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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Mar 2014

Angeles Restoration Campaign Update

The Forest Service have been forced to suspend planting in the Angeles this year. In a better year, we'd be planting those young saplings in moist soil, and those little trees would be watered by regular snowmelt. But since there's been barely any precipitation in our local mountains, this year those trees would likely not survive. It doesn't help that the soil in the Angeles is extremely fine, like sand, which makes the conditions physically impossible to plant in without significant moisture.

"It's unfortunate that we have to take this extreme measure," said Tom Contreras, the Angeles National Forest Supervisor of the US Forest Service. But the lack of rain and snow this winter make it absolutely necessary to stop the planting for this year."

Contreras encourages those wanting to volunteer for the Angeles to visit the Angeles National Forest's online volunteer project directory to learn about current project opportunities other than tree planting.

The address: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5411800.pdf

He also urges people visiting the Angeles to be especially careful regarding fire safety.

"Please check with your local Forest Service office for current fire regulations before you go to the Forest," Contreras said.

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

**Everyone says you should follow
your DREAMS.....
so I'm going back to bed**

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Nov 13, 1937

IN THE LA TIMES

New Roads Force Abandonment of Mt. Lowe's Scenic Railway

Mt Lowe Railway-world-famed as a tourist attraction for forty-four years--soon will be abandoned.

H. O. Marler, Pacific Electric passenger traffic manager, announced yesterday that a petition has been filed with the State Railroad Commission seeking the right to abandon the entire line north of Lake avenue and Mariposa street intersection in Altadena.

Many hundreds of thousands of passengers have ridden on the cars from Rubio Canyon up the steep incline to Echo Mountain and from there across eighteen trestles and around 127 curves to Mt. Lose Tavern.

But the railway is yielding to competition from new scenic mountain highways. It will not reconstruct Alpine Tavern \$200,000 resort destroyed by fire on September 15, 1936. It will leave future development to motorists and hikers.

The show place was built by the late Prof. Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, who lost the property and his fortune in the panic of 1893. The Pacific Electric Railway purchased the bondholders' interest.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

The Mt. Lowe railway opened on July 4, 1893 and was met with quick interest and success. For the seven years during which Lowe owned and operated the railway, it constantly ran into hard times. The railroad was placed into a foreclosure sale on March 28 1899.

The competition from Angeles Crest Highway was started in 1929, when construction was started. The \$200,000 is equal to \$3,329,271 in 2014 dollars

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

I'd like to get all missing/damaged trail signage fixed. Anytime you are out in the forest and notice missing/damaged trail signs, or locations where signage is needed, please let me know by either emailing or calling me. Thanks.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Training for 2014 Season

New Volunteer Training

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE CLASSES, we offer them at two different times. You need to attend only one of each of the classes.

To volunteer and begin training, just show up for the first class.

No RSVP or advanced sign-up is required.

Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.

Class 1:

Orientation

- Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 8, 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2:

Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 3, 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 15, 6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

Class 3:

Operations

- Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Any questions? Please go to <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>.

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

Los Angeles River Ranger District Office
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times. You need to attend only one of the classes.

Reconnect

- Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am– 1:00 pm
- Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Any questions? Please use our contact form @ <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

Reconnect Training will be held at:

Los Angeles River Ranger District Office.
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Danny Rhynes Training Center does allow volunteers to participate in their classes. There is a small fee of \$25.00 for supplies and materials. An SF-182 needs to be submitted and sent to drtc@fs.fed.us. The SF-182 is the Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification for Training Form, which is used to document instances of completed civilian employee training. Payment can be made on the first day of class with cash, check or money order (payable to US Forest Service). Please see link below for their training calendar - this is also where you can find the SF182 form required for these classes.

