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



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

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The day before California Trails Day was raining and everyone was wandering if the event would be rescheduled or cancelled. However, the morning of the 21st was rain free and 70 individuals participated in this event with some great accomplishments. At the luncheon and at our recent monthly meeting, I heard a number of issues being expressed regarding our volunteer program. The newsletter is very professional and informative, how do we handle Volunteer Directory updates, restructuring the monthly meeting agenda and volunteer recognition (coffee cup, banquet etc). If you have any comments regarding our volunteer program, please inform me.

The City of Pasadena, Parks and Natural Resource Department Draft Concept Plan for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex has survived the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee, Design Commission and Planning Commission with relatively minor revisions. The Draft Concept Plan shows a Community volunteer work center, offices for non-profit partners and 5500 sf of conference space in Main building that hopefully will be available for you to conduct volunteer activities and events.

Volunteers are authorized to wear the Forest Service uniform during the performance of their duties. A Volunteer must wear a Volunteer Badge rather than the "Pine Tree" badge worn by regular employees, and the Volunteer must wear the Volunteer Patch on the right shoulder.

There are considerations that one must take into account when wearing the uniform. First, if your job is public contact, Public Information or Compliance, you must wear a uniform. Second, when wearing the uniform it is "all or nothing". The uniform must be worn intact or not at all. And third, the uniform condition. A torn, dirty uniform does not express the proper degree of pride in our organization. Keep your uniform presentable. (I understand that if you've been working all day a uniform may be dirty at the end of the day.) If you need uniform replacement items, please contact me.

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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There is no point in being grown up if you can't be childish sometimes.

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Volunteer Events Calander

MAY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 <u>Habitat Works</u> San Gabriel Trailbuilders Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
6 Trail Boss Training <u>Habitat Works</u>	7	8 ACTRWG Mtg	9	10	11	12 Bear Cyn Trail Mtnc Trail Patrol/Hike CTUC Annual North Fork Gathering <u>Habitat Works</u> JPL Trailbuilders Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
13	14	15	16 CTUC Monthly Mtg LARRD Monthly Volunteer Mtg	17	18	19 AC100 Trail Work – Idlehour Trail San Gabriel Trailbuilders Mt Wilson Observatory <u>Guided Tour</u> OBA, Inc Drop-in-hike
20 Trail Boss Training	21	22	23	24 SCVTAC Mtg	25	26 <u>Habitat Works Piru Creek</u> <u>Mt Wilson Observatory</u> <u>Guided Tour</u> VOLUNTEER POTLUCK
27 <u>Habitat Works</u> <u>Piru Creek</u>	28 MEMORIAL DAY <u>Habitat Works</u> <u>Piru Creek</u>	29	30	31		

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

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

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).

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).

Angeles National Forest Trivia A famous American West Icon!



The Tumbleweed is considered a common symbol in American Old West, and western films, where it is used to indicate an abandoned area. The Tumbleweed is actually a invasive species from the Ukrainian .

Originally from Southern Russia, the 'Tartar Thistle' was probably brought to North America by Russian immigrants in the late 1870's. The tumbleweed seeds had probably been accidentally mixed in with some imported flax seed. Within twenty years it covered more than a dozen states. Tumbleweed drove many farmers from their homes. It was so frightening, that a legislator from North Dakota suggested that a wire fence should be built around the whole state, to stop the advance of the tumbleweed. But nothing could stop the tumbleweed.

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.

May 8 & 22 June 5 & 19

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

Kermit Eller kermiteller@dslextreme.com

RECONNECT MAY 6 or MAY 16

SUPERSESSIONS

**START IN JUNE on the 3rd Tuesday of
month starting at 6:30pm**

Dear ANFFLA Volunteers:

This year we will be opening Vetter Mountain Lookout May 9, 2007.

If you want to start volunteering early this season you must attend the May 6th reconnect class. If you do not attend that class you will not be able to volunteer at Vetter until after the May 16 class.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trailbuilders

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) 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.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Please consider using our Freelantropy

<http://www.freelantropy.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>

May 26

Celebrate the Spirit of Adventure in 2007

The ATS Outdoor Adventure Film Festival

celebrates the best that adventure has to offer.

