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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter June 2013

Heat Emergencies

There are three types of heat emergencies you may be required to treat.

● **Heat Stroke** This is the most serious type of heat emergency. It is LIFE-THREATENING and requires IMMEDIATE and AGGRESSIVE treatment! Heat stroke occurs when the body's heat regulating mechanism fails. The body temperature rises so high that brain damage --and death-- may result unless the body is cooled quickly.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS: The victim's skin is HOT, RED and usually DRY. Pupils are very small. The body temperature is VERY HIGH, sometimes as high as 105 degrees.

FIRST AID: Remember, Heat Stroke is a life-threatening emergency and requires prompt action! Summon professional help. Get the victim into a cool place. COOL THE VICTIM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE! Place the victim into a bathtub of cool water, wrap in wet sheets, place in an air conditioned room. Do not give victim anything by mouth. Treat for shock.

● **Heat Exhaustion** Heat exhaustion is less dangerous than heat stroke. It is caused by fluid loss which in turn causes blood flow to decrease in vital organs, resulting in a form of shock.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS: COOL, PALE AND MOIST skin, heavy sweating, dilated pupils (wide), headache, nausea, dizziness and vomiting. Body temperature will be near normal.

FIRST AID: Get the victim out of the heat and into a cool place. Place in the shock position, lying on the back with feet raised. Remove or loosen clothing. Cool by fanning or applying cold packs or wet towels or sheets. If conscious, give water to drink every 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT: WHILE HEAT EXHAUSTION IS NOT A LIFE- THREATENING EMERGENCY LIKE HEAT STROKE, IT CAN PROGRESS TO HEAT STROKE IF LEFT UNTREATED!**

● **Heat Cramps** Heat cramps are muscular pain and spasms due to heavy exertion. They usually involve the abdominal muscles or legs. It is generally thought this condition is caused by loss of water and salt through sweating.

FIRST AID: Get victim to a cool place. If they can tolerate it, give one-half glass of water every 15 minutes. Heat cramps can usually be avoided by increasing fluid intake when active in hot weather.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring,
close-knit family in another city

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Another Park Promised

Charlton Flats Expected to Be Opened Up by Spring of 1938

When the Angeles Crest Highway reaches Charlton Flats by the spring of 1938, motorists will find the recreational facilities of a fine forest camp ground ready for them. Camping, picnicking and other accommodations will have been provided at this timbered area in the San Gabriel Mountains by that time.

Plans already under way should insure completion of half of the development of the scenic region expected to be devoted to public use, it has just been announced by the United States Forest Service through William V. Mendenhall, supervisor of the Angeles National Forest. No cabin sites will be rented for the time being

SURVEY UNDER WAY

A study of acreage suitable for recreational development and landscaping needs is being made. Natural aspects of the region will not be disturbed in building improvements, according to forest service policy.

About twelve and a half miles of modern mountain highway will be added to the Angeles Crest route, extending the present section which now reaches Red Box Divide from La Canada on Foothill Boulevard. The Automobile Club of Southern California, which first proposed the high recreational route, has received a report that contract has been awarded for the heavy grading work for one and three tenths miles from Red Box northerly by the United States Bureau of Public Roads. North of that project, State convicts are completing one link, which will join a surfaced section recently completed by the Bureau of Public Roads from Barley Flat Saddle to Charlton Flats.

RESERVOIR INCLUDED

Included in plans for development of recreational units at Charlton Flats is a 100,000 gallon reservoir to conserve the water supply and mains and outlets. While primary projects will include the picnic, camping and parking facilities, sanitation and water, ridge-top rails, observation points and roads, it is said that ultimate developments in the area probably will include a small lake, swimming pool, administration building, shelter houses and checking station.

From the Angeles Crest State Highway the Charlton Flats section will be reached by a two mile stretch of oiled mountain road. Charlton Flats is approximately thirty miles from Pasadena.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

The original name of the area was Pine Flat when it was renamed to Charlton Flats in honor of the "new" Forest Service's first Forest Supervisor, Mr. R.H. Charlton. Mr. Charlton served as the Angeles National Forest Supervisor from 1905-1925.

Near Charlton Flats is the Vetter Mountain fire lookout tower. The lookout tower was built in 1937 and remained in service until 1981. Ramona Merwin, a USFS Fire Lookout staffed the tower from 1953 until its closing. The tower was slated to be moved to the Chilao Visitors Center, but a group of active citizens in cooperation with the Forest Service were able to rebuild, restore, and return the tower to operational service in 1998. The tower was operated by the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (ANFFLA) citizen volunteers in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service until it was destroyed by the 2009 Station Fire.