Danny Rhynes Interagency Training Center on the San Bernardino National Forest is offering local level courses this training season. These courses are as follows:

- **Medical First Responder Refresher** – March 17-19, 2014
- **1st Aid/CPR** – March 17-18, 2014, April 17-18, 2014
- **Fire Safety Refresher** – April 9-10, 2014, May 7-8, 2014, May 19-20, 2014
- **Aspire to Retire FERS Session** – March 11-13, 2014 (Registration through AgLearn – see link below to access training announcement for instructions)
- **EMT Refresher** – TBA
- **Individual/Peer Support & Group Crisis Intervention** (Critical Incident Stress Management Training sponsored by International Critical Incident Stress Foundation), March 31-April 3, 2014 (see link below to access training announcement)
- **Resource Advisor Refresher/Workshop** – April 7-8, 2014
- **Aviation COR Refresher** – March 24-28, 2014 (registration through NPI – see link below to access training announcement for instruction)
- **S230/S231** – April 7-11, 2014
- **Basic 1st 40 Firefighter Training** – April 21-25, 2014
- **COR Refresher** – April 21-25, 2014 (registration through NPI – see link below to access training announcement for instruction)
- **COR Level II** – April 28-May 2, 2014 (registration through NPI – see link below to access training announcement for instruction)
- **FPO Refreshers**, April 30, 2014 (FS502/session #659), May 22, 2014 (FS502/session #660)
- **EVOT** – April 30, 2014 at DRTC
- **Old Fire Staff Ride** – May 14-15, 2014
- **FPO Full Course**, June 9-13, 2014 (FS501/session #99)
- **MTDC Crosscut** – March 29-30, 2014
- **MTDC Chainsaw** – April 5-6, 2014

See attached link to the training center website for additional sessions, session details, and session registration information. For enrollment in courses please work through your Forest Training Officer/District Training Representative. If you have any questions, please let us know.

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanbernardino/schedule>

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Danny Rhynes Training Center
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San Bernardino, CA 92408

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Geology of Placerita Canyon

Geology may seem like a sleepy topic but here in Placerita Canyon, we have oil, gold, earthquakes and fossils. In this program, you will learn about the geology of the canyon - from a few billion years ago until the present. We will discuss the formation of the Transverse Mountain Ranges, the Santa Clarita Valley, and the San Gabriel earthquake fault zone which runs through the canyon. You will learn the difference between sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock, and we will discuss other exciting aspects of our local geology. The talk will be led by Geologist and Placerita Canyon Docent Eric Indermill.

Join us at the Classroom at Placerita for a real treat! Kids are welcome to come too!!! Bring the whole family! It's fun, and it's free!

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY: The Community Hiking Club & Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates
and County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation**

WHEN: Sunday, March 16, 2014 2:00 PM

**WHERE: Placerita Canyon Nature Center
19152 Placerita Canyon Road
Newhall, CA 91321
(661) 259-7721**

VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHEN IS THE SPRING EQUINOX?

ANSWER: March 20, 9:57 P.M. PDT

**Don't Forget !
LARRD Volunteer Meeting
Mar 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**



**Daylight Savings time begins
March 9th, 2014 2:00 a.m.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY

NATURAL HABITAT RESTORATION

9-12, MILLARD CANYON, ALTADENA

Join us for important environmental work in the woods of Millard Canyon. Led by our Restoration Specialist Bill Ramseyer. Learn about the ecology of our local foothills. Meet the local animals and actually improve their lives!! Help save the planet... one canyon at a time!!

• March 1st

Meet @ lower Millard fence on Canyon Crest Rd (off Lincoln).

Email Bill: wmr83@earthlink.net for directions, what to wear, and to RSVP.

FUN FUN FUN!!

Amgen Tour of California

Anyone interested in assisting the Amgen Tour of California? Once again, this challenging race will bring elite cyclists from all over the world to Angeles National Forest on May 16 & 17

May 16 is on the SCM but May 17 is the same route (Aliso Canyon to Forest Highway to Mill Creek to Clear Creek to Angeles Crest Highway down to Pasadena) they took last year. Some of the volunteers came out to help, so if they want to again, have them contact me.

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Gabrielino Trail Help

The Gabrielino Trail from Red Box to West Fork has been worked by volunteer crews in the past and is on the list for future trail work. Bear in mind we have over 375 miles of trails in the Los Angeles River Ranger District alone and the majority were damaged or destroyed by the Station Fire so it will be a long time before all trails are restored to a degree considered adequate. Some of the damage is so extensive that contractors have been hired to help restore the trails and in fact a project will begin on the Strawberry Peak/Colby Canyon Trail the first of next month to restore the washed-out areas. Forest Service partners such as the National Forest Foundation and Friends of the Forest are actively participating in restoration efforts. The Gabrielino Trail has had several Boy Scout Troops as well as other volunteer groups provide maintenance. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist throughout the District. If you know of anyone interested, please contact me.

