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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Feb 2013

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it. Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, but it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

Warnings signs of hypothermia:

- shivering, exhaustion
- confusion, fumbling hands
- memory loss, slurred speech
- drowsiness

What to Do: If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the situation is an emergency—get medical attention immediately.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person, as follows:

- Get the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.
- Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible.

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided. CPR should continue while the victim is being warmed, until the victim responds or medical aid becomes available. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/hypothermia.asp>

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IT MESSES WITH THEIR HEADS**

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MOUNTAIN TRAILS ARE WIPED OUT.

ANGELES FOREST RESERVE IS GREATLY DAMAGED.

Money Needed for Rehabilitation of Roads Destroyed by Rave of Flood Waters -- Workmen t Be Put to Work at Once -- Telephone Wires Are Leveled

Supervisor Charlton of the Los Angeles National Forest will go to San Bernardino this morning to interview the Board of Supervisors of that county in the hope of securing an appropriation of at least \$2000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the trails and roads that have become almost obliterated and destroyed by the ravages of the flood waters.

Reports from that section of the Angeles forest yesterday indicated that the damage was general and almost total, and that in addition to the wiping out of the trails, the telephone line from Ranger Station in Cajon Pass, to San Bernardino had been totally destroyed. Thousands of dollars will be required to make the necessary repairs.

Supervisor Charlton will be accompanied by Francis Cuttle. of Riverside, chairman of the Tri-county Reforestation Committee, and a member of the State Conservation Board, who is interested in the work.

Supervisor Charlton said that a half-dozen gangs of repair men would go to work immediately to fix up the trails in this vicinity, but that the damage was so extensive that he did not hope to complete the job during the time available to the force under his command. It will be but a short time until the rangers and others will be on the qui vive for forest fires, and what is done must be pushed through before that time. He could give no estimate of the money loss by the flood. but ventured the opinion that the \$5000 appropriated by the Board of Supervisors would not be sufficient, even when reinforced by the government fund, to restore the trails as they existed before the heavy rains.

Note: For every 1,000 spent in 1914 is equivalent to spending \$22,567.20 in 2012

BE READY! BE PREPARED!

AZUSA (CBSLA.com) — Officials say a missing hiker in the San Gabriel Canyon has been found alive.

The hiker, identified by CBS2's Jeff Nguyen as 27-year-old Danny Kim from Arcadia, was reported missing by friends about 8:30 p.m. January 12. He was found about 7:20 Sunday evening, according to officials.

Kim reportedly has hypothermia. There is no other word about his condition.

According to relatives, Kim was hiking with friends when he got separated from the group.

He had a small jacket with him at the time, but no water or other supplies. Kim was only wearing cargo pants, a T-shirt and a Raiders jacket.

San Dimas Mountain Rescue and the Sierra Madre Search Rescue were involved in the search.

Friends and relatives of Kim were also searching the area. Friends told Nguyen that Kim was very active and spends a lot of time outdoors.

NOTE: This is a good reminder for hikers on our local trails: Whenever you go out on a hike, note the nighttime low temperatures, and take additional clothing, food and water, that would allow you to spend the night outdoors. You never know if you may have to. A simple sprained ankle could turn into a severe case of hypothermia for a sweaty hiker. Be prepared!

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT VOLUNTEER MEETING

January 16, 2013 BY KATHY REILLY

Next meeting is March 20, 2013

Organization Reports:

- **California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC):** Hal reported that they discussed dams, endangered species, and grants. He encouraged us to attend their meetings and passed out applications.
- **Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol CORBA:** no report
- **Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers:** resumed work on Lower Sam Merrill Trail, Mark was missed. Rubio Canyon Trail has bad SST going up to Lower Merrill.
- **JPL Trailbuilders:** mostly rained out. For a warmer place, last time worked on Dark Canyon Trail from Angeles Crest to old tree farm. Looking for more warm trails to work in this cold spell. Asked about Switzers to JPL but most is still closed, it is only open from JPL to Paul Little. There are still lots of down trees. Asked about San Gabriel Peak Trail and still in good shape.
- **Angeles National Fire Lookout Association:** no report
- **Arroyo Seco Canyon:** Tom and Patty Dwyer are back! They will continue the recycling program, currently have \$460. Getting word out that need medical support for AC100 race. Tom is working on updating the Volunteer Directory, at the next meeting he will ask who wants to be included. Contact Tom if need recertification of CPR/First Aid. American Heart Association and Red Cross are now equal. Red Cross costs \$110. Dennis will check on getting a class for the volunteers.
- **Mt Disappointment 50 K:** Gary will start surveying race trails and turn in a report. The race is July 13 and can always use volunteers at the race.
- **Terry Tanner:** Charlton is closed for the winter. Hunters were in picnic area and got 2 little bears.
- **Scenic Mt Lowe Committee:** Dec 1 event to Mt Echo lucked out with decent weather. There is still a huge rock on Mt Lowe fire road, David can use a hoist
Boy Scouts of America: Working on Mt Waterman and clearing logs on Gabriellino down to Valley Forge, and will work on down trees from Valley Forge to West Fork. Valley Forge is in good shape. Weather had caused more rock slides. Dennis went with David to see some work. If there are questions about Eagle Projects, contact David or Dennis. All tree cutting is cross-cut. Gabriellino from Chantry to Valley Forge is hikeable. PCT and Silver Moccasin are still impacted by the frog habitat issue, and hope the Environmental Assessment can be expedited.
- **William Hart trails program:** Kevin is the outdoor rep/wilderness operation teacher. Can hire graduates for trail projects. Classes start next week and are divided into 3 crews. In summer, can do trail projects within one hour of Santa Clarita area. Check out hartrop.com/forestry. Reviewed again the best way to get poodle dog, which is cut it back with loppers, then attack the root with Pulaski.
- **Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run:** Race is August 3-4, work starts in April. Passed out flyers for Mike Alarid's daughter's service this Saturday, she went off the Crest. Working poodle dog at Shortcut. Encouraged everyone to look into the National Recreation Area proposal for the our National Forest. Google Salazar to find the place to do feedback. Thanked Guy for putting together the newsletter every month.
- **Bear Canyon:** no report
- **Tree People:** no report
- **Mounted Horse Patrol:** Nothing new, will do Memorial Day parade. David is interested in horses that would pack in tools and equipment.
- **Sierra Club:** Still working Strawberry Peak, clearing poodle dog. Looking into another way into Strawberry Potrero. The next Sierra Club program at Eaton Canyon Jan 23 at 7:30 pm is on PCT.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Kathy:** Putting together a Volunteer Project Directory (different from Tom's Volunteer Directory). It will include how to volunteer. They will be contacting leaders for information.

L.A.R.R.D. VOLUNTEER MEETING cont.

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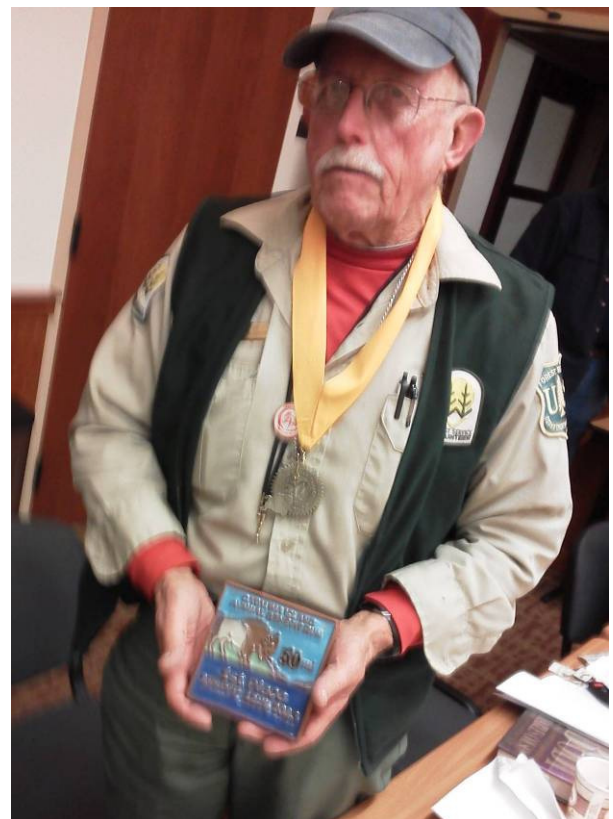
• **Dennis:** There are lots of snow players out there. Lots of Eagle Scout Projects. Alcoa has a project at Vogel Flat. Pacific Region has Tree by Tree competition. Monday, Martin Luther King Day, is a free day (not the whole weekend). Handed out flyers 'How Not to get sick or injured this winter'. Working on a design for long-sleeved volunteer T-shirts. Email Dennis for uniform requests, he can send you a catalog. Presented Terry Tanner with Volunteer of the Year Award which will be displayed in the District Office. Next meeting will be a BBQ party for volunteers.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Terry Tanner

