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No Charcoal Barbecues

No Open Fires

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter September 2007 Vol. 5 Issue 9

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

“Those five U.S. Forest Service summers, those eighteen months on the Toiyabe National Forest, stand out as the greatest adventure of my life.” Toiyabe Patrol a Memoir by Les Joslin.

I know you have similar feelings toward the Angeles National Forest therefore I would like to provide this opportunity to include some of your thoughts, feelings and stories in our Newsletter. Please provide me with a quote or short story to incorporate as a column in our Newsletter, by the 24th of each month.

The City of Glendale is working on completing its Trail Master Plan. Glendale’s trails connect with those in La Canada Flintridge in both the San Gabriel and the San Rafael Hills. The La Canada Flintridge trails in turn connect with those of Pasadena and Altadena in Hahamongna Watershed Park. The County of Los Angeles is working on restoring the Altadena Crest Trail. The Forest Service works in partnership with these agencies and the public in providing trail opportunities (CORBA is proposing construction of technical trail features for different rider skills in the Charlton – Chilao Recreation Area). Hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, get involved in creating this regional recreational resource which will benefit you now and in the future.

Richard Nyerges, Bear Canyon Trail Crew has been certified as a B Sawyer for Cross-cut Saw. If you need a tree bucked during this time, when motorized equipment cannot be used, this is an alternative by doing it the old fashion way.

Terry Tanner, Volunteer 11 has accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1st and will be issued an America the Beautiful – Interagency Annual Pass. Have you accumulated 500 volunteer house since January 1st, if so please let me know.

Based upon the recent serious vehicle accident involving one of our volunteers and your response, I feel honored to be a part of the Los Angeles River Ranger District/ Angeles National Forest Volunteer Program. You’re response has exhibited a high standard of family values (caring, cooperation, involvement etc) that suggests, we’ve developed into a working relationship similar to the traditional Forest Service working relationship of the past. This achievement is very important to me, since it exhibits a high level of trust and cooperation, that I felt was missing in this program.

Thank you for your patience and dedication.

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 used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Volunteer Events Calander

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 San Gabriel Trailbuilders <u>Mt Wilson Observatory</u> <u>Guided Tour</u> Community Hiking Club
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 Bear Cyn Trail Crew Hike	6	7	8 <i>Trail Boss Training</i> <i>Trail Patrol/Hike</i> <u>Mt Wilson Observatory</u> <u>Guided Tour</u> Habitat Works
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If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Find the training

Find the experts

Find the resources

National Trails Training Partnership

c/o American Trails

www.NTTP.net

Your source for trail training

The Angeles Was Our Home Recollections of Life on the Angeles National Forest

by Norma Meacham Rowley

Enjoy reading about Forest Service employees and their families who lived and worked on the Angeles. Fifteen chapters covering assignments, stations, administration & training, patrol, fires, lookouts, weather and leaders.

This 264 page paper back book includes many historic photos, poems, songs and first person stories from the '30s to the present. The writers' words offer a strong account of a significant time in their lives on the Angeles.

\$20.00 each plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling.

Contact: Norma Rowley

gonoro@verizon.net or (626) 335-1443 or
857 E. Leadora Avenue – Glendora, CA

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).

Help Wanted

Los Angeles County Fair

The dates of the 2007 LA County Fair are September 7th thru September 30th with Mondays and Tuesdays closed for a total of 18 days. Special featured dates this year will be Friday, September 7, 2007 - Opening Day "Dollar Day" and Saturday, September 15, 2007 - Fire Prevention and Safety Day.

This year, we have worked in partnership with the LA County Fair Association, LA County Fire, Bureau of Land Management, multiple volunteer groups and others to expand our site. The newly expanded site which is called "Timber Ridge" and is adjacent to the "Caring for the Land/Camp Smokey" area and provides a broader environmental education experience including a miniature "Ranger Station" and a "Urban Nature Trail". This gives us the ability to enhance environmental education through interaction with a large diverse representation from our local communities including over 1,000 different schools.

If you have questions please contact Sherry Rollman at (626) 574-5205 or Barbara Croonquist at (626) 335-1251 for assistance.

Angeles National Forest Safety Note:

Hunting Season

Make sure you're visible so that the Hunter doesn't mistaken you for their prey.

Deer Hunting in zone D-11, D-13 and D-15: Archery Season 9/1/07-9/23/07, General Season 10/13/07-11/11/07.

Deer Hunting in zone A-31: Archery Season 9/22/07-12/31/07.

Deer Hunting in zone A-32: Archery Season 11/10/07-12/02/07.

For specific references regarding hunting, contact the California Department of Fish and Game Information Line at (562) 342-7100 or go to their website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

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

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) 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

"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

•Sept 8th Environmentalists Rendezvous
Potluck Picnic at Eaton Canyon
Nature Center

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/>

Sept 15th in Wrightwood

• Runners check-in 4:00AM

• Invocation 4:30AM

• Start of race 5:00AM (sharp)

Sept 16th, at Johnson's Field in Pasadena

• Finish of race 2:00PM (sharp)

• Picnic & Award ceremony: 2:00PM – 5:00PM

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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

Richard 626-285-0962

•Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

Come on out and enjoy a mid-week hike up the Chantry Flats Fire Road starting @ 5:45pm. The hike is approximately 7 miles round trip with about a 1,400' gain in elevation.

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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.