Thanks,
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dagger Flats Trail Work

Dagger Flats Trail is currently impassible. However, The Community Hiking Club will be refurbishing this trail so we can hike it together with anyone who wants to come on September 6 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act which became law on September 3, 1964.

No experience required. Dianne will teach each of you how to properly maintain a trail. We can use up to 10 volunteers for each date. Please don't sign up if you cannot make it. Even if only ONE person signs up, Dianne will go with you! We will be working in a closed area of the forest, so it is imperative that you be on time to the meeting place. We will be going in behind a locked gate!

Meeting Place: Bear Divide Picnic area. From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 freeway North. Exit at Sand Canyon. Turn right. Proceed up the canyon, passing all the houses. After you have passed all the houses, you will see a sign that indicates that you are entering the Angeles National Forest. Continue up up up the hill until you see a wood sign that says Bear Divide Picnic area. Turn right. Park. This is our meeting place. If you start going downhill and the road sign has changed to Little Tujunga Road, you have gone too far.

If you would like to work on the trail during the week, message Dianne and we'll try to work out some dates together.

Meeting time: 8:30 at Bear Divide. Allow ½ hour to get there from Valencia.

Dates: March 2, 9, 30

April 6, 13

May 25

June 1, 8, 29

RSVP to: zuliebear@aol.com

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Wilderness Workday “March Madness Party”

◆ WHEN:

Sat. March 15, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian Wilderness
Park

3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

◆ WHAT:

Snacks and drinks will be
provided

Wear sturdy shoes and
protective clothing

Bring water, sun screen,
gloves and a hat

◆ Want More:

Call (818) 548-3795

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Wilderness Workdays Are Really Great!



College basketball fans all over the country are going **crazy** this time of year as their teams play for the National Championship.

So, we want to jump on the bandwagon and get **crazy** about our Wilderness Workday as we present our **“March Madness Party”**.

You are invited to wear your favorite team colors (college, high school, youth league, professional). “Knock down a 3” (irrigate the trees with 3 gallons of water), “slam dunk” (pull out invasive weeds), “give an assist” (to the park) and act like a champion in the great outdoors.

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հեռնկյալ հեռախոսահամարով (818) 548-2000

Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000

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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

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VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol Planning how to remove the fallen tree off the trail.

CV Trail Crew finishing up work on a trail.



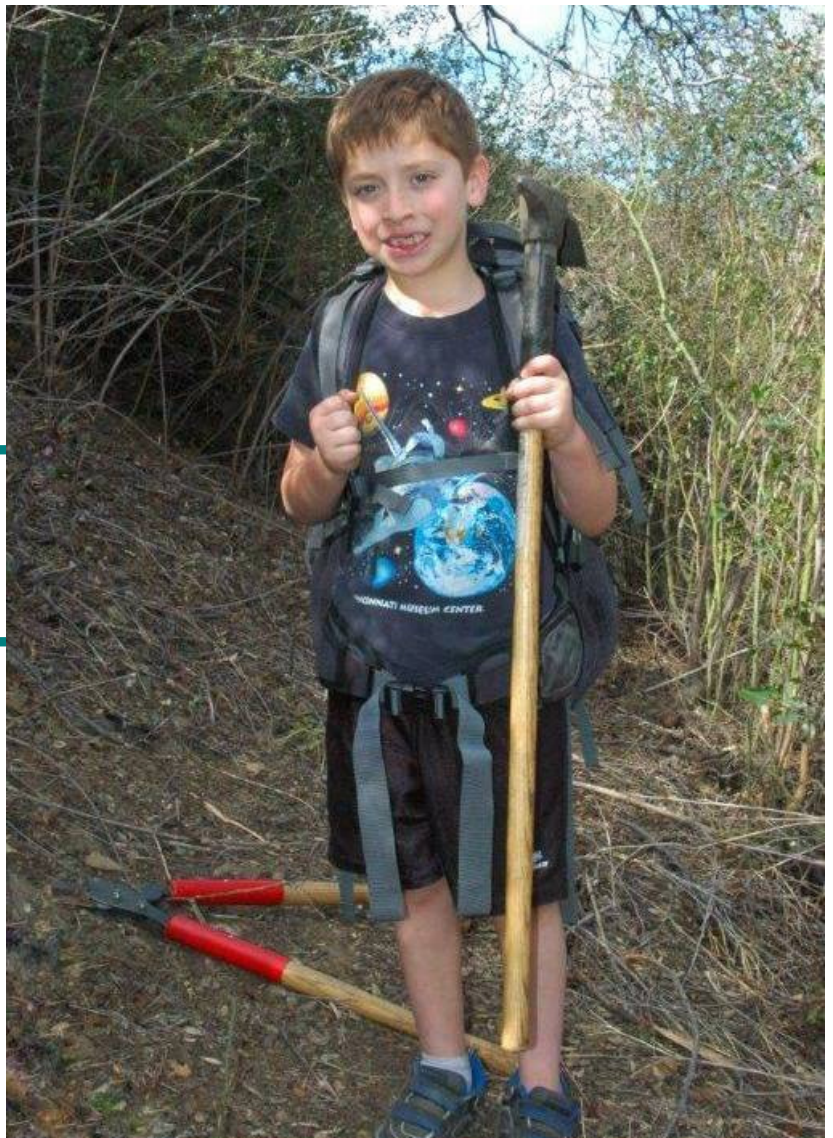
CV Trail Crew and Sierra Club clearing the trail to Strawberry Peak