Terry Tanner, USFS ANF Volunteer 11, with Volunteer of the Year Award which will be displayed in the District Office



Hal Winton

Hal Winton, 81, has completed his 31st consecutive Avalon 50 Mile Benefit Run

VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Angeles NF Volunteer:

You are invited to sign up to work with TreePeople and the US Forest Service for our third season of restoring areas within the Angeles National Forest that were devastated by the Station Fire of
Planting dates are posted on TreePeople's calendar (<http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2013-02>) beginning February 21, 2013.

Plan ahead and gather your friends, colleagues and family to help plant 15,000 seedlings this season.

Better yet, step up as a Restoration Supervisor by attending one of our trainings on February 9th.

Please call if you have questions. Thanks for all you do to help!

Kathy Peterson
Volunteer/Partnership Coordinator
Angeles National Forest
cell: 626-437-5789

**Don't like seeing trash and graffiti?
Then Volunteer with Blight Busters Trail Crew On Feb 2nd 2012.**



If you are interested in this Forest Service activity, please contact Dennis Merkel, LARRD Recreation Staff Officer, at (818) 899-1900, ext. 229 or dcmerkel@fs.fed.us.

• **Campground Hosts volunteers!** Los Angeles River Ranger District is in need of volunteers to serve as campground hosts for Monte Cristo, Buckhorn, and Chilao Campgrounds. The satisfaction of helping both the National Forest and its visitors is the Campground Host's greatest reward. By their presence, Campground Hosts minimize vandalism thereby saving the taxpayer many dollars in upkeep and property damage. There is no substitute for the personal touch that makes a camper feel welcome and "at home." Campground Hosts meet visitors from all walks of life, and often fellow campers become lasting friends. Many Campground Hosts and campers return to the same campground year after year, sharing stories of new grandchildren, winter activities, and old memories.

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

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:

- 1) help at several aid stations and
- 2) medical volunteers at aid stations i.e. EMTs, First Aid, etc

If you are available on August 3/4, 2013 (Sat/Sun),

Please contact: ken.hamada3@gmail.com Any help will be appreciated.

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Deukmejian Wilderness Park Volunteer Trail Crew Needs YOU!



Deukmejian Wilderness Park was heavily damaged from 2009 Station Fire. We are working on restoring the Crescenta View Trail that leads to Mount Lukens. No experience is required and we will provide tools. It is suggested to wear long sleeve shirt and long pants. Bring gloves and plenty of drinking water. We do work in light rain, so dress appropriately. Be prepared to hike 2 miles and altitude gain of 1000 ft to the area we are now working. You will be asked to complete a City of Glendale Liability Waiver.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park 3429 Markridge, La Crescenta, CA (Meet in Dirt Parking Lot)

From Pasadena, take 210 Freeway north to Pennsylvania. Turn north/left on Pennsylvania then left on Foothill. From Foothill Boulevard, go north on New York Avenue to the dead end at Markridge Road. Turn left on Markridge Road and go 200 yards to the park entrance. Follow the entry road to the parking area.

Crescenta View Trail Restoration Schedule:

- **Every Friday in February**

7:00 AM to 11:30 AM -Morning Crew

To become a Trail Crew Volunteer contact

- **Karen Buehler - 818-363-6216 karen.buehler2@gmail.com**
- **Marc Stirdivant (818) 550-4405 MStirdivant@ci.glendale.ca.us**

Sierra Club Work Day on the Crescenta View Trail Restoration:

Saturday February 9 8:00 AM to 01::00 PM

To become a Trail Crew Volunteer contact

- **Karen Buehler - 818-363-6216 karen.buehler2@gmail.com**
- **Bob Thompson - 818-249-1237 bobcat237@sbcglobal.net**

Follow up on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Deukmejian.Wilderness.Park>



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Who Goes There?

