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



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter APRIL 2007 Vol. 5 Issue 4

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

APRIL showers bring May flowers, let's hope this saying holds true since we desperately need the showers.

Wednesday Hiking Club has adopted the Sunset Ridge Trail and will be working this trail every second Saturday of the month. Please do not schedule any events in this area on the second Saturday since they tend to bring a large number of individuals (March 10th there were 17 individuals not counting Mark Gage and myself) to this event.

On March 24th, Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew conducted a workshop and trail work event. There were approximately 35 individuals (hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers) at the workshop, 20 of them participated in the trail work event near Inspiration Point (Middle Sam Merrill Trail maintenance and Idlehour Trail reroute), if you get an opportunity check out the work. Also, Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew has provided some input regarding the reroute of a problem area on the lower portion of the Middle Sam Merrill Trail, which will require NEPA. It was a very productive event and I want to recognize Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group, Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department, CORBA and Pasadena Cyclery for their assistance in making this a successful workshop/event.

A group of hardy individuals have opened the Silver Moccasin National Recreation Trail, from Shortcut Saddle to West Fork Trail Camp. If you're interested in completing this trail to Forest Service standard, plan an outing with CORBA on April 7th. Messenger Flats Campground is temporarily closed until the vehicle barrier pipe fencing is installed.

If you're interested in learning about Trail Maintenance, please come to California Trails Day on April 21st at Chantry Flat. You'll be able to work with very knowledgeable individuals on beginning to advanced trail maintenance work and make connection with other individuals and groups interested in providing a quality recreational experience on our non-motorized trail system.

I'm starting to get phone calls from individuals/groups interested in assisting the Forest Service in providing a quality recreational experience. A picture is worth a thousand words, so if you need assistance on a project, please send me a picture and I'll forward it to these individuals/groups and maybe you'll get some additional help. 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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**What to do
when you find
this in the
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The only thing worth stealing is a kiss
from a sleeping child.

Joe Houldsworth

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Los Angeles River Ranger District

Volunteer Events Calander

APRIL 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Chainsaw Training</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <u>San Gabriel Trailbuilders</u> Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour CORBA
8	9	10 ACTRWG Mtg	11 Basic Radio Training SO 0900-1100	12	13	14 Habitat Works Microtrash Trail Patrol/Hike Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
15 Habitat Works Mt Pacifico	16	17	18 CTUC Monthly Mtg <u>LARRD</u> <u>Monthly</u> <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Mtg</u>	19	20	21 California Trail Day Habitat Works <u>San Gabriel Trailbuilders</u> Wilderness First Aid Training Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour OBA, Inc Drop-in-hike
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If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Are you interested in learning about presenting Environmental Education Programs? Los Angeles Conservation Corps, San Bernardino National Forest Association, and Mt Baldy Education Center is conducting school environmental education programs at Eaton Canyon Nature Center .

These tours are being conducted on Tuesday afternoon, if you're interested in assisting in this program by being a tour/host assistant, please contact Howard what dates you would like to assist, so that he can provide you with further details.

April 3 & 17 May 8 & 22 June 5 & 19

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

Angeles National Forest Trivia

Condors usually mate for life, unless their breeding is unsuccessful over a few years. Then they will drift apart to select new mates.

A breeding pair will lay one egg per year. If it fails early, they can still lay another egg. If it fails later, they wait until next year to lay another.



HOW DRY IS DRY?



Since July 1, downtown L.A. has seen just 2.42 inches of rain - 9 inches less than normal.

The last time Southern California was this parched was during the 1923-24 season, when 2.5 inches of rain fell through March 22. Los Angeles could easily beat the Mojave desert average of 3.5 inches.

The result will be increased fire risk! As a volunteer you should help reduce fire risk! Ask Howard on how to reduce fire risk in the Angeles Forest.

FIRE!

EASY TO START!

HARD TO STOP!



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Your group is out doing trail maintenance and come across a hiker who is sitting on the ground.

The hiker has flushed dry skin, a high body temperature with a absence of sweating, he is confused and is unable to answer any questions.

Do you know what to do next?

Do you call Dispatch?

What kind of firstaid do you give?

**READ THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 7
UNDER FIRST AID**

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

Kermit Eller kermiteller@dslextreme.com

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Rob@altadenafoothills.org

The Conservancy is in need of a free or low cost webmaster to assist us with maintaining the website and perhaps helping with a redesign. If you are interested, contact Nancy Steele, (nsteele@altadenafoothills.org).

