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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter June 2011

VOLUNTEER TODAY – June 2011

Formation of “friends” Organization and June 2011 Volunteer Opportunities

“USDA Forest Service - 100 years of caring for the land and serving people”

Thank you to all who attended our April 2011 Ranger District “Sensing Sessions”, hosted in partnership with the National Forest Foundation, to determine interest in the **formation of a “friends” type of organization for the Angeles National Forest (ANF)**. Over 80 people participated discussing the role(s) that a “friends” organization could serve to address current and long-term needs of the ANF and of our forest community (including you, our dedicated volunteers). Key ideas that surfaced in discussions across all three Ranger Districts were the need for improved volunteer coordination, greater funding for existing groups and programs, increasing education and outreach to forest users and the greater L.A. community, and better information sharing and communication across the forest. Next steps include the creation of an online portal for communication (a link will be sent out later this month to all those listed in our ANF volunteer database). Also, a second series of meetings is being planned for summer 2011 to continue to gather your input as we move towards the formation of a “friends” type of organization. Updates are posted on ANF website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles.

ANF is now recruiting volunteers to participate in our **2011 Invasive Plant Species Removal** project scheduled to take place on Sundays from June 12, 2011 to October 30, 2011 between the hours of 8:30am to 3:00pm (excludes Sundays on holiday weekends). Expect moderate to strenuous work, as volunteers are needed to remove highly invasive, non-native plants by hand and with pick axes. For complete information and/or to sign up to participate, send your name and dates you are interested in participating to friendsoftheangeles@gmail.com.

“Forest Aid: Angeles – from ashes to action” – our massive volunteer effort to aid the recovery of the ANF, conducted by our partners TreePeople, is moving from the annual Tree Planting calendar (which took place from March to May 2011), to the annual Tree Care calendar, taking place on Saturdays and Sundays from June to October 2011 between the hours of 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested in participating visit: www.forestaid.net to sign up.

Mark your calendar with the following forest-related dates:

- **June 11, 2011, Saturday**
National Get Outdoors Day – A **fee-free day in the ANF** to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun; and **Operation Super Canyon Sweep** – 8:00am to 3:00pm beginning at the OHV area of San Gabriel Canyon, contact bhwetherby@aol.com for further information;
- **July 20, 2011, Wednesday**
LARRD Volunteer Meeting, 7:00pm at ANF Supervisor’s Office, 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

ANF volunteer programs are open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Forest Service accomplish its mission. For further information please contact:

Gerald Reponen, Assistant Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900, ext. 228 / greponen@fs.fed.us
Andrew Fish, Non-Motorized Trails Program Manager (818) 899-1900, ext. 256 / ajfish@fs.fed.us

Reminders: When you’ve accumulated 100 volunteer service hours during the 2011 calendar year; or if you’ve accumulated 500 volunteer service hours since January 1, 2007; please contact Andrew Fish (contact info listed above) so you can receive either your 2012 Annual Adventure Pass or Interagency Annual Pass.

/s/ Suzanne Avila
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A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.
Max Lucado

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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

- June 18th Idlehour Trail, West Side
- July 9th Gabrielino Trail – Newcomb Saddle to Sturtevant Camp
- July 23rd
24th Annual
Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

www.altadenatrails.org
626-797-7243

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)

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

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.



- Help support ANFFLA everytime you shop! Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

contact: Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us
Forest Care Program Coordinator
909-744-9510 ext. 125

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

avconservancy@yahoo.com

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

Facebook: Antelope Valley Conservancy

- July 15th – 28th Nature And The Arts Exhibition

If you use Google or any other search engine, please try GoodSearch.com to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

Nancy L. C. Steele D. Env., President, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

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Facebook: [Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy](https://www.facebook.com/Arroyos-Foothills-Conservancy)

- Steele, co-founder and board president of the re-named Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, is stepping down from the lead role as the group marks its successful decade-long effort to buy and preserve 41 acres of Rubio Canyon. Steele said it's time for a change as the conservancy positions itself to be a regional player in the public land-acquisition stakes. "If a nonprofit is to survive it needs to grow beyond the founders and the founding board," said Steele, who will remain on the board after two-year member Tim Wendler takes over as president.