(Interpretive Program and Hike
 on Animal Tracking and Scat)

◆ WHEN:
Sat, February 2, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

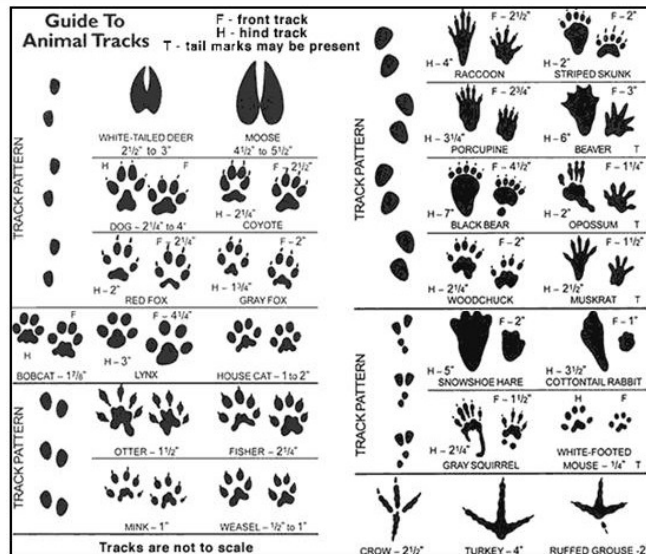
◆ WHERE:
Deukmejian Wilderness
Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

Space is limited Call
(818) 548-3795 to
reserve your spot

Please wear sturdy
shoes and bring a hat,
sunscreen, water, and
protective clothing

Drinks and trail snacks
will be provided

- ◆ Learn how to identify animal prints and track patterns as we try to answer the question, "Who goes there?"
- ◆ We will also study scat (animal droppings) to determine animal activity.
- ◆ This program will be part classroom exercises and part hike (easy difficulty).
- ◆ Come join us as we "get the scoop on poop!"



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



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

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)

Course material is derived from an official Trail Skills College curriculum:

<http://www.pcta.org/help/volunteer/trail-skills-college/curriculum.asp>

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.

Where are the Trail Skills Colleges being held?

- April 19-21, 2013 Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College @ Cascade Locks, Oregon

For information/registration goto:

<http://www.pcta.org/trail-skills-college/columbia-cascades/information.php>

Registration opens on Friday, February 22, 2013.

- April 26-28, 2013 Saw Skills College @ Columbia River Gorge, Washington

A current First Aid and CPR certification is required for a saw certification to be valid. Current First Aid and CPR cards need to be on file at the PCTA Sacramento office prior to the training. After completing your online application, applicants will need to submit copies of their certification cards to the PCTA Sacramento office by email volunteer@pcta.org or mail 1331 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833.

- July 12-14, 2013 Tahoe Trail Skills College @ Prosser Reservoir, California

See note below

- June 21-23, 2013 Big Bendail Skills College @ Hyatt Lake, Oregon

See note below

- Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills College @

San Bernardino National Forest, Front country Ranger District near Cajon Pass

See note below

NOTE: 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.

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

If you are interested in spectacular light show, then check out an iridium flare.

An iridium flare can be brighter than any planet. It can be 40 times brighter than the Evening Star, Venus.

Best of all, this sudden show-stealer can be predicted down to the minute, so you don't have to spend large amounts of time waiting for a random occurrence, such as you would waiting for a bright meteor to happen by.

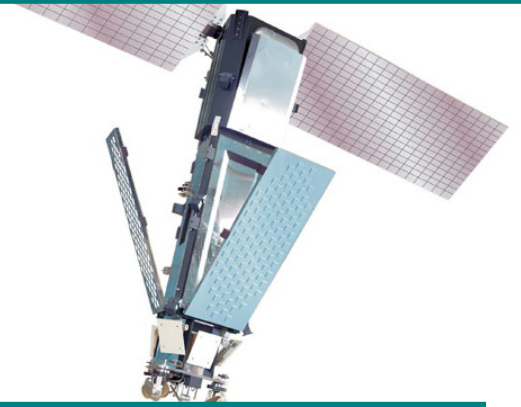
WHAT HAPPENED?

That was a "Iridium Flare" made by a Iridium communication satellite.

The Iridium communication satellites have a peculiar shape with three polished door-sized antennas, 120° apart and at 40° angles with the main bus

. The forward antenna faces the direction the satellite is traveling. Occasionally, an antenna reflects sunlight directly down at Earth, creating a predictable and quickly moving illuminated spot on the surface below of about 10 km diameter.