The Charlton Flats area has been used in movie making and TV shows. Counter-Attack (1945), The Young Lions (1958), North by Northwest(1959), Family Plot (1976), Dynasty (1981 TV Series) Episode: Ben (1986), Survival Quest (1988), Star Trek: First Contact (1996), Paulie (1998), The Animal (2001) , Assignment: Unexplained (2012 TV Series) .

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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OPERATION SUPER CANYON SWEEP-2013

WE NEED YOU
SATURDAY, JUNE 8th, 2013
8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

**WE WILL BE CLEANING UP THE SAN GABRIEL CANYON.
SAN GABRIEL, OHV AREA, SAN GABRIEL CANYON ROAD,
HWY 39, JUST NORTH OF THE EAST FORK BRIDGE AND
NORTH OF AZUSA**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

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National Trails Day 2013

DATE: June 1, 2013, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Meet at Red Box, east parking lot

EVENT: The USDA Forest Service and associated LARRD volunteer organizations will celebrate National Trails Day on June 1, 2013. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the area (Mt Wilson Trail System, Gabrielino Trail, Strawberry Peak Trail, etc.). This event is co-sponsored by the National Forest Foundation, REI, and the US

Forest Service. We will break for lunch and a short ceremony about National Trails Day at 1:00 PM near the Cultural Center.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar, so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. Please bring your lunch and personal equipment listed below.

Personal Equipment to wear while working:

Long sleeve shirts, long pants, gloves, and boots are required. **ANYONE NOT WEARING REQUIRED CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK.** (Anyone wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate.) Sun protection hat, hard-hats will be provide), Water (2 Qt's.), lunch, snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30. You will be able to eat your lunch near the Indian Cultural Center.

DIRECTIONS: From the 210 Freeway in La Canada, go north on Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2) to Clear Creek Junction (9 miles). Continue on Angeles Crest Highway and drive 4.6 miles to Red Box junction. Turn right onto Mt Wilson Road and park in either the Indian Cultural Center or the Red Box Picnic Area parking lots. Allow 45 minutes driving time from the 210 Fwy. Please carpool if possible.

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(Daytime): Dennis Merkel, District Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229 email: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

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**National
Trails Day**



A NEW TRAIL TO SEE



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department
invites you to join us for.....

The grand opening of the newly constructed **Mountain Do Trail & the Catalina Verdugo Trail;** and National Trails Day Recognition

The **Mountain Do Trail** is a .75 mile long fully accessible decomposed granite path around the two artificial turf soccer fields at the Glendale Sports Complex. The trail has three bridges and two rest areas that contain benches, tables, interpretive signs and fitness equipment.

The **Catalina Verdugo Trail** is a 2 mile long multi-use, natural surfaced path in the San Rafael Hills that circles the entire Glendale Sports Complex. This trail contains interpretive panels, benches at overlook points and a link to the Ridge Motorway.

◆ WHEN:

**Saturday, June 1, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

◆ WHERE:

**Glendale Sports Complex
2200 Fern Lane
Glendale, Ca 91208**



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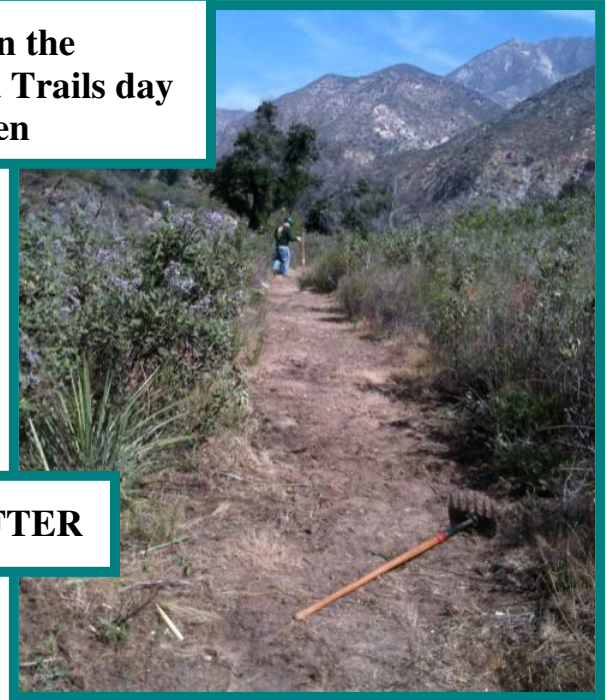


REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

**JPL Trailbuilders working on the Vogel Flats Trail on California Trails day
Picture by Kathy Janssen**



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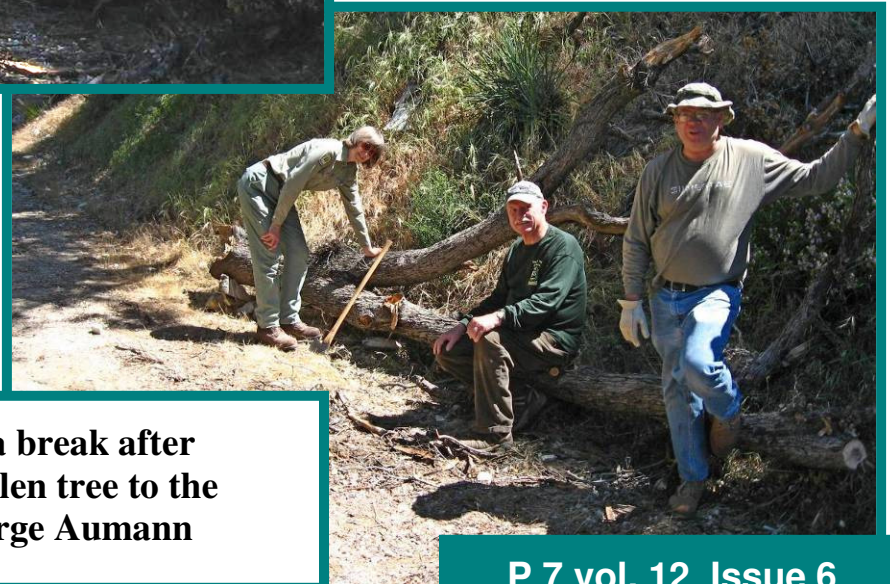
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**VOLUNTEERS
AT WORK**

**JPL Trailbuilder surveying
a fallen tree on the road
Picture by George Aumann**

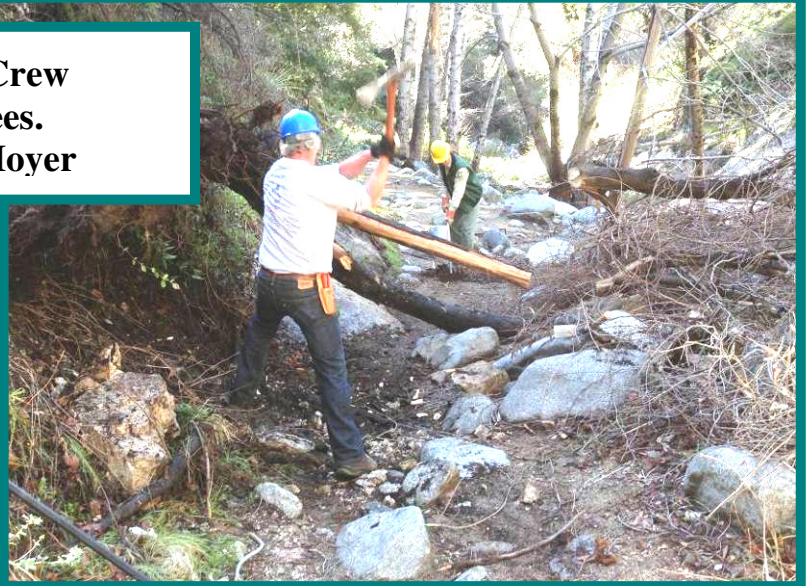


**JPL Trailbuilders taking a break after
cutting and moving the fallen tree to the
roadside. Picture by George Aumann**



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Bear Canyon Trail Crew
removing fallen trees.
Picture by Andrew Hoyer**



**CV TRAIL CREW doing Creekside
Trail Restoration-Chilao Visitor Center**



**CV TRAIL CREW PICKING
UP TRASH DURING DEEP
CREEK CLEANUP**

Minutes of Monthly LAARD Volunteer Meeting

May 15 2013

By Kathie Reilly

Organization Reports:

- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC): – Hal said they are looking at changing the meeting time so more people can come
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers: Marc -3 switchbacks had been wiped out, those have been restored. Lots of graffiti. Will be brushing lower part of Castle Canyon.
- CORBA: not here
- JPL Trailbuilders: Kathie -Tried to block bike shortcuts on Mt Lowe East, but some blocks were removed by the end of the day as we repaired a switchback wiped out by a big tree fall. A biker said the blocks were “unfriendly”. Now working Mt Lowe West, and have cleared the Mt Lowe fire road. Men’s outhouse at Mt Lowe Campground needs work.
- Fire Lookout Association: Mike - will be working at Chilao Visitor Center. Training is going on now for lookouts. Go to anffla.org for schedule. Vetter Lookout has lots of “historical trash”.
- Arroyo Seco Canyon: not here
- Mt Disappointment 50k: not here
- Terry Tanner: not here
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee: not here
- Boy Scouts: not here
- William Hart Trails: Kevin – conducting Recreation Wilderness Conservation Class, can hire special education kids. Last project was to cut