



VOLUNTEER TODAY



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

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GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE.



We want to welcome a couple new groups to our family: Backcountry Horsemen of California – Mojave River Unit and Haramokngna – Native American Cultural Center at Red Box. Citizens for Responsible Forest Management is a coalition of representatives from various volunteer and partner organizations, mostly supporting recreation—resource activities and programs for the eastern areas of the Angeles and the San Bernardino Forests. If you want to know more about this coalition, check out <http://www.forestrec.com>.

As volunteers, partners and advocates supporting many National Forest programs, you have the perspective to understand and articulate your views on many National Forest issues. You are well aware of the challenges these “Urban” National Forests face trying to manage *High Impact Recreation Areas* that are surrounded by 25 million people living in the largest megalopolis in North America. This is an important time for these forests, and you can be part of crafting some of the solutions.

The Recreation Fee Demonstration *has been the catalyst* for getting these issues (recreation, resource and social) on the table for discussion in Congress. These issues will only become more complex as California’s population continues it’s explosive growth, estimated to be 50 million by 2025. *The Recreation Fee Demonstration has served a hugely important purpose* – by bringing these issues into the public forum and causing thousands of citizens to become more active and involved.

Are you an individual who enjoys meeting people, spending your summer living out of your Recreation Vehicle and assisting us in managing your National Forest campgrounds, please contact me for an opportunity to be a Campground Host at one of our campgrounds.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you’re interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229.

I look forward to meeting many of you at either our monthly volunteer meeting (3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm) or at one of your scheduled work projects.

Again THANK YOU for your dedication to Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

Howard S. Okamoto
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

NOTICE:
Road to Chantry Flat closed for needed repairs April 1 to July 9.

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Are you ready to Volunteer today?

Please call 818-899-1900.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Can't Do It Without You!

April CALENDER

- 1 April 21 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Wild wood Picnic Volunteer House.
- 2 California Trail Users Coalition meeting
3rd Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 pm
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info
3. April 18 First aid training
4. April 24 California Trails Day
Pines Picnic Area
5. April 27
Take a walk and learn more about the forest. Meet at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center on Highway 39. Donation is \$5.00 per person. No Adventure Pass needed.
You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829.
This tour is limited to 35 people.
- 6 April 27
Last Saturday of each month requires
No Adventure Pass needed.
- 7 May 8
Advanced Trail Boss Training (Front Country)
8. June 5th National Trail Day
(Basic techniques), Mt. Wilson Trails
9. June 12th
Operation Super Canyon Sweep - 2004

Haramokngna Schedule of events

Saturday, April 3 - Guest Host - Manny Saenz
Saturday, April 10 - hands -on day
Saturday, April 17 - hands -on day
Sunday, April 18 - second Sunday +1 - Barbara Drake - native plants
Workshop + vendors
Saturday, April 24 - hands - on day

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to

GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

For a E-mail newsletter, Send an e-mail to guykuhn@earthlink.net and notify where the newsletter is to be sent. We need to know who you are when sending it by E-mail to avoid duplication with a hard copy

If you need help or more information on what to do contact guykuhn@earthlink.net

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) www.corbamth.com
CORBA has adopted Trail 12W09, Valley Forge

Monrovia Canyon Park

http://ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION <http://www.anffla.org>

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>
Working in Liebre Mtn. area brushing from BearCampground south

Fact: Adventure pass money has enabled the Angeles Forest.

1. 670 new picnic tables at campsites
2. the removal of 133 abandoned cars.
3. Removal of 32,200 cubic yards of trash from illegal dumps and road sides.
(this does not include the amount already)
(in trash cans and equal to 805 trash trucks!)
4. Removal of several thousand sq feet of graffiti.
5. Enabled improved cleaning of the restrooms.
(get ridding of the stink!)

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HATHAWAY'S SCHOOL

What's Happening:

What's happening at Hathaway School

We have shifted our attention to Boulder Creek Trail, Boulder Creek Road to Gold Creek Road and Oak Springs Trail, Oak Springs Trailhead to Fascination Springs until daylight saving kicks in.

Work will continue Wednesdays and Thursdays 3pm – 6pm. We'll continue to pick up overtime projects Saturdays throughout the winter in Gold Canyon 9am –2pm. Currently we're at 7000 feet of the 10,400 feet scheduled to be cleared.

The work on this trail is, in a word , straight up “gnarly”. Even with a crew of fourteen, we're only able to average about 50 feet of tread a day (even with power equipment!) Any help offered, especially an additional certified power saw operator, would be greatly appreciated.

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

(SMAS) *What's Happening:*

Hike to Baden-Powell via Islip Saddle on Pacific Crest Trail: April 10

Hike to Henninger Flats. April 7 & , April 21

Next BEAR CANYON outing: April 17

Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962

EMAIL: nyerges@spcglobal.net

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

What's Happening:

We will get back to maintenance on the Mt Lowe East Trail, mostly cutting brush and removing dirt slides on the trail, or other trail that may need work after these storms.

Next scheduled outings: April 10

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

<http://www.jplreclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

Mmcquiere poolspa@cs.com



Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol clearing a bike path of a tree

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THE SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

On July 4, 1893 was the opening day of the Mt. Lowe Railroad. A Los Angeles times reported the grand opening on page 8 in the July 5,1893 edition.