VOLUNTEER FUN



**A volunteer working on
the brush at George's
Gap**

**Can never be too
young to learn
trailwork**



Community Hiking Club

March 2014 Camping Trip



WILDROSE CAMPGROUND

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

March 21-23, 2014

Latitude: 36° 19.659 N Longitude: 117° 30.883 W
Elevation: 4,063 feet

Introduction: Wildrose Campground is located in Wildrose Canyon, in the Panamint Range, near the southwestern edge of Death Valley National Park. The Panamint Mountains are the largest and highest in Death Valley National Park. Telescope Peak crowns the range at 11,049 feet.

Given the remote location of the campground, we strongly encourage drivers to fill up their gas tanks in towns such as Mojave, Ridgecrest, Trona, Pearsonville, Coso Junction, and Olancho, to avoid running out of gas in the “middle of nowhere”. There is a gas station/convenience mart in Stovepipe Wells (near Mosaic Canyon), but there is no guarantee that it will be open and if it is, you will pay out the nose for gas. There is also a gas station in Panamint Springs, but it is also very expensive.

Wildrose Campground is located in Death Valley National Park. You will need to pay the park entrance fee to camp there (\$20.00 per vehicle for seven days). Since we will be visiting locations and hiking within the boundaries of the Park during our entire weekend, your entrance fee will be well-spent.

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 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.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125



- Training schedule is now out, see page 3
- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT!** It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- 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!

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

avconservancy@yahoo.com Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

PHONE (661) 943-9000

- 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!

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

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

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- PLEASE HELP NOW to Save Cottonwood Canyon and its extended wildlife corridors.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90031

PHONE: (323) 221-2255

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

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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- Mar 1st - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Hummingbirds at Home - off site program/
- Mar 8th - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Art and Nature
- Mar 8th - 9:00 am - 10:30 am Beginner bird walk
- Mar 15th - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hummingbirds at Home Program
- Mar 22nd - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm 4 Mile Hill Challenge Run/Walk
- Mar 3/10/17/24/31 Free Tai Chi Class/ Class Gratis de Tai Chi

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

- Mar 22nd Outing Temp. 56° (1° below avg.) 21st-25th Scattered showers, cooler

There is plenty to be done for these first few months as we fix what has deteriorated over the summer on this heavily used trail. There is easy work to be done with loppers and trimmers and more serious tread repairs to perform as well. In addition, we will be joined by a chainsaw crew and they can always use some swampers to clear what they've cut. I have plenty of McCleods, shovels, and pick-mattoxes for the heavy work and a few saws, loppers and trimmers for the smaller work. However, if you have your own tools feel free to bring them.

