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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Aug 2013

Angeles National Forest Offers Virtual Orientation for Volunteers

By Kathy Peterson, ANF Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant

The Angeles National Forest now offers an “on-demand” volunteer orientation session that provides an opportunity to learn about the Forest Service and the many ways that the work of volunteers contributes to the Forest Service mission. The newly developed session can be conducted by arranging for either in-person instruction (November through April), or by means of internet and teleconferencing sessions conducted by Volunteer Program consultant, Kathy Peterson (available year around).

The 3-hour orientation gives Volunteer Program leaders an opportunity to talk with new volunteers about the kinds of work they may be doing, and to emphasize the importance of safety as they begin their work. But it also provides helpful information to new OR long-time volunteers about the Forest Service itself.

This session isn't a replacement for the hands-on training that volunteers will need on the ground, but it does provide introductory information about the Forest Service (its mission, priorities, organization, etc.); information about the volunteer program on the Angeles – including our emphasis on work safety; and an overview of laws and policies that pertain to individual volunteers (e.g., civil rights, ethics & conduct, etc.).

The full range of topics covered during the orientation includes:

- * The Forest Service History & Mission
- * FS Chief's Focus Areas
- * Angeles National Forest Priorities
- * Volunteer Opportunities
- * Background Checks
- * Training
- * Civil Rights
- * Volunteer Rights
- * Reimbursement
- * Facilities Tour
- * Forest Service Organization
- * Region 5 Focus Areas
- * Angeles National Forest Staff & Organization
- * How to Become an ANF Volunteer
- * The Volunteer Agreement
- * Health & Safety
- * Ethics & Conduct
- * Attendance & Record Keeping
- * Who Wears a Uniform

Kathy Peterson can be reached by phone (626-437-5789) or via e-mail (angelsnfvolunteers@gmail.com) to answer your questions or to schedule an orientation session for your group.

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

Don't try to be a great man,
just be a man.
Let history makes its own judgment

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Mount Wilson Hotel, May 31

[Correspondence of The Times] After a few weeks of comparative quiet the Mt Wilson camps have again put on their wonted stir.

The past week will convince anyone of the continued popularity of this charming mountain resort.

In all the hardships, real or fancied, there is not enough weariness to counterbalance the enjoyments of the trip, and those who have once breathed the exhilarating atmosphere of the mountain, and felt the sprit of absolute freedom which the scenes inspire return again and again.

The comparatively light travel for the past few weeks has been due to the continued fog and cold of the valleys. However, as a matter of fact, the mountain has been clear and beautiful for the most part. The year has opened with a strong increase of travel. and the season will be fare the best in the history of the camps.

The beauty and grandeur of this place must be seen to be appreciated. The magnificent view from many joints afford inspiration for the pen of any man. The brush of no one could give any true conception of the subtle beauty, the serene dignity and grace these lookouts afford. There is a sprit in these mountain retreats that brings one to the very heart of nature. No one can feel it without becoming better.

Wreathed in the incomparable smile sunshine with an atmosphere of crystal and breathed over all the exquisite breath of spring; here the lunging places beneath the great pines, the fountains of cold, sparking water, pure, grateful and refreshing as the morning sunlight, the wild flowers, and the absolute quiet and rest bring one to a realization of what primitive blessings were "one man learned to hew the shaft, lay the architrave and spread the roof above them."

Hundreds of people will visit the mountains during the season just opened. Many with their hearts in sympathy with the scenes, others cold and indifferent to all, and again others who permit the little inconveniences of mountain climbing to destroy the harmony of everything about them. Some are not constituted to see this world, they belong to some other system; as Artemus Ward said Of the tomb of Shakespeare. This world "is a success" Let us not look at it "as through a glass dimly," to be a little admonitory.

Every available nook and corner was filled with weary tourists on the evening of May 30. Fifty two were ensconced at Strains' camp, and the hills rang with laughter and shouts of the delighted guests.

A magnificent sunset, a bonfire on signal point, a look at the "lights" and a peep at some "doubles and clusters," and all were ready for a night of excellent repose until the sunrise parties again woke the echoes.

Mr. Henderson of the Santa-Fé office and party pose as high authority on sunrise excursions.

Mr. Dimmutt thinks that after this Sol may attend to his celestial toilet unobserved.

Mr. Haines thought the sun would get up on time wheeher a telegraph man were present or not.

And all who sat around the ample fireplace beamed with enjoyable reminiscences of pioneer times.

The Signal Service boys were much disappointed because of the fog obscuring the valley, thus preventing them from corresponding with the Los Angeles post. During the hours of sunshine the fog covered the city and valley, and with all their interest in carrying the fine hellograph to the peak, it was utterly useless.

It is to be regretted that there is not a permanent instrument here. It would certainly be and interesting means of communication. The necessary instruments could be provided at a small cost, and by the Morse signals, correspondence could be readily carried on. Why not The Times?

With the fine four and one-half inch telescope Pasadena, Los Angeles, and towns of Pomona, Monrovia, and Ontario are brought almost within hailing distance. The glass, which is now located on Signal Pint is a beautiful instrument, and in procuring it for the use of his camp. Mr. Strain has done the handsome thing for his guests, especially since it is free to all of them.

There have been a number of parties over the mountains and down in the San Gabriel Canon in search of the festive brook trout. The stream affords a good harvest for the man who can skillfully manipulate the rod and who can take advantage of the "speckled beauties" peculiar disposition.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

The Mt Wilson Campsites faded into history after the Mt Wilson Hotel and Mt Wilson Toll Road were built.

The heliograph is a wireless solar telegraph that signals by flashes of sunlight (generally using Morse code) reflected by a mirror. The flashes are produced by momentarily pivoting the mirror, or by interrupting the beam with a shutter. The heliograph was a simple but effective instrument for instantaneous optical communication over long distances during the late 19th and early 20th century.

Think about what it was like for people of 1896 to see Los Angeles from Mt. Wilson. Since airplanes were not around in 1890's (First Airplane was flown on December 17, 1903) such views would have been breath taking. The picture below was the view from Mt Wilson in 1900.

