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Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter June 2008 Vol. 6

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

“The Forest Service is about sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.”

Chief Abigail Kimbell, January 2008

This year, hikers everywhere will celebrate National Trails Day on June 7th in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. Passed in 1968, the legislation defined National Scenic and Historic Trails to “promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the nation.”

The National Trails System, by the Numbers:

25: Number of National Scenic Trails and National Historic Trails in the country.

40: Number of years it's taken to fully complete two National Scenic Trails (Appalachian and Pacific Crest).

6: Number of National Scenic Trails yet to be completed.

17: Number of National Historic Trails yet to be completed.

“Climate change is the biggest conservation challenge facing the Forest Service in the 21st century and contributing to global efforts that help forests mitigate and adapt to climate change is a priority for the Forest Service in California.” ~ Randy Moore, Pacific Southwest Regional Forester

For more information visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/climate/>

This year we're working on numerous projects that will assist in providing a quality recreation experience, some of these projects are: Charlton Flat Picnic Area Recreation Site Facility Improvement, Kagel Canyon Restoration, Developed Recreation Site Improvement – Buckhorn Station Trailhead/Picnic Site, Trail Maintenance – Outward Bound Los Angeles and William S. Hart Union High School Trail Crew Participating Agreement etc.

At our May meeting it was agreed upon to change our monthly meeting schedule to a Feb, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov meeting schedule. This change is effective immediately and should benefit everyone since it will be easier to schedule guest speakers and training

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have accumulated 500 volunteer hours, please let me know so that we can issue you an America the Beautiful – Interagency Annual Pass.

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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“An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind”
Mohandas Gandhi

Los Angeles River Ranger District

JUNE 2008

Volunteer Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>National Trails Day</i> San Gabriel Trailbuilders Community Hiking Club Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
8 National River Cleanup Week June 7-15, Habitat Works	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>National Get Outdoors Day</i> <i>National River Cleanup</i> AC100 Trail Work Wednesday Hiking Club Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour Haramokngna Habitat Works
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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

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

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).

**Why the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle)
are so important**

http://www.chrisjordan.com/current_set2.ph

General Information

Chamise
Adenostoma fasciculatum

This is the dominant chaparral plant throughout most of California, often forming pure, impenetrable stands. Also known as Greasewood, the shrub contains highly flammable resins, which cause it to burn rapidly when ignited. Following a fire, Chamise sprouts rapidly from its basal burl (root crown) and soon outgrows most competitors. Chamise further reduces competition by releasing toxins into the soil that inhibit or prevent the growth of most other plants. Its principal value to wildlife lies in providing cover, for the tough, resinous foliage is unpalatable. Chamise becomes dormant during the hottest, driest period of summer, and sheds both branches and bark in an effort to reduce the amount of tissue requiring moisture. These sloughed materials then serve as fuel for the next fire.



This material provided by eNature.com.

National River Cleanup

Millions of tons of trash end up in our nation's rivers and streams every year. American Rivers is a proud sponsor of National River Cleanup™, the most popular and successful stream cleanup program in the country that taps into the civic pride of tens of thousands of volunteers across the country.

National River Cleanup™ is a year-long event. This year's event officially kicks-off May 31st - June 8th, though American Rivers will help support cleanups planned before the May 31st. Since the launch of this annual event by America Outdoors in 1991, more than 600,000 volunteers have participated in thousands of cleanups across the country, covering more than 100,000 miles of waterways. These cleanups have removed more than 1,000 tons of litter and debris from America's rivers and streams.

National River Cleanup™ 2007 was the most successful year to date, with more organizers and cleanups than ever before, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Leader: Howard Okamoto
When: June 14, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM PST
Where: Big Tujunga Canyon

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS Join One Today

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

- June 17, 2008 at 6:30pm at Arcadia Park (under the big oak trees). Located near the corner of Santa Anita Ave. and Huntington Blvd.

If you can provide something for the silent auction table please just bring it with you to the auction. All proceeds will go directly to benefit the ANFFLA. Potluck meal, so bring some food to share! Paper products and drinks will be supplied.

AC100 TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

All Welcome, Work Schedule at:

<http://www.ac100.com>

Hal Winton Co-rd

Winton4jesus@juno.com

- June 14 7:00 AM Trail Work
- June 21 6:00 PM Training Run

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com>

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, & mountaineering, please

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

www.altadenafoothills.org

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

nsteele@altadenafoothills.org

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.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

MarkGage@mr33@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.

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

GET INVOLVED!

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

avconservancy@yahoo.com

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)

Richard Nyerges

626-285-0962 nyerges@sbcglobal.net

- June 7 National Trails Day

Tell a friend!!! The work is very rewarding and we work in an environment that is absolutely beautiful.

