



VOLUNTEER TODAY



Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter March, 2004

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GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE.

Its been an exciting year since my arrival on the Los Angeles River Ranger District and you've been very helpful providing information on your activities and ideals. I hope we'll continue to strive forward in making our Volunteer Program, the type of program we both envision.



The Forest is mandated to convert over to a narrow band radio frequency. If you've been issued an Angeles National Forest radio, please contact me.

We would like to recognize your contribution to maintaining our trail system by installing signs on trails you maintain. If you've adopted trails, please let me know.

California Trails Day is scheduled for April 24th, at Pines Picnic Area. More details to follow.

National Trails Day is scheduled for June 5th, at Mt. Wilson. This years theme is "Trails for Health..A Natural Connection". We hope to build upon last years National Trails Day success and would appreciate your input regarding this years event.

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

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Are you ready to
Volunteer today?

Please call
818-899-1900.

MARCH CALENDER

- 1 March 17, 2004 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. They are held at the Wildwood Picnic Volunteer House. Need directions? Send e-mail to guykuhn@earthlink.net.
- 2 California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) meeting
3rd Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 pm
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info
3. March 27, 2004
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.
- 4 March 27, 2004
Last Saturday of each month requires No Adventure Pass.
5. April 24th
California Trails Day
6. June 5th
National Trail Day
7. June 12th
Operation Super Canyon Sweep - 2004

E-MAILED NEWSLETTER

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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

CORBA

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

www.corbambt.com

CORBA has adopted Trail 12W09, Valley Forge

CORBA is committed to:

- 1) Maintaining access to and gaining access to trails in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, through education, information and preservation.
- 2) Educating mountain bicyclists in the safe and appropriate use of mountain bikes.
- 3) Contributing to the building and maintaining of riding areas in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas.

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.

California Trail Days is tentatively to be at Pines Picnic Area starting there at 8:30 am and lunch provided around 1:00pm. A detailed flyer will be sent out later.

Next scheduled outings: March 13

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

Monrovia Canyon Park

http://ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/

[public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm](http://ci.monrovia.ca.us/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm)

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

Our Mission: To preserve Monrovia Canyon Park in its natural state in order that the public will have an opportunity to experience the beauty and solitude of nature. To foster an appreciation, understanding and respect for nature through education. To provide a safe, attractive and peaceful recreation environment compatible with the natural area.

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HATHAWAY'S SCHOOL

What's Happening:

Work was completed on the Cemetery Ridge trail 2/11/04. We have shifted our attention to Boulder Creek 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.

Kevin Sarkissian

EMAIL: ksarkiss@lausd.k12.ca.us

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

(SMAS) *What's Happening:*

WOW!! What a fantastic night for a hike. The weather was great....if you're a DUCK, and the view was spectacular...if you only wanted to see Pasadena. The rain was falling so we put on our rain gear and hiked up to Henninger Flats. 2 ODC folks and 2 of my friends made the journey up the constant rain. No trouble anywhere on the fire road. The hiking conditions were very good. Up & down in 2 hours. Maybe you can join us in 2 weeks when there will be a movie shown on top. 40 minute black & white on Mt Echo & Mt Lowe. See you on March 11.

Richard

Next BEAR CANYON outing: March 20

Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962

EMAIL: nyerges@spcgobal.net

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

THE SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

What Happend:

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

jnsharrigan@earthlink.net

Brian Marcroft 626-968-5092

emworks@pachbell.net

observatory site before



observatory site after



ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Jr. Aztec Crew conducting litter patrol in Lower Big Tujunga Canyon



Why Volunteer?

Our trails need your help

Theodore Roosevelt once said, Do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are.

Volunteerism

To truly enjoy and be fulfilled by volunteering, first identify what cause you wish to help. No matter what is most important to you, you'll find many personal benefits to volunteering. The Volunteer HELP!Line Center of America states that volunteering benefits both the receiver and the giver. Many people who volunteer say that they get back much more than they give. Some of the benefits they mention are meeting new friends, learning new skills, improved self esteem, making a difference, and improving the quality of life.

The Trails Need You!

Some hikers take it for granted that the trails they travel are well-defined and clear of brush. But each year volunteer trail crews spend thousands of hours making sure hikers have a great experience on the trail. Trail workers build new trails, redirect old trails, clear brush and fallen branches, build bridges, and so much more.

Make new Friends – Outdoors recreation writer Karen Berger says that the days I've spent helping out on trails are among my favorite trail memories. Indeed, volunteering on the trail gives you an opportunity to be around people with similar interests to yours.

Feel Good – Americans, 58% of adults and 67% of teenagers volunteer, and many say feeling good about themselves is an important reason for wanting to volunteer.

Make a Difference – Without the help of volunteers, many trails would have to be closed to the public. By volunteering on a trail, you are providing a place for people to find peace and solitude.

**Los Angeles River Ranger District
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 Conservation Education

Other: _____