To learn what has happend to the railroad goto <http://www.mtlowe.net>.

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

John Harrigan
562-868-8919

Brian Marcroft
626-968-5092

jnsharrigan@earthlink.net emworks@pacbell.net

Haramokngna

The Mission is: " To provide education on Native American historic and contemporary culture, history and issues, and inter-relationship with the land for the public, for teachers and students, and for our own families; to provide opportunities for training in leadership and the role of Native Americans as teachers of our own culture; and to bring the diverse elements of the Los Angeles urban and rural Indian community together using the Haramokngna American Indian Culture Center as our landbase, our place to touch the Earth."

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Haramokngna. We need Guest Host assistants who will be there with the Guest Host to handle set up, pack up, demonstrations, and answer visitor questions about the National Forest, local trails, plants, and animals.

We need workshop assistants, who will help workshop artists with their presentations. We need maintenance volunteers who will help us with keeping the center and the grounds maintained, who will help us with building projects and planting projects. We need volunteers to help with special gatherings. We will need nature trail docents when our trail is completed. We need you.

Adopt-a-Trail: Gabrielino Trail,
#11W14, from Red Box Trailhead to Valley Forge Trail Camp.

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)

<http://www.imba.com>

Freeriding Position

1) Freeriding is a style of mountain biking that celebrates the challenges and spirit of technical riding and downhillling.

2) IMBA supports freeriding as long as it's responsible and in appropriate locations. We are committed to helping develop trails and riding areas that are authorized and appeal to all mountain bikers. We are developing written and visual educational tools to help land managers, clubs and individual riders develop sustainable, appropriate freeriding options.

3) The future of all aspects of mountain biking depends on cooperation with land managers and our collective commitment to protect the natural environment.

4) Young mountain bikers identify with the challenges and spirit of freeriding. By recognizing and supporting this connection, IMBA will help assure the future of mountain biking.

5) IMBA supports downhill racing. We develop and recommend sustainable course construction techniques.

6) IMBA supports off-trail riding only in appropriate, designated special use areas.

Tales of the Trail

I am preparing a book which I hope will be ready for distribution in 2005 about Saving Our Trails! This book will detail ways in which people have saved or kept a trail open to horses at the local, state and federal level.

If you have a story to share, please email me at this address and let me know of your experience. Equestrian Recreation.

equestrianrecreation@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER TRAINING NOTES



HOW WOULD YOU TREAT THIS?

Would you know what to do if one of your crew got this burn? Do you know the correct first aid for this burn? (a 2nd degree burn)

On April 18th a combined firstaid/CPR class will be taught by Tom Dwyer in El Monte. The class normally starts at about 830 to 9am and finishes at about 5pm

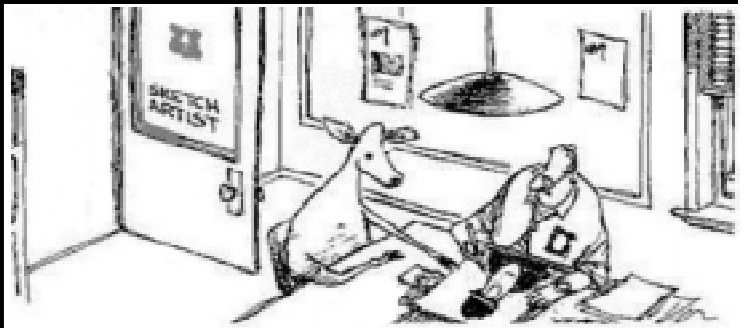
The CPR part (adult, child, infant) of the class is taught first and normally takes 4 to 6 hours. People who are only taking the CPR part need only stay for this part.

The first aid part will take another 2 to 3 hours. (bleeding, poisoning, fractures, burns, strokes & environmental injuries, etc.)

The class will only cost \$5.00 (normally \$57.00 at ARC). This class will be limited to about 20 or so people. The ARC CPR card is good for 1 year and the first aid card is good for 3 years.

To register for this class contact:

Tom Dwyer
Office 626-573-6404



U.S.F.S. Law Enforcement following all leads to catch lawbreakers

Does U.S.F.S. Law Enforcement use wildlife to capture lawbreakers? Of course not, they use something better! YOU!

What procedures do you follow if you witness a serious crime being done such as graffiti, break-ins, rave parties, or a drug lab?

First, unless you have received special law enforcement training in the stopping the crime, **YOU MUST NOT MAKE CONTACT!**

Be like the deer and stay hidden. If there is immediate danger such as a drug lab setup, run away from the area.

Second, collect data on suspects from your safe spot!

1. How many and describe each suspect.
2. Vehicle descriptions.
(color, license plate number, type of vehicle)
3. If they leave the crime scene, where did they go?
4. The location and type of crime.

Third, Call dispatch and be ready to supply your information.

Fourth, Stay hidden and do not make contact.

You have done your job! Law Enforcement will now do theirs!

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12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

**Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Fire Prevention/ Recreation Aid /

Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/ Research-Librarian /

Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/ Conservation Education

Other: _____
