

VOLUNTEER TODAY

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 May 2009

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The mission of the Forest Service is guided by the fundamental principle of providing the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run and is characterized by the slogan: Caring for the Land and Serving People.

Spring has arrived and based upon the Events Calendar there's plenty of outdoor activities scheduled during the month of May. If you don't see something that you're interested in participating, than maybe you can assist in creating another recreation opportunity.

San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corp, Los Angeles County Conservation Corp and Outward Bound, Los Angeles crews funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are conducting trail maintenance work on the Angeles National Forest. If you know of a trail that needs maintenance, please contact me and maybe we'll able to assign one of these crews to maintain this trail.

California Trail Day was attended by approx. 100 individuals, who worked the Big and Little Tujunga Canyon trail system and dine on Subway sandwiches. We hope to be as successful with National Trails Day on June 6th at Mt Wilson.

California Department of Transportation has tentatively scheduled the Angeles Crest Highway from Islip Saddle to Vincent Gap, reopening for May 20th.

If you haven't been to one of our recent bimonthly Volunteer meetings, please come and experience a new format. Rather than discussing what each individual/group has accomplished, which is posted in the monthly newsletter, the meeting have been restructured to strategically plan for joint volunteer events (work projects, social, training etc). Come to this months meeting and make a difference.

Welcome to the Forest Service: A Guide for Volunteers, (Tech. Rep. 0967-2813-MTDC) is available to all volunteers. This guide will provide you with a brief history of the Forest Service, an overview of the *volunteer* program, and some information you will need to work safely and productively for the agency. If you want a copy, please contact either your Group leader or myself.

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have, please contact me so that you can receive your America the Beautiful – 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 hokamoto@fs.fed.us

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

Angeles National Forest

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Recreation Officer

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As we express
our gratitude, we
must never
forget that the
highest
appreciation is
not to utter
words, but to
live by them.

John F. Kennedy

Los Angeles River Ranger District

May 2009 Volunteer Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
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Community
Hiking Club

SAFETY NOTE:
 Your most important job is to be SAFE. Use tools properly and wear protective equipment. Drive defensively. Expect to see reckless driving on the Angeles Crest Highway. Be aware of poisonous plants, snakes, and insects. We have no duty to act in emergencies. Our purpose is: observation, communication and tactics on

JOIN HANDS DAY gives fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations the opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and to develop new relationships.

actioncenter@joinhandsday.org
 (630) 522-6322, ext. 116
 Fax: (630) 522-6327

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

AC100 TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

- May 30th Trail Work

<http://www.ac100.com>

Hal Winton

Winton4jesus@juno.com

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 MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

AFMBP@hotmail.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 NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

- May 3rd or May 5th Orientation
- May 3rd or May 13th Natural History & Interpretation
- May 9th or May 16th Lookout Operations
- May 17th pot luck at Vetter Mountain Lookout

<http://www.anffla.org>

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

Be a Lookout for 2009!

It's probably easier than you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest

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.

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

- May 16th /17th - Trail Canyon Trail

We will be working out of Lightning Point Group Site along 3N17 near Mt. Gleason. This will be a 2 day event. We will be working on the trail between Lightning Point & Indian Ben Saddle. The trail follows 3N32. There are tree's to be cut, brush to be cleared and the tread to be repaired.

Beyond Basecamp

Beyondbasecamp.com

323 896-0123

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

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.

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

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Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

- May 9th Leave No Trace Training
- May 9th Trail boss training

www.laac-hat.com

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

- May 20th Meeting
- May 9th /10th ANNUAL BBQ

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.

Community Hiking Club

661-259-2743

email: zuliebear@aol.com

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

May 2-Gould Mesa to Oakwilde via the Arroyo Seco-

May 8-Native Garden Weeding and mulch spreading 8-12

- May 9th -Ron Kraus-Magic Mountain-Ron will talk to us about the missile and radar site on the summit of Magic Mountain
- May 22th -Native Garden Weeding and mulch spreading 8-12
- May 23th -Elsmere Canyon Loop with Henry Schultz
- May 24th -Placerita Canyon Trail work 8-12
- May 30th -Cooper Canyon –
- May 29th /30th /31th -Camp out at Cooper Canyon including a short hike to the falls on Friday, CHC hike on Saturday, and perhaps another hike to Mt. Waterman on Sunday. Please reserve with Dianne for more information, cost of campsites, etc.

