

# VOLUNTEER TODAY

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## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Aug 2010

### 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.

According to local weather forecasters, this summer has been cooler than normal which has assisted us in accomplishing various Station Fire Restoration projects.

- Trail – Mt Disappointment 50K Race participants have been busy improving their trail system. AC100 Endurance Race participants have worked the Silver Moccasin NRT, Charlton Flat PA to Shortcut Saddle and PCT, Three Points TH to Sulphur Springs TC. JPL Trailbuilders have worked the Mt. Hillyer Trail, Boy Scout/CORBA worked the upper portion of Doc Larson Trail and Sierra Club – Angeles Chapter has initiated their trail restoration schedule with Silver Moccasin NRT and Pacific Crest Trail.
- Developed Recreation Site – prepared Stonyvale and Wildwood Picnic Areas (PA) for proposed Labor Day opening.
- Recreation Site Improvement – Switzers PA, contractor has removed the old infrastructure and started on implementing the new design.
- Student Conservation Association has crews working on either Trail restoration – lower portion of Doc Larson Trail and Silver Moccasin NRT, Chilao to Charlton Flat or Developed Recreation Site improvement – Chilao Visitor Center, West Fork campgrounds, Wildwood Picnic Area etc.
- Angeles National Forest Lookout Association – cleaned up and staffing Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout.

Thank you for your time and effort in assisting us in this tremendous recovery effort. For those volunteers not associated with the Station Fire Recovery effort, THANK YOU for your assistance us in providing a quality recreation experience outside the Station Fire Recovery Closure boundary recreation sites and trails that are being heavily impacted by Forest Visitors.

If you accumulated 100 volunteer hours during the 2010 calendar year, please contact me so you can receive your 2011 Annual Adventure Pass.

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have, please contact me so you can receive your 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 regarding the Volunteer Program, please contact me at either 818-899-1900 ext 229 or [hokamoto@fs.fed.us](mailto:hokamoto@fs.fed.us)

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

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But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown.

**Carl Sagan**

# LARRD VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

## August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ANF Invasive Plant Removal	2	3 <u>National Night Out</u>	4 Sierra Club	5 City of Glendale	6 City of Glendale	7 JPL Trailbuilders Mt Disappointment 50K Run Community Hiking Club Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour San Gabriel Trailbuilders Volunteers ANF
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15 ANF - IPR Volunteers ANF	16	17	18 CTUC Monthly Mtg Monrovia Canyon Park	19	20	21 Community Hiking Club Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour San Gabriel Trailbuilders City of Glendale Volunteers ANF
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29 ANF - IPR	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>National Night Out—What is it?</b>                      It's a series of events (block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks etc.) that happen throughout America on a specific day. This year the day is August 3rd.                      NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;</li> <li>• Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;</li> <li>• Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information, contact your nearby police station</b></p> </div>			

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

**AC100** <http://www.ac100.com>

• Aug 28<sup>th</sup> race is on!

At 5:00 A.M. 214 runners will be starting their 100 mile journey

Hal Winton

AC100 Co-RD Volunteer 12

winton4Jesus@juno.com

### Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

[www.altadenatrails.org](http://www.altadenatrails.org) 626-797-7243

### Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)

Mark Gage

[mrgy33@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.avconservancy.org)

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

[avconservancy@yahoo.com](mailto:avconservancy@yahoo.com)

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### Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

[m.rmeguire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rmeguire@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.P is here to serve and inform the public.

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.



Please contact:

Pam Morey

Forest Care Program

Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

[pmorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pmorey@fs.fed.us)

### Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy (formerly Altadena Foothills Conservancy)

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

[nsteele@altadenafoothills.org](mailto:nsteele@altadenafoothills.org)

In 2009, the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy purchased 20 acres of prime habitat at the mouth of beautiful and rugged Rubio Canyon. This key parcel secures public trail access and ensures that Rubio Creek and surrounding chaparral and oak woodland right up to the Angeles National Forest will be preserved for all time. A portion of the historic Pacific Electric Railway bed, part of the famous Mt. Lowe Railway, lies on the property.

