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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Feb 2006 Vol. 4 Issue 2

## GREETINGS

### VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

#### Happy Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog

On January 15, Alpine Training Services, Inc conducted a Canyoneering Environmental Action Day on the Los Angeles River Ranger District. 135 individuals participated in litter cleanup of Bailey Cyn, Eaton Cyn, Big Tujunga Cyn and Supercloud Cyn. They removed 2500 pounds of trash, painted over graffiti and removed invasive plant species.

Chris Fabbro has developed a partnership with the Angeles National Forest Explorer Post 99 to assist us in trail maintenance work every other Saturday. On their first outing January 21<sup>st</sup>, they worked the Sunset Ridge Trail. On their next outing, they're scheduled to work the Doc Larson Trail. This 20 person crew is available to work on other trails, please contact Chris Fabbro at 818-899-1900 ext 250 if you need assistance on other projects.

As reported thorough various multimedia outlets, we're experiencing some abnormal weather conditions that are creating very high fire danger therefore please be attentive when working in the Forest.

I'm working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Mounted Search and Rescue Patrol regarding the implementation of a Mounted Patrol within the Angeles National Forest. We established April 1<sup>st</sup> as the kickoff date for this pilot program. Their tentative proposal is to provide patrols in the Arroyo Seco drainage, Big Santa Anita Canyon, along the Redbox Saddle trail system and Charlton Flat (Silver Moccasin NRT). If you would like to know more about this program, please contact me.

The City of Pasadena Parks and Natural Resource Division held their kickoff event for the Hahamongna Annex – Arroyo Seco Project on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to working together in providing a quality recreational experience at this portal to the Angeles National Forest.

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)

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Angeles National Forest  
Los Angeles River Ranger District  
Recreation Officer

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**Does it make  
you upset to  
see this in the  
Angeles forest  
as shown on  
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Then fill out the  
volunteer form.**

## February CALENDAR

- Feb 3 – 5. PCTA Chain Saw Certification
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Trail Patrol hike
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM ACTRWG meeting
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Forest Service - Volunteer Meeting (third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 19<sup>th</sup> HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Outing
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> JPL TRAILBUILDERS Outing
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> SMAS Outing
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL Outing.
- Feb 25<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. You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829. This tour is limited to 35 people.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> ACTRWG Trail Repair Day

“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.

### ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

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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

### ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Presently looking for more volunteers to train. Come and learn!

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)  
[www.altadenatrails.org](http://www.altadenatrails.org)

### 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).

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

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

• Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 19<sup>th</sup>  
Los Padres NF outing

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

# Join One Today

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

KatCalls@aol.com

#### Dear Friends

We are getting ready to open Haramokngna for the 2006 year with a big line-up of guest hosts, workshops, and events. But we need volunteers! We need folks who are excited to learn about the history of the 5 tribes of the San Gabriels, who can share information with visitors, who can help at workshops and special events, who can help create a mural depicting the bioregions of SoCal for our exhibit, who can paint the science room, or stage, who can get the yard in shape, etc.

### 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.jplreclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM Mt Lowe

### 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

### Passport in Time

PIT volunteers work with professional FS archaeologists and historians on National Forests throughout the country on such diverse activities as archaeological excavation and survey, historic structure restoration, and analysis and curation of artifacts. You may view the projects and apply on-line at [WWW.PASSPORTINTIME.COM](http://WWW.PASSPORTINTIME.COM) or 520-722-2716.

Archaeological Site Relocation and Recordation

April 24-28, May 1-5

Application due: February 15

### Hathaway - Sycamores Child & Family Service

12/05 – 6/06

#### What's happening.

Work will commence on two trails (Cemetery Ridge and Gold Canyon) for the duration of the Spring with the addition of full Saturday work projects beginning in late March.

Crew 5130 has Saturday, April 15th and Saturday May 13th slated to support SMAS in Bear Canyon.

Also, the crew is planning a full weekend project on Upper Trail Canyon in mid June. We hope to clear and reestablish a large portion of tread from Tom Lucas Trail Camp to Trail Canyon Falls (over 2 miles). Support from any volunteer group (especially on horse-back!) to help with labor and transportation of equipment and camping supplies would be more than welcome! More details on this to come.