Additional opportunities in Forest Service areas and State Parks on Saturdays and Wednesdays by arrangement with Dianne.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

Telephone (818) 773-3555

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

City of Glendale

Parks, Recreation & Community Services

- May 2nd “Medicinal Plant Hike”
- May 16th “Trail Maintenance”
- May 16th “To Bee or Not To Bee”
- May 17th “Tree Watering and Maintenance”

Contact: Jeff Weinstein Trails and Open Space Specialist
818-548-2000

jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us

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.

HABITATWORK.ORG

Kim Clark or Tom Persons

818-353-4653

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

- May 9th /10th San Emigdio Watershed Conservation Backpack Wind Wolves Preserve
- May 23th /25th Invasive Species Survey – Backpack Sespe Wilderness, Los Padres NF

Habitat Works is an environmental stewardship action group performing volunteer projects to improve the habitats of endangered, threatened and perturbed species in Southern California

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

- May 1st – possible astronomy night
- May 3rd – Mini Pow-wow – in honor of JR & Raven’s wedding
- May 10th – Annual native plant workshop with Barbara Drake All things yucca – food, cordage, medicine, and more 11 - 4
- May 30th – possible astronomy night

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

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High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack Trash, Rubbish, Equipment, Material and Supplies etc... to your Trail or worksite.

Glen Foster 760-868-8313

or 760-508-0344

second contact is

Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• May 9th outing

• May 16th - Trail Canyon Trail

We will continue work on either the Mt Lowe West, Mt Lowe East or Colby Canyon Trails depending upon road, and tunnel conditions. The maintenance work consists of cutting back brush and trail widening. Kathie

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

• May 30th -- Silver Moccasin Trail

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

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

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena,

CA 91117-7076

• Guided walking tours

every Saturday and Sunday afternoon –
meet at the Pavilion at 1:00pm.

Monrovia Canyon Park

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

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.

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

• May 12th at 6pm

Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St. (at Altadena Drive)
Pasadena, CA

Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org>

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

• May 2rd/3rd Wilderness First Aid

• May 9th/10th Chainsaw Training

• May 15th/17th Westfir Volunteer Training

• May 15th/17th Trails and Outdoor Leadership Training

• May 29th/31th Allingham Volunteer Training

• May 29th/31th Guide Training (Hike Leaders)

From desert to glacier-flanked mountain, meadow to forest, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) symbolizes everything there is to love - and protect - in the Western United States. Join us as we celebrate, enjoy and safeguard this unique American treasure.

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

On April 18th we broke up and cleared rocks off the Mt Lowe road as far as the trail camp. Don't know the condition of the road past that point.

Emworks@verizon.net

SAN GABRIEL

TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White

bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

626-303-1078

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

San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.
Partner For Conservation, Education and Recreation
www.sbnfa.org

**Santa Clarita Valley Trails
Advisory Committee**
Meeting on a Quarterly basis at Carvalho Sports
Complex Activity Center.

TreePeople <http://treepeople.org/>
Come and check out how TreePeople saves
1.25 million gallons of water for irrigation projects
with just 1 inch of rain!
TreePeople, in collaboration with the Los
Angeles Department of Water and Power, has built
five demonstration sites in Los Angeles, which
include a large hilltop cistern at the organization's
Coldwater Canyon Park headquarters.
"When it rains an inch," Andy Lipkis said, "those
five little projects capture 1.25 million gallons."

General Information
12601 Mulholland Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephone (818) 753-4600

**William S Hart UHSD of
Santa Clarita
ANF Crew 5130**

In addition to high school credit, students
are offered paid work experience while gaining
practical exposure to land management
practices and career pathways related to work
in the great outdoors including; trail
maintenance and construction; wildlife
identification and conservation; backcountry
navigation; environmental stewardship;
wilderness first aid; and much more!

For more information, contact
Kevin Sarkissian at:
ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org
661.259.0033

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

Wednesday Hiking Club and Granada Club

• **May 9 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

California Trails Day

California Trails Day had 105 volunteers
working Condor Peak, Oak Springs and other
trails in the Wildwood picnic area.