We were able to move quickly to buy this property because we had funds in the bank. Now, we need to raise additional money so AFC can be ready to move quickly the next time a conservation-minded landowner comes to us with an urgent land sale. Having money in the bank enables us to act fast when opportunities for land preservation occur. We also need to raise a modest endowment to pay for the cleanup and upkeep of the Rubio Canyon land.

You can make a secure on-line donation right now by going to

<http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/support.html>.

Or, you can mail a check to:

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

P.O. Box 3

Altadena, CA

91003-0003.

### Audubon Center at Debs Park

[http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs\\_park.php](http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php)

(323) 221-2255

• Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Film Friday Bird Walk

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## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### BEYOND BASECAMP

[Beyondbasecamp.com](http://Beyondbasecamp.com)

323 896-0123

Check out Student Conservation Association Project schedule

### BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Richard Nyerges

[nyerges@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nyerges@sbcglobal.net)

626-285-0962

### Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

[cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:dayhiker86@yahoo.com)

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

### Boy Scouts of America

#### Los Angeles Area Council

<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

#### • Sept 7<sup>th</sup> TRAIL Boss

TRAIL (Teaching Resources And Individual Leadership) Bosses learn how to lead volunteers completing environmental work on public lands. Upon completion of the requirements, candidates may receive the TRAIL Boss patch and certificate.

### California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

[www.ctuc.info](http://www.ctuc.info)

#### • Aug 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and hosting of trails; and to help enforce the rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.

#### Come and Join Us

CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects. To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by calling our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at 818-353-4682.

You may also e-mail: [edwaldheim@aol.com](mailto:edwaldheim@aol.com)

### CITY OF GLENDALE

#### Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/default.asp>

Jeff Weinstein Trails and Open Space Specialist

818-548-2000 [jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us)

• Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission meeting 2:30 pm.

• Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Brand Park Hike Club

Location: Brand Park Bungalow

Description: Join a Park Naturalist for some exercise. Meet at the Trails and Open Space Program bungalow in the ball field parking lot. For information call: Trails and Open Space Programs at (818) 548-3795

• Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Wilderness workday

The Community Services and Parks Department has established a volunteer workday at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Call for additional info (818) 548-2000

### Community Hiking Club

[communityhikingclub.org](http://communityhikingclub.org)

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com)

• Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - Chantry Flats- We'll hike to 50' Sturtevant Falls near Sierra Madre. It is a 9 ½ mile hike with a 2100' elevation gain. Despite the distance it is a fairly easy trail. Bring lunch, snacks, lots of water and wear sturdy boots. Poles help if you have them. Meet at the outer Gate of Towsley Cyn before 7:00 AM to carpool to the trail head at 7. Sorry for the early meet time, but it is essential to get there early for parking. Please carpool if at all possible because of the horrible parking situation.

To get to the trailhead:  
Go East on the 210 Freeway.  
Exit Santa Anita Avenue and go north. Follow Santa Anita Ave. all the way into the mountains. We will meet in the parking area by the bathroom s where the trail goes down the hill.

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• **Aug 14<sup>th</sup> -Bear Divide to Walker Ranch.** This is a moderate hike with about 800 foot gain. The first 2 miles is uphill, followed by a slight downhill to the Los Pinetos Trail, then a semi-steep downhill for the last 2 miles. It is approximately a 7 mile loop. The great thing about this hike is the Bear Divide area which is almost all shaded and cool. Bring plenty of water, snacks and lunch. Meet at the Walker Ranch Trailhead on Placerita Canyon Road, 2 miles beyond the Placerita Nature Center entrance at 8:00 AM. We will then carpool to the Bear Divide Trail head at 8:15. Bring your camera. There are great views from the top of Bear Divide, and a great opportunity to see Condors!

