

# VOLUNTEER TODAY

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter July 2013

## Code of Responsibilities for Volunteers

By Dennis C. Merkel

**BE SURE** – Look into your heart and know that you really want to help

**BE CONVINCED** – Do not offer your services unless you believe in what you are doing

**ACCEPT THE RULES** – Don't criticize what you don't understand – there may be good reasons

**SPEAK UP** – Ask about things you don't understand – don't indulge your doubts and frustrations until they drive you away or turn you into a problem worker

**BE WILLING TO LEARN** – Training is essential to any job done well

**KEEP ON LEARNING** – Know all you can about your agency and your job

**WELCOME SUPERVISION** – You will do a better job and enjoy it more if you are doing what is expected of you

**BE DEPENDABLE** – Your word is your bond – do what you have agreed to do – don't make promises you can't keep

**BE A TEAM PLAYER** – Find a place for yourself on the team – the lone operator is pretty much out of place in today's complex community

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<http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm>

Whenever you find yourself on  
the side of the majority, it is time  
to pause and reflect.

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## Lonely Vigil Kept by Fire Watchers

Cheerful Lookouts Accept Isolation on Peaks in Forests.

By Charles Hillinger

How would you like to spend six months perched on a mountain peak?

Nine persons, six of them women, ascended as many peaks in remote sections of Angeles National Forest recently to stay until the first heavy snowfall later this year.

The peak dwellers are Forest Service fire watchers stationed in higher reaches of the 650,000 acre national forest to spot and report anything that looks like red fingers of flame or smoke from a smoldering blaze.

Each of the lookouts is confined around-the-clock to a glass-enclosed 16 X 16 foot tower.

### Radios Warning

Whenever a mountain topper spots any evidence of smoke or fire, he or she immediately radios the Arcadia office of Virgil Shoemaker, central dispatcher for Angeles National Forest.

This constant vigilance by the lookout serves to pinpoint flare-ups and alert fire fighting crews at the outset of potentially dangerous forest fires.

Husbands of two women lookouts stay the season in lonely towers with their wives. A wife spends six months in solitude with her husband, a lookout on one of the peaks. And on another mountain top, a widow and here two children operate a tower.

### Others Are Alone

The other fire spotters, three women and two men, are always alone, except for visits by occasional hikers who happen by and forest rangers who deliver their supplies.

A typical post is atop 590 foot Vetter Mountain, 40 miles from the Civic Center and two miles up a winding dirt road from Charlton Flats Recreation Area.

Bill Longacre, Forest Service camp superintendent of nearby Chilao, drove a Times crew up the spiral incline leading to Vetter peak on a water run to the lookout operated by Mrs. Ramona Merwin, 38, and her two children, Joyce, 17, and Jerry, 13

Longacre delivered 50 gallons of water to the Merwin family.

### All Supplies Hauled

At Vetter lookout, as at the eight other fire-watch stations in Angeles National Forest, all supplies have to be brought in.

Mrs. Merwin's sister, Mrs. Frances Reddick of San Gabriel, her brother, Mervin Hanson of Long Beach, and Don Shoup, Charlton registrar, keep Vetter tower supplied with provisions.

Mrs. Merwin will remain day and night at the small lookout tower until December. Joyce and Jerry take off on daily hikes and will make two or three trips down the hill during their summer vacation, but as a fire lookout, Mrs. Merwin is duty bound never to leave her post.

Vetter tower is enclosed with 30 windows, making it possible for the Merwins to look out in all directions from their tiny mountain home. A catwalk around the lookout station provides Mrs. Merwin with an opportunity to exercise as she maintains her vital fire watch.

Inside the pint-sized tower is a pleasantly arranged room containing lookout devices, a small butane refrigerator, four-burner stove, desk chairs, table, Aladdin's lamp, Coleman lantern and Coleman iron.

No electricity or running water at a lookout post.

Tower equipment includes a fire finder, a 360-deg. precision instrument which enables the Merwins "to shoot a sight" on smoke or flame and get an exact fix on the trouble, a two-way Forest Service radio, a telephone, field glasses, daily logs and an aircraft identification chart.

## Life is Pleasant

Mrs. Merwin's husband, Arthur, died in 1952. He served as a forest ranger and lived in a lookout with his wife for four seasons. Joyce's first two summers were spent in a tower similar to Vetter.

What's it like to live on a mountain peak?

"Great," the Merwins reply.

From their above the clouds retreat overlooking scores of surrounding mountains and ranges, Santa Catalina island is frequently visible, as is Mt. Palomar, 95 miles to the south.