Mt. Wilson view of Los Angeles
at night in 1900

SMOKEY BEAR'S BIRTHDAY NOTICE



TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter,
June 30, 2013
email: info@tundracomics.com

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:
DO TO LAST YEARS MISHAP,
TRICK CANDLES WILL NOT BE
ALLOWED AT SMOKEY'S
69th BIRTHDAY PARTY ON
AUGUST 9th, 2013

San Gabriel River Ranger District

110 N. Wabash Avenue
Glendora, CA 91741
(626) 335-1251



Coldbrook Campground

Host Michael Hansen
(626) 335-1251 x249

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program

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20th Annual National Public Lands day

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"Clean up the Ridge Route" volunteer work party

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20th Annual National Public Lands day

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2013 Los Angeles County Fair

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Additional Volunteer Opportunities with our Partners at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering/?cid=stelprdb5315650>

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VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Jonathan Schutlz leads a pack
train up the trail into Ice House
Canyon near Mount Baldy**



**Equestrian volunteers
helping with a parade.**

**William S Hart UHSD
ANF Crew 135's repairing
a trail near Grizzly Flats**



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

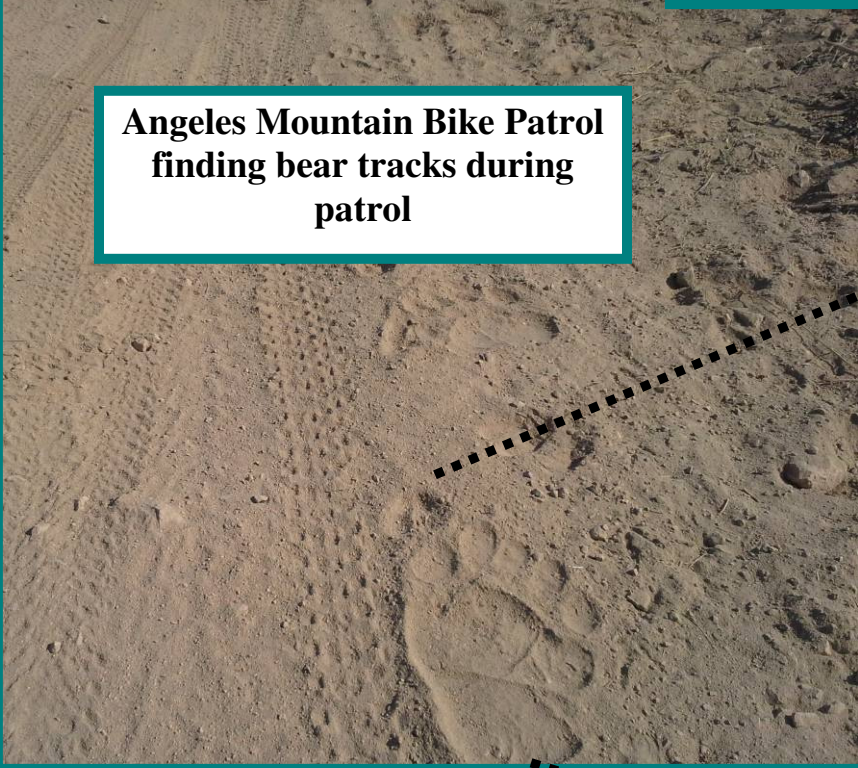


**William S Hart UHSD
ANF Crew 135's repairing
a trail near Grizzly Flats**

**San Gabriel Mountain Trailbuilders at
Icehouse have installed a sweet new
little foot bridge!**



**Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol
finding bear tracks during
patrol**



Trail Skills College

Are you looking to learn, improve, or expand your trail maintenance skills?

Grab your boots and head to school! Trail Skills Colleges are open to new and experienced volunteers, hikers, equestrians, and outdoor personnel who would like to learn more about how to maintain their local trails!

What is the Trail Skills College?

Trail Skills Colleges aim to cultivate essential skills in trail reconstruction and maintenance through workshops and trainings that take place on the trail. Trail Skill Colleges are free, 2-3 day events offering hands on experience to all skill levels. Courses will vary by location but may include:

- Basic trail and tread maintenance
- Drainage design and structures
- Crew leadership
- Tread reconstruction
- Rock work
- Certifications (CPR, First Aid, Crosscut, Chainsaw)

PCTA collaborated with many partners to develop the curriculum and worked with USFS Trails Specialist John Schubert to write the documents. Funding was made possible through a grant from REI.

Who teaches the courses?

Courses are taught by professionals and volunteer leaders who have extensive experience in the fields of recreational construction, trail maintenance, and leadership.

UPCOMING CLASSES: <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/southern-california/>

- Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills College @ San Bernardino National Forest, Front country Ranger District near Cajon Pass