• **Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - Sullivan/Rustic Cyn** Moderately paced 6 mi, 1600 ft gain, fascinating hike in Sullivan and Rustic Cyns. See the remnants of structures of a WWII Nazi camp and then later an Artist colony. Meet at Towsley at 6:50 for 7:00 departure or meet at trailhead at 7:45  
Directions to Trailhead: Meet 7:45am at Queensferry & Bayliss Rds (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N ¼ mi to Westridge Rd, L 1¼ mi to Bayliss Rd, L ¼ mi to Queensferry Rd; watch parking restrictions). Bring water, lunch, Bug spray, sun block, hat and sturdy shoes.

• **Aug 28<sup>th</sup>** August 28-Matt Nelson will lead you on a great, cool, short local hike today in Whitney Canyon. Please meet at the green gate at the end of the Park and Ride at the end of Newhall Avenue and the SR-14 freeway at 8:00 AM. You will probably be done no later than 11. Please bring lots of water and snacks. It is recommended that you wear long pants as there is some overhanging brush along the narrow part of the trail. If you wear shorts, you may get a few scratches.

**Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists  
Association (CORBA) (818) 773-3555**  
[www.corbamt.com](http://www.corbamt.com)

**Friends of Hahamongna**  
[www.fohwp.org](http://www.fohwp.org)  
The Friends of Hahamongna is an advocacy group working together for the protection of Hahamongna Watershed Park, one of Pasadena's last great open spaces

## **HABITAT WORKS**

**Kim Clark or Tom Persons**  
**818-353-4653**

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

### • **SEPT 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Piru Creek Backcountry**

Labor Day Weekend is the perfect kick off for our conservation new year, in one of the most beautiful places in Southern California, the Piru Creek Backcountry. We're taking full advantage of the long weekend on this 2-night, 3 day backpack, checking for tamarisk that has escaped our previous massacres in the area.

This section includes one of Piru Creek's major tributaries and a long beautiful stretch of seldom visited stream, save for rare trout fishermen in the know. It's been awhile since our last visit, but we've been seeing quite a bit of long-term success in our project areas, so this could be light work!

This section of Piru Creek includes both soft and hard chaparral, mixed with conifer forest right down to the stream channel. Southern California at its finest.

This is a one way hike, with vehicles staged at both ends. We'll be working with our packs on, IN the stream channel mostly without the benefit of a trail. Total distance is approximately 8 miles, 3 of which will be on a dirt trail. Otherwise, your feet will be wet all day. Your pack should be very light, and your body in good physical condition. We have some gear to loan if you need it.

Due to logistics, there are limited spots on this trip, so please register early.

To sign up, go to [wildlife@HabitatWork.org](mailto:wildlife@HabitatWork.org).

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

## Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

[www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org)

Kat [katcalls@aol.com](mailto:katcalls@aol.com)

310-455-1588

• SEPT 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

### Third Basketweavers Gathering

Basketry exhibit in the Toyapurina Gallery  
Workshops by So Cal weavers Native plant information and workshop

Funded, in part, by the Seventh Generation Fund



## 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:

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

• Aug 7<sup>th</sup> outing We will start restoring the South San Gabriel Peak Trail. Almost every inch of it needs at least some tread leveling, and there will be some major projects restoring trail width in some areas (after approvals).

## Matt Maxon

<http://www.mattmaxon.com/>

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## Mt Disappointment 50K

[www.mtdisappointment50k.com](http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com)

Gary Hilliard, Director

[gary@mtdisappointment50k.com](mailto:gary@mtdisappointment50k.com)

• Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - At 6:30 AM the race begins!

After the race our work crews will be working with the AC100 thru August

## Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117-7076

•Directions to Mount Wilson Observatory via Alternative Route- See the MWOA website,

[www.mwoa.org](http://www.mwoa.org)

• Cosmic Café Is Open: The "Cosmic Café at Mount Wilson Observatory" is now open. Sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, etc. are available. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm on weekends. It is located in the Pavilion overlooking the big parking lot. Picnic tables and a great view of the City are nearby. Free weekend guided tours

(<http://www.mwoa.org/tour.html>) of the Observatory also start there at 1:00pm. Bring family and friends, have lunch, and see the sights. For more on the Cosmic Café, see the Mount Wilson Institute (MWI) website.