Link to subscribe to Bear Canyon List: http://eepurl.com/ID_Rr

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 Schedule With Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Prediction

- Apr 19th Outing Temp. 60° (avg.) 15th-20th Showers, then sunny, warm
- May 17th Outing Temp. 66° (2° above avg.) 11th-19th Sunny, warm inland
- Jun 14th Outing Temp. 68° (avg.) 13th-17th Sunny inland

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- 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 - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

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

- **Mar 19th 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

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

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

- **Mar 1st Just 4 Kids**

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Description: A program specifically designed for children between the ages of six and twelve. We'll present a morning of nature crafts, outdoor play, owl pellet dissection, and an interpretive hike. The program is free but you **must RSVP to (818) 548-3795 to reserve a spot**. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring sunscreen, sun glasses, and a hat. All Trails and Open Space programs are sponsored by the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation..

- **Mar 4th Arbor Day 2014**

Location: Casa Adobe de San Rafael Park, 1330 Dorothy Drive, Glendale

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Coffee Social); 10:30 a.m. (Glendale Beautiful)

Description: Glendale Beautiful, in cooperation with the City of Glendale Community Services and Parks Department, will celebrate their 64th Arbor Day on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at The Casa Adobe de San Rafael Park, located at 1330 Dorothy Drive in Glendale. There will be a coffee social at 10:00 a.m. and program promptly at 10:30 a.m. The event will recognize participants who have made contributions for the purchase of trees which will be used to landscape city parks, street borders, library areas and schools. In the case of rain, the event will be held in the lower level of the Glendale Civic Auditorium at 1401 N. Verdugo Road.

For more information to order a tree, call (818)246-3634.

- **Mar 15th Third Saturday Wilderness Workday**

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Description: We'll water our trees and remove invasive species and maybe do some trail work as well. This event is perfect for community organizations, church groups, and students needing community services hours. **Call (818) 548-3795 for more information.** All Trails and Open Space programs are sponsored by the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation.

- **Mar 29th Cesar Chavez 13th Annual Celebration**

Phone: (818) 548-4098

Location: Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave.

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Description: Live performances and family fun activities! Phone: (818) 548-4098

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• **Mar 1st - Weldon to East Canyon**

This is a 9 mile trail with about 1500' gain. It should be loaded with wildflowers in March, so bring your camera. There will be Winter Vetch, Curly Dock, California Poppies, Datura, Phacelia, and much more. Bring lots of water, lunch, and your camera. Meet at the base of East Canyon at 8:00. We will leave most of the cars and this location, and carpool to the Weldon Canyon Trail head, just up the road.

Directions to East Canyon: Exit the I-5 freeway at Calgrove. Turn west. Follow Calgrove around a curve and through a signal. You will now be on The Old Road. Pass Towsley Cyn. Pass the Post office. Pass the Church of the Nazarene. Immediately after passing the Church of the Nazarene, park along the side of the road, on the right. This is where we will meet. Some cars will remain here, and others will carpool the hikers to Weldon Canyon, just up the road.

Bring: Lunch, snacks, water, poles if you have them, a camera if you have one.

Rated: Moderate **Leader:** Steve

• **Mar 8th -Indian Canyon**

Today you will be traveling south on the PCT from Indian Canyon up 5 miles, and back out 5 miles for a total of 10. More ambitious hikers can make a full day of it continuing up to North Fork on Santa Clara Divide Road, then back down to Indian Canyon for a total of 18 miles. However, your leader will only be with you for 10 miles. There is not a lot of shade on this hike due to the Station Fire, so be prepared for that. However, there should be miles of Bush Poppies in bloom, so bring your camera along!

Wear shoes with good tread and bring a lunch, snacks, plenty of water and poles if you have them.

Meet: at Towsley Canyon outside the gate at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure to the trail head.

Or, you can meet at the trail head at 8:45 if you wish.

Directions to trail head: To get there, take the SR-14 to the Soledad Canyon Road off ramp (after Sand Canyon). Exit. Turn right on Soledad Canyon Road 7.4 miles until you reach Indian Canyon, on your right. Park here. (There is a Forest Service Sign, a PCT crossing, a parking lot which is slightly up the hill, and a bathroom. Look carefully for the sign and the dirt driveway so you won't miss it. You will need an Adventure Pass to park here. Adventure Passes may be purchased at most sporting goods stores and all Ranger Stations for \$5. For a day pass, or \$30. for an annual pass. Bring: Lots of water, lunch, snacks, layered clothing, good hiking boots with tread, poles will be helpful, and a camera if you have one-there should be lots of flowers.

Rated: Moderate to Difficult, depending upon how far you go.