Donuts at sign-in time, Subway
sandwiches, chips, cookies and water/ Gatorade
were provided for lunch thanks to donations
from CORBA, Pasadena Cyclery, US Forest
Service, John Horton, and Kathie Reilly

Kathie Reilly.

THE MOVIE: EARTH

How do you make a movie when the
whole planet is your set?

That's the challenge Alastair Fothergill
and Mark Linfield faced in making "Earth," the first film from the new Disney nature label. Narrated by James Earl Jones, the film follows three animal families as they lead their young through the first year of life: A male polar bear searches for food beneath melting Arctic ice as his two tiny cubs and their mother emerge from their snow den to greet the first rays of spring sunlight; a mother elephant in Africa's sun-scorched Kalahari Desert guides her calf through a blinding sandstorm in a quest for water after months of drought; a humpback whale and her new calf begin a 4,000-mile journey from the warm waters of the tropics to the food-rich seas of Antarctica. The filmmakers, also responsible for the Discovery Channel series "Planet Earth," spent five years collecting footage. They worked with dozens of camera crews, filming at 200 locations in 64 countries to tell a sweeping story about the planet's landscapes, seasons and species.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAIL WORK ON UPPER TRAILS CANYON TRAIL

Saturday & Sunday May 16 & 17, 2009

All L.A.R.R.D. U.S.F.S. Trail Work Volunteers &
Trail Work Groups & Families are Welcome

Why this trail? The trail is in need of long over due maintenance. There are trees down blocking the trail & the tread is in general disrepair. In the past this trail was a favorite hiking trail as well as an endurance ride. This is an opportunity for many volunteer groups to work together and get acquainted on a project that will benefit many.

Where? Lightning Point Campground. From Pasadena to La Canada via the I-210 Freeway to Angeles Crest Highway off ramp (Hwy. 2), exit and turn right, north uphill towards the mountains. Follow Angeles Crest Highway 9 miles to the Angeles Forest Highway (County N-3) & turn left towards Palmdale. Proceed north 14.5 miles to Mill Creek Summit to the Santa Clara Divide Road (3N17) turn left. Proceed along the ridge west 9 miles to where the pavement ends the second time turn left following the pavement south another 3/4 mile on road 3N32 to the white gate and the entrance to Lightning Point Group Campground. The exact distance on a dirt road is less than one mile and the road can easily handle any passenger car.

Options: Our plan is to work both Saturday & Sunday. If you only wish to work one day, your help either day will be greatly appreciated. For some of us we hope to be at the campground by 9:00am Saturday morning. But whatever time you arrive will be o.k. We know the drive is longer than most of you are used to, so that's why we decided to do an overnigher. Saturday Night we will all enjoy a potluck dinner around a great campfire. If you or anyone you know that will be joining us plays a musical instrument, **PLEASE**, have them bring it along so we can all enjoy a bit of music at the campfire. Family members that wish to just come up and enjoy the mountains are very much encouraged to do so. The camp is surrounded by big trees and is large enough to accommodate 240. A horse corral is also available. **THERE IS NO WATER. Bring all the water you think you will need for the weekend!.**

Please let Hal know by the end of April if you will be joining in, how many will be in your party and how many days you will be staying for. We want to make sure we have enough room for everyone to enjoy the evening celebration & campfire. Please e-mail Richard what you will bring for the potluck dinner. After all, we don't want everyone bringing a salad. If we have a lot of one thing you will be told so.