(<http://www.mtwilson.edu/>)

• Call for Volunteers: MWOA needs volunteers to help on Mount Wilson on weekends. Membership in the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) is desirable. For more detailed information contact Don Nicholson by ([dnich@alumni.caltech.edu](mailto:dnich@alumni.caltech.edu)), or telephone him at (310) 476-4413. • Aug 28 MWOA Free Public Lecture in the Community Room of the Altadena Public Library. Note: from now on we will be meeting on the 4th SATURDAY, not Sunday (budget cuts have forced the Library to be closed on Sundays). The speaker and topic are TBD. Refreshments are at 2:00 pm, the program begins at 2:30 pm. See the Lectures page (<http://www.mwoa.org/lecture.html>) for more details. See the Directions page (<http://www.mwoa.org/direct.html>) for how to get to the Altadena Public Library.

## Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/> Ray Herrera [ray@pmbc](mailto:ray@pmbc).

The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association was founded to be advocates of responsible trail use for mountain bikers in the San Gabriel Mountains. We are a part of Save the Trails, an umbrella group for trail advocacy in and around the San Gabriel Valley, and cooperate with CORBA, IMBA, Pasadena Mountain Bike Club, Mt Disappointment Endurance Run, and others.

## Monrovia Canyon Park

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

- **Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Meeting ‘Heal the Bay’**

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/community-life/parks/342-monrovia-canyon-park>

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## Outward Bound Adventures <http://www.obainc.info/>

The mission of Outward Bound Adventures 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. Outward bound Adventures has numerous opportunities for volunteers, both administrative and for outings. To inquire about opportunities, please e-mail [rsendrey@obainc.org](mailto:rsendrey@obainc.org) or call **626-564-0844**

## Pacific Crest Trail Association [www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org)

1331 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, California 95833

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.

- **Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Pacific Crest Trail Days**

Thunder Island/Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon Please join us for a great cause in a beautiful setting at the 4th annual “Pacific Crest Trail Days,” located on Thunder Island in Cascade Locks, Oregon. PCT DAYS is a fundraiser event that was created to protect the future of the PCT, generate trail awareness, encourage PCTA membership, and serve as a recreational outing for outdoor enthusiasts. Activities include outdoor gear demonstrations, a great gear raffle, lots of free goodies, music, an outdoor photography slide show, and a screening of a PCT documentary. Although these activities take place on Saturday, August 28th, people are welcome to arrive at 12 p.m. on Friday to enjoy a vast network of hiking & biking trails or to relax in town. If you are into learning more about the PCT, outdoor gear, or just want to relax in the Columbia River Gorge, Cascade Locks is the place to be this weekend!

## San Bernardino National Forest Assoc. [www.sbnfa.org](http://www.sbnfa.org) 909-382-2790

- **Canoe Tours** Learn how to canoe on a leisurely 2-hour guided tour of beautiful Big Bear Lake. After a quick paddling lesson, you will cruise along the shore looking for beaver, great blue herons, and ducklings. Along the way you will learn the natural history of the Big Bear Valley along with the various flora and fauna found in the area. Children must be at least 6 years old and must be accompanied by an adult. Includes water and a snack. reservations required. Call (909) 382-2790 or (909) 866-3437 Dates: May 15- September 6

- **Kayaking Tours** Learn how to kayak on a guided tour of Big Bear Lake. After a quick paddling lesson, you will cruise along the shore looking for wildlife and discuss the natural history of the Big Bear Valley. Children must be at least 10 years old and must be accompanied by an adult. Includes water and a snack. reservations required. Call (909) 382-2790 or (909) 866-3437 Dates: May 15 – September 6

- **Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Hiking Tour**

Get a chance to see a beautiful section of the scenic 2,650 mile PCT trail, which runs from Mexico to Canada. You will learn about the natural history of the area, along with the flora & fauna of the Big Bear Valley on this naturalist-led hike. A tasty lunch & transportation are provided. Hike is suitable for beginners to enthusiasts. Tour is limited to 12 people; reservations required. Call (909) 382-2790 or (909) 866-3437. Dates: Thursdays: August 5, August 19 and September 2