Leader: Richard

• **Mar 15th -Placerita's Manzanita Trail to Whitney Canyon**

This is a great hike that begins with an uphill climb on the Manzanita Trail to the ridge above Placerita Nature Center. You will follow this ridge on the Viper Trail with views of the Disney Ranch and Santa Clarita, and finally down into Whitney Canyon. This is a short 6 mile trek, but you will definitely get a good workout! It's a Butt Kicker!

Bring snacks, lunch, lots of water and poles if you have them. Poles and good tread on your shoes are very important on this hike as parts of the trail will have some difficult/rocky/rutted surfaces.

Meet at Whitney Canyon Park and Ride at 8:00 AM for an 8:15 carpool departure to the trail head at Placerita. Many of the vehicles will remain at Whitney, and some will become carpool vehicles and drive to Placerita.

Rated: Moderate + **Leader:** Dianne

• Mar 16th -Nature Series

Learn all about the **Geology of Placerita Canyon.**

Meet in the Classroom at 2:00 for a lecture and slide show.

Directions to Placerita Nature Center: From the I-5 Freeway, take the SR-14 freeway to the Placerita Canyon exit. Exit, turn right. Go approximately 2 miles. You will see a sign on the right side of the road that says Placerita Natural Area. Turn into this driveway and park close to the building. The classroom is in the building.

• Mar 16th March 21,22,23-Death Valley Camp out
(See Flyer)**• Mar 29th -Dutch Louie**

Hike 1: Pacomia Canyon to Dutch Louie Tunnel Distance: 4.5 miles with 850' elevation gain
The hike starts at Dillon Divide and Little Tujunga Canyon. We will follow a dirt road for a short distance until a single track trail turns off into Pacomia Canyon. It is a nice hike down into the canyon. Once in the canyon, we should encounter a small creek. The trail will take us to Dutch Louie Tunnel. Fun fact: a prospector carved the tunnel through the rock to divert the creek, so he could mine for gold in a dry creek bed. The tunnel is a 100-150 feet long and may have the creek running through it. This will be the turn-around point for Hike 1. Hike leader Sylvia will take the Easy hikers back to their vehicles.

Hike 2: Pacoima Canyon to Dorothy Canyon Trailhead
Distance: 8-9 miles with 2000' elevation gain
From the Easy hikers turn around, we will continue up Pacomia Canyon to the Dorothy Canyon trail. Pacoima Cyn trail becomes sporadic to non-existent, so for this reason we will stay together at a moderate pace. We will pass a waterfall, Laurel Cyn, a fresh water spring, old cars and a mine. We will turn at the Dorothy Canyon trail and follow Dorothy Canyon creek a short distance to a 25' waterfall. Once we arrive at the waterfall we will click our ruby red hiking boots together and return to Dillon Divide.

Due to limited parking at Dillon Divide please meet at Bear Divide between 07:30-07:45 and we will make arrangements for a short 4 mile carpool to the trailhead.

Directions to Bear Divide Picnic Area: Take the I-5 to the SR-14 North. Exit Sand Canyon. Turn right. Follow this road all the way through the houses. Once you pass the houses, you will enter the Angeles National Forest, and you will start to climb up up up. Continue on this road until you see a sign on the right that says "Bear Divide Picnic Area". Turn right. Park here. If you start going downhill, you've gone too far.

Rated: Hike 1-Easy ++ Hike 2-Moderate ++ to a little difficult

Leaders: Dave and Sylvia

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555 **FACE BOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<http://corbamt.com/>

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

• Mar 3rd 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.**

• Mar 24th 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>

- Mar 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park
Meet in the Dirt Parking Lot
- Mar 8th 9:00 am to 11:00 am -Rosemont Preserve Trail Maintenance
- Apr 12th, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm -Brand Park, 7 Trees Trail Restoration (tentative)

Friends of El Prieto Trail

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

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org 663-449-8975.

- **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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- Mar 1st Outing
- Mar 22nd

WHAT'S HAPPENING: We can continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail, going from our shortcut at the middle of the trail to the summit. There is poodle dog to remove, along with regular brushing and trail widening. Or if there are issues driving up the Mt Lowe fire road, we can continue on South San Gabriel Peak Trail.

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that packs

Equipment, Material and Supplies etc. to your Trail or worksite. Packs Trash & Rubbish out of the Forest.