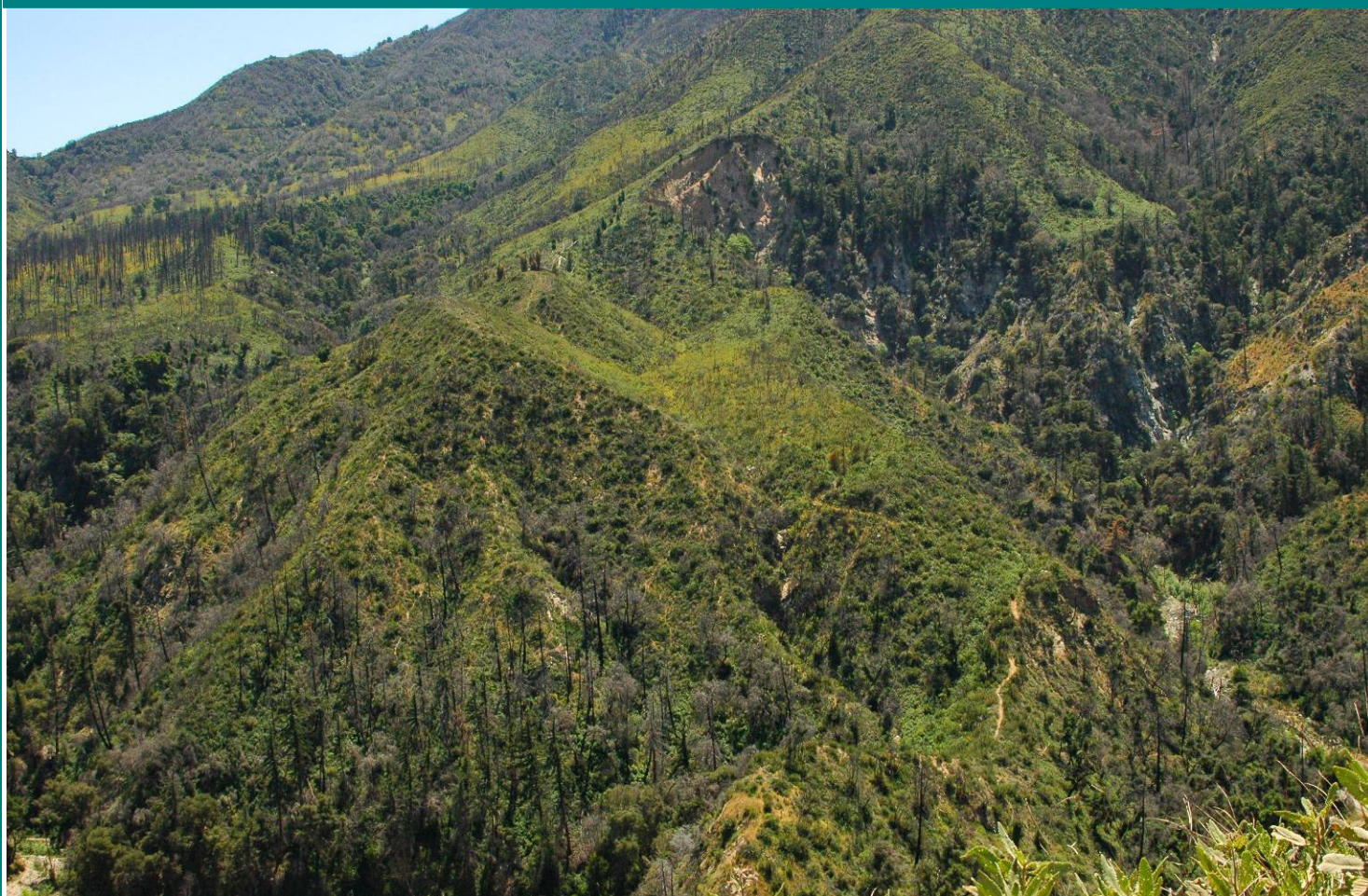
Planning is underway for these events! The website will be updated as additional details become available. If you would like to receive email announcements as event details become available please send your name and email address to volunteer@pcta.org.

Grizzly Flats Report

Sending you my wideangle view of Grizzly Flats this one taken on April 19, three weeks following our (Brenda and my) rainy day hike up Mt Lukens and then circling back down via GF road then thru the overgrown thicket trail to Wildwood area. From left to right here, you see the lower plantation burned out by the Station Fire, Vasquez Creek @ left center where we are presently working the remaining .3 mile traverse around the 4 drainages, the trail junction at just left of center where a grove of eucalyptus trees are recovering, then just above dead center and below the washout along the ridge you see the GF ridge which hides the trail down to the lower right wash and across the creek to Vogel Flats area. A faint outline of the lower trail can be seen at bottom center as it traverses back into the Big Tujunga Canyon wash.

Kevin's crew cleared more than half way thru the Northern approach almost to the drainages. Brenda and crew have cleared the Southern approach from Hoyt Mountain fireroad (thanks to Dennis for the key!) and the GF fireroad another mile. We are within a short distance to the trailhead and the watertank and hitching post, once a picnic area but presently overgrown. Just .3 mile of thickets and washouts along the lip of the creek remain. Our goal is to complete this connector and open the 200 year old trail for safe and picturesque hiking again.

For more information, contact Brenda brenda.beck@sbcglobal.net. She is coordinating the work schedule and organizing the tool needs. Thanks to all who have already volunteered and made an amazing display of quality trail repair.



Raptors of Placerita Canyon

PRESENTED : The Community Hiking Club and
Placerita Nature Associates

WHEN: August 18, 2013 **TIME:** 2:00 PM

WHERE: Placerita Canyon Nature Center, Classroom

The Community Hiking Club and the Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates are pleased to present “Raptors of Placerita Canyon” at the August Community Nature Series presentation. Mr. Chris Mowry and several of his Los Angeles Parks and Recreation colleagues at the Placerita Canyon Nature Center will discuss and show our local raptors.



Chris and his associates have several decades of combined experience in the captive management of, and public education about, our local raptors. Raptors include eagles, owls, falcons, and hawks.

Did you notice that Vultures and Condors are not listed above as Raptors?

Do you know why?

Here's your chance to find out the answers to that question, and many more!



Raptors of Placerita Canyon cont



The presenters will discuss classification, identification, interesting facts, and details about managing these wonderful birds in captivity. A “Question and Answer” session will follow the presentation.

See you there! It’s fun, it’s free, and great for the whole family!

Directions: From Valencia, take the I-5 Freeway South to the SR-14 North. Exit at Placerita Canyon Road. Go approximately 2 miles to Placerita Natural Area. You will see a wooden sign and a driveway on the right side. Enter the drive and park close to the building. Meet in the classroom inside the building before 2:00 PM.

National Forest Scenic Byways and the Angeles Crest Highway

By Dennis C. Merkel

Scenic byways connect the public to destinations and special places. These designated roads traverse some of our country's most unique landscapes, noteworthy for their scenery and natural and cultural features. The National Forest Scenic Byways Program is a success because it unites communities, empowers collaboration among diverse partners, and offers travelers a way to "make the journey as important as the destination."

National forest scenic byways connect the American public to some of this country's most spectacular landscapes within our public lands. They are the gateways to access attractions such as hiking trails, overlooks, historic sites, waterfalls, wilderness areas, and wild and scenic rivers. The quality of their facilities and settings helps instill a sense of public stewardship for our natural and cultural resources. The National Forest System includes more than 6,000 campsites and picnic areas; over 193 million acres of forests, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs open to recreational activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, geo-caching, camping, rock climbing, and more; and 5,400 trailheads providing access to more than 143,000 miles of trails. Communities along national forest scenic byways serve as gateways and provide enhanced access to many of these public resources. These byways provide a way to educate visitors about the unique qualities and characteristics of each byway region.