"The air up here is always clear and clean. It's healthy outdoor living at its best," Mrs. Merwin beamed, and added: "this is our second year at Vetter, Joyce and Jerry could hardly wait until school let out and we returned to our mountain."

The Merwins' down the hill home is at 1919 Warren St., San Fernando.

## Frequent Company

"We're not as lonely as you might think," Mrs. Merwin noted.

She said hikers frequently make the two mile climb from Charlton and visit Vetter tower.

"There's plenty to do. What with keeping our eyes peeled for fires and aircraft and listening to radio calls." "And washing windows!" Joyce quickly added. The Merwins wash the 30 windows inside and out everyday.

"I'm the official Mt. Vetter Airplane spotter for the Pasadena Filter Center," Jerry proudly exclaimed. He said he reports by phone every jet and two engine or larger plane that passes overhead.

## Wildlife Abounds

Deer, lizards, squirrels, rattlesnakes and an occasional bear and wildcat Vetter peak. Birds of various description serenade the Merwins.

"The birds aren't alone in serenading us," Joyce chimed in. "Jerry brought his clarinet with him. He charms the snakes and drives Mom and me bats."

With no television or standard radio to while away the hours, much of the time of the Vetter lookout family is spent reading.

Other towerites in Angeles National Forest are:

Miss. Gladys Gale, 34, atop Mt. Josephine; Mrs. Martha Gift, 45, who lives on High Pine Peak with her husband; Miss Parilee (Sandy) DeLapp, 30, Senior lookout, this being her sixth year as a fire watcher on South Hawkins Peak.

## Fifth Season

Mrs. Ethel R. Babcock, 62, a widow, is in her fifth season on Sierra Pelona. An amateur painter, Mrs. Babcock does her best work, she says, at her 4850 foot high home.

Mrs. Catherine E. Minor, 39, lives with her husband at Warm Springs tower; Mathew F. Offerle, 44, fiction writer and musician, has a garden around his Whitaker Peak tower; Harry M. Lewis, 53, at West Liebre serves as a County Assessor during off season, and Edwin O. Smith, 40, lookout at isolated Sunset Peak, is assisted by his wife.

Mt. Vetter lookout is probably the most accessible. All towers in Angeles Forest have dirt roads leading to them.

## IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

**Of all the lookout towers in the Angeles Forest, Only Slide Mountain remains. The Vetter peak lookout tower was destroyed by the Station Fire. The Vetter peak will be rebuilt soon, but in the mean time there is a patio cover.**

**What became of the lookout towers? What was it like to run a tower? Come to Grassy Hollow Visitor Center at Wrightwood, CA on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and learn about them**

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS



**Don't Forget !  
LARRD Volunteer Meeting  
July 17, 2013  
701 N Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia, CA 91006**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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](mailto: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](mailto:ken.hamada3@gmail.com)  
Any help will be appreciated.

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**THE CITY OF GLENDALE**  
Community Services & Parks Department

# One Small Step...

**Third Saturday of the Month - "Wilderness Workday"**

**◆ WHEN:**  
**Sat. July 20, 2013**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**until**  
**12:00 p.m.**

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

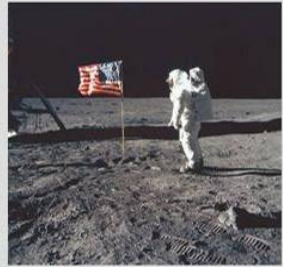
Snacks and drinks will be provided during the workday

Wear sturdy shoes or boots, protective clothing, bring water, sun screen, gloves, pruning shears and a hat

Questions?  
Call (818) 548-3795

On this day in 1969 man first landed on the moon. The following day (July 21, 1969) Neil Armstrong took one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park looked like the moon following the 2009 Station Fire. But due to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers the park has recovered one step at a time.



Please plan to join the crew as we continue to weed, water and maintain the habitat. Take a small step and give us a part of your Saturday.

Your efforts are making a giant impact for the plants and animals that call Deukmejian their home.

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

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PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**CV TRAIL CREW BREAKING UP DAMS ON THE TUJUNGA WASH**



**CV TRAIL CREW REPAIRING WINDY GAP TRAIL**



**ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL VOLUNTEER HELPING SMOKEY BEAR WITH A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**BLIGHT BUSTERS TRAIL CREW  
REMOVING GRAFFITI.**

**MT DISAPPOINTMENT 50K  
VOLUNTEER PAINTING  
THE INSIDE OF THE  
WEST FORK CG TOILET.**



**BEAR CANYON CREW REMOVING  
A TREE FROM TRAIL**



# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**VOLUNTEER REMOVING  
TRASH DURING SUPER  
CANYON SWEEP 2013**



**DENNIS MERKEL HELPING  
REMOVE A TREE FROM  
THE MT. WILSON TRAIL.**





# VOLUNTEER FUN



THE CITY OF GLENDALE  
Community Services & Parks Department

## WHO ARE YOU? HOO? HOO? HOO? HOO? (Campfire Program on Owls)



### ◆ WHEN:

Sat, July 6, 2013  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Games  
7:00 p.m. Owl pellet dissection  
7:30 p.m. Campfire Program

### ◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian Wilderness  
Park  
3429 Markridge Rd  
Glendale, Ca 91214

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

Drinks and s'mores will  
be provided



### ◆ This event will focus on "OWLS"

- ◆ We start at 6:00 p.m. for an hour of nature games and outdoor play on a warm summer night (Picnic Area)
- ◆ At 7:00 p.m. we will have owl pellets and tools for those that want to do a dissection and find out what owls eat (Amphitheater)
- ◆ The Campfire Program will start at 7:30 p.m. with songs, skits, slides and s'mores
- ◆ We invite you to come for all or part of this special evening

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## 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.

- **July 13-14, 2013** Tahoe Trail Skills College@ Prosser Family Campground, approximately 7 miles north of Truckee, California.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION :** <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/tahoe/>

Track 1: Basic Trail Maintenance (Courses 100 and 102)-FULL!

Track 2: Tread and Drainage (Courses 201 and 203)=FULL!

Track 3: Waterbars and Checks (Courses 203 )

Track 4: Tread Reconstruction (Courses 205)

**TO REGISTER GO HERE:**

<http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/tahoe/tahoe-trail-skills-college-registration/>

### UPCOMING CLASSES:

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

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

## SAFE HIKING

• **Avoid hiking alone** because the “buddy system” is safer during any type of activity. If traveling with a group, never stray from the group. **If hiking alone**, pick a well traveled trail.

• **Tell someone** where you are going and when you will return.

• **Don’t forget to** check in with them when you get back.

• **Stay on marked trails.** Making shortcuts and “bushwhacking” causes erosion and greatly increases your chance of becoming lost.

• **Never climb on waterfalls.** A high number of injuries and deaths occur on waterfalls and slippery, wet rocks.

• **If you become wet or cold**, it is important to get dry and warm as quickly as possible, avoiding hypothermia.

• **Dress in layers and avoid cotton.** Today’s hikers can choose from numerous fabrics that wick moisture, dry quickly or conserve heat. Many experienced hikers wear a lightweight shirt that wicks moisture, while carrying a fleece pullover and waterproof jacket in a daypack.

• **All hikers** (especially children and older adults) should carry a whistle, which can be heard far away and takes less energy than yelling. Three short blasts is a sign of distress.

• **Carry plenty of drinking water** and never assume stream water is safe to drink. Frequent hikers might consider buying a water filter or water purifying tablets at an outdoor supply store.

• **Don’t count on cell phones** to work in the wilderness, but if they do, be able to give details about your location. Telling rescue personnel that you’re lost by a big tree won’t help as much as telling which trailhead you started from and how long you’ve been hiking.

• **Don’t rely on a GPS** to prevent you from getting lost. Batteries can die or the equipment can become damaged or lost.

• **Invest in good hiking socks** and boots such as those found at sporting goods stores. Avoid blisters by carrying “moleskin” (available at drug stores) and applying it as soon as you feel a hot spot on your feet. Available in the foot care section of drug stores, moleskin is like felt that sticks to your skin.

• **Wear bright colors.** Don’t dress children in camouflage.

• **Carry a emergency hiking kit** (look at page 15 on items the kit should have)

## SAFE HIKING

- **Be a Lightweight**

THE LESS YOU CARRY, THE MORE ENJOYABLE THE HIKE.

Travel as light as possible. The heaviest items in your pack should be food and water. Use hiking sticks to take stress off your legs. Wear well-fitting and broken-in hiking boots. Bring a small lightweight flashlight and a change of batteries and bulb. Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Bring a map, compass, signal mirror or whistle, first aid kit, and water purification tablets. Keep in mind that all trash (including biodegradable) needs to be carried out.

- **Avoid Huffing and Puffing**

IF YOU CAN TALK WHILE YOU ARE WALKING, YOU ARE WALKING THE PERFECT SPEED.

When you huff and puff your body is not getting enough oxygen. Walking at a pace that allows you to be able to walk and talk means that your legs and your body are getting the oxygen needed to function efficiently.

When your body generates fewer metabolic waste products, you enjoy your hike more and you feel better at the end. At times it may seem like you are walking too slow, but at an aerobic pace (sometimes even baby-sized steps when the trail is steep) your energy reserves will last longer. You will also feel much better that night and the next day.