Contacts: Jonathan Schultz 951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

- Forest Certified Animal Packer,
- Master Teacher for "LNT",
- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier
- Chainsaw "B" faller

Glen Foster 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 pjgwfoster@aol.com

Certified Packer

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Mount Wilson Institute

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909
(404) 413-5484 <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

- **Cosmic Cafe close for the winter**

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>.

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.

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

- **Mar 16th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm,**

We'll continue to work on Middle Merrill unless another need arises.

Contact: Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

Mount Wilson Race <http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

- **March 9th Outing**
- **April 13th Outing**
- **May 11th Outing**

Workers needed to groom the Mt. Wilson Trail in preparation for the Mt. Wilson Trail Race on Saturday, May 24.

We meet at 8:00 A.M. below the trailhead at Lizzie's Trail Inn at the intersection of Mira Monte and Mt. Wilson Trail Road. We will be off the mountain by noon each day.

Bring gloves, sunshade and water; we will provide the tools.

You must email Race Chair Pete Siberell (psiberell@santaanita.com) in advance we put out enough tools.

Call Pete Siberell (626-574-6373) with any questions.

Thanks.
Pete

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

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 Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest.

Learn how to use all the Trail tools to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to feedback@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 @ 7:30 am

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

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919 E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

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

Angeles Chapter Office

3435 Wilshire Blvd. #660, Los Angeles, CA. 90010-1904

213-387-4287

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

- Mar 1st El Prieto Cyn to Little Roundtop
- Mar 5th 7:00 PM

Monthly Meeting: "The California State Parks Foundation: Its current work and plans for the future", presented by Sara Feldman, the Foundation's Vice President for Programs. Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. 7 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy

- Mar 6th/13th/20th/27th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 15th Rubio Canyon Waterfalls

- **Registration was required before February 21, 2014**

March 7th to 9th Winter Combo Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes

- Mar 29th Switzer to Red Box

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

FACEBOOK: TreePeople

12601 Mulholland Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2014-03>

- Campus Tree Care Mar 15th
- Campus Planting 22nd
- Fruit Tree Program Mar 1st
- Moonlight Hike Mar 14th
- Park Work Day Mar 6th/8th/13th/20th/27th
- Professional Development Training for Teachers Mar 8th
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Mar 1st/15th/22nd
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Mar 15th
- Street Planting Mar 8th

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796
602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- Animal tracking Mar 1st/15th/22nd
- Bald Eagle Count Mar 8th
- Bald Eagle Celebration Mar 8th

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

• March 21 - 23. Fri - Sun. **Section "D". Station Fire PCT Rehab. *

*(ANF). *Brushing and tread work. Meet at 0730 Fri morning (also Sat and Sun for day workers) at Mill Creek Summit on Angeles Forest Hwy. Convoy through locked gate. Car/tent camp at Messenger Flat. No water available so bring all you can conveniently carry. Also PPE, weather protection, day pack, and water bottles. Meals provided for overnights starting with din on Fri. Contact Pete Fish, 805 658 6540, emailpickaxepete91@gmail.com

• April 12th Annual Meeting

• April 25th/26th ADZPCTKO

• 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

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

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

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737 Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net

•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

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

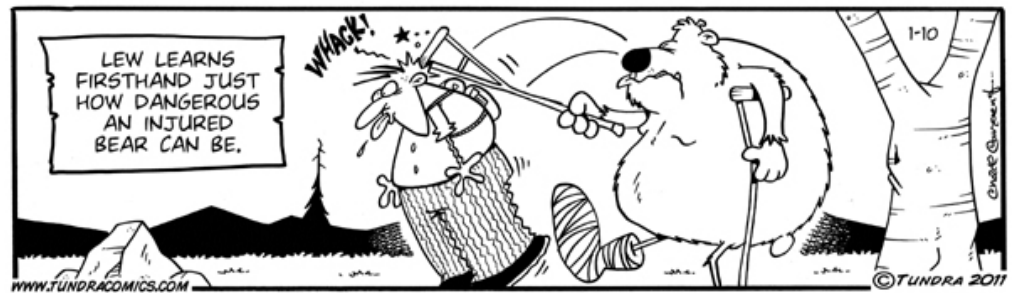
Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552 ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

www.hartrop.com/forestry



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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Jan 10, 2011 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: _____