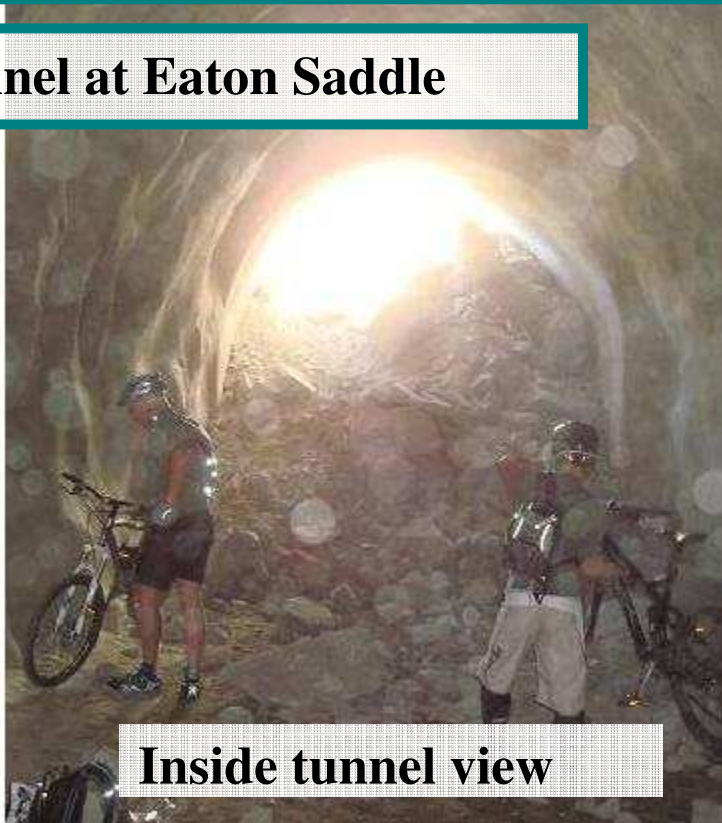
Hal Winton (AC100 CO-RD, LARRDVOL. 12,CTUC/NFA) WINTON4JESUS@JUNO.COM

Richard Nyerges [Bear Canyon Trail Crew, LARRD Vol. 140] nyerges@sbcglobal.net

The slide at Mueller Tunnel at Eaton Saddle



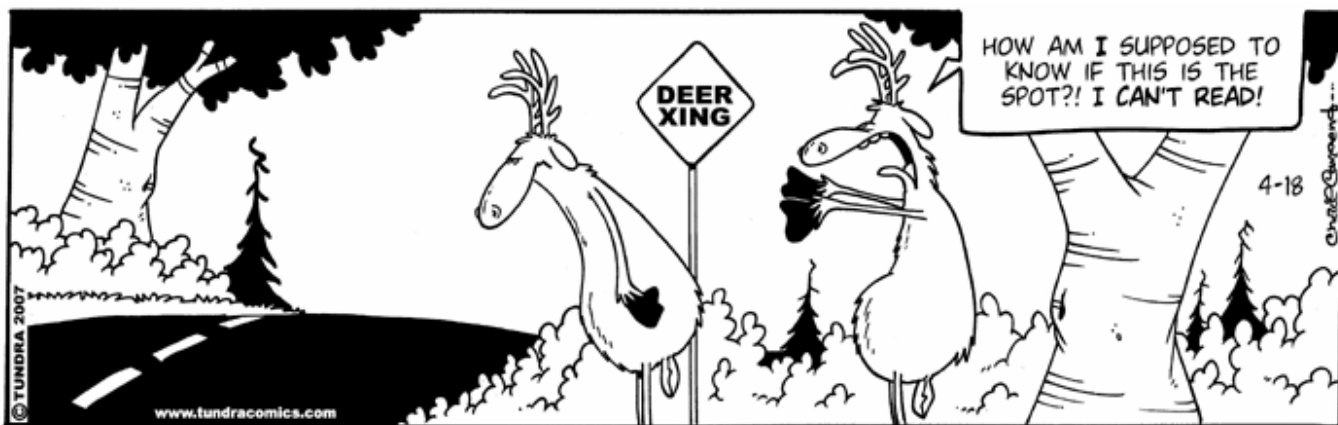
Outside tunnel view



Inside tunnel view

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times April 18, 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: _____

ECHO MOUNTAIN PICNIC

MAY 2, 2009 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM



Meet at the north end of Lake Avenue
(Lake and Loma Alta) in Altadena at 7:30 AM

Carpools will be organized and will depart at 8:00 AM
After arriving at the cape of Good Hope there will be a one mile hike down
the railway grade to Echo Mountain.

Tour of the mountain complex will include remnants
of the Echo Mountain House and Chalet Hotels
The power plants, tennis courts, observatory, Zoo, Section House,
Cable house and Incline.

See ongoing work performed by the volunteer groups.

For reservations email or call Brian at:
emworks@verizon.net or call 562-868-8919

There will be a limited number of visitors.

We will be behind a locked gate and those attending will be required to stay
with the group from 8:00 AM to 1:00PM Bring your own water and lunch.

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