- **Holcomb Valley Off-Road Tour**

For the off-road adventurers, check out this 4x4 off-road adventure throughout Holcomb Valley. Visit the historical sites and learn about the Valley’s famous endemic wildflowers at pebble planes habitat while others are available throughout the summer. Explore the second largest gold rush historical region in California history. A tasty lunch, waters and snacks will be provided. Tours limited to 12; reservations required; call (909) 382-2790 or (909) 866-3437 Dates: Wednesday, Fridays and Saturday; May 19 – September 4; 10am – 2pm

## SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White [bwootenwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:bwootenwhite@hotmail.com)

626-303-1078

- We are planning to help restore trails in the Station Fire area. We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month.

**VOLUNTEER  
GROUP  
NEWS**

## Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

A diverse user committee (Government – City of Santa Clarita Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and US Forest Service; Groups - Equestrian, Mtn Bikes, Hikers (Community Hiking Club) formed by County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department to assist in enhancing the non motorized trail experience within the NW portion of Los Angeles County (ie City of Santa Clarita, Acton, Antelope Valley etc). Meet quarterly at Santa Clarita Activities/Sports Center.

## Sierra Club

[www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/)

(626) 791-7660

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086

### • Aug 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

Information is available on the group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers are always welcome. Social hour begins at 7:00 pm, program starts at 7:30 pm. Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For addtn'l info contact Membership Chair Elizabeth Pomeroy 626-791-7660.

• **Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Trails Restoration: – Redbox Picnic Area to Switzers Picnic Area:** Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain over 200 miles of trails damaged by 2009 Station Fire. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long- sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically end by 3 pm. Bring lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location (we need headcount to provide proper number of tools). Ldrs: BOB THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING.

• **Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Redbox Picnic Area to Valley Forge Trail Camp:** Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain over 200 miles of trails damaged by 2009 Station Fire. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long- sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically end by 3 pm. Bring lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location (we need headcount to provide proper number of tools). Ldrs: CATHY KISSINGER, JOHN YARD.

## SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

[Emworks@verizon.net](mailto:Emworks@verizon.net)

On July 17 Gary Hall did a Eagle Project on Devils slide. There was a constant flow of rock and dirt at this point of the trail. By drilling holes and installing a mesh wall, a level base was made at the cliff so hikers didn't have to fear for their lives along this section of the trail.



## **Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest**

Wrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net>

[grassyhollow@hotmail.com](mailto:grassyhollow@hotmail.com)

Loren Lake, [lorenll@verizon.net](mailto:lorenll@verizon.net)

### • **Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Smokey Bear's Birthday**

NOTE: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Open House-Come meet Smokey Bear, learn his fire prevention story, & help him celebrate his birthday!

Hosts: Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

### • **Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Earthquake Walk** 1:00 p.m

Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault & learn about earthquakes.

Approx. 1 ½ mi., easy hike. Time: Approx. 1 ½ hours Location: Apple Tree Campground

Leaders: Don & Marion Shotliff, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

### • **Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Adventures in Dog Sledding** 1:00 p.m.

Hear an experienced musher tell what dog sledding is all about! Meet the dogs, see the equipment.

He'll have you jump in and experience it first hand.

Approx. 1- 1 1/2 hours Location: Apple Tree Campground

Leader: Robert Stradley, sled dog

### • **Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Forest Animals** 1:00 p.m.

Learn about our local animals, including the bear, mountain lion, coyote, squirrels, and birds on display at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Time: Approx. 30-45 minutes Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Linda Dailey, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

### • **Aug 28<sup>th</sup> History of Big Pines** 1:00 p.m.

What do the CCC, a zoo and a skating rink have to do with our local area? Learn these answers and more about the long history of the Big Pines area as a recreation destination.

Approx. 1 hour Location: Big Pines Visitor Information Center

Leader: Barbara Van Houten, USFS retired and author

## **Tree People** <http://www.treepeople.org>

Telephone (818) 753-4600

TreePeople's mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable and to share the process as a model for the world.