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Please consider using our Freelantropy <http://www.freelanthropy.com/?> engine page for all your web searches. Each use provides 2 cents to help defray the costs of printing and mailing public comments, petitions and letters, at no cost to you. Thanks!

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com>

April 14th - Step it up with ATS as we fight climate change. Join us for a roundtable in the canyons as we make change. After being transported to our site in the ATS fleet of hybrid vehicles, we'll rappel waterfalls while discussing how to make change on a local and global level.

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

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL (AMBP) mmcguirepoolspace@cs.com

April 21 California Trails Day

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 Mountain Bikers and Trailkeepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

April 21 California Trails Day

I want to say a huge thank you to Howard for getting the IMBA visit brought to our Mountains. All the help he gave me and effort he put in to make this happen.

I want to thank Anna and Jason, Moxy too, for their time spent here. Their time spent to teach us trail construction and for the work in getting the entrance to the Idlehour trail rerouted. To the folks (sorry don't know all the names responsible) with the Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group for getting us a place to hold the classroom portion of the work day event. Also for bringing coffee and muffins Saturday morning.

Tom and Allen Purnell from Pasadena Cyclery for allowing us to use the bike shop for the Friday night social and supplying energy bars and apples and the fliers that were posted out there to let people know about the event. All of the help I got from Tom in pulling off my portion of the visit. Especially all the people that showed up to lend support and grab a tool or a boulder and got dirty with us up at the trailhead. If I've forgotten anyone I'm sorry. Come by the Lower Sam Merril Trail most any Saturday and let me have it. I'll supply the tools. Mark Gage. Thank you all.

AC 100 <http://www.ac100.com/>

April 28, 7:00AM (Saturday): Trail Work:

- Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00AM.
- Carpool to work site.
- Trail work will be on the Manzanita Ridge Bypass, Wintercreek trail.

April 29, 7:00AM (Sunday): Training Run:

- Meet at Chantry Flats Parking Lot 7:00 AM:
- Carpool to Chilao Flats Ckpoint (Start together please)
- Run 22 miles from Chilao Flats ckpoint to Chantry Flats Parking Lot.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

Tell a friend!!! **April 21 California Trails Day**

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

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

Big Santa Anita FireSafe Council will be at Chantry Flat Visitor Center on April 14 to conduct a program, "Fire Safety in the Canyon"



Big Santa Anita FireSafe Council sets up Fire Prevention tools at Hoegee's camp.

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.

Beyond Basecamp

Frank Gallegos

frank@beyondbasecamp.com

Needs volunteers to help in the maintenance of Valley Forge, West Fork and Devore Trail Camps

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamtb.com>

April 7 Silver Moccasin Trail below Shortcut Saddle

April 28-29 Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

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

Haramokngna American Indian

Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org
626-445-8975

April 14 – public workshop – Spirit Vessels



Bear Canyon crew crosscutting another log

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (HABITAT WORKS)

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

Dear Friends,

Do you want to do something in nature with your own hands to make things better, and see results at the end of the day?

Do you want to explore beautiful, remote areas of Southern California, discover artifacts and see track & sign of abundant wildlife everywhere?

Do you want to meet other intrepid volunteers involved in meaningful stewardship in our own back yard?
We've got some awesome projects in the works!

4/1/07 California Condor Conservation
Bittercreek National Wildlife Refuge
Los Padres National Forest

4/14 4/15 Native Pines Reforestation
Mt. Pacifico, Angeles National Forest

4/21 4/22 Wildlands Conservation
Bluegrass music & Lichen Tour
Wind Wolves Preserve

4/28 Native Pines Tree Watering (1/2 day)
(if weather has been unusually hot)
Mt. Pacifico, Angeles National Forest

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.jplreclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>
Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)
Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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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

April 7 and 21 For this spring, we are working on river access trails in the East Fork 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. [Come join us](#) Details as to what to bring are on our website at :

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

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FIRSTAID!

Your group is doing trail maintenance and come across a hiker who is sitting on the ground. The hiker has flushed dry skin, a high body temperature with a absence of sweating, he is confused and is unable to answer any questions.

Do you know what to do next?

Do you call Dispatch?

What kind of first aid do you give?