To an observer this looks like a bright flash, or flare in the sky, with a duration of a few seconds.



Iridium communication satellite

WHEN DO THEY OCCUR?

There are many iPhone/android phone/tablet applications out there (and the list is growing all the time) that are very useful for all manner of tracking the satellites.

You can also go to: <http://www.heavens-above.com/> on your desktop computer. Enter the location and the website will give you the Iridium schedule for the next 7 days.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

The present Iridium satellites will be replaced with Iridium NEXT satellites starting in 2015.

The Iridium NEXT satellites will have only one antenna instead of three.

The new antenna design will offer increased data speed and capacity but is angled differently than the current design.

Due to these design improvements, the new satellites unfortunately are not expected to create flares, so enjoy Iridium flares while you can.

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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

• **The Race: Aug 3rd/4th**

• **AC100 Volunteers Trail work will resume in late April** The toxic Purple Flower Poodle Dog Bush removal from the trails will be another major undertaking. For now the burned snags fallen across our trails particularly in the Charlton, Chilao Flats areas on the AC100 course have been removed.

Best wishes.

Hal

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration

Working Group 626-797-7243

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at

Altadena Community Center

www.altadenatrails.org

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage mr33@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.rmccuire@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



- Interested in becoming 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 contact Pam Morey

- 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

PHONE (661) 943-9000

Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

- 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!

Antelope Valley College,

Marauders Fire Crew

Karl Smith karllsmith@aol.com

661 722 9097

- Although most of the group are members of the fire crew, we also invite other volunteers to join us in trail maintenance and other projects. Check us out on face book. AVC Marauders-fire.

- We have been doing trail work on all the Districts of the Angeles, mostly through the Pacific Crest Trail Association. We do have a volunteer agreement with the Angeles NF separate from the PCTA also.

- We usually do some kind of projects several times per month. We are based out of the Antelope Valley College in Lancaster. Anyone wanting information bout working with us can contact Karl Smith

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

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.

Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council

<http://www.laac-hat.com/>**Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy**<http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>

John Howell, Executive Director (626) 796-0782

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREWAndy Hoyer abhoyer@yahoo.com 213-675-0420**2013 Schedule**

- Feb 16th 2013
- Mar 9th 2013
- Apr 6th 2013
- May 4th 2013
- June 1st 2013

Happy New Year! I want to thank all of those that came last month for that gorgeous, sunny day in the middle of December. We got quite a bit accomplished, the trail down to the falls is much improved and we can now focus our efforts further on down the trail. We'll be going out again on Saturday, January 5th. In particular, I'd like to continue doing tread work on the area where the trail heads upstream into Bear Canyon itself. There is very little in the way of pruning to be done, mostly we'll need shovels, McLeod's, and Pulaski's or pick/mattocks. I'll bring plenty of tools and hard hats but feel free to bring your own if you have them and we'll see you on the mountain!

Please let me know if you are coming and I'll see you on the mountain!

When: Saturday Feb 16th 8:00 am to 2 pm.

Where: Angeles Crest Highway (1000 Milmada Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011)

RSVP so we can bring enough tools and hard hats for everyone.

Bring your lunch & plenty of water (2 liters minimum)

Thanks again!

Andy

Blight Busters Trail CrewDanny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

- Feb 2nd . Echo Mtn.

What: We will be driving up on a closed road that will get us to within 3/4 of a mile of Echo. We will be locking the gate on the road behind us. Anyone with time issues shouldn't sign up because you will have no way out until we all leave as a group. That being said, we should be wrapping things up around 1pm.

Meeting Location: We will be meeting at Farnsworth Park just off of Lake Ave, in Altadena at 8am. 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.

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

Bring the usual, clothing that you don't mind getting paint on. Water and a snack. Nothing else is needed. All equipment will be provided. Hiking distances should be no more than 1.5 miles roundtrip

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

- Feb 20th meeting <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>

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>

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

• **Feb 2nd -Placerita to East Walker Ranch** We'll begin our trek today at Placerita Natural Area's Canyon Trail. This is a nice, easy trail that is mostly flat, with only one fairly short hill. If you're looking for an easy hike, you can do this portion to Walker Ranch, and return on your own. This portion is 4 miles round trip. From Walker Ranch, those moderate hikers who wish to continue on to East Walker Ranch will cross up and on to the road for a short distance to the Walker Ranch Trail Head. We will do several trails here in the new Santa Clarita Open Space. This will add an additional 4.5 miles to our total mileage of 9.5 miles. There are 3 steep hills on this portion of the hike, but they are not for long distances. This portion of the hike is what makes it moderate.