## **Wednesday Hiking Club**

### • **Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:infocus804@yahoo.com)

## **Sylmar Hang Glider Association**

<http://www.shga.com/>

P.O. Box 922303

Sylmar, CA 91392

Assisting in Kagel Mtn OHV restoration project

## **William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita**

**ANF Crew 5130**

For more information,  
contact Kevin Sarkissian at:

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661.259.0033 X 525



**AC100 VOLUNTEERS  
RESTORING TRAILS**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Volunteer Opportunity With Student Conservation Association

#### • Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Valley Forge Trail Camp

Come out and help us clean up and restore some of your favorite areas on the Angeles National Forest.

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**What to bring:** Your lunch and drinking water (Tools will be provided)

**What to wear:** Work pants, gloves, a hat, safety glasses, and sunscreen

**To sign up for any of these events or if you want more information please contact:**

Patrick Gallo [pgallo@thesca.org](mailto:pgallo@thesca.org) or call (208)608-6321 (cell)

IN COOPERATION WITH THE US FOREST SERVICE, ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

### Angeles National Forest Volunteer Opportunity EVENT: Invasive Plant Species Removal in Station Fire Burn Area Phase II "Summer Sundays"

**Host Organization:** USDA Forest Service, Angeles National Forest

**Contact Person:** Suzanne Avila, Volunteer Partnership Coordinator

**Phone:** (626) 574-5224 office

(626) 297-4195 cell

**E-mail:** [savila@fs.fed.us](mailto:savila@fs.fed.us)

**Event Date(s):** Sundays, July 18, 2010 - September 26, 2010

(7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26)

Excluding Labor Day Weekend (**no event on 9/5/10**)

Sign up for as many (or as few) days as you like.

**Event Time:** 8:30am to 2:00pm

**Event Location:** Along Angeles Forest Highway (Highway 59) in Angeles National Forest. Meet at Ralph's Supermarket parking lot in Sunland, CA (see directions below).

**Event Directions:** To Ralph's Supermarket, 10455 Sunland Blvd, Sunland: From the 210 Freeway, take the Sunland Blvd exit and turn right (east) on Sunland Blvd. Ralph's Supermarket is on the left (north) side of the street.

**Events Planned:** Removal of all non-native shoots and plants that are growing along the road as a result of the spring rain.

**Event Description:** Moderate to strenuous work, removing non-native plants by hand and with pick axes. Tools will be provided.

**Event Sponsor(s):** USDA Forest Service.

**Event Leader(s):** Katie VinZant, Botanist, Angeles National Forest

**What to bring:** Lunch and plenty of water to stay hydrated. Tools will be provided.

**What to wear:** Work pants, sturdy shoes, hat, and sunscreen.

**Pre-Registration: YES.** Please call or e-mail contact person listed above so that we may count the number of volunteers participating

## **IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES on June 20, 1915**

### **NEW SUPPLY STATION**

#### **Government will Open One Here Shortly to Furnish Fire Fighters with Necessary Equipment**

Beginning with July 1 there will be established in this city a central depot or supply warehouse, for the benefit of the fire fighters in the Angeles, Cleveland and Santa Barbara national forests. The central points will be Los Angeles in the Angeles Forest, Santa Barbara in the forest of that name, and San Diego in the Cleveland National Forest.

This central station will be completely equipped with fire-fighting tools, sufficient for 200 men; camping and cooking outfits, axes, spades, shovels and a score of other impedimenta used in fighting fires in the big woods.

There are already two such stations in California, one at San Francisco, the other covering the northern forests of the state and working out of season.

The establishment of the depot in this city will not do away with similar stations at Pasadena, Uplands and San Bernardino, now used for the protection of the Angeles National Forest.