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

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists

Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbambt.com>

•Sept 22

National Public Lands Day
Ken Burton Trail

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>

• Sept. 8 & 9, 2007

California Condor Recovery Program Projects
Hopper Mountain Condor Sanctuary

• Sept. 22 & 23, 2007

Pronghorn Habitat Conservation
Bitter Creek Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge

Community Hiking Club

24639 Arch Street

Newhall, CA 91321

661-607-0339

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

zuliebear@aol.com

communityhikingclub.org

September 1 – Whitney Canyon Hike

8 – Stewardship Event

22 – Bat presentation

Every Saturday, Placerita Nature Center leads Family Nature Walks at 11 AM and Animal Presentations at 1 PM.

www.placerita.org

Join One Today VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

·Sept 15

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

On Sunday August 19, our Race

Director Gary Hilliard, was involved in a motorcycle accident. He is currently recovering at County/USC Hospital in Los Angeles. While his injuries were very serious, doctors have expressed optimism for his recovery. For more details please check

<http://garyhilliard.blogspot.com/>

We ask that you keep Gary and his wife Pam in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult ordeal.

Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)

<http://www.obainc.org>

OBA – OBA, Inc will conduct Trail Maintenance work on the Gabrielino NRT from Gould Mesa Trail Camp to Switzers Picnic Area.

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

Mt. Wilson Observatory

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

The Observatory grounds and Sky-line 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.

Wednesday Hiking and Granada Club

Sept 15

We're Korean-Americans, who love working in the National Forest. We work the 2nd Saturday of each month on maintaining the Sunset Ridge Trail, 12W18.

If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Ted Kim at infocus804@yahoo.com



William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

What's happening at William S Hart UHSD:

Work will continue on an adopted 8.7 mile stretch of the PCT from the Indian Canyon Trailhead (Soledad Canyon) to North Fork Station on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for the duration of the fall.

In its first six months of operation, this crew of six local high school students, sponsored by the District's Career Visions Work Training Program, has been able to successfully survey and record data for more than 17,000 ft of tread, while clearing more than 3.0 miles. For more information on how you can help, contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

Other News:

- 1) Congratulations to Patrick Terry on his promotion to Crew Leader!
- 2) Good luck to Crew member Daniel McEachern who just left for US Navy boot camp.
- 3) Full Saturday work project tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 7th.
- 4) Career Visions launches new employment training website. Give us a visit at:

www.hartdistrict.org/careervisions



WAS IT MAGIC?



**Now you see
the trash!**



Now you don't

**There was no magic
involved in doing this!**

**It took volunteers to
remove this trash!**

**There is still Graffiti and
more trash to remove!**

Call Howard to help!

General Information

JEFFREY PINECONE



A pine tree that does not smell like a pine tree!

The Jeffrey pine is a tree with a special scent. The bark has a smell like vanilla or pineapple! This scent is related to the very unusual composition of the resin, with the volatile component made up almost entirely of pure n-heptane.!

The Jeffrey Pine cones are have spines that point inside the cone, thus earning the name Gentle Jeffrey's.

Jeffrey bark is deeply furrowed and reddish-brown and will look like a jigsaw puzzle.

USDA Forest Service & BSA High Adventure Teams

TRAIL BOSS TRAINING (Advanced)

DATES: September 2, 2007: PREP Day; September 8, 2007: Work Day

TIMES: All days: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mt. Hillyer Trail and Silver Moccasin NRT

(Meet at Chilao Warehouse for PREP Day; meet at Horse Flats Campground, Sites 6 – 10, for the Work Day)

WORK PLANS: We will work on the Mt. Hillyer Trail from Santa Clara Divide Road to the junction to the Silver Moccasin NRT just south of Horse Flats Campground. The immediate objective of the project is to improve the trail definition by clearing and marking the trail for the AC 100 Race, for running during daylight and night. The long-term objective is to improve the signage and trail condition for hikers, cyclist and runners. To prepare for the project, we need a Preparation Day (Prep Day) to prepare the signs for installation and to define the work needed on the 2.3-mile trail. We expect to prepare 5 signs and do a survey hike (2.3 miles) on Prep Day (Sunday, September 2). We can arrange for groups to work together. However, the groups must have their own adult leaders. All work will be accepted as Trail Boss training. Please let John Horton know if you will attend Prep Day and/or the Work Day, how many people, etc.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Be especially careful on Angeles Crest Highway [CA Rte.2], which has many blind turns. Be prepared for cyclists, motor cycles and other cars on the Road. During the work sessions be careful to avoid dehydration. Bring water and lunch, and hiking gear on both days.

DIRECTIONS: From Fwy. 210 in La Canada, go north on [CA Rte. 2] past Clear Creek junction, pass Red Box junction, pass Charlton Picnic Area, and turn left onto Chilao Road (2 miles above Charlton Picnic Area). **Allow 45 minutes driving time from the 210 Fwy.** We will meet at the Chilao Warehouse, located at the Chilao Fire Station/Heliport (1 mile north on Chilao Road). Please be prepared for bugs and snakes. Bring sunscreen, extra water, snacks and adequate lunch for working until about 3:30 pm (both days). We expect to cover advanced sessions listed below:

Sessions

Safety using tools and special gear
Surveys, a copy of the Mt. Hillyer map
Tread Maintenance
Trail Sign installation
Switchbacks
Brushing for equestrian travel
Water Bars
Instruction

Personal Equipment

Work Gloves
Work Shoes
Work Clothes
Large Hat
Ten Essentials for high elevations
Water (4 Qt's.)
Snacks
Lunch

For additional information, contact one of the following:

USDA Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(M-F, 8am- 4pm): Howard Okamoto

Recreation Officer, LARRD
(818) 899-1900 X229

(Evenings)

John Horton
Trail Boss Training
(310) 375-5032

jbhorton@verizon.net

David Ledford

Trail Boss Training
(310) 373-2111

gdledford@verizon.net

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



**If the camp stove is used outside a developed campsite. That is OK! providing that the user has fire permit.
Nothing is needed if used inside a developed campsite**

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: _____