Meet at 8:00 at Placerita Nature Center by the building to leave at 8:15

Directions: From the I-5 Freeway, take the SR-14 to Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right. Go about 2 miles to the Placerita Canyon Natural Area. You will see a sign on the right side of the road. Pull into the driveway and park as close to the building as you can. To the right of the building you will see a wooden trail head sign. This is where we will meet.

Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate

• **Feb 9th -Slide Mountain to the Lookout tower** This hike will be an 11 mile RT with apx 2,000 ft gain starting at the gate for Frenchman's Flat and down the paved road to the turnoff for the single track trail up to the fire lookout tower that overlooks Pyramid Lake. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and shoes with good tread. It also tends to be windy and colder at the top, so you should also bring a light jacket. There will be no shade and we will be keeping a pace that may be too fast for beginning hikers.

To carpool, hikers can meet at Towsley Canyon OUTSIDE the gate for at 7:15 AM head where YOU can arrange carpools to the trailhead. You will need to leave Towsley by 7:25. The leader will meet you at the trailhead at 8:00 AM. You will also need a Forest Adventure Pass to park at the trailhead.

Directions to trail head: Take the I-5 Freeway north from Santa Clarita. About 6 miles north of Lake Hughes/Castaic, exit at Templin Highway. Turn left, and go under the freeway. Turn right on Golden State Highway. Follow this road all the way to the end. This is Frenchman's Flat, our meeting area. Park and display your forest Adventure Pass, which is required to park here. Adventure passes are available at all sporting goods stores or ranger offices. \$5. For a day pass, \$30. For an annual pass.

Leader: Nikki **Rated:** Strenuous for elevation gain and distance

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• **Feb 16th -Fish Canyon to Piano Box** This is an amazingly beautiful area jammed with 37 endangered species. This is prime yellow-legged frog and Arroyo Toad Habitat. Bring your camera. Not only is the area beautiful, but you might see some of the endangered species along the way. Please stay on the trails here, and watch where you step for the river crossings. This is an 8 mile hike to Piano Box. The trail beyond Piano Box has eroded and is no longer viable. The only hill is on the asphalt road going back to the cars. It is fairly level the rest of the way. The hike starts off on the asphalt road, then onto a dirt road. Portions of the old cement road from the 1930s still survives, but most of it is dirt. The trail to Piano Box is a single track dirt trail. Meet at the trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure.

Bring: Lunch, lots of water, snacks, hat, layered clothing, camera, hiking poles to help you at water crossings are recommended.

Wear: Hat, sunscreen, shoes with good tread or WATERSHOES with good tread. Water shoes are recommended for the 24 water crossings that we may encounter if the creek is running high. If you do not have water hikers, we suggest you wear boots or athletic shoes that can get wet. Bring a change of shoes/socks for the return home.

Directions Take the I-5 Freeway north from Santa Clarita. About 6 miles north of Lake Hughes/Castaic, exit at Templin Highway. Turn right. Follow this road all the way until it ends at a white gate. Park. We will meet at the gate.

Leader: Lise **Rated:** Moderate

• **Feb 23rd -Trail Canyon Trail from Big Tujunga Canyon Rd to Condor Canyon.**

Hike Length: 5 miles R/T with 1200' elevation gain.

Classification: Easy-Moderate **Hiking Time:** 3 Hours

Features of Trail: The Station Fire scar this area but it's time to re-enter and discover the falls. There still is a number of delightful wooded haunts scattered here and there in the canyon. The highlight of this hike is a 30' waterfall 2 miles up the canyon. Although the view is great from the trail those who would like to push the limits, myself included, can hike down to the bottom or climb to the top of the falls by way of side trails.

Description of Hike: There is plenty of parking at the trailhead but no restrooms. The hike starts on a dirt road passing cabins/houses. In a short distance the road changes into a single track trail and we will cross Gold Creek a few times. One mile into the hike we leave the creek bed and follow switchbacks up to the left. Soon the falls come into view. Although the falls are the main focus of this hike it is worth going on another 1/2 pass the falls to Condor Canyon.