## **Flash forward**

Fire management and suppression now uses far more equipment and technologies that was not available in early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The US Forest Service now has Fire and Aviation Management. Fire and Aviation Management is a diverse group of people working to advance technologies in fire management and suppression, maintain and improve the extremely efficient mobilization and tracking systems in place, and reach out in support of our Federal, State, and International fire partners. To learn more about this group go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>



# **JULY 21<sup>st</sup> Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Meeting Notes**

## **By Kathy Reilly**

### **Group reports**

- CORBA** (Steve) - 2-day project Doc Larsen Trail and Fascination Springs. Built, big huge rock retaining wall. Next Scout project is picnic area of El Prieto
- AC100** (Hal) - Big group worked Shortcut Canyon. Next project Three Points at PCT.
- Mt Disappointment 50K** Gary had his own meeting tonight with volunteers for race in 2 weeks.
- National Trails Day** had 150 volunteers working trails in Mt Wilson area. Forest Service provided lunch Subway sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and drinks. Mt Wilson Observatory volunteer provided a tour.
- JPL** (Kathie) - restored trail (wiped out by dozer building fire break for Station Fire) from Rosenita Saddle to Mt Hillyer for AC100 race. Next project San Gabriel Peak South Trail. Due to Angeles Crest closure, Horse Flats campground was mostly empty.
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail keepers** (Mark) Lower Merrill Trail in good shape. More hikers created more trash. UV sleeve arm covers are good for sun screen, available at Pasadena Cyclery.
- Terry Tanner** has mapped the fire closure area. Contact him if you want a particular grid. Don't forget to get your letters of support to Terry for naming a peak after Jim Spencer.
- Habitat Works** removed ivy from Arroyo Seco to Gould Mesa. The bridges are in bad shape due to the Station Fire, but most are in the City of Pasadena.
- ANF Lookout Assoc** - Have a temporary shelter at Vetter Mountain, reporting on people in the closed area. Slide Mountain is still working. Will be working the County Fair. Selling cloth bags fundraising for Vetter Lookout. Mt Hawkins will probably never be restored since the road needs \$3 million repairs.
- SCE** use of Mt Wilson parking lot for equipment is temporary, probably until September. Mt Wilson Pavilion opened the week after Fourth of July.
- ACCIDENTS** A biologist died from a fall while counting owls, which shows the danger of hiking at night.

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# **JULY 21<sup>st</sup> Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Meeting Notes**

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### **Non Motorized Trail Program**

- PCT

Camp Fenner group of Valyermo cleared trees from Vincent Gap to Islip Saddle

- On July 24<sup>th</sup> the Sierra Club scheduled to work around North Fork

- Located alternative route around Williamson Rock area, adjacent to Angeles Crest Hwy. Work will be a while since need NEPA.

### **Station Fire Recovery**

- Sierra Club - Angeles Forest restoration activity – trail reconstruction 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month
- SCA (Student Conservation Corps) Trail Crew – 7/26 – 8/19, Silver Moccasin NRT, Chilao – Charlton Flat
- Mt Disappointment 50K – Kenyon DeVore Trail
- Dawn Mine – 7/17 Eagle Scout Project
- Doc Larson – upper portion Eagle Scout Project completed, lower portion – SCA completed

### **Cobb Estate Trail**

- 9/14 proposed meeting at Altadena Community Center, which use trails to maintain

### **LA County Parks & Recreation**

- Trailbuilding manual – October target date for public review

### **SCVTAC (Santa Clarita Valley Trail Advisory Committee)**

- 7/22 meeting at Santa Clarita Activities/Sports Center

### **Los Angeles River RD**

- Station Fire Recovery Closure Order
- Proposed opening additional area (Little T – Big Tujunga, Stonyvale, Wildwood and Lower Big T) by Labor Day
- Developed/Dispersed Recreation
- Chantry Flat – busy
- Cobb Estate – busy
- High Country Developed Recreation Sites – moderate use

### **Developed Recreation Site**

- Switzer RSI  
Contractor working site
- Buckhorn ARRA  
Bid proposals closed (7/21) and we're expecting to award the contract sometime in August.  
The contractor will begin work the day after Labor Day.

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Mar 22, 2010 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone # (hm) \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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