Construction for the Angeles Crest Highway began in 1929. It was originally intended to be a fire access road. In 1941 construction stopped because of World War II. After the war, in 1946, construction resumed and the completed highway eventually opened in 1956. The road was constructed by prison labor housed at Camp 37, which has since been razed. California Division of Highways (now CalTrans) staff lived at a site called Cedar Springs. The staff is now located at Chilao Flats. Their children attended Chilao Mountain School, a one room school house. The school has been closed for several years. The road is 66 miles (106 km) in length, with its western terminus at the intersection at Foothill Boulevard in La Canada Flintridge and its eastern terminus northeast of Wrightwood. The majority of the route passes through the mountainous terrain located north of the Los Angeles basin. Its alignment passes through the Angeles National Forest in the San Gabriel Mountains. Segments of the road reach altitudes above 7,000 feet, with a summit of 7,903 feet at Dawson Saddle, which makes the road one of the highest in Southern California.

Recognizing the untapped potential of the road, the Forest Service designated the Angeles Crest Highway (California State Route 2) a Scenic Byway, offering travelers scenic beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities. The route is easily accessible and offers the byway traveler opportunities for adventure-based recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, canoeing, and driving for pleasure within the Angeles National Forest. Depending on the local weather, especially on days with little or no clouds or fog, impressive views of the Los Angeles basin are possible from the vicinity of Mount Wilson. Angeles Crest Highway was originally planned to be upgraded to a freeway in the 1950s, but that idea was later considered geographically improbable and the plans were abandoned.

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

• **The Race: Aug 3rd/4th**

Results will be in the September Newsletter

We did 3 and 1/2 hours of work on the road to Newcomb Saddle AC100 aid station location by Gary Hiliard and I with chainsaws, pry bars and tons of work by the toughened AC100 runners working at moving lots and lots of rocks, boulders, busted off big logs and limbs off the road. The majority was after West Fork C.G. since Gary and I have repeatedly worked on the road to there this year.

A late start at Newcomb Saddle for the trail work (Gabrielino trail) but with 24 runner/worker/FS volunteers we still got a big chunk of trail brushing and cleaning towards Surtevant church camp. The AC100 runners really earned their pay this day not to mention the long damned drive to get to the trail work trail head starting point. Nothing comes easy any longer on our forest or its roads.

My friend LARRD Rec Officer Dennis Merkel put it on his calendar to speak to our assembly at Wrightwood Aug 2nd at our runners/support crews briefing. I feel certain that he will mention the unique circumstances that the volunteers work under on trails and getting out there to work on them and the benefits derived from their hard work.

And to work and play safely.

By gum we may make it there for another outstanding performance by all comers. There will be a hot time in the old town tonight Aug 3rd and 4th. Literally.

All the very best in the west,

Hal (Winton for Jesus), AC100 Co-RD, ANF Vol 12, CTUC/NFA

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

626-797-7243 www.altadenatrails.org

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

Antelope Valley Conservancy www.avconservancy.org

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• **Looking for a sustainable gift? Consider giving a Membership in Antelope Valley Conservancy. Only \$25. A gift that keeps on giving.**

• **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!**

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

• **Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard."....**

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails.

We work on the trails almost every Saturday.

Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

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<http://www.anffla.org>

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- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- Help support ANFFLA every time 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!



Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmccguire@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.

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- Aug 4th Invasive plant removal and habitat restoration

Have you been to our Rubio Canyon property? Would you like to restore nature and learn more about plants? If so, then our upcoming Rubio Restoration Day is the event for you!

Join AFC board member Tim Martinez for a day of invasive plant removal and habitat restoration on our Rubio Canyon Property. Learn to identify native California plants and their uses while we remove invasive mustard and grasses from the beautiful, mountainous terrain. We will meet at 1101 E Loma Alta Drive, Altadena, CA, at 9am, and the event runs until noon.

Be sure to pack water bottles and to wear long pants and work clothing. Gloves will be provided, and there is a bathroom with running water on site. For more information, contact Tim Martinez: timmcmartinez@yahoo.com (626) 808-7964.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA90031 PHONE: (323) 221-2255

Contact : http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field_location_email

Calendar: <http://debspark.audubon.org/events>

- Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. Free Tai Chi contact: <http://debspark.audubon.org/forms/contact-us/636>

- Aug 17th - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Oct 27 2013

Old Time String Band Jam Session* Listen and dance to local area musicians strum Southern Appalachian style fiddle and banjo tunes. Bring your own instrument or just come to listen!

- Aug 18th - 9:00am - 3:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Sep 22 2013

Solar System Hands-on Training Maintenance & Design Join Wade Webb, who designed and installed the Audubon Center's solar power system, to learn about using solar power. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

- Aug 23rd - 7:00pm - 10:00pm Audubon Film Fridays: A Bug's Life

Join the Audubon Center at Debs Park and the Los Angeles and Pasadena Audubon Societies, under the stars for Audubon Film Fridays. Pre-Film Entertainment begins at 7:00 pm, followed by nature films at 8:00 pm. This is a free event.

Giving just a little bit of your time can make a big difference to the success of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. We offer many opportunities to help us bring people together to appreciate, enjoy, and protect birds and nature.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Taking a summer break to enjoy the outdoors!

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- Aug 18th Live Outdoor Music Concerts
- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night.

Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.

• The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.

- Adams Pack Station Contact:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

- Sept. 7th Echo Mountain Clean Up

MEETING LOCATION: We will be meeting at Farnsworth Park just off of Lake Ave, in Altadena **at 8 am.**

L A County Farnsworth Park, 568 East Mount Curve Avenue, Altadena, CA

DIRECTIONS: From the 210 FWY. in Pasadena, exit Lake Ave. Drive north towards the mountains. The park will be on the left side of Lake Ave. as you drive up. We will be meeting in the first parking lot on Mount Curve Ave.

Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council

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

Additional Training Opportunities Scheduled for the Future:

- Sept. 7th, Advanced Leader Training (High Country)

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

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

- Aug 21st MEETING

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 email: edwaldheim@aol.com

• **CTUC MAPS** The first map in our series was completed in 2005 and now, several years later, there are eight maps in print with as many as four more in the works. CTUC maps are unique in that they are not complete inventories of routes. Instead they are travel guides to the area with selected routes shown.

For more information: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/maps>

CITY OF GLENDALE

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Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/default.aspx> 818-548-2000

CITY OF GLENDALE Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

- **Aug 10th Perseid Meteor Shower**

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Description: : The Burbank Sidewalk Astronomers are back for a late night program and to share their telescopes and their knowledge on meteors, comets and asteroids.

- **Aug 17th 3rd Saturday - Wilderness Workday**

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Description: This month we're not celebrating anything special, spoofing TV commercials, or making up lyrics to classic rock n roll tunes. We're just going out into the park, getting our hands dirty, and making a difference. We'll water our young big cone spruce, oaks, and sycamores and pull out nasty, non-native weeds. And at the end of the day we'll be tired but happy. This is a great program for families or students who need community service hours. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, sunglasses, and a hat. We'll provide the drinks and snacks. We meet at the Le Mesnager Barn at 8 a.m. The event is free

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743 Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• **Interested in helping a mapping team in the Western end of the San Gabriel Mountains? We need people proficient in Map reading, using a compass, and GPS. Contact Dianne if you are interested in joining us: zuliebear@aol.com**

• **The Community Hiking Club is forming a new trail team. If you are interested in working on the Western, North, South portions of the San Gabriels, and would like to work during the week, or possibly a few Sundays, please contact Dianne at: zuliebear@aol.com**

- **Aug 3rd -Mt. Disappointment**

Mt. Disappointment got it's unusual name from a survey team in the late 1890's, who thought they had trekked to the highest peak in the area. Upon summiting, they looked to the south and viewed a mountain (San Gabriel Peak) that was over a hundred feet higher and therefore were disappointed that their efforts were for naught. (Mt. Disappointment is directly across from another peak called Alimony Peak, so there has been lots of discourse about how these two peaks were named)

The trail head starts at a dirt parking lot at about 4,500' elevation and switchbacks go up through a lovely oak/manzanita woodland. Approaching the top, the trail goes through a pine studded forest and merges with an old road constructed by the US Army for the Nike Missile radar base on the 6,000' summit. It's approximately 1.75 miles to the summit, with about a 1,500 elevation gain. The trail is narrow and there are very steep drop-offs in places, so dogs are not recommended. The Station Fire did not burn in this area, so the forests and woodlands are pretty pristine. There are spectacular views from the top of the entire LA Basin, all the way out to Catalina Island.

This is a very cool hike, which is especially nice in summer. The trail meanders through shady oak forest above 5,000 feet, and although there is no snow there now, it is known for having snow late into the year.

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Mt. Disappointment (cont)

An option after reaching the top, is to continue along the ridge line and summit San Gabriel Peak, about another $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and 400 elevation gain. Since there is a lot of Poodle Dog Bush on this trail, long sleeves and long pants are a necessity. The entire hike, including San Gabriel Peak, can be done in about 4 hours at a leisurely pace.

Total mileage for both sections: 5 miles RT **Total Gain:** 1,900

Bring 2 liters of water (minimum), lunch, snacks, poles if you have them, and a camera for the great views! Be sure to wear boots with good gripping soles! **BRING AN ADVENTURE PASS IF YOU ARE DRIVING.** We will meet at Towsley Cyn outside the gate at 8:00 AM or at the trail head at 9:00 AM.

Directions to Towsley from Valencia: Take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit, turn right. Go through the signal and make an immediate right into the first driveway. This is Towsley Canyon. Park **OUTSIDE** the gate. Look for your leader with an American flag.

Directions (from Towsley, if you wish to meet at the Trail head instead): Take I-5 south to I-210 East. In about 20 miles, exit at CA-2, Angeles Crest Highway, Turn left onto Angeles Crest Hwy and go 14 miles to Mt Wilson Road, turn right, go .4 mile and turn hard right onto Mt Disappointment Road. Park in the dirt parking lot adjacent to locked gate. Do NOT block the gate.

Rated: Moderate due to elevation gain **Leader:** Ron

- **Aug 10th - Mt Pinos to Mt Abel**

This is a great, HARD hike. It is a 15 mile hike to 4 summits along the way with Mt. Pinos being first and Mt. Abel being the last. The good news is that you can turn around at ANY point, and head back to the parking area. So, you can go to the summit of Mt. Pinos (4 miles RT) or continue on as far as you'd like. The trail is well marked. There is a lot of "up and down" as you go up one mountain, and down the other side. The whole route should be considered by hikers who like a difficult challenge. Moderate hikers may consider a good portion of the route, and beginning hikers might like to summit Mt. Pinos and back. There is something for everyone on this trek!

The views are spectacular, so bring your camera. The wild flowers should still be in bloom as well! And, they are gorgeous!

Bring: Poles if you have them, lunch, snacks (lots of them), bug spray, bug net, 4 liters of water minimum if you plan to do the whole trek, sunscreen, lip balm, Band-Aids (and any other first aid item you might need on the trip), bear bell if you have one and your camera.

Meet at the trail head at 8:15 AM. We will depart at 8:30.

Directions: Take the I-5 North to the Frazier Park offramp. Exit. Turn left. Follow this road all the way to the top parking area on Mt. Pinos. There will be a Nordic Hut building in the lot, and on the left side you will see a trail head. This is the trail we will be taking. Park on the left side and look for us there. Please allow 1 ½ hours to get there. **Rated:** Easy-Moderate for the shorter versions, **VERY DIFFICULT** for the full hike

Leader: Dianne

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• Aug 17th - Los Pinetos to Wilson Saddle

This hike is an easy-moderate hike. The first 3 miles is UP fairly consistently, to Wilson Saddle. There are two ways to go on Los Pinetos. Steve will take you on the right fork going up so that you will arrive quickly at Wilson Saddle and get in a good rest before departing up the road towards Camp 9. You will not reach camp 9 this time, as you will take the second Los Pinetos back down the mountain, and back to your cars.

