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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

October 1st is the beginning of a new Fiscal Year (FY) and based upon our FY2008 accomplishments and our preliminary FY2009 budget advice, I hope you'll be witnessing further improvements to our recreation program. Some current examples are:

Charlton Flat Picnic Area Recreation Site Improvement Project is being implemented by a Contractor. The proposed project consists of demolition of existing infrastructure and installation of new infrastructure as per the Angeles National Forest 2008

Recreation Site Improvement Plan. Phase I includes replacement of single tables and grilles with single and group tables and grilles and fire-resistant pads, including 13 AD accessible ones; removal of 23 toilet structures, relocation of SSTs, and installation of double SSTs; replacement of bulletin boards and signs; installation of bear-proof dumpsters; replacement of vehicle parking barriers with local stone; removal of the old pump house and entrance station and replacement of two gates.

Buckhorn Station Trailhead reengineering is being implemented by Eagle Scout candidates. The project consists of relocated/refurbish of a road gate and the installation of picnic tables, bulletin board and recreation site sign.

Monte Cristo Campground – a Contractor has rehabilitated the existing water system in anticipated of SCE providing electrical service. Once electrical service is established, we'll be able to provide potable water to the Campground.

Other areas experiencing improvement are trail maintenance/reconstruction (miles of trail maintained), information & education (public contact) and habitat improvement (micro trash cleanup). I also hope that we'll be able to fully staff our Recreation organization, in order to assist you in accomplishing the goal of improving our recreation program.

If you've contributed 100 volunteer hours from January 1st – December 31, 2008, you're entitled to an Annual Adventure Pass, please let either your group leader know or email me with a timesheet showing your volunteer service hours.

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

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OCTOBER 2008

Volunteer Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 National Trails 40 th birthday	3	4 San Gabriel Trailbuilders Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour Haramokngna
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Wednesday Hiking Club Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour JPL Trailbuilders Habitat Works
12 Habitat Works <u>CORBA</u>	13	14	15 CTUC Monthly Mtg	16	17	18 Antelope Valley Conservancy San Gabriel Trailbuilders Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
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				Monrovia Canyon Park		
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**ANGELES FOREST
VOLUNTEER MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2008.**

• NOV 19.

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<http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

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General information:

Wow! Smell those leaves!

You are hiking a trail and come across a tree that looks like a hydra with many trunks coming from a large trunk mass (called a bole). You grab and crush some foliage and smell a distinct aroma that can give you a headache if inhaled in excess.

You have come across the California Bay Tree (*Umbellularia californica*) that is found in abundance in the San Gabriel front country.

Its fragrant leaves add a distinct aroma to our streambeds. To call the leaf of this tree strong scented is a bold understatement with a 7.5% volatile oil content. It is said that smelling the leaf or putting a piece in your hat band can cure a headache, but it can also cause one. Breathe too deeply of the leaves and your sinuses will panic and spasm in pain.

Yes, our California Bay tree leaves can be used in cooking much like the imported bay leaves. However, California Bay leaves are much stronger! Almost all recipes are written with the imported Mediterranean Bay leaves. The California bay tree leaves have a somewhat different flavor and are much more pungent. When using California bay leaves for cooking, use half or even a third of the quantity the recipe calls for.

California bay severely reduces growth of nearby conifer timber seedlings. The leaves contain water-soluble terpenes which retard root elongation.

The California bay is well adapted to the frequent fires in the chaparral environment. After a fire has burned off the top of the tree, the root crown or bole will grow new tree top.



California Bay tree

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).

Learn new skills in 2008: training and resources

Looking for a class or workshop for trails and greenways sills? The most comprehensive calendar on the Web for trail-related training and education. www.TrailsTraining.net.

Visitors find your NRT 1,000 trails online

www.nrtdatabase.org

Do You Always Wear Your Seat Belt ?

If Not, Here Are Some Reason's to Reconsider....



State Laws and Agency Policy require their use, ... for both you as a driver and for your passengers.

- What if your insurance or your agency OWCP program denied a claim for failure to use a seat belt (it has happened).

It is estimated that over the last 26 years, seat belts have saved 135,000 lives.

It is also estimated that if all vehicle occupants had been wearing seat belts, an additional 315,000 deaths and over 5 million injuries could have been prevented.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS Join One Today

AC100 TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

All Welcome, Work Schedule at:

<http://www.ac100.com>

- 135 Starters • 98 Finishers
- 17 Buckles (completed race under 24 hours)

Hal Winton Co-ord

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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 visit our website at www.alpinets.com.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

Welcome to the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (ANFFLA), a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to restoring, maintaining and staffing the remaining lookouts of the Angeles National Forest.

The ANFFLA website is not just for our members!

This community oriented website is open to anyone who is interested in the Angeles National Forest, Fire Lookouts, or the outdoors in general. Take a look around, and if you're interested in what's going on here, register on our site and join in the discussion.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

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

mmcguirepoolspa@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.