Beyond Basecamp

Beyondbasecamp.com

323 896-0123

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

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cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

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

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

- June 21 Looking for volunteers to join in our effort to clean up The Big Tujuna/ Narrows. This area is in dire need of trash removal and graffiti clean up.

For Information go to www.outdoorsclub.org

Boy Scouts of America

The High Adventure Team – Los Angeles Area Training Council provides training opportunities for all interested individuals.

For more information:

www.boyscoutsla.org click H.A.T.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) www.ctuc.info

• June 18 Meeting

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 .

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamt.com>

Telephone (818) 773-3555

trailwork@corbamt.com

- June 1 Castaic Lake trail maintenance
- June 1 Blue Ridge Single Track and Jackson Lake Loops- advanced MTB ride
- June 7 National Trails Day in the Angeles National Forest
- June 7 CORBA's Free Mountain Biking Skills Clinic
- June 7 National Trails Day in the Santa Monica Mountains
- June 7 National Trails Day-Rancho Palos Verdes
- June 11 CORBA Board Meeting

Community Hiking Club

661-259-2743

email: zuliebear@aol.com.

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

Placerita Nature Center, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 8-12-Meet behind the Nature Center by Tool Shed at 8:00. Additional opportunities in Forest

Service areas and State Parks on Saturdays and Wednesdays by arrangement with Dianne.

- June 7- Weldon to East Canyon hike
- June 14-Piru Creek Trash and Invasive Plant Cleanup w/ Casting Club
- June 21-Placerita Canyon to Waterfall hike
- June 28- Santa Clarita Canyons hike

Equestrian Trails, Inc.

[http://www.etinational.com/](http://www.etinational.com)

A non-profit organization dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation. For event information and helpful tips for horse owners.

**What are you waiting for?
join one!**

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Aspire to inspire before you expire

HABITAT WORK.ORG

Kim Clark or Tom Persons
818-353-4653

<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

- June 8 On Location with the Condors
Bear Divide, Angeles National Forest
- June 14/15 Riparian Habitat
Conservation Backpack Piru Creek,
Los Padres National Forest
- June 21 Native Plant Conservation
Rubio Canyon, Angeles National Forest
- June 21 Voice Your Choice
Patagonia of Pasadena
- June 28 Stream TLC Monrovia Canyon
Park, Monrovia

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

- June 28 - Silver Moccasin/Kenyon Devore

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

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

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117-7076

Is a volunteer organization supporting the Mount Wilson Observatory with membership is open to all interested persons

http://ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Monrovia Canyon Park

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on

Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails 626-256-8282

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

Kat at 310-455-1588, katcalls@aol.com

All workshops have limited enrollment, and need reservations, paid in advance

June 14 – wrist band beading workshop
with Manny

June 28 – Summer Solstice Toypurina Story

The story of Toypurina , who led the revolt against the San Gabriel Mission
Music, dancers, storytellers, art exhibit,
hands-on activities Dedication of the
Toypurina Lodge and Learning Center sign
and curriculum, Solstice ceremony, Native
food, and more – free to the public

Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org>

The mission of Outward Bound is to inspire character development and self-discovery in people of all ages and walks of life through challenge and adventure, and impel them to achieve more than they ever thought possible, to show compassion for others and to actively engage in creating a better world.

The mission of Outward Bound Los Angeles is to provide nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for low-income, at-risk, and urban youth.

Phone: 626-564-0844

E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- June 7 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
- June 28 OUTING

We will continue work on the Colby Canyon Trail, continuing with maintenance work – brushing and trail widening.

**There is no lack
of work for
volunteers!**

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

WWW.PCTA.org

Spend 2-8 days hiking or horseback riding along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, meals provided.

Check out PCTA Service Projects at <http://www.trailprojects.com/projectsdatabase.html>

You'll be rewarded with daily exercise, great food, develop unforgettable memories, trail maintenance skills and long lasting friendships.

For additional information:

Suzanne Wilson

swilson@pcta.org

951-492-9836

Wednesday Hiking Club and Granada Club

• June 14 Outing

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

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

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

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting on a bi-monthly basis at Carvalho Sports Complex Activity Center.

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest Wrightwood, CA

Loren Lake, President lorenll@verizon.net

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

626-303-1078

• June 7 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
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.

What is National Get Outdoors Day?

Participants from dozens of federal agencies and non-profit organizations and the recreation industry gathered in Washington to launch National Get Outdoors Day, a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun.

On June 14, 2008, and each June thereafter, these partners will offer sites for American families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Prime goals of the day are reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting our youth to the great outdoors.

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

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12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Feb 27, 2007 email: info@tundracomics.com



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: _____