Total mileage is 7 ½. **Gain** is 1,000 ft.

Bring: Lunch, snacks, 2 liters water minimum, Band-Aids (people tend to get blisters due to the constant uphill if their boots are not well worn), poles if you have them.

Wear: Boots with good tread, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses. Shorts are okay on this hike. There are some overhanging plants that you might want to avoid.

Meet at the Walker Ranch Trail Head at 7:00 AM for a 7:15 departure up the trail.

Directions: From Valencia, take the I-5 south to the SR-14 North. Exit at Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right. Pass Placerita Natural area after about 2 miles. Continue another 2 miles to a turnout in the road with a sign that marks the “Walker Ranch Trail Head” and “Placerita Natural Area”. Turn in and park. Parking is free here. Please read road parking signs as you cannot park in some areas along the road.

Rated: Moderate (But on the easy side of moderate) **Leader:** Steve

August 18-The Community Hiking Club and the Placerita Nature Center Associates will be presenting a Nature Series program today from 2:00-3:00 on Raptors.

• Aug 24th -Griffith Park Night hike to Mt Hollywood in Griffith Park

Enjoy the view of the sunset over the ocean, view of the lights of the LA basin and avoid the hottest part of the day. This is a 5.5 mile RT, apx 1,000 ft gain hike up to the top of Mt Hollywood which overlooks the Griffith Observatory and affords views from downtown LA, to Santa Monica to Glendale.

Meet the leader at Towsley Cyn outside the gate before 5:45 pm for a 5:45 pm departure to the trail head or plan to meet at the trailhead at 6:30 pm.

Bring water, snacks or dinner, boots, and trekking poles.

Bring a flashlight or headlamp if you are uncomfortable hiking under a partly full moon using your night vision. We'll eat at the picnic tables on the summit!

To meet at the trailhead, (from Santa Clarita) take I-5 South and exit at Los Feliz. Turn right on Crystal Springs Dr into Griffith Park. Take a left turn at the stop sign after apx 1.5 miles at the sign for Merry Go Round parking lot. Drive up the hill and through the first parking lot, past the Merry Go Round to the second parking lot. We will plan to meet up to start the hike at the NORTH end of the second parking lot. (Note – If there is an event such as the Shakespeare Festival that prevents parking in the 2nd parking lot, alternative parking is usually available in the lot below, but the meeting place at the NORTH end of the second parking lot will not change). **Rating:** Moderate for uphill gain **Leader:** Nikki

• Aug 31st - A short and Easy hike in more of Santa Clarita's open space!

Today we're going to venture into the East Walker Ranch Area where you will find 3 trails with a total distance of about 3.5 miles. Gain is about 400 feet. Most of the trail is flat or undulating, but there are 2 tough hills that we will take our time climbing. This area will eventually connect to the Crest to Coast Trail. It is a lovely spot for a picnic! You will love the scenery as well! Meet at 8:20 for an 8:30 departure.

Bring a camera, snacks, lots of water, and a lunch if you want to continue your adventure over to Walker Ranch, the waterfall (+2 miles), or Placerita Nature Center (+4 miles).

Park at Golden Valley.

Directions to Golden Valley: Take the S-R 14 to Placerita Canyon Road. If you're coming from the I-5, turn right at the base of the offramp. About 2 miles beyond the entrance to Placerita Natural area, you will see the Walker Ranch parking area on the right. Just beyond this, you will see a gate on the LEFT side of the road, and an open space sign. This is where you can park. You can also park at Walker Ranch and walk over to the Golden Valley Gate if the spaces at Golden Valley are full. Pay attention to no parking signs along the road.

Hiking poles are a great help on this hike!

Rated: Easy (With a couple of tough hills) **Leader:** Dianne

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<http://corbambt.com/>

For schedule goto: <http://corbambt.com/Calendar/index.shtml>

• **Aug 5th COSTAC Monthly Meeting** The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

• **Aug 26th Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting.** All are welcome

The Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County.

We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy. We are a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew

Karen Buehler 818-363-6216 karen.buehler2@gmail.com

Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>

• **TBD Trail Maintenance at Deukmejian Wilderness Park** (Contact Karen Buehler)

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew has been restoring trails in 2009 Station Fire Area in Deukmejian Wilderness Park. We will continue maintenance of the trails in Deukmejian and are looking for project in Angeles National Forest.

Friends of El Prieto Trail bannermoffat@earthlink.net

An organized group of individuals working on improving the trail to pre fire condition. If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail. - Banner Moffat

HABITAT WORKS <http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

Celebrating 10 years of Habitat Stewardship
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monitoring wilderness, mapping invasive species and rare plants,
conserving endangered flora and fauna, dam removal, tree plantings and watering,
collecting microtrash and native seeds.

THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers and land/agency partners.

Your efforts have made the difference.

~ Kim Clark and Tom Persons |

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

www.haramokngna.org

- **Sept 15th 11:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.**

Learn the uses and preparation for Prickly Pear (*Opuntia littoralis*) cacti, native to Southern California. \$15 fee or annual culture club membership.

- **Stop by our Center any weekend from 10am – 4pm.** We are happy to answer any questions about Native American culture, the Angeles National Forest, hiking trails, camping, etc. We have ample parking out front.

• **Volunteers** As a cultural, environmental and arts organization, Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center shares the flavor of Native American history, culture, traditions and arts with the Los Angeles community. We are always looking for energetic individuals ready to represent the Cultural Center during special events and regular office hours.

- **Check the Pukuu's Amazon Store** <http://astore.amazon.com/pukucultcomms-20>

When you order items thru our store, A percentage is donated to our center. THANK-YOU

- **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.

- **The US Forest Service** requires all parked cars in the Angeles National Forest (including at Haramokngna) to display a parking pass.

Passes can be purchased at our Visitor's Center for \$5.

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** 951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

Forest Certified Animal Packer,

Master Teacher for "LNT Chainsaw & Crosscut Saw Certified Volunteer.

