



VOLUNTEER TODAY



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No Charcoal Barbecues

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

No Open Fires

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter August 2007 Vol. 5 Issue 8

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The Forest Service's 1905 Use Book for early forest rangers.

The administration of forest reserves is not for the benefit of the Government, but of the people...Forest officers, therefore, are servants of the people. They must obey instructions and enforce the regulations for the protection of the reserves without fear or favor....They must answer all inquiries...fully and cheerfully, and be...prompt and courteous...They must make every effort to prevent the misunderstanding and violation of reserve regulations by giving information freely and fully. The object should be to prevent mistakes rather than punish them. Information should be given tactfully, by advice, and not by offensive warnings.

The above statement is still true, when dealing with the public. The Public doesn't understand the difference between permanent Forest Service personnel and volunteers, therefore your role in providing a quality contact is very important since you maybe the only uniform individual this person meets during their stay. If you feel that you either don't have the correct information or training to deal with this situation, please let me know so that I can either provide you with the information or training.

As we implement the Extreme Fire Danger Level on August 1st, **your ability to communicate this important message to Forest Visitors is critical in making them aware of the consequences should they not adhere to this heighten Fire Danger Level. Wood or charcoal fires are not allowed, Propane or jelled gas stoves will be allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit and smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicle or building.**

We're experiencing an increase in unauthorized night time activity (ie. RAVE parties), if you observe this activity, report your observation to Angeles Dispatch and to your Volunteer Coordinator. Remember since these activities occur at night, **DO NOT** make contact with these individuals.

It is important that everyone remain "situation aware" of their surroundings and the responsibilities associated with that when working on the Forest.

Lonnie Fehr, Millard Campground Host has accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1st and has been issued an America the Beautiful – Interagency Annual Pass. Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1st, if so please let me know. Tuesday, August 7th is the date that all cities and towns across America will celebrate National Night Out. This annual event began as a way for cities across the United States to celebrate the partnership of community members with law enforcement to create safer communities and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

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 in providing a quality recreation experience on the Angeles National Forest.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Forest

Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

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**I don't feel old. I
don't feel anything
until noon. Then it's
time for my nap.**

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Volunteer Events Calander
AUGUST 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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National Trails Training Partnership

c/o American Trails

www.NTTP.net

Your source for trail training

Fire Danger Level – EXTREME

Effective August 1st, the Angeles NF raised the Fire Danger Level to Extreme. The following is effective:

- Wood or charcoal fires are not allowed anywhere on the Forest
- Propane or jelled gas stoves will be allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit.
- Smoking is allowed only in enclosed building or vehicle
- No fireworks
- No shooting of tracer, armor piercing, Teflon or steel core ammunition
- Forest Service approved spark arrestors are required on off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other internal combustion engines.
- Welding, grinding, cutting and use of explosives allowed only with permit.
- Geographic areas may be closed due to special circumstances.

Graffiti Hot line

County of Los Angeles Public Works

Department Graffiti Hotline:

1-800-675-4357, option 2

to report any graffiti along County maintained roads (Tujunga Canyon Roads, Angeles Forest Highway etc).

General Information Invasive species !



In the Angeles Forest, Invasive species such as Scotch Broom, Tree of heaven, arunda are causing problems. However, there is one invasive species that has become important to California agriculture. That invasive species is the European Honey Bee.

(Not the African honeybee)

Honey Bee, common name for any of several species of highly social bees known for their honey-hoarding behavior and their use as a domesticated species. The European honey bee is important in modern agriculture and in nature, providing pollination for many valuable crops and wild plants. It is native to Asia and the Middle East and was introduced to North America by early European colonists. By the mid-1800s honey bees had become widespread. Today, they are naturalized on every continent except Antarctica. Honey bees can be easily reared, are adaptable to many climates and to laboratory conditions, and have a complex social life. They are among the most studied and best known insects.

Angeles National Forest Safety Note:

Weather/Thunderstorms/Lightning

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards that can cause extreme behavior and lightning. Be aware of signs of a developing storm: A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

Slide Mtn. Fire Lookout

Hikers/Backpackers wanted; hike 2.5 miles spend the day in one of the most beautiful Fire Lookouts. Quite, peaceful and a view that's out of this world.

Check Website web.mac.com/slide.mtn

More information contact John Cordi 562-498-9151

or slide.mtn@mac.com

Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout

Kermit Eller kermiteller@dslextreme.com

Hawkins Fundraiser - A special hat is available with proceeds going towards the South Mt Hawkins Lookout Building Fund. Hats are embroidered black and gold with the ANFFLA name and Fire Lookout inscribed below. Cost \$15.00 - Please email George & Pam pgmorey@aol.com for more info

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trailkeepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill and Castle Canyon.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL (AMBP) mmcguirepoolsa@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 Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

"Group has begun discussion on long-term Altadena trail stewardship & oversight role." If interested attend meeting on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Altadena Community Center.

