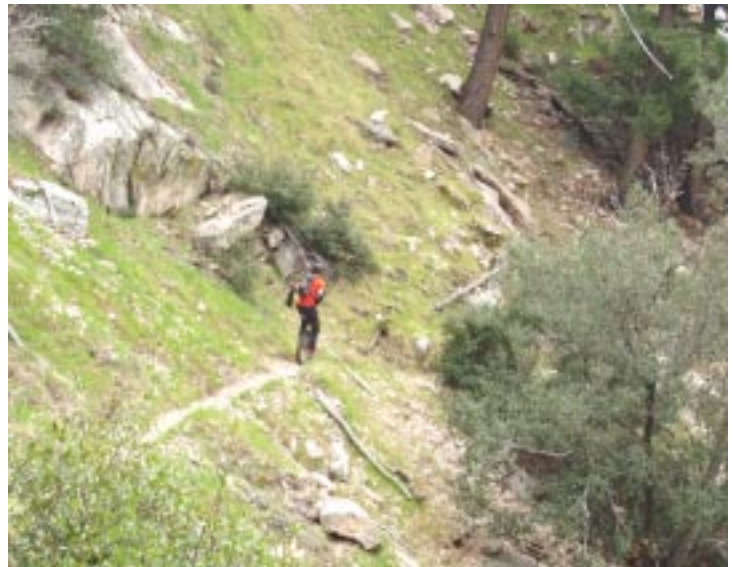
JUNE CALENDAR

- June 3 National Trails Day
- June 7th Habitat Works of Southern Ca. Condor Microtrash Cleanup
- June 10th - OBA-Interpretive Hike
- June 10th Haramokngna Cultural Center Pump Drill
- June 10/11 Habitat Works of Southern Ca. Native Streams Program
- June 13th ACTRWG meeting
- June 17th – Hathaway – Sycamores – Tom Lucas Work Project
- June 17th Haramokngna Cultural Center Summer Solstice
- June 20th - OBA- Open House
- June 21st 7:00 PM Forest Service - Volunteer Meeting (third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- June 21st Habitat Works of Southern Ca. Condor Microtrash Cleanup
- June 24th JPL Trailbuilders
- June 24th Haramokngna Cultural Center Hands on Activities
- June 24th Take a walk and learn more about the Angeles Forest. Meet at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center on Highway 39. You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829.
- June 24th Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol
- June 24th ACTRWG Trail Repair Day

Forest Service Help Wanted

Chilao Visitor Center has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers can lead a monthly nature walk or an occasional prescheduled school or campground presentation or can staff the Visitor Center and help others enjoy their visit to the Forest. For more information, contact Howard Okamoto

What is that coming down the trail!



That is Joshua Schoolcraft from Maine, riding his Unicycle.

Be sure to say hello when he helps with your trail work!



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

Don't just read this, join a group!

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Fire lookout towers are now open!

If interested in volunteering please contact us.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepoolspace@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

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Rob@altadenafoothills.org

626-798-3235

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

Sameeretman@hotmail.com

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKERS AND TRAIL KEEPERS.

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails.

We work on the trails almost every Saturday

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.

Boy Scouts of America

The High Adventure Team – Los Angeles Area Council provides training opportunities for all interested individuals. For more information: www.boyscoutsla.org click H.A.T.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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

Richard 626-285-0962

Hi Everyone,

I would like to inform you that our new name for our trail crew is.... The **Bear Canyon Trail Crew**.

Some of you may or may not know we have been know as the S.M.A.S.H. Trail Crew.

SMASH, Sierra Madre Area Singles Happening. We have enjoyed a long friendship with SMASH but we have longed for our own identity.

SMASH was disbanded a few years ago but we continued with the name, but in time, things change.

I'd like to thank those members of SMASH that were there when we first got this crew started. I want to thank Sandi for allowing us to use the SMASH name for all we did as volunteers with the Angeles National Forest and all we will continue to do in the years to come. You will not be forgotten, you will be in our thoughts, conversations and our hearts forever. Thank you.

So for any of you that have NOT joined in our quest to make the forest better for the thousands of visitors that enter the forest every year.... come on out and join us. One day is all I ask. You'll be back for more.

Thank once again to all of you for all of your support.

Peace Be Your Journey AND
I'll See YOU on the Mountain

Richard

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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.

• June 3 National Trails Day
CORBA will be working on our adopted trail, Valley Forge trail.

California Canyon Coalition

1919 East Beverly Way #106

Long Beach, CA 90802

Trudy Rutland 562-491-1989

Transplatedexantr@yahoo.com

Group of canyoneers, who are interested in keeping canyons free of trash and graffiti.

Hathaway - Sycamores Child & Family Service

What's happening at Hathaway School

- June 3rd – National Trails Day.
- June 4th – Gardena 5k – Students Run LA.
- June 17th – Tom Lucas work project.
- June 22nd – Graduation
- July 10th – August 18th – Summer work program

Contact Kevin Sarkissian at
ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

or 818-896-2474 x 306 if you want to help out!