If you are uncertain about the correct answers then:

On April 28th Tom Dwyer will be teaching a Red Cross Certified firstaid Class in Rosemead at the Wells Fargo building. Normally this class would cost you \$80.00, but since Tom is Red Cross Certified teacher as well as a volunteer with the Forest service, he is offering this class to us for only the cost of the paper work involved. \$8.00 per person.

Class size may be limited to 25 - 30

Send a E-mail to nyerges@sbcglobal.net or Contact Howard.

Remember, mark your calendar, Saturday April 28th. Time either 8 or 9 am.

Thank you Mr Dwyer!



SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

April 21 California Trails Day

TreePeople

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

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita
(Trail Crew 5130)

Work will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-7 pm on an adopted 8.7 mile stretch of the PCT from Indian Canyon Trailhead to Indian Canyon Trailhead. Initial trail survey revealed moderate tread and brushing needs throughout the entire length.

For more information on how you can help contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

April 21 California Trails Day

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

Become a USFS approved Trail Boss

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose: To provide properly trained personal with the ability to supervise either “Trail Blazing” or “Forest Conservation” program projects at the unit level. All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program. Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are: Tool Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack.

Available training days in 2007 are: Apr. 28,29. May. 06,07.

Call to confirm training day for yourself. (Course cancels if no calls)

We Meet at the McDonald’s at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. At 8:00 AM .

Contact:

Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.

818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net



2007 PANCAKE BREAKFAST



PASADENA CYCLERY

(626) 584-6391

**18TH ANNUAL MWBA/SAVE THE TRAILS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**APRIL 29TH-SUNDAY
8AM-BREAKFAST
10:30AM-RAFFEL**

BIKE RIDE BEFORE AND AFTER EVENT!

**Come Dine&Ride with Keith Bontrager
COBB ESTATE-LAKE/LOMA ALTA DRIVE**

California Trails Day 2007

DATE: April 21, 2007, meet at 8:00 a.m., registration: 8:00 to 8:30 am
LOCATION: Chantry Flats Trails System
(Meet at the locked gate in the upper parking lot. Come early to get a Parking spot.)

EVENT: The USDA Forest Service and associated LARRD volunteer organizations will celebrate California Trails Day on April 21, 2007. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Chantry Flats area trails and a barbecue lunch at the Picnic Area. This event is organized by the volunteer groups of the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Lunch will be held at the Chantry Flats Picnic Area and will include a short ceremony about California Trails Day. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. Activities will end at 3:30 PM.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored 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. Please bring personal equipment listed below.

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), Ten Essentials (include personal First Aid kit), Water (2 Qt's.), snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30. Lunch will be provided at the Chantry Flats Picnic Area.

DIRECTIONS: From 210 Fwy in La Canada, go east on Fwy 210 and exit at Santa Anita Avenue. Turn left (north) onto Santa Anita Avenue, and proceed to Chantry Flats via the Santa Anita Canyon Road (AKA Chantry Road). The road is narrow and has one (1) one-lane section marked by STOP signs. Allow 25 minutes driving time from the 210 Fwy. We will meet at the upper parking lot near the picnic area at the locked gate. Carpool if possible.

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
Recreation Officer
(818) 899-1900 X229

(M-F, 9am-6pm): Kathie Reilly
JPL Trail Builders
(818) 354-8321

(Evenings):	John Horton Vol. Leader, Training (310) 375-5032	David Ledford Vol. Leader, Training (310) 373-2111
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Additional training opportunities are scheduled for:

May 12, 2007, Advanced Leader Training (Front Country)

June 2, 2007, National Trails Day (basic techniques), Mt. Wilson Trails System

September 8, 2007, Advanced Leader Training (High Country).

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

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



This is a big No NO!

This is a fire not in Forest Service fire pit!

Gently Inform the forest visitor that this is a illegal fire and needs to put it 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: _____



**New Date for Volunteer Potluck —
Saturday, May 26 at noon, Vetter Mountain
Fire Lookout**

Because of a training conflict May 19, the volunteer potluck to kick off the summer season has been postponed one week to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Many volunteers may be out of town; unfortunately, Saturday May 26 is the only available date for Forest Service staff due to fire training that month. Hopefully you can still make it and kick off the opening of Vetter Lookout's 2007 season.

More details in the next newsletter.

Thanks for your support!"

Christopher P Fabbro