- **Take a Break**

TAKE A TEN MINUTE BREAK AT LEAST ONCE EVERY HOUR.

A break of ten minutes helps remove the metabolic waste products that build up in your legs while hiking. Take a break at least every hour. Sit down and prop your legs up. Eat some food, drink some fluids, and take this time to enjoy and appreciate the view. These efficient breaks can recharge your batteries. In the long run, breaks will not slow you down.

- **No Food, No Fuel, No Fun**

DRINK FREQUENTLY AND EAT OFTEN.

Eat and drink more than you normally do. Eat before, during, and after your hike. Eat before you are hungry. Drink before you are thirsty. No matter what the temperature, you need water and energy to keep going. For every hour hiking in the canyon, you should drink ½ to 1 quart (liter) of water or sports drink.

Keeping yourself cool and hiking takes a large amount of energy (food). Salty snacks and water or sports drinks should be consumed on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Food is your body's primary source of fuel and salts (electrolytes) while hiking in the canyon. You need to eat about twice as much as you normally would to meet your energy and electrolyte needs while hiking.

Your best defense against illness and exhaustion is to eat a healthy breakfast, a full lunch, a snack every time you take a drink, and a rewarding full dinner at the end of the day. This is not a time to diet.

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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

For schedule: <http://www.ac100.com/index.asp?message=2>

- **The Race: Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00AM (Saturday): Trail Work**  
Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00AM  
Carpool to work site (High Clearance Vehicles Only, Red Box-Rincon Rd.).  
Trail work will be on the Gabrielino Trail below Newcomb Saddle.

## Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

626-797-7243 [www.altadenatrails.org](http://www.altadenatrails.org)

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

## Antelope Valley Conservancy [www.avconservancy.org](http://www.avconservancy.org)

[avconservancy@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://GoodSearch.com) to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey [pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us)

Forest Care Program Coordinator

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!



## Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage [mrgy33@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave.

Los Angeles, CA90031 PHONE: (323) 221-2255

Contact : [http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field\\_location\\_email](http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field_location_email)

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

every Saturday 8:30 a.m. Free Tai Chi

contact: <http://debspark.audubon.org/forms/contact-us/636>

**07/13/2013 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Oct 27 2013**

### Old Time String Band Jam Session\*

Listen and dance to local area musicians strum Southern Appalachian style fiddle and banjo tunes. Bring your own instrument or just come to listen!

**07/13/2013 - 9:00am - 3:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Sep 22 2013**

### Solar System Hands-on Training Maintenance & Design

Join Wade Webb, who designed and installed the Audubon Center's solar power system, to learn about using solar power. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

**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

Andy Hoyer

abhoyer@yahoo.com 213-675-0420

**Taking a summer break to enjoy the outdoors!**

## Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- July 21<sup>st</sup> Live Outdoor Music Concerts
- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night.

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

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

• Adams Pack Station Contact:

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

## Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

[dayhiker86@yahoo.com](mailto:dayhiker86@yahoo.com)

## Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council

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

**Additional Training Opportunities Scheduled for the Future:**

- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Advanced Leader Training (High Country)

**California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)**

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

- **July 17<sup>th</sup> 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

CITY OF GLENDALE Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

- **July 6<sup>th</sup> Campfire Program on Owls**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 08:30 p.m.

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** This campfire program will focus on "Owls" as we play outdoors, dissect owl pellets, learn, have fun with songs and skits, and make s'mores on a beautiful summer evening.

- **July 20<sup>th</sup> 3rd Saturday - Wilderness Workday**

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

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** Calling wilderness volunteers (families, students, clubs, churches, individuals)!!! Your help is needed in Glendale's Great Outdoors (water, weed and more).

**Emergency hiking kit:**

- Water
- Whistle Give three short blasts at regular intervals.  
Searchers will use two short blasts in response if they hear you.
- First aid kit
- Energy food
- Toilet paper
- Small flashlight with extra batteries
- Brightly colored bandana
- Trash bag (preferably a bright color). Poke a hole for your head and wear it as a poncho to stay warm and dry and makes you more visible.
- Aluminum foil. Strips can be tied into tree limbs to reflect searchlights.  
It can be molded into a bowl for water.

•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](mailto: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](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com)

### • July 6<sup>th</sup> -Whitney Cyn

This is a beautiful 5 mile hike. It is in a riparian area with shade along most of the route. Your hike will start off on a dirt road, but after about a half mile, it becomes a single track all the way to a little waterfall. The waterfall is dry this time of year, but there will be wildflowers all along the riparian corridor. This is an easy hike, suitable for newcomers.