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

Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) 626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- **Aug 10th Outing**
- **Aug 24th Outing**

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail in August.

Matt Maxon

matt@mattmaxon.com

Continuing to work on the Stone Cyn Trail. No set schedule. Hope to get out for 1 day at least, every month. I'm very flexible If you want to come out contact me and we'll work something out. Brush clearance top down is my main focus right now, but there is plenty of tread that needs work, switch backs that need to be rebuilt, and 2 slide areas / washouts that need something done with them.

Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

- We are planning on rescheduling the races in 2014

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

Ray Herrera <http://mwba.org/>

- GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER:

<https://www.imba.com/civCRM/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

In an ongoing effort to improve and expand the mountain biking opportunities in California, Mount Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA) and the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) have teamed up through IMBA's Chapter Program. The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association was founded by IMBA Hall-of-Famer Alan Armstrong in 1996 to advocate trail use by mountain bikers through an effort to reach out to all trail users to support the local trail system in a productive way. Your membership dues support trail work efforts by providing equipment and supplies used to improve our local trails for all users. Don't forget to attend MWBA's annual Pancake Breakfast which is our main source of funds.

Mount Wilson Race <http://www.mountainwilsontrailrace.com/MWTR/HOME>

- We are in the process of changing website hosts

Pete Siberell

Chair, Mount Wilson Trail Race

626-574-6373

pete.siberell@santaanita.com

Mount Wilson Institute

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909

(404) 413-5484 <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

Cosmic Cafe (626) 440-9018

- Cosmic Cafe is opened Please note that we will NOT be open on Fridays this year, but we're excited to see you on Saturdays and Sundays and some holidays 10am-4pm.
 - For directions or more information please visit www.mtwilson.edu
 - The USFS requires that all parked vehicles display an Adventure Pass.
 - The Cosmic Cafe sells the Adventure Pass during our operating hours.
 - A day pass is \$5.00 and an annual pass is \$30.00
 - There is a guided walking tour every Saturday and Sunday (from April 1st - November 30th) at 1pm, tickets are sold at the Cosmic Cafe and are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for kids and seniors.

Support Mount Wilson Observatory

We Need Your Help - 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.

- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
- **Contribute** to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.
- **Be a Docent Tour Guide** - We welcome applications from individuals interested in participating as docents in our very active guided tour programs.

For application information go to:

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PCTAFan>

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 2

- **Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills College**

- **Jan 1st - Dec 30th. 'Fannypack' Projects [FALC]. SBNF, ANF, CNF, and BLM.**

Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice.

Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish, Email: pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net, Tel.: 805-658-6540

or: John Hachey Email: goaliejhachey@msn.com, Tel.: 909-605-3219.

- **Join us! The Pacific Crest Trail is more than a trail from Mexico to Canada.**

It is a community that stretches around the world.

Come out and play. <http://www.pcta.org/get-involved/>

Play in the dirt, Meet new people, Sleep under the stars.

Pacific Crest Trail maintenance volunteers are needed throughout California, Oregon, and Washington to help repair erosion problems, clear fallen trees, and remove encroaching brush. Help make the hiking and equestrian experience a better one now and for future generations.

Volunteers can head out for the day, a weekend, or longer with car and backcountry camping options available. There are no fees to volunteer and meals are included at our overnight events. Prior trail maintenance skills are not needed on most projects, experienced crew leaders are there to teach you the skills needed. To learn more contact Merrit Hoeh at (916) 285-1838, volunteer@pcta.org or check out the volunteer schedule at www.pcta.org. Have an adventure of a lifetime by volunteering on the Pacific Crest Trail!

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Helen Oakley: 626-792-4573

Ben White: 626-303-1078 ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake and if you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to volfeedback@crystallake.name I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

MEETING LOCATION : San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center, 1950 North San Gabriel Canyon

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

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086 (626) 791-7660

For more calendar details go to http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#aug

- **Aug 7th 7:00 PM**

Monthly Meeting: Illustrated conservation/outing program. Information on group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Ctr, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena.

For information contact **Membership Chair:** Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@sbcglobal.net

- **Aug 10th The Spirit of John Muir**

- **Aug 17th Mt Williamson (8244') – Pleasant View Ridge**

Aug 2013 BACKPACKING COMMITTEE TRIPS

- **Aug 10th- Aug 18th Trans Sierra and Back Again**

- **Aug 30th - Sept 2nd**

Desolation Wilderness -Aloha Lake (8120')-South Tahoe Backpacking Bus Trip

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.co>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

12601 Mulholland Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600 FACEBOOK: Tree People

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2013-08>

- Moonlight Hike Aug 23rd
- Park Work Day Aug 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th
- Park Tree Care Aug 3rd
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Aug 10th/11th/17th/24th/25th
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Aug 11th

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/> Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- Build a Birdhouse Aug 3rd/17th/31st
- Discovery Center Canoe Tours Aug 1st/2nd/3rd/4th/8th/9th/11th/15th/16th/17th/18th/22nd/23rd/25th/29th/30th
- Discovery Center Kayak Tours Aug 3rd/4th/10th/18th/24th/25th/31st
- Discovery Center Mid-day Discount Kayak Tours Aug 3rd/10th/11th/17th/24th/31st
- Gold Panning Aug 3rd/10th
- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers Aug 10th/17th
- High Flying Rockets Aug 3rd/10th/17th/24th
- Map and Compass Aug 24th
- Music in the Mountains 2013 Music in the Mountains ~
"Endless Summer Tour" featuring Gary Seiler & the CoastRiders, A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet,
with special guest, Upstream featuring the BEST Reggae, Calypso and Soca Music Aug 31st
- Night Hike Aug 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th
- Nature walks Aug 4th/11th/18th/24th/25th
- Pinecone Birdfeeders Aug 4th/18th

Volunteer Become a Discovery Center Volunteer!

If you enjoy the forest and would like to help visitors learn about our local mountains, then the Discovery Center has a volunteer opportunity for you! You'll be joining over 100 other volunteers who enjoy meeting Discovery Center visitors and helping them get the information they're looking for such as where to hike, camp, picnic, go off roading, etc. Help families and students learn about the forest through our naturalist table, nature walks and school programs. You'll have a chance to visit with people from all over the world. Volunteers are asked to donate 8 hours of their time a month, or more if they want to.