- And now that the forest is open, we need users to get involved in its ongoing recovery.

Trails expert and open-space advocate attorney Paul Ayers has opportunities for volunteers in ongoing trail restoration work in Rubio Canyon; the AFC could put volunteers in touch. It takes regular people to provide access to our mountains, as well as government agencies

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Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php
(323) 221-2255

FACEBOOK: AUDUBONDEBSPARK

- June 5th/12th/19th/26th Tai Chi
- June 11th Family Nature Hike
- June 18th Women's Fitness Hike
- June 18th Solar system training

Call Wade Webb for more information at 888-786-9322 or email wadesolarwebb@aol.com

- June 10th Nature Together
- June 25th Old Time String Band Jam Session

• **Big thanks to everyone that took part in today's Firstbird survey.** More than 160 sightings in all, from all over the state, country, and world. A lot of the usual birds in there — California Towhee, hummingbirds, mockingbirds, Mourning Doves and Scrub Jays — all great birds. And there were some new ones. A reporter from Leeds gave us our first British House Martin, for instance. And two sightings of Yellow-billed Magpie, perhaps in reference to the Yellow-billed Magpie frenzy we're going to launch in the next week or so.

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

The road to the canyon is open, although there may be temporary closures due to fires, bad weather, or road repairs.

The Sierra Madre Police Department closes and locks the gate at 8 p.m. Be sure to be out of the canyon before then.

Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

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

Learn how to work on trails, take Trail boss Training!

- Jun 4th National Trails day (National trails day)
- Sept 10th (Advanced Trail boss)

Blight Busters

Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

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BEYOND

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BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Richard Nyerges

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- June 4th Outing Meet between 7:15 and 7:30 am

On June 4th we will once again head towards our beloved Bear Canyon. Our first goal will be to rebuild the trail around the waterfall from Commodore Switzers Camp to the stream, about 3/4 mile in distance. There are areas that have been washed out as well as rock slides on the trail. We will have our work cut out for us, but as those of you who have been with us in the past know, that's nothing new. We can and will get the job done

Thanks for your support.

Richard

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

www.ctuc.info

- June 11th Super Canyon Sweep
- June 15th 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 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

William S Hart students shaping the trail



CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department

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

Jeff Weinstein Trails and Open Space Specialist

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- **June 20th – July 1st**

Glendale Camp X-Press Glendale Camp X-Press – CIT Program

Contact: Patty Betancourt at (818) 548-2792.

Kool Dayz Summer Camp Travelin' Teens Day Camp Kinder Camp

Contact: Norma Valles at (818) 548-3220.

- **June 8th Educational Health Series –Healthy Heart**

For information: Shirley Robertson at (818) 548-2188.

- **June 18th Wilderness Workday**

- **June 7th/14th/17th/21st /18th Senior Chat Group**

For information: Shirley Robertson at (818)548-2188

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743 Facebook: Community Hiking Club

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

- **June 4th - Nicholas Flat from Leo Carrillo Beach State Park**

10 mile moderate 1800 ft gain. A coastal and beach hike where the ocean views and spring wildflowers are spectacular. The Nicholas Flat area is where four different plant communities co-exist: Chaparral, grassland, coastal scrub and oak woodland. It is one of the best spots in the Santa Monica Mountains for spring wildflowers. We may see shooting star, hedge nettle, sugar bush, hollyleaf redberry, purple sage, chamise, blue dick, deer weed, burr clover, bush lupine, golden yarrow, fuschia-flowered gooseberry, and many more. We will have lunch at tranquil Nicholas Pond, atop grand boulders, offering views of the Malibu coast, Catalina Island, and the Channel Islands. The first 3 miles of the trail is a steady upward march of about 1600 feet. Expect variable weather from very cool mist to blazing hot sun. The last mile will be walking on the beach, squishing the sand between your toes.

Bring Hiking Poles, Plenty of water, Sunscreen, bug repellent, Hiking shoes with tread, lunch, hat.