**Bring** a snack , lots of water, sun protection.

**Meet** at the Whitney Canyon trailhead (by the gate) at 7:00 for a 7:15 departure down the trail.

**Directions:** From Valencia, take the I-5 freeway south to the SR-14 North. Exit at Newhall Avenue. Take the right at the fork on the off-ramp. When you reach the stop sign, turn right. This will lead you quickly to the Park and Ride. Park. Parking here is free. If the Park and Ride is full, you may park in the MRCA lot (\$7.00). It is wise to come a little early to secure a parking spot in the Park and Ride. Look for your leader at the green MRCA gate by the green sign at the top/left of the Park and Ride.

**Leader:** Steve Iland **Rated:** Easy

### • July 13<sup>th</sup> - Vincent Gap to Mine Gulch

This is a beautiful hike and a great workout! This hike is 9 miles RT with an elevation gain of 2100'. The Mine Gulch Trail is located southwest of the town of Wrightwood, near Mt. Baden Powell. With the trail head starting at Vincent Gap in a pine forest, the Mine Gulch trail accompanies the Bighorn Mine Trail for a little way before cutting down into Vincent Gulch. There are several switchbacks on the trail as you drop down into the gulch. This trail isn't as well maintained as some of the other trails in the area, but it's not the worst either. The Mine Gulch Trail continues down Vincent Gulch until it intersects with the main San Gabriel River basin. As you continue down this canyon the trail intersects with the Prairie Fork Trail. Continue for a little way as the Mine Gulch trail ends near the bottom of ...you guessed it ... Mine Gulch. While the hike is pleasant the climb back up can be arduous.

**Note:** There is a restroom at the trailhead for your convenience.

**Bring:** Water-lots of it, sunscreen, hat, poles if you have them, and an Adventure pass if you are driving. The rangers will ticket cars (\$5.) that do not display an Adventure pass.

For this hike, we will meet at Towsley at 6:45, leave Towsley at 7:00 for the trailhead.

**Directions** to Towsley: Take the I-5 south from Valencia to Calgrove Blvd. Exit. Turn right. Go through the signal. Immediately on the right side you will see the entrance to Towsley/Ed Davis Park. Do not enter the gate. Park in the parking lot outside the green gate and look for the hike leader. We will carpool from this point, so please help your driver with gas.

**Leader:** Dave **Rated:** Difficult (due to 2100' elevation gain on the way back to our cars.)



**• July 14<sup>th</sup> -Native American Slide Show and Presentation**

Today's Nature Series with Susan Suntree is not to be missed. Susan is the author of "Sacred Sites: The Secret History of Southern California". She will tell the story of the prehistory of our region, including Placerita Canyon, from the Big Bang/Great Silence to the present from the points of view of Western science and the Indigenous myths and songs that account for the landscape. Her presentation will include a brief reading from her book, a talk that will include descriptions of the origins of the universe, the shifting of tectonic plates, and an evolving array of plants and animals that give Southern California its unique features today. She will tell of the migration of humans into the region, where they settled, and how they lived. Complementing this narrative and reflecting the Native people's view of their own history and way of life, Suntree will recount the creation myths and songs that tell the story of the First People, of unforgettable shamans and heroes, and of the origins and migrations of the human beings.

**She will show** us a slide show with spectacular photos of rarely seen landmarks by Juergen Nogai.

**We will be** at Placerita Nature Center in the new LEED building classroom. Please be early as the room will only hold 45 people. This opportunity is suitable for families with older children. (Please, no babies or very young children).

**Time:** 2:00-3:30

**Directions:** From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 freeway to the Placerita Canyon Exit. Exit. Turn right. Go approximately 2 miles until you see a sign that says, "Placerita Natural Area". Turn into this driveway. Park as close to the building as you can. Go up the steps, and enter the door to the left as you enter the atrium area. There is a ramp for disabled access.

**• July 20<sup>th</sup> -Quigley Cyn**

**HIKE THE NEW OPEN SPACE** in Quigley Canyon. The area has 4 loops/trails. Total distance is about 4.0 miles, with a gain of about 400 feet on the one hill. There are easy, moderate and steep areas on these trails, so there is something for everyone. We will be doing all 4 loops. Due to the steep uphill and downhill on one loop, poles are **HIGHLY** recommended. This will be the last loop that we do, so if you would like to avoid this hill, you can sign out just before we start this last portion. The scenery is lovely, and there is abundant wildlife. We will see the remnants of an old ranch, a working oil company, an intermittent stream, and some very pretty views. This set of trails is very private and quiet. It is bordered by a quiet equestrian neighborhood.