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Established to preserve and restore natural open spaces and associated trails and historic structures in the environs of Altadena.

www.altadenafoothills.org

nsteele@altadenafoothills.org

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com>

August 21st to September 14th 2007

Join up with the ATS team on the John Muir Trail. Travelling over 200 miles in three weeks, the ATS team will be cleaning trails, doing minor construction, and educating the people we meet on how to make change. Let us know what part you want to join us for and we'll see you there!

The Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.audubon-ca.org/debs_park.htm

(323) 221-2255

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

AC 100

<http://www.ac100.com/>

Aug 18, 7:00AM (Saturday) Trail Work:

- Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00AM
- Carpool to work site (High Clearance Vehicles Only).
- Trail work will be on the Gabrielino Trail below Newcomb Saddle.

August 19, 8:00AM (Sunday) Training Run

- Meet at Islip Saddle at 8:00AM.
- Out and back from Islip Saddle over Mt. Baden Powell, 24 miles to Vincent Gap and back, 18 to peak and back)
- Water, some aid (more than likely) at Vincent Gap Ckpoint, In a pinch Lamel & Little Jimmy Springs & purification tablets.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW
(BCTC) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>
Richard 626-285-0962

Beyond Basecamp
Frank Gallegos frank@beyondbasecamp.com
Needs volunteers to help in the maintenance of Valley Forge, West Fork and Devore Trail Camps

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.

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council
cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

Looking for volunteers to assist in fuel hazard reduction, trail maintenance and visitor information in the Big Santa Anita Canyon.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)
Meeting - 5 p.m. meeting (3rd Wednesday)

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.

Community Hiking
<http://communityhikingclub.org/>
Dianne Erskine-Hellridgel 661-259-2743

Aug 4th – Cooper canyon hike
August 18-Mountain Lion presentation

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

August 31

We will work on the Upper Bent Arrow Trail located just above Caballero Trail in Topanga State Park. We could use one or two more people who can pull a BoB trailer up with some tools. Please RSVP to trailcrew@corbamt.com to let us know you are coming so we can have enough tools, food and drink for everyone.

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Kim Clark 818-353-4653
Tom Persons 310-412-4986

Get details on our calendar page:
<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

Aug 4, 2007 / Aug 25, 2007
Native Pines Tree Watering (1/2 day)
Mt. Pacifico, Angeles National Forest
Hot summer days will be in full swing, and our bare-root pines will be need extra water as they establish their root systems in deeper soil. Join us for an afternoon of tree watering with possible campout.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org
626-445-8975

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

Join One Today VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

Aug 11 / Aug 25

Due to the heat, we've scaled back the work we normally do for maintenance. Started brushing the Dark Canyon Trail that goes from Angeles Crest up to the trail that goes to Mt Lukens. Also did some clearing on the beginning of the North San Gabriel Peak Trail and the beginning of Colby Canyon Trail.

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard and/or Gabor Kozinc

Email: ghilliard@ladpw.org or

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

We restore and maintain trails. All Mt. Disappointment Trailwork volunteers meet at the bottom of Highway 2 just above the Highway 2 exit north off the 210 Freeway. Meeting time is 7:30 am (unless specified otherwise).

- Aug 4 — Kenyon Devore
- Aug 11 Race Start time: 6:30 am at the parking lot of Skyline Park at Mt. Wilson.

Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)

<http://www.obainc.org>

OBA – Every Second Saturday of the Month OBA hosts Drop-in-hikes. These hikes are open to the public for youth aged 11-18. Hikers meet at OBA at 9am on Saturday morning and participate in a day-long curriculum that engages youth in environmental education, teambuilding activities, Leave No Trace Wilderness principles, outdoor careers and a physical challenge.

Phone: 626-564-0844

E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://WWW.PCTA.ORG>

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

For additional information: ·

Suzanne Wilson ‘Fannypack’

Regional Representative Projects on SBNE, ANF, and BLM.

951-492-9836 swilson@pcta@org

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org/>

<http://www.crystallake.name/>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

626-303-1078

For this spring and summer 2007, we are continuing to work on river access trails in the North and East Forks of the San Gabriel River. We will also continue restoring trails in the Crystal Lake basin. We work on the first, third, and fifth, Saturday of each month.