We need volunteers to help with a variety of jobs We teach you everything you'll need to know!

If you are interested in one of the following positions or would like to attend an orientation session please contact:

Wendy Craig wcraig@mountainsfoundation.org

Big Bear Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator
(909) 382-28403

• **The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only**

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc. By Appointment

• **Aug 3rd 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Smokey Bear’s Birthday Party**

Open House – Come and meet Smokey Bear. Learn his fire prevention story, help him celebrate his birthday, and have some cake, FREE, and for the kids, make a pine cone bird feeder. Hosted by the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center!

• **Aug 4th 1:00 PM Jackson Flat Loop Hike**

Join us for a refreshing hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through Jeffery and Ponderosa pines to a quiet meadow. Bring a camera, water, snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Approx. 5.4 miles round trip. Easy to moderate. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

• **Aug 10th 1:00 PM Climate Change and Forests**

Find out how climate change has affected and will affect our forest. Come to Grassy Hollow Visitor Center to hear an expert in the field from Cal State San Bernardino. **Time:** Approx. 1 hour.

Leader: Norman Meek, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Dept. of Geography and Environmental Studies, Cal State San Bernardino.

• **Aug 11th 1:00 PM Plant Identification Walk**

Join two professionals who will take you on a walk and teach you to identify some of our local plants and wildflowers. **Time:** Approx. 1 – ½ hours. One mile easy hike. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leaders: Kim Williams, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Cal State San Bernardino.

and **Naomi Fraga**, Conservation Botanist, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

• **Aug 17th 1:00 PM Animals of the Forest**

Learn more about the animals we may encounter in the forest.

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

Leader: Linda Dailey, School Programs Coordinator, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

• **Aug 18th 17th 1:00 PM Landscestors : “A Serrano History.”**

Learn about the history of the Serrano Indians in Wrightwood, the wilderness, and our surrounding areas.

Time: Approx. 1 hour. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leader: Stuart Baker, researcher

• **Aug 24th TWO EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN ONE DAY! COME TO BOTH!**

1. 10:00 AM Earthquake Walk

Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations.

Time: Approx. 1 ½ hours. Easy 1 ½ mile hike. **Location:** Apple Tree Campground

Leader: Gail Nieto, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

2. 1:00 PM Meet Spanner, A Search and Rescue Dog

As National Dog Day < <http://www.nationaldogday.com/> > is Monday, Aug. 26th and includes not only regular dogs but also, “dogs who put their lives on the line every day, for their law enforcement partner, their blind companion, a child who is disabled, our freedom and safety by detecting bombs and drugs and pulling victims of tragedy from wreckage,” meet Spanner, our local Search & Rescue Dog.

Leader: Ingrid Heinig, Search and Rescue Volunteer **Time:** 30 minutes

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest (cont)

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• Aug 25th 1:00PM Bird Talk

Enjoy learning about the birds of our area by hearing a local authority on birds and their habitat.

Time: One hour. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader: Don Fisher, Local Realtor and Owner of Park Place Realty, Retired, and former Wrightwood resident.

• Aug 31st 7:00 PM (Labor Day Weekend) Miner Vincent Campfire Program

Join us for the 26th presentation of this campfire program and meet the “old man of the mountain,” Miner Vincent himself. Listen to him tell stories of the gold rush and the last of the local grizzlies. **Limited parking. Use your Adventure Pass, park at Mountain High North, and carpool or hike in. Recommend flashlight and a jacket.**

Time: Approx. 2 hours. **Location:** Table Mountain Campground Amphitheater.

Leaders: Fred Hanrahan, John Cromshow, with other Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

• Sept 1st 10:00 AM (Labor Day Weekend) Miner Vincent's Cabin Hike

Hike to the actual cabin where old Miner Vincent lived.

Approx. 1 ½ hours. One mile. Easy hike. **Location:** Vincent Gap Parking Lot.

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

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552 ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

A briefing regarding ANF Crew 135's summer work project at Grizzly Flats for the ANF Volunteer Newsletter (a few pics attached as well). Crew of 14 cleared, cut, and finished a total of 1.3 miles of tread weeks of 6/17 and 6/24, including .75 miles of approach rework from Stoneyvale to the Big Tujunga wash. Soaring temps and a tail kicking climb to the worksite kept things slow going to bring the trail up to USFS spec, but final marker left us at .55 miles reclaimed from the wash to the Flats (leaving .33 miles still to be cleared). This included a ton of heavy brushing and extensive tread restoration in very challenging conditions so all in all a tremendously rewarding experience. Very proud of all of my students! A few pics posted on the Student Resource Page for my course at: <http://hartrop.com/forestry/Content/Student%20Resource%20Page.html>

Other news:

Continuing in January 2014, ‘Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation’ will again be offered as a 5 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, LA County Parks and Rec, and the 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!

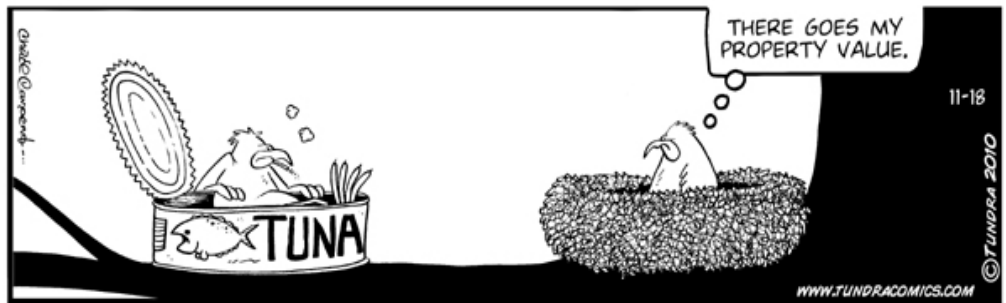
This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

For a complete course outline,
visit www.hartrop.com/forestry
or contact Kevin Sarkissian at
ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org
661.259.0033 X 525



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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Nov 18, 2010 email: info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

**Dennis Merkel —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: _____