Hiker Leader Thoughts: The forest has been burned and the trail past Condor Canyon has fallen into disrepair. Enjoy the freshness of the morning, experience a new place, and enjoy easy access to the falls that you can enjoy from above, below, or standing next to.

If you would like to carpool meet at Towsley Canyon front parking area outside the gate between 08:00-08:15 AM.

Directions to trail head: Take the I-5 to the 210 freeway east. Exit the 210 Fwy at Sunland Blvd and turn left. In 0.9 mile turn left at Oro Vista Ave. Drive 0.8 mile and turn right onto Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Drive 4.3 miles and turn left onto a dirt road (Note: There is no sign to alert you to the turn. If you drive pass Wildwood Picnic area turn around. On your way back there is a sign pointing out the road.) Drive up the short but winding dirt road to a junction, then go right and down into Trail Canyon. Park at the trailhead under the oaks. We will start the hike at 9:00 AM.

Leader: Dave Pulsifer **Rated:** Easy to Moderate

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

- **Feb 2nd Who Goes There?**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Interpretive program will feature Animal Tracking and Scat (animal droppings). Classroom activities and an easy hike in the lower end of Deukmejian Wilderness Park. This program is recommended for ages 5 and older.

You must R.S.V.P. to reserve your spot by calling (818) 548-3795.

- **Feb 16th Third Saturday of the Month - Wilderness Workday**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Join us for our regular third Saturday Wilderness Work Day in Glendale's Great Outdoors. This is a terrific opportunity to do satisfying work in a beautiful setting and is perfect for students who need community service hours. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and protective clothing. Water and snacks will be provided. Free. **For more information call (818) 548-3795**

- **Feb 1st/8th/9th/15th/22nd Crescenta View Trail Restoration at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

Karen Buehler (818) 550-4405

Marc Stirdivant (818) 363-6216

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

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

<http://corbamt.com/>

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

- **March 30th/31st Backbone Trail Ultra marathon**

Coyote Cohorts will be presenting a 68-mile run along the length of the Backbone Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains. About 150 runners in three categories will be challenging themselves to complete this grueling course. **Volunteers are needed to help with logistics and support of this event. If you are interested in helping out, please visit <http://coyotebackbonetrail.com/event-details/> for details and contact information.**

- **Feb 4th 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.

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.

- **Feb 25th Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome**

Friends of El Prieto Trail**bannermoffat@earthlink.net**

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

Below is some work done on two switchbacks on El Prieto by the "Friends of El Prieto" helped by a high school student doing community service. - - Banner Moffat

**BEFORE: A trail sliding down the hill****AFTER: The same trail with reinforced edges.****HABITAT WORKS** <http://www.habitatwork.org>**Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653****Habitat Works - Volunteers Improving Wildlife Habitat****Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center**www.haramokngna.org

- **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

- Feb 9th/23rd Outing

Meet at 8:15 AM at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park.

WHAT HAPPENED:

Due to cold weather work was done on the Dark Canyon Trail. We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail, going from our shortcut at the middle of Mt Lowe West Trail. We are getting into more poodle dog to remove, along with regular brushing and trail widening.

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

- March 1st Registration begins.
- July 13th The run begins!
- This year will feature the return of the 50 mile race. The top prize for the 50 miler (men's and women's) is a free entry into the 2013 Angeles Crest 100 mile race.

All details and registration will be available March 1, 2013

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

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

Join IMBA and MWBA to become part of the team of trail users working to improve the experience on trails close to home. Your support is critical in helping MWBA and IMBA work with local land managers, demonstrating that we will continue to build and maintain sustainable trails AND be responsible trail users. As a MWBA-IMBA member, you will receive special regional newsletters, invitations to monthly meetings and many other social events throughout the year. Most importantly, you will be helping us develop future trail opportunities and improve our current local trails. Join today and ride with us tomorrow!

GO HERE TO JOIN: <https://www.imba.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

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

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

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 site with your tax deductible gift in one of two ways:

- 1 **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.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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

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 or check out the volunteer schedule at www.pcta.org. Have an adventure of a lifetime by volunteering on the Pacific Crest Trail!

• 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.