Haramokngna American Indian

Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org

For additional information: 626-445-8975

“Need volunteers to assist in implementing the Harmokngna Design Plan”

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

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• June 3 National Trails Day

• June 24 TBD

TreePeople's

TreePeople's mission is to inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest - educating, training and supporting them as they plant and care for trees and improve the neighborhoods in which they live, learn, work and play.

For more information

Tom Persons Telephone (818) 623-4846

Email tpersons@treepeople.org

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

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

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Outward Bound Adventures (OBA) <http://www.obainc.org>

OBA's Mission: To provide meaningful nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for at-risk and urban youth.

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

“Mission of the PCTA is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail so as to reflect its worldclass significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure of hikers and equestrians.

For additional information: Suzanne Wilson
Regional Representative
951-492-9836
swilson@pcta@org

• Jan 1 to Sep 30.
'Fannypack'
Projects on SBNE,
ANF, and BLM.
Swat teams to
inventory trail,

clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice. Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish 805-658-6540
pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net

A trail mtnc crew will start up in June
Phone: 626-564-0844
E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net
website: www.obainc.org

The Audubon Center at Debs Park

The Audubon Center is a unique urban nature center, envisioned by Audubon as a model to serve a new demographic of nature lovers. Located along the historic Arroyo Seco Parkway (110 Freeway) between downtown Los Angeles and City of Pasadena, in

Ernest E. Debs Regional Park.

Hours: Wed. thru Sun. 9am-5pm

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919
emworks@pacbell.net

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com/>

Environmental Action Days (E.A.D.) are an original creation of Alpine Training Services. We felt with the increased traffic canyons have seen over the last several years as the sport of canyoneering has grown, it was necessary to initiate a series of cleanup days to keep the canyons free of trash. E.A.D. is a new program from Alpine Training Services representing our “One Earth” philosophy — that being there is only. One Earth for us to live on, grow on, and make a future on. To learn more about Alpine Training Services and the programs we offer including our full course curriculums for canyoneering, rock climbing, kayaking, & backpacking feel free to follow the above linking, kayaking, & backpacking feel free to follow the above link



First Aid West Nile Virus is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall.

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA – registered active ingredient. Follow the directions on the package.

Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.

Trail patrol/hike

Dear Hikers:

On Saturday 20 May 2006 we had a great hike around the north side of Strawberry Peak with lots of wildflowers and panoramic views. While clouds covered the LA basin, the sky was clear above the 4000 ft level for all of the hike. We left one car at the Colby Canyon trailhead, the other at RedBox at 8:45am. From there the hike went up to Lawler Saddle, Strawberry trail Junction, Strawberry Meadow, Strawberry Portrero, Josephine Junction and down Colby Canyon, where we reached Highway 2 at 3 pm. This is the first time I hiked this trail since the installation of Sutter wall. According to the newly installed trail signs the hike is 9.5 miles.

We encounter two dozen biker, all of them coming in the opposite direction in groups from 2 - 6, and a pair of cross-country runners who a selected our hike, but without the car shuttle (i.e. 15 miles) for a a training run. The trail was in good shape, the brush was starting to intrude a little in some places, but not enough to make it worth a group project. If you want to see 10 of the many pictures click <http://www.flickr.com/photos/10562841@N00/sets/72057594141694295/>

There is a scheduling problem with the next hike on June 10, 2006, in that I am out off town, returning only at 1 am on Saturday June 17, 2006. I am looking for an alternate to lead the hike. I was thinking of another car shuttle, one car at ThreePoints, the other at the Waterman trailhead, hiking up Waterman, then returning via the TwinPeaks trail to ThreePoints. The July hike is on 8 July 2006. In the mean time, don't forget about National Trails day on June 3, 2006 at Redbox, starting at 8:30. The participants will be treated to an American Indian lunch at Redbox.

George Aumann

Angeles National Forest Trivia

Need soap to wash your hands?

For thousands of years, Southwestern Indian tribes used yucca to wash clothing, hair, and as a ceremonial bath. Yucca soap produces an interesting lather.

Yucca plants contains saponins which are natural surfactants, or detergents. Saponins get their name from the soapwort plant (*Saponaria*), the root of which was used historically as a soap (Latin *sapo* —> soap). The saponins from yucca have both a water-soluble and fat-soluble end and therefore act like soap

The Yucca stems, root, and leaves contains saponins. However the root has the greatest concentration of saponins.

To wash your hands chop a couple of Yucca leaves into 1/2 inch segments. Then with some water rub briskly the chopped leaves between your hands and you have a natural cleaner to remove the dirt.



Hathaway School Motto:
Dirt never tasted so good!



Hathaway School
Students
doing Trail work

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



**Welcome the
latest volunteers to the
Bear Canyon Trail
Crew. More Volunteers
are needed!
Fill the form!**



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: _____