**Meet at the trail head** at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure.

**Directions to trail head:** Quigley Canyon is located at the end of Cleardale Avenue, in Placerita Canyon, in the Newhall area. From 13th Street and Railroad, cross the railroad tracks, and stay to the right to proceed onto Placerita Canyon Road. Turn left onto Quigley Canyon Road, and right on Cleardale Avenue. Park at the end of Cleardale Avenue.

**Bring** lots of water, snacks, and poles. Wear sunscreen, a hat, long pants as some of the trails are a little overgrown, and good boots. You might want to bring your camera to capture some of the interesting sights along the way.

**See the website below for a trail map:**

[http://santaclaritaopenspace.com/images/gallery/open\\_spaces/quigley/quigley\\_trail.pdf](http://santaclaritaopenspace.com/images/gallery/open_spaces/quigley/quigley_trail.pdf)

**Leader:** Max Morgan

**Rated:** Easy (Moderate ++due to the big hill on the last trail, which you can avoid if you only want to do the easy portion)

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**• July 27<sup>th</sup> -Temescal Canyon to Will Rodgers**

This hike can be done in two ways. We will do Temescal Canyon first. This hike begins with a moderate hill up to a small waterfall, then, it continues up to the ridge. From there, you can see gorgeous views of the ocean, and feel the ocean breezes. This is a cool hike for summer, and from the ridge, it is all flat or all downhill. This portion of the hike is about 3.5 miles. So, people looking for an easy hike, with a little challenge going up the first hill will be thrilled with this portion. Easy hikers may wish to leave at this point, and can return to the parking lot.

From this point, the hike will continue to Will Rodgers Park, adding about 5 miles to the first 3.5 miles in Temescal Canyon. There is some beautiful scenery along the way, and we usually see deer, so **bring your camera**. There are no major hills to climb, so this portion is also fairly easy, and cool with lots of shady areas and ocean views.

**Parking is \$7.00 at Temescal**

**For this hike, we will meet** at Towsley at 6:45, leave Towsley at 7:00, and arrive at Temescal Park at 8:00 to begin the hike.

**Directions to Towsley:** Take the I-5 south from Valencia to Calgrove Blvd. Exit. Turn right. Go through the signal. Immediately on the right side you will see the entrance to Towsley/Ed Davis Park. Do not enter the gate. Park in the parking lot outside the gate and look for the hike leader. We will carpool from this point, so please help your driver with gas and parking fees.

**Directions to Temescal Park:** Take the I-5 South to the 405 South. Exit at Sunset Blvd. Turn left at the base of the off ramp, and make a quick right onto Sunset Blvd. Stay on Sunset until you hit Temescal Cyn Road. Turn right. Take care to observe the stop sign and speed limit as they give out hundreds of tickets here. Pay the iron ranger \$7.00 to park. Meet your group by the bathroom at the top of the parking lot at 8:00 sharp.

**Leader:** Dianne

**Rated** Easy to almost Moderate

**Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association****(CORBA)****PHONE: (818) 773-3555****FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>****<http://corbamb.com/>****For schedule goto: <http://corbamb.com/Calendar/index.shtml>**

**• July 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**• July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:karen.buehler2@gmail.com)****Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>**

- **July 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Trail Maintenance at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**
- **July 13<sup>th</sup> Trail Maintenance at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew has been restoring trails in 2009 Station Fire Area in Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Now that restoration at Deukmejian is complete, we are working on various projects in Angeles National Forest.

**Friends of El Prieto Trail [bannermoffat@earthlink.net](mailto:bannermoffat@earthlink.net)**

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

- - Banner Moffat

**HABITAT WORKS**

<http://www.habitatwork.org>

**Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653**

**Habitat Works - Volunteers Improving Wildlife Habitat**

**Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center**

[www.haramokngna.org](http://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](mailto: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**

- **July 13<sup>th</sup> Outing**

**DESCRIPTION: WHAT HAPPENED:**

In **May**, we continued maintenance on Mt Lowe West Trail, going in at the middle from the Mt Lowe fire road. The poodle-dog plants are now bigger (and in bloom), and harder to take out. There is more brushing as the scrub oak is coming back profusely.

**National Trails Day**, in cooperation with REI, centered on trails in the Red Box area. Different groups worked the Gabriellino Trail down toward Switzers, the Strawberry Peak Trail, and the Gabriellino Trail towards Chantry. REI provided T-shirts for the volunteers, and lunch.

**Our last outing in June** was cancelled due to most people being out of town, attending weddings or funerals.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**We will continue maintenance** on the Mt Lowe West Trail in August. The outing in July will depend upon who shows up, so come and be surprised! Kathie will not be available in July, so please contact Jack if you have any questions.