Details as to what to bring are on our website at :

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org/volunteer.html>

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Working on an Interpretative Design Plan for Mt Lowe – Echo Mountain Historic

Mining Tour. Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

TreePeople <http://treepeople.org/>

TreePeople 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

Volunteering (818) 623-4879

volunteer@treepeople.org

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

VOLUNTEER NEWS

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Work continues on an adopted 8.7 mile stretch of the PCT from the Indian Canyon Trailhead (Soledad Canyon) to North Fork Station on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-7pm. In its first three months of operation, this crew of six local high school students has been able to successfully survey and record data for more than 17,000 ft of tread, while clearing more than 1.25 miles. For more information on how you can help, contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org.

Mt. Wilson Observatory

<http://www.mwoa.org/tour.html>

The Observatory grounds and Skyline Park are open to the public seven days a week from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during the months of April through November, although special conditions may sometimes cause closures or restrict access. See our website for special announcements.

During this period from April through November, MWOA docents conduct walking tours of the grounds every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm. Meet at the the pavilion area just above and to the east of the big parking lot. These guided tours take visitors to the Observatory's astronomical museum, past the UCLA 150-foot solar tower telescope and the dome of the 60-inch telescope, and into the visitors' gallery of the 100-inch Hooker telescope (where the telescope can be seen through a big window).

Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA)
PO Box 70076
Pasadena, CA 91117-7076
Is a volunteer organization supporting the Mount Wilson Observatory with membership is open to all interested persons.

HOT WEATHER DANGERS

Heat Cramps: These are the least serious and usually occur in the leg muscles due to loss of body salts from heavy perspiration. Move to a cool place, rest, affected muscle and drink water (cold water if available).

Heat Exhaustion: This can become serious and is indicated by cold, clammy skin, slightly elevated temperature and possibly loss of consciousness. Move immediately to cool place and elevate legs, give cool water, and seek medical attention ASAP - as soon as possible.

Heat Stroke: This is the most serious heat-related problem, and the typical symptoms are hot, dry or wet skin, 105° temperature or higher, usually loss of consciousness - Move immediately to cool place and elevate head and shoulders. After victim is cooled, transport immediately to nearest medical facility - Heat Stroke is life-threatening!

HOT WEATHER SAFETY

- Drink lots of fluids. If you are exercising in a hot environment, drink two to four glasses (16 to 32 ounces) of cool fluids every hour. But pass on the alcohol and sugary refreshments.
- You lose important salt and minerals during heavy sweating, which should be restored. Sports beverages can replace your salt and minerals.
- Opt for lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting attire. Protect yourself from the sun with a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes before going out.
- Limit outdoor activity to the morning and evening hours. Stay in an air-conditioned place if possible.
- Certain people are at high risk during heat waves, such as children up to 4 years of age and adults 65 or older. Children should not be left in cars unattended.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK!!



Dear HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA a big thank you for rebuilding the watering hole. It feels/tastes good and cool!



Hi Everyone,

I'd like to thank everyone who gave up their day to come out and helped repair the upper one mile of the Castle Canyon Trail today. Mark was overjoyed that we managed to get all the work done and then some.

We had 17 volunteers doing treadwork, minor brushing, putting in fencing to shore up the trail and rock work...(lots of rock work)!! The major slide has been fixed but we'll be going in on a later date to do the rock work on that area.

The trail is in 99.5% excellent condition but as many of you know the dirt continues to move so our work there as well as on other trails will always be needed.

Once again, a BIG Thanks you from Mark, myself, the Forest Service. Most of all from all the visitors that will hike the trail.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

ANF Volunteer Potluck Buckhorn Ski Lodge Sunday August 26, 11-3

**All Angeles National Forest
Volunteers and Guests are
welcome to this social pot-
luck. Please bring a dish
based on the last number of
your home phone (below)**

Last number of your home phone #:

- 1 - Salad**
- 2 - Salad**
- 3 - Side or Main Dish**
- 4 - Side or Main Dish**
- 5 - Side or Main Dish**
- 6 - Side or Main Dish**
- 7 - Side or Main Dish**
- 8 - Sweets**
- 9 - Sweets**
- 0 - Beverages**

(If you prefer to bring a different dish, feel free to do so)

Where is Buckhorn Ski Club

**Angeles Crest Highway at
mile marker 58.43 (from La
Canada, it's 100 yards past
the entrance to Buckhorn
Campground, on the right
side of the road)**



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



This is a big No NO! Due to dry forest conditions and resulting fire danger! Gently Inform the forest visitor that no fires are allowed and needs to be put out. Contact dispatch if the visitor refuses to put it out.

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: _____