•2013 PCTA Photo Contest

Do you have photographs that would look great on the cover of the Communicator or in our annual Calendar? Many of the pictures we'll publish in 2013 will be selected from those entered in the Annual Photo Contest. Submission deadline is February 24, 2013.

Prizes: First Place – The Pacific Crest Trailside Reader books

Second Place – A Pacific Crest Trail Buff

Third Place – A Pacific Crest Trail Baseball Cap

RULES: <https://www.pcta.org/pdf/2013-Photo-Contest-Call-for-Entries.pdf>

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

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Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

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#feb

- Feb 2nd Azusa Peak (2081'), Glendora Peak (3322')
- Feb 2nd South Pasadena Historic Walk
- Feb 6th Wed 7:30 pm Pasadena

Monthly Meeting: Former Chapter Chair **Mike Sappingfield** will present "Exploring Utah's Arches and Canyonlands National Parks: Nature's Carvings in a Serene Setting" Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. 7 pm social time, 7:30 pm program. Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena..

For information contact Membership Chair: **Elizabeth Pomeroy**.

- Feb 7th/14th/21st/28th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Feb 9th Mt Lukens (5074') from Deukmejian Park
- Feb 15th/18th Anza Borrego Car camp
- Feb 23rd Snowshoe/Cross-Country Ski Trip to Chilao Campground
- Mar 2nd Greene and Greene Southwest Pasadena Walking Tour

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

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602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

Come Celebrate our 20-Year Anniversary and New Name!
 "Southern California Mountains Foundation"
 March 21, 2013
 5:30pm to 9:00pm
 Elks Lodge, San Bernardino

For calendar details go to: <http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

- Animal Tracking Feb 9th/23rd
- Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Feb 14th
- Bald Eagle Volunteer Count Feb 9th
- Bald Eagle Celebration! Feb 9th
- Discovery Center Snowshoe Tour Feb 2nd/3rd/9th/10th/16th/17th/23rd/24th
- Discovery Center Yoga Feb 2nd/23rd
- Greenthumbs Restoration Volunteers Feb 1st
- Lytle Creek Greenthumbs Restoration Volunteers Feb 9th
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Feb 19th

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/2013-02>

- Angeles Forest Supervisor Training Feb 9th/21st/22nd
- Angeles Forest Restoration Feb 21st/22nd/23rd/24th/28th
- Citizen Forestry Tree Planting Feb 23rd
- Fruit Tree Program Feb 2nd
- Fruit Tree Grafting Workshop Feb 3rd/10th
- Professional Development Workshop Feb 2nd
- Park work day Feb 7th/9th/14th/21st/28th
- Residential Combo Tree Care and Planting Feb 2nd/10th/16th
- Santa Monica Mountains Supervisor Training Feb 16th
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Feb 9th/10th/16th/17th/23rd/24th

Volunteers of the Angeles National ForestWrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net>Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737 Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net• **Got Snowshoes? We do!**

The Volunteers of The Angeles National Forest offer a snowshoe hike on Saturdays when there's enough snow. Snowshoes are provided free of charge. We only have 11 pair, so bring your own if you have them. Reservations by e-mail should be made at least 24 hours prior to the hike.

We meet at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center (beyond Mountain High on Hwy 2) at 11 a.m. Hikes last about 2 hours. Be sure to allow plenty of time to get to Grassy Hollow. Snow traffic can cause considerable delays.

You'll need a valid Adventure Pass for your Vehicle. Also bring water and wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

E-mail us at desertstarr70@yahoo.com, or call 760.680.3470 to reserve your shoes. Provide your name, phone number, # of people and ages and how many pairs of snowshoes you need.

• **Full Moon Snow Shoe Hikes:**

We'll also offer full moon snow shoe hikes this winter – snow permitting – on the following nights: February 23, March 30. Meet at Grassy Hollow at 7pm.

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552

ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

William S Hart's Regional Occupation Training Program will continue offering "Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation" as a joint training venture

between WS Hart Union High School District, the USFS, PCTA, and MRCA. In addition to high school credit, the student participants may be offered paid work experience while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to work in the great outdoors including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife identification and conservation;

backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; wilderness first aid; and much more!

For more information, contact Kevin Sarkissian

at: ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org 661.250.0022 X 552

or visit us on the web at: 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 Mar 11, 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: _____