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

avconservancy@yahoo.com

Audubon Center at Debs Park

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

(323) 221-2255

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW (BCTC)

Richard Nyerges

626-285-0962 nyerges@sbcglobal.net

Beyond Basecamp

Beyondbasecamp.com

323 896-0123

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

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

Boy Scouts of America

The High Adventure Team – Los Angeles Area

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 Big Santa Anita Canyon.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

• Oct 15 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)

Telephone (818) 773-3555

<http://www.corbamtb.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl>

• Oct. 12 Fat Tire Fest

The Fat Tire Fest is our biggest party and fundraiser of the year! Due to the success of this event we have outgrown Malibu Creek SP so this years event will be held at Castaic Lake. There will be a poker ride, wheelie contest, hill climb contest, log pull, a huge raffle and possibly a few other events. Great prizes will be awarded to winners of these events! More information on the event will be available soon!

CORBA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy.

Equestrian Trails, Inc.

<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.

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.

HABITATWORK.ORG

Kim Clark or Tom Persons

818-353-4653

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

- Oct. 11/12 San Emigdio Backpack
Wind Wolves Preserve
- Oct. 19 Native Plant Conservation
Rubio Canyon, Angeles NF
- Oct. 25/26 Hopper Canyon Trail Restoration
Hopper Mountain Condor Sanctuary,
Sespe Wilderness

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

- Oct. 4 Gourd art workshop
with Nadiya Littlewarrior

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- Oct 11 OUTING

In this hotter weather, we will work the shady parts of Mt Lowe East and West Trails.

Maintenance consists mainly of lopping brush and widening trail tread.

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

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

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White

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626-303-1078

We work on the first, third, and fifth, Saturday of each month.

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting on a Quarterly basis at Carvalho Sports Complex Activity Center.

SCENIC

MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

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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

Monrovia Canyon Park

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/index.cfm/0/Canyon-Park-1.cfm>

• Oct 23/24/25 Haunted Hike Halloween 2008

Shear terror and fright await the weak hearted as they dare to hike 1/02 mile up the "Road to Perdition" and through the "Hall of Nightmares." The hike will continue through a 5000 sq ft outdoor "Maze of Terror" and suddenly you'll find yourself heading down the dark path of the "Trail of No Return." Mountain Mayhem is intended to create a LIVING NIGHTMARE!!!!

FOR MORE INFO: 626-256-8282

Come and enjoy a wilderness experience only five minutes from downtown Monrovia. This refreshing recreational site provides a peaceful and quiet setting for your family, social or business gatherings. Let your imagination and your appreciation for nature be revitalized as you explore the 80 acres of trails and serene picnic areas.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Kathleen at 626-256-8282.

Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org>

Outward Bound, Los Angeles is looking for a qualified Trail Boss to supervise their Trail Crew. If you know of an interested individual, please have this individual contact Robert Sendrey, Outward Bound, Los Angeles, 626-564-0844. This is a funded position.

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

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

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest
Wrightwood, CA
Loren Lake, President lorenll@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

Wednesday Hiking Club and Granada Club

• Oct 11 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

WHAT IS 40 YEARS OLD?

On October 2nd the National Trails Celebrates its 40th birthday!

The National Trails System was created by the National Trails System Act (Public Law 90-543), a federal law passed by the United States Congress on October 2, 1968. This Act created a series of 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." Specifically, the Act authorized three types of trails: National Scenic Trails, National Recreation Trails, and connecting-and-side trails. The 1968 Act also created two national scenic trails, the Appalachian and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails, and requested that an additional 14 trail routes be studied for possible inclusion.

In 1978, as a result of the study of trails that were most significant for their historic associations, a fourth category of trail was added: National Historic Trails. Since 1968 over 40 trail routes have been studied for inclusion in the system. Of these studied trails, 21 have been established as part of the system. In 2006 the National Trails System consisted of eight national scenic trails, sixteen national historic trails, almost 1,000 national recreation trails, and two connecting-and-side trails, with a total length of more than 50,000 miles (80,000 km). These trails are more than just hiking trails. Many are open to hikers, but some also welcome horseback riders and automobile campers.

As Congressionally-established long-distance trails, each of the scenic and historic trails is administered by a Federal agency: either the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the USDA Forest Service, or the National Park Service (NPS). Two are jointly administered by BLM and NPS. Sometimes these agencies acquire lands to protect key sites, resources, and view sheds. More often, however, they work in partnership with states, local units of government, trusts, and private landowners to protect lands and structures along these trails to enable them to be accessible to the public. National recreation trails and connecting-and-side trails do not require Congressional action, but are recognized by actions of the Secretaries of the Interior or Agriculture.



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San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Mar 10, 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 / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