Meet at Towsley Park outside the gates at 7:00 for 7:15 departure or meet at trailhead at 8:15.

Directions to Trailhead

Take I5 South To I405 south to 101 North. Go South On Kanan Dume Road to PCH. Go North to Leo Carrillo State Beach. There is parking inside the Park for a fee or free parking along PCH on the southbound beach side. Meet at the sign that reads "Camp 13 Trail" about 500 feet inside of the park entrance at 8:15. You do not have to go past the ranger kiosk unless you want to pay to park (\$12.00). Get THERE EARLY!!! It may be a 15 minute walk to the trailhead after you park. If you are not familiar with Leo Carrillo State Beach Park, I encourage you to meet at Towsley Park.

Hike Leader: Jerry

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• **June 11th -Fish Bowls**

The Fishbowls of Piru Creek is a deep series of potholes forming neat looking pools in the creek bed. This hike has been touted as one of the best in the Mt. Pinos area of the Los Padres Forest. The trail climbs through cedar and pine forest to the headwaters of Piru Creek. This is a 10 mile hike with little gain. There are lovely meadows and patches of forest throughout the hike. 6

Bring hiking poles, plenty of water, sunscreen, bug repellent, hiking shoes with tread, lunch, hat.

Meet at Towsley OUTSIDE the front gate before 7:00 AM for a 7:00 AM departure, or at the trailhead at 8:15. Directions to trailhead: From Interstate 5 just north of Gorman, take the Frazier Park exit and follow Frazier Mountain Road west for three miles to the Lake of the Woods "Y" intersection. Bear left here and continue 11 miles on the Lockwood Valley Road (9N03). Turn left when you see the Forest Service sign for Grade Valley on Grade Valley Road (7N03), a dirt road suitable for all but the very low-slung passenger cars. Proceed for about 5 1/2 miles to the signed Fishbowls Trailhead parking area.

Hike Leaders: Dianne and Terry

• **June 18th -Mt Pinos to Mt Abel with Nikki.**

Meet in the Mt. Pinos/Nordic Hut parking area at 8:00 AM. This is an amazingly beautiful hike. It starts at the top parking area for Mt. Pinos, and within 2 miles, you will reach the summit of Mt. Pinos. The summit is 8,831 feet, which is a net gain from the parking area of 500 feet. From here, you will take the Vincent Tumamait trail into Chumash Wilderness to Cerro Noreste (aka Mt. Abel), nearly 5 miles away with about 1500 additional feet of gain. Your mileage total will be close to 14 miles. However, you can turn around at any time. There are also ample areas along the way to rest and relax, take photos, and actually summit 2 more peaks along the trail if you wish. Nikki can show you those 2 trails. The topography is undulating, so you will be alternating loss and gain along the way. The scenery is amazing with tons of wildflowers and worthy of lots of photography!

Bring lots of extra water, snacks, lunch, sunscreen, hat, good boots, hiking poles, band aids, and anything else that will make your day! Plan to return to the parking area about 5:00 PM. (An ice chest waiting for you in the car with a cold drink is a very welcome sight!)

Directions to trail head: Head north on I-5. Exit at Frazier Park and turn left. Follow the main road for 21 miles all the way to the Nordic Hut Parking area. Nikki will meet you in the parking lot at 8:00 AM. Be prompt!

Hike Leader: Nikki

• **June 25th -An easy 5 mile RT hike from Placerita Nature Center to the waterfall and back to Walker Ranch for the Annual CHC BBQ celebration (see below).**

Return to the nature center is on your own if you do not wish to participate in the BBQ. We'll meet at the Nature Center at 9:00 for a 9:15 departure up the trail!

Hike Leader: Dianne

• **June 25th CHC Barbeque at Walker Ranch 12:00-2:00 \$10.pp**

Donation includes BBQ Hamburger, fixins, salad, watermelon, dessert, pink lemonade (Please do not bring alcohol. This is a county park and alcohol is not allowed on the premises) Please RSVP so we have enough food for everyone! Grill master Bill Bailey will be behind the grill! Park at the Walker Ranch trail head and walk down ¼ mile to the campground where we will be waiting for you!! Learn how to make cordage, learn how to identify animal tracks, and much more!