Spend a day with us as we learn new techniques, explore new technologies, watch the best adventure films of the year, and find your next adventure in the process.

Earth First! The only solar-powered adventure festival on the planet!

- **Climbing Wall! Provided by UCR Outdoor Excursions!**
- **Clinics from World Class athletes! Canyoneering, Rock Climbing, & Kayaking!**
- **The best Adventure Films of the year!**
- **New hybrid technologies on display! Come see the famous Greascar!**
- **Outdoor & National Organizations booths! Sierra Club, AHS, and more!**
- **Photo Contest! Enter those classic and not-so-classic outdoor photos!**

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).

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

May 19, 7:00AM (Saturday): Trail Work:

- **Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00AM.**
- **Carpool to work site**
- **Trail Work on Idlehour Trail West Side. (High clearance vehicles only, Mt. Lowe Fire Road)**

May 20, 7:00AM (Sunday): Training Run

- **Meet at Chilao Flats Visitors Center at 7:00AM,**
- **Carpool to Islip Saddle. (Start together please.)**
- **Run 27 miles from Islip Saddle to Chilao Flats Visitor Center.**
- **Water/Aid at normal Checkpoints between Islip and Chilao Flats.**
- **Advise rain protection gear (trash bag adequate).**

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

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

Tell a friend!!! **May 12**

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.

Beyond Basecamp

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

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.

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

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

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org
626-445-8975

May 5 Special Native Foods and Plants Workshop
May 12 Haramokngna Hike-a-thon
May 19 Modern Parfleth Bag
May 19, 7 – 10 PM Special Astronomy Night



Who is Smokey Bear?
Want to learn more about Smokey Bear?
Then goto
www.smokeybear.com
and learn about him!

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (HABITAT WORKS)

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

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



May 5 & 6
Wildlife Spring Restoration
Hungry Valley State Park

May 12, 2007
Native Pines Tree Watering (1/2 day)
Mt. Pacifico, Angeles National Forest

May 26-28, 2007, Memorial Day Weekend
Native Streams Conservation
4WD Backpack, Piru Creek
Los Padres National Forest

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

May 12

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>

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS



WHAT: Volunteer Potluck

WHEN: Saturday, May 26 at noon

WHERE: Vetter Mountain Fire Lookout

Thanks for your support!

Christopher P Fabbro

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

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 two 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 a quarter mile. For more information on how you can help, contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org.

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

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



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: 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

THANK-YOU!

PICTURES BY GEORGE AUMANN

Must THANK YOU! Very much for helping us provide a great experience to all the individuals that participated in California Trails Day:

Sue (Adams pack station) out of Chantry and her helpers the cabin owners

Tom and Patty Dwyer

Brian and Dee Marcroft(mt lowell soc.)

Corba(concerned off road bike asso.) donation

Kevin Hunt (forest service)

John Horton & David Ledford (BSA)

Kathie Rieley (JPL trail builders)

Chris Fabbro (Forest Service)

Marietta (Alatadena Crest Restoration)the great P and J sandwiches

Tom Purnell (Pasadena Cyclery) donation

Habitat works (gatorade)

Kevin Sarkissian (William S. Hard UHSD) bottled water

Richard (Bear Canyon) Cliff Bar

And all the volunteers that did a great job on trail work for state trails day!

We had a great time, and I personally want to thank those that help me make this day all come together.

Sincerely,

Mike and Robin (angeles mt bike patrol)



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



Someone making graffiti!!

**First do not approach them. (this might be gang activity!)
Second collect information about them, including pictures if possible.
Then if you're a volunteer, you contact Dispatch for an Incident
Number and submit an Incident Report to your Volunteer Coordinator.
Then if you're a visitor, you contact the nearest Forest Service Office
and report the incident and we'll send a Forest Officer to
investigate the incident.**

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: _____