Contact Kevin Sarkissian at

ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org or 818-896-2474 x 306 if you want to help out

## Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

• Jan 1 to Sep 30. 'Fannypack' Projects on SBNF, 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](mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net)

• Feb 3 – 5. Chain Saw Certification School. Conducted by Angeles NF. Covers safety, operation, and saw maintenance and includes lots of practical work. Bring your leather boots, gloves, and daypack, also chain saw, chaps, flak helmet or hardhat if you have them. Class starts at 8 am and ends at 4:30 pm. Dates and site not yet confirmed by ANF for sure, but signups will be kept in the loop. We will be on our own for meals, but presumably will be able to car/tent camp near the site and may be able to work out group meals. Last class certified 13 PCTA/BCHC volunteers at A level and 8 at B level. Certification is good for 2 years at B level, 3 for C.

Contact: Pete Fish 805-658-6540  
[pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net)

## SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

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

## A note from Fire Information Officer Stanton Florea

The Fire Danger Level on the Angeles National Forest is being lowered from "Very High" to "Moderate," as winter weather conditions have set in.

The lowered fire danger level has allowed the Angeles National Forest to deploy personnel to the outbreak of grass fires in north Texas and Oklahoma. The contingent of 10 includes mostly logistical and fire support specialists. Two airtankers that were being staged at Fox Field in Lancaster, CA have also been sent to the region.

The change in the fire danger level does not relax fire-related visitor use restrictions. Open campfires will still be permitted in developed campgrounds only. Gas, jellied or propane-type camp stoves are permitted in campgrounds and trail camps and in backcountry areas with a valid California Campfire Permit. Campers should continue to be vigilant and make sure their fires are completely extinguished as well over 90 percent of wildfires on the Angeles are human caused.

Spark arrestors (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.

## SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>  
Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919  
[emworks@pacbell.net](mailto:emworks@pacbell.net)

On Jan 28th, work was done on the Mt Lowe campground and Tom Sloan trail. This was followed with overnight camping Pictures are shown on page 5

## *Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure*

The LA Basin is a 5-6 mile deep bowl of sediments, deposited over millions of years of debris slides and river run-off out of the rapidly eroding surrounding mountains.

## Trail patrol/hike G. Aumann

The January hike was rained out. Please mark your calendars for every second Saturday of each month in 2006 for our monthly hike. The next one is coming up: 11 February 2006.

Unless we hear from Chris Fabbro otherwise, and the weather cooperates, we plan on hiking in the high country of the Angeles National Forest. Depending on the weather conditions, maybe Mt. Waterman via the Twin Peak trail from the Three Points parking lot

## Why is it called a Pulaski?



Why is this tool pictured above called a Pulaski? Then go to

<http://www.fs.fed.us/newcentury/pulaski.htm> and learned about a ranger and tinker who struggled to solve equipment problems of the fledgling forestry profession.

## Alpine Training Services

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

Next E.A.D. outing May 2006

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

A fun night of camping at Mt Lowe campground



A fun day of outdoor work on the Tom Sloan Trail and Mt Lowe campground



## Tick First Aid

Ticks in California can transmit disease  
Prompt removal of ticks can help prevent disease transmission.

To remove a tick:

- \* Use tweezers to grab the tick as close to your skin as possible
  - \* Pull the tick firmly, straight out, away from the skin (do not jerk, twist or burn the tick)
  - \* Wash your hands and the bite site with soap and water after the tick is removed and apply an antiseptic to the bite site.
  - \* See your doctor if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms within 30 days after a tick bite.
- For more information: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/> or 916-552-9730

## California Canyon Coalition

1919 East Beverly Way #106

Long Beach, CA 90802

Trudy Rutland 562-491-1989

[transplatedexantr@yahoo.com](mailto:transplatedexantr@yahoo.com)

Group of canyoneers, who are interested in keeping canyons free of trash and graffiti. Next outing March 11 Big Tujunga Canyon, Narrows bridge to Fall Creek TC.

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



**Litter & Trash!  
Help clean it up!  
Fill the form!**

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**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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