**Matt Maxon**

[matt@mattmaxon.com](mailto: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](http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com) Gary Hilliard, Director

**Due to a series of chronic and persistent health problems, our Race Director is forced to announce the postponement of the 2013 Mt Disappointment 50k and 50 mile races. We apologize for the late announcement but assure you that every effort was made to carry on with this year's running events. We are planning on rescheduling the races in 2014. Those who have already paid will be refunded their race entry fees. Again, please accept our apologies and our invitation to join us next year. If you have further questions please contact Gary Hilliard or Fausto Rowlan.**

**The Mt Disappointment Staff**

**Mount Wilson Bicycling Association**

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

**GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER** <https://www.imba.com/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

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

**Mount Wilson Race**

<http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/MWTR/HOME>

Dear MWTR Participants & Enthusiasts:

Congratulations to all of those who ran, walked or staggered up and down Mt. Wilson on Saturday.

Even though this athletic event was hard, I have a funny feeling that you all had a great time on race day. Many happy people have thanked members of the MWTR Committee since race day, and we were pleased to hear that many of you PR'd!

Since the weather conditions were pretty much perfect, the trail was in excellent shape and many of you have been training like dogs (many with Eric LeClair's Team Crossfit Academy), I guess that's not too surprising.

I am so pleased the way city staff, race sponsors and our volunteers worked together to make it such a safe and enjoyable day. A special thank you to Kyle Schnurr, our liaison to the Community Services Department of the City of Sierra Madre, for pulling it all together.

Go to [www.mountwilsontrailrace.com](http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com) for the link to results for the race. If you ran in the top three of your age group and did not stay for the awards ceremony, contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278 for your race medal.

Thanks to you and others, we had a most successful pre-race pasta dinner and a killer post-race beer garden, in support of our friends at Sierra Madre Search & Rescue. \$1,354 was raised for its tools, equipment and programs!

This year, the MWTR Committee generated \$750 in contributions for the Fletcher Fund, which pays for tools and equipment that are used year-round on the trail. This is an ongoing drive for us, so please consider a donation if you have not made one already. Make your check out to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation (put "Fletcher Fund" on the notes line) and send it to:

Sierra Madre Community Foundation  
Attention: Donations  
P.O. Box 716  
Sierra Madre, CA 91025

If you appreciated the condition of the trail during the race, you need to appreciate what the Fletcher Fund does. Hoping you are making plans for next year's race, to be held on Saturday, May 24. Next week, the MWTR Committee will have its annual wrap-up meeting and talk about ways we can make it a better race experience for you, your family and friends. Shoot me an email if you have any suggestions!

The committee wishes good luck to all of you this summer. I hope you will keep up the training and competing in area events. Personally, I have the Pasadena Half Marathon (June 30) and Mt. Baldy Run to the Top (September 2) on my plate. Hope to see you at those races....and, of course, up on the trail.

Take care!

Pete Siberell  
Chair, Mount Wilson Trail Race  
626-574-6373  
[pete.siberell@santaanita.com](mailto:pete.siberell@santaanita.com)

## Mount Wilson Institute

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909  
 (404) 413-5484 <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>  
 Cosmic Cafe (626) 440-9018

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

### Support Mount Wilson Observatory

We Need Your Help - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage.

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

For application information go to: <http://www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php>.

## Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

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

- **June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Big Bendail Skills College @ Hyatt Lake, Oregon**
- **Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. '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](mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net), Tel.: 805-658-6540  
 or: John Hachey Email: [goaliejhachey@msn.com](mailto:goaliejhachey@msn.com), Tel.: 909-605-3219.

- **Join us! The Pacific Crest Trail is more than a trail from Mexico to Canada. It is a community that stretches around the world.**  
Come out and play. <http://www.pcta.org/get-involved/>

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

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

Volunteers can head out for the day, a weekend, or longer with car and backcountry camping options available. There are no fees to volunteer and meals are included at our overnight events. Prior trail maintenance skills are not needed on most projects, experienced crew leaders are there to teach you the skills needed. To learn more contact Merrit Hoeh at (916) 285-1838, [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org) or check out the volunteer schedule at [www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org).

Have an adventure of a lifetime by volunteering on the Pacific Crest Trail!

## SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Helen Oakley: 626-792-4573

Ben White: 626-303-1078 [ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org](mailto: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](mailto:volfeedback@crystallake.name) I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

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

## Sierra Club

[www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/](http://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#jul](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#jul)

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Benefit Sale at Ten Thousand Villages
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Benefit Night at Burger Continental
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Cooper Cyn to Buckhorn
- July 12<sup>th</sup>- July 14<sup>th</sup> Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Mt. Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Switzer to Bear Canyon

### JULY 2013 BACKPACKING COMMITTEE TRIPS

- July 4<sup>th</sup>- July 7<sup>th</sup> YOSEMITE ADVENTURES- BUS BASED BACKPACKING TRIP  
VOGELSANG PEAK (11,515') and FLETCHER PEAK (11,408')
- July 4<sup>th</sup>- July 7<sup>th</sup> 4th of JULY GRANT LAKES TEN LAKES BACKPACKING TRIP
- July 9<sup>th</sup>- July 14<sup>th</sup> MAMMOTH HIGH COUNTRY

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.co>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: [Emworks@verizon.net](mailto:Emworks@verizon.net)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/> Sarah Miggins [smiggins@fs.fed.us](mailto:smiggins@fs.fed.us) 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- Build a Birdhouse July 6<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>
- Discovery Center Canoe Tours July 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
- Discovery Center Kayak Tours July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
- Discovery Center Mid-day Discount Kayak Tours July 13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Gold Panning July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers July 13<sup>th</sup>
- High Flying Rockets July 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Map and Compass July 6<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Music in the Mountains "Journey to Harmony Tour" July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Night Hike July 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>
- Nature walks July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
- Pinecone Birdfeeders July 7<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council July 16<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteer Become a Discovery Center Volunteer!

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

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

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

Wendy Craig [wrcraig@mountainsfoundation.org](mailto:wrcraig@mountainsfoundation.org)

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

**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/2013-07>

- **Campus Tree Care July 11<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**
- **Moonlight Hike July 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Park Work Day July 11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**
- **Santa Monica Mountains Restoration July 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest****Wrightwood, CA** <http://www.grassyhollow.net>Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737 Loren Lake [lorenll@verizon.net](mailto: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**

- **July 6<sup>th</sup>/July 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM July 4th Weekend**

**Get out** of the heat and enjoy your holiday weekend with a cool trip to the Angeles National Forest. Check out campsites by visiting [www.ReservedUsa.com](http://www.ReservedUsa.com) for reservations. Or simply hike our marked trails and have a picnic at the tables at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Directions for hiking and camping are at the Center. No special programs this weekend.

- **July 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM Fire Lookouts on the Angeles**

**Learn** about the history and use of Fire Lookouts on the Angeles and across Southern California. Check out an Osborne Fire Finder, and learn to use and site locations through it.

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

**Leader:** Pam Morey, Co-Coordinator, Fire Lookout Volunteers.

**For about 20 years, Pam and her husband George have coordinated all of the Fire Lookout Volunteers on the Angeles. She has many tales to tell:**

- **July 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM Lightning Ridge Nature Walk**

**With** one of our experienced volunteers, walk through the area of the forest containing examples of forces of nature that shape our region. Beautiful views. Bring your camera. Enjoy our national forest!

**Time: Approx. 45 minutes - 1 hour. Easy ½ mile hike.**

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

**Location:** Inspiration Point.

- **July 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mountain Man Talk**

**Would** you like to meet a real mountain man and his pack animals? They will show you Old Ways for Modern Days. He's riding in today to the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater to promote the use, care, and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; and to advocate good trail manners. He has a wealth of information to share and demonstrate with visitors.

**Time:** Available all day from 10 AM to 4 PM. **Location: Grassy Hollow Amphitheater**

**Leader:** Terry Haider, Santa Ana River Unit.

- **July 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 AM & 1:30PM Reptiles!**

**See** many live specimens. You will learn about the snakes and lizards that slither and crawl around in our area!

**Time:** Approx. 1½ hours. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

**Leader:** Joshua Cummings, Herpetologist

**NOTE: By popular demand, the program will be presented twice.**

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## Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest (cont)

- **July 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM History of Big Pines**

**What do the CCC, a zoo, and a skating rink have to do with our local area?** Learn these answers and more about the long history of the Big Pines area as a recreational destination.

**Time:** Approx. 1 hour.

**Location:** Big Pines Visitor Information Center

**Leader:** Barbara Van Houten, USFS Retired, and author.

- **July 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM. Big Horn Mine Hike**

**Join us for a hike to a famous lode Gold Mine.** Perfect for history buffs. Bring a camera, water, a snack and wear sturdy shoes.

**Approx.** 4 miles round trip. Easy to moderate hike.

**Location:** Vincent Gap parking lot

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

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We'll be continuing work from Cal Trails Day on the Grizzly Flats Trail in Big Tujunga Canyon. I've got a work crew of 16 (14 students and 2 adult trail bosses) slated for 60 hours of heavy brushing from the Big T wash to Grizzly Flats area. Paid work experience is being jointly funded by the USFS and Cal Dept of Education's WorkAbility I program. Project dates are from 6/17-6/28.

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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