Community Hiking Club cont

• June 26th - "Foot Fitness-Moving Well From The Ground Up"

9:00 AM at Placerita Nature Center in the Classroom. Be early...class size is limited to the first 45!!! Join CHC member and Corporate Wellcoach Ron Jones for an informative and active participation workshop on how to take care of feet and ankles. One fourth of the total bones in your body are in your feet--there are 52 bones, 66 joints, 224 ligaments plus many tendons, nerves, and blood vessels in our feet, so they must be important! The workshop will teach you to understand your feet as a "sensory organs" and gain a new appreciation for wellness from the ground up! In addition to some basic biomechanics and neurology of the feet, you will learn and practice important foot/ankle mobility exercises that can relieve pain and optimize gait. Special "foot fitness" tools will also be demonstrated that often correct painful plantar fasciitis issues--sometimes in just a few days. You will learn how select "foot friendly" shoes and hiking boots. The barefoot running topic will also be discussed. Foot fitness made fun and practical--make sure to attend so you can learn to not only move well from the ground up, but also move safer without pain. Plenty of individual attention will be given to each participant....be prepared to take your shoes off and learn to live pain free!! To learn more about Ron and Foot Fitness, visit www.ronjones.org (Event Lead by Ron Jones)

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Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

(818) 773-3555

FACEBOOK: CORBA www.corbamtb.com

- June 4th CORBA Kids Club Ride
Point Mugu State Park
- June 4th CORBA's Free Mountain Biking Skills Clinic
- June 6th COSTAC Monthly Meeting
- June 8th Crest to Coast Trail Public Meeting
- June 14th Third Public Meeting for
Topanga State Park General Plan
- June 18th Beginner ride - Sycamore Cyn
- June 22nd CORBA Members' Meeting

Haramokngna American Indian

Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org

Kat katcalls@aol.com (626) 449-8975

- June 4th National Trails Day
- June 12th Annual native foods/yucca workshop
Barbara Drake, Tongva elder and master teacher.

We are open Sat & Sun from 10 -4, and by appointment for groups during the week. We now have an answering machine (if the electricity is working) at the Center - 663-449-8975.

We have resumed our land management practices - with our "culture club" - gathering the bounty of the mountains and using those materials for material culture. For more info on the culture club call Kat at 310-455-1588.

Friends of El Prieto Trail

bannermoffat@earthlink.net

Friends of Hahamongna

www.fohwp.org

Go here to receive E-mail news about the park: <http://www.fohwp.org/id18.html>

HABITAT WORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

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

• June 25th/26th This should be a beautiful June weekend, perfect for backpacking along a stream in the Los Padres. It's warm enough to leave the tent and heavy clothing at home for a minimalist, lightweight backpacking experience.

This project is a one-way trip through an extremely remote section of Piru Creek. We'll be accessing this area via 4-wheel-drive drop in, and hike to our vehicles at the other end. You need to be in top form for this trip, athletes are 'always' training, so you'll need to be cardio hiking in the weeks before.

This section of Piru Creek includes both soft and hard chaparral, mixed with conifer forest right down to the stream channel. Wildflowers splash the canyon walls as mating pairs of birds are busy raising their young. Southern California at its finest.

We'll be checking for tamarisk in areas we've treated previously, so we expect the work to be lighter than usual. We'll use light weight hand tools to cut tamarisk to grade wherever we find it.

We'll be working with our packs on, IN the stream channel without the benefit of a trail. Your feet will be wet all day. Your pack will need to be very light, and your body in excellent physical condition. We have some gear to loan if you need it.

This project has limited spots, so please sign up early.

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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.

Contacts:

Jonathan Schultz a Forest Certified Animal Packer, Master Teacher for "LNT", Chainsaw & Crosscut Saw Certified Volunteer.

951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

Glen Foster 760-868-8313 or 760-508-0344

Or **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

• June 25th outing

Now the Forest Service is considering having us assess trails in the burn areas, so we may be able to survey Mt Lowe East and West and other trails. Again, it depends upon the weather. If not, then we will do more trail maintenance on Mid-Merrill Trail. If you want to know for sure what we will be doing, call Kathie the day before. We won't know much more ahead than that.

Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

- **Jun 18th -- Silver Moccasin or Kenyon Devore**
- **Jul 9th -- Mt Disappointment / San Gabriel Peak Trails**
- **Jul 30th -- Kenyon Devore Trail**
- **Aug 6th -- Kenyon Devore or Silver Moccasin**
- **Aug 13th -- RACE DAY.**

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

Ray Herrera ray@pmbc.org

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

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

Volunteering at Canyon Park

Have you always wanted to be a park ranger sharing your love of nature with others? Here is your chance to fulfill your dreams! Training will be provided to help you become a volunteer, who will foster an appreciation, understanding and respect for nature for those visitors who come to Monrovia Canyon Park.

The benefit package included children's smiles and laughter, hikers who appreciate your clearing of trails, city folks whose facial expression relax and attitude change as they find a respite from the hurried world below. Contact the Nature Center at 626-256-8282 for more information and an application.

Mount Wilson Institute

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

P. O. Box 1909 Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909 (404) 413-5484

FACEBOOK: The Cosmic Cafe at Mt. Wilson Observatory

The Observatory is open to public visitation daily from 10 am to 4 pm, April through November.

Go to <http://www.mtwilson.edu/60in.php> to make early reservations for 60-inch telescope observing sessions for the 2011 season.

The Cosmic Cafe is open every Saturday and Sunday, and some holidays 10am-4pm

We Need Your Support - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage site with your tax deductible gift in one of three ways. Go to <http://www.mtwilson.edu/Support.php> to find out how you can help preserve and revitalize this world-class treasure of science and engineering.

Outward Bound Adventures

2020 Lincoln Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103

FACEBOOK: Outward Bound Adventures

<http://www.obainc.info/>

Outward Bound Adventures has numerous opportunities for volunteers, both administrative and for outings. To inquire about opportunities, please e-mail us using the contact form below and hit the send button or call us at 626.564.0844.

Do you want to make the world a better place? Want to work with young people? Do you want to create opportunities for people in need? Want to work outdoors? Want to train the leaders of tomorrow?

We run programs throughout the year with a slow period during the months of November and December. We encourage those with a passion to serve our youth and community to call us for current openings. Outdoor experience is not required.

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

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Ben White: 626-303-1078 | ben@SGMTrailbuilders.org

The **San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders** (SGMTB) is an all-volunteer public service organization dedicated to constructing and maintaining hiking trails in the San Gabriel Mountains' Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

Pacific Crest Trail Association

FACEBOOK: Pacific Crest Trail Association

www.pcta.org

1331 Garden Highway

Sacramento, California 95833

San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.

www.sbnfa.org 909-382-2790

For more calendar details go to:

<http://www.nationalforestassociation.org/index.php?mo=6&yr=2011&ev=2455648>

- Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council June 9th
- Big Bear Youth Volunteer Meeting June 6th
- Build a Birdhouse June 18th
- Campfire June 3rd/4th/10th/11th /17th/18th /24th
- Canoe Tour June 3rd/5th/10th/12th/17th/19th/23rd/24th/26th/30th
- General Membership and Volunteer Meeting June 8th
- Gold Panning June 4th/11th/18th /25th
- High Flying Rockets June 11th/18th/25th
- Holcomb Valley Off-Road Tours June 4th/5th /11th/12th/18th /19th/25th/26th
- Intro to Geocaching June 18th
- Junior Forest Ranger June 5th/12th/19th /26th
- Kayak Tour June 4th /5th/11th/12th /18th/19th/25th/26th
- Lake Arrowhead Youth Volunteer Meeting June 3rd
- Map & Compass Class June 11th /18th /25th
- Mountain Rim FSC: Crest Forest Chapter June 16th
- Nature Crafts June 12th/26th
- Nature walks June 4th/5th/11th/12th /18th /19th /25th/26th
- Pinecone birdfeeders June 5th/19th
- Story Time - Eliza and Dragonfly by Susie Caldwell Rinehart June 18th
- Story Time - Lost in the Woods by Carll R. Sams and Jean Stoick June 4th
- The Forest Festival June 4th
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council June 21st

Sierra Club www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

(626) 791-7660

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086

For more calendar details go to http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#june• **Jun 1st Monthly Meeting:**

Christopher Brennen, canyoneering expert extraordinaire, presents "Canyoneering in the San Gabriels and Places Far Away." Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. 7 pm social hour, 7:30 pm program at Eaton Cyn Nature Ctr, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena.

For information contact Group Chair: ELIZABETH POMEROY

• **Jun 4th Newcomers Potluck**• **Jun 4th South Fork Campground to Devil's Punchbowl County Park:**• **Jun 8th/22nd Evening in the Arroyo:**• **Jun 11th Eaton Canyon Gardening and Trail Work**• **Jun 12th Cooper Cyn to Buckhorn:**• **Jun 25th Bridge to Nowhere:**• **Jun 25th Icehouse Cyn to Icehouse Saddle::****Tree People**

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FACEBOOK: Tree People

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<http://www.treepeople.org>For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2011-06>• **Jun 2nd/16th/23rd/30th Park Work Day**• **Jun 4th/5th/18th Santa Monica Mountain Restoration**• **Jun 18th Santa Monica Mountain Restoration Supervisor Training**• **Jun 4th Green City Fair**• **June 14th Full Moon Hike**• **Jun 25th Park Tree Care****William S Hart UHSD of Santa****Clarita ANF Crew 5130**

Kevin Sarkissian

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www.hartrop.com/forestry

Beginning in January 2011, 'Basics in Forestry and Trail Construction' will once again be offered as a 10 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, and MRCA. In addition to high school credit, participating students may be offered a paid work experience internship while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to conservation and resource management including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife conservation; backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; search and rescue response; and much more!

This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

For a complete course outline, visit www.hartrop.com/forestry or contact Kevin Sarkissian at:

ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org 661.259.0033 X 525

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY<http://www.mtlowe.net>

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E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA

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Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

Loren Lake

lorenll@verizon.net

- **June 4th Geology Talk**
Bruce Garbaccio, Engineering Geologist, California EPA, 1:00 PM
- **June 11th Mojave Green/Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes**
Joe Baneshek, Field Researcher, 11AM and 1:30 PM
- **June 18th Bird Walk/Talk**
Dan Guthrie, Audubon Society, 10:00 AM
- **June 25th Native American Plants and Culture**
Robin Cornett of Wrightwood Library, 1:00 PM

Wednesday Hiking Club

• June 11th 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

NEED A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER?

Electronic copy of Newsletter at: <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

WHO ARE YOU?

Suzanne Avila the volunteer coordinator would like each volunteer group to pick a month and write a cover sheet about their group in the newsletter.

Phone 626-574-5224. email savila@fs.fed.us

NEED HELP!

The Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy ("AFC") recently completed its purchase of 38 acres of undeveloped land at the mouth of Rubio Canyon.

One of its first projects is the restoration of the historic trails that run through the property, which connect Rubio Canyon directly to Inspiration Point via the Lone Tree Trail.. Paul Ayers is directing the restoration for the AFC, beginning with the Camp Huntington Trail and the Lone Tree Trail via the old Edison jeep road. Paul is looking for volunteer to assist the project with "pick, shovel and rake work" under the guidance of experienced volunteer trail builders for about four hours the first Saturday morning of each month. Rain cancels. Tools will be provided.

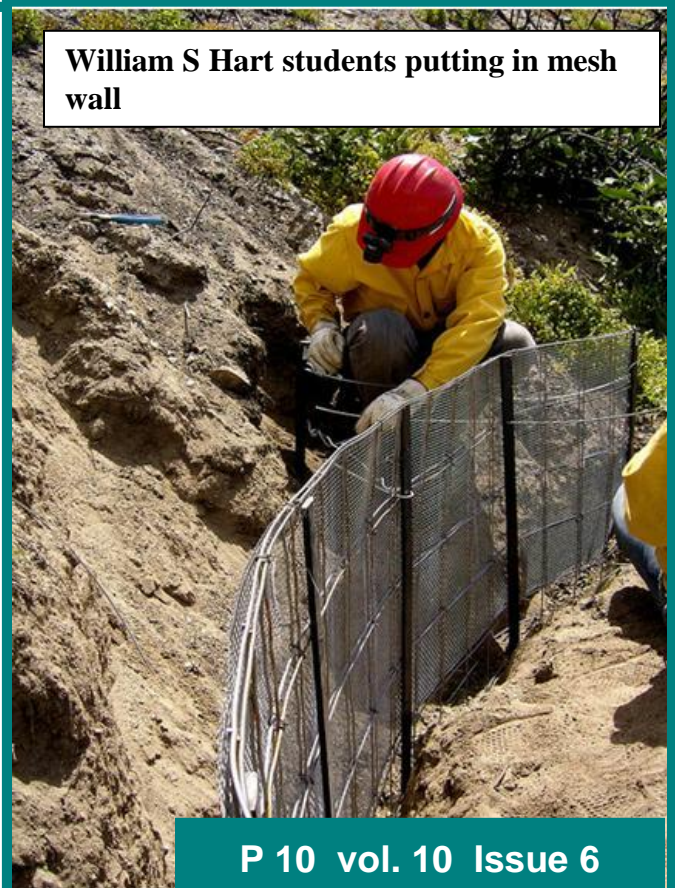
Paul's contact information is:

ayerspaul@sbcglobal.net 818-378-3217.

Thanks.

George Aumann

William S Hart students putting in mesh wall



Resort notes

The Los Angeles County forestry service is active in trail and firebreak construction work in the Angelus National Forest. A new trail being built starts at the West Fork Arroyo Seco Divide at the headwaters of the Arroyo Seco and of the West Fork. Which point is commonly known as the Red Box Divide, and leads for four and one-half miles to Colby's ranch, in the back country, via Strawberry Peak, cutting the present trail distance to that ranch by six miles.

One and one-quarter miles of the new trail is completed at this time.

The county forestry service camp, which is located at the Red Box divide, will soon be moved one and one-quarter miles to a point known as Strawberry and Lawler Saddle, from which point construction work will continue. The entire camp, accommodating Thirty men will be moved by pack train and man power.

The previous camp established by the service, just prior to the present one, was put up last October in the Arroyo Seco district, from which point a considerable number of firebreaks were built.

The total yardage of firebreaks built by the Los Angeles county forestry service since last October amounts to approximately 12,000 with the firebreaks from forty to forty-five feet in width.

After the new trail is completed to Colby's ranch it is planned to resume firebreak building. That trail will open up the back country to the advantage of hikers and will also aid in fire-protection work. Many excellent firebreaks are assets to the Arroyo Seco, Mt Wilson and Mt. Lowe districts.

County Forester Turner is in general charge of all of this kind of work, assisted by Assistant County Forester J. Graves. L. S. Pery of the county forestry service is in direct charge of the construction of firebreaks and trails in Los Angeles county. Mr. Graves at the present time is foreman of the camp at the Red Box Divide. Assisted by T. G. Martin, also of the forestry service

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WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

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By Kathie Reilly

Organization Reports:

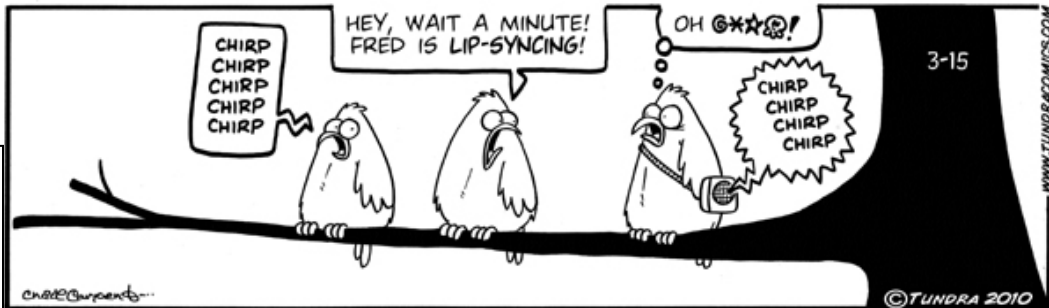
- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) – No Forest Service in attendance, so nothing was accomplished
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers – Working Lower Sam Merrill Trail and Castle Canyon trail
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol CORBA – working El Prieto Trail
- JPL Trailbuilders – completed Muir Peak Trail and working Mt Lowe East Trail. Mt Lowe fire road is in pretty good shape but took a lot of rock removal work.
- Angeles National Forest Lookout Association – Slide and Vetter Lookouts are open, Vetter is a platform, canopy and gazebo. The Forest Service will be providing an SST bathroom. There are about 100 volunteers, some in training. The Association will volunteer at the LA Fair.
- Arroyo Seco Canyon – road down to Gould Mesa is in bad shape. Sunday is First Aid/CPR class, 8:30 A.M. at Little T training center. Cost is \$20, cards are good for 2 years, bring lunch.
- Mt Disappointment 50K – Race is August 13. Worked Mt Wilson Trail, Silver Moccasin Trail between Shortcut and West Fork, now working Gabriellino between West Fork and Kenyon DeVore.
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee – Eagle project on Dawn Mine Trail
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run – April 16 worked Silver Moccasin Trail with 40 people in Charlton area. Now working West Idlehour from Toll road. Still working on getting a waiver for the race in Wilderness areas.
- Bear Canyon – Worked Tom Sloan Trail, most of it is washed out, trail to fire road is in good shape. On California Trails Day, worked High Hill Camp to Valley Forge and will finish in June or July. Switzers Falls Trail is overgrown, will be working that National Trails Day. Need to let Richard know if you are coming since they are providing lunch

Forest Service – They have been busy doing the requirements to reopen the forest. Maps were passed out showing the new forest closure boundary (it is also on their web site). North of Angeles Crest is closed. Some of the highlights are:

- Charlton is open to hike but not drive. • Switzers needs 10 more days of labor. • Buckhorn needs minimum 45 days work using stimulus money, will probably be closed through Labor Day. • Monte Cristo now has water. • Shortcut Saddle getting picnic tables, CTUC plans for an SST there. • February to August cannot fell trees due to spotted owls breeding in West Fork drainage. • Creating 5 group campsites at Valley Forge.
- PCT in Mt Gleason area is dangerous. PCT reroute at Mt Pacifico. • A campgrounds is closed if the road to it is closed. • Colby Canyon – no trail exists. • Gabriellino Trail does not exist between Switzers and Paul Little. • Sunset and Dawn Mine Trail closed. • El Prieto is closed, road open except • Brown Mountain road is closed from saddle to Kenny Burton. • No trail past Paul Little. • Mueller Tunnel is closed, the road will hopefully be rebuilt by fall. • The rumor is Angeles Crest will open June 1.
- Our new Req Officer will be starting July 5, Dennis Merkel from the Department of Defense, Albuquerque. He has an urban rec background.
- 900,000 trees were planted in the last 4 months, most are native. There are 1,000 test plots being monitored, with a 75% success rate so far.
- There is only 1 road crew, currently working the north east, so it won't be until at least July before we see any work in our area. Put a request in writing to Mike McIntyre to plow the Red Box Road, copy to Sonia Bergdahl.
- Warning - Santa Clarita Road drive causes flat tires with it's sharp rocks.
- Plans to rebuild Vetter Lookout have been approved.
- National Trails Day is June 4 at Mt Wilson.
- Suzanne Avila introduced a person covering the Sensing Meetings for Friends of Angeles Group. The next step is an on-line forum for those who didn't attend the meetings the end of April. In June there will be more meetings to get the group vision and mission. National Public Lands Day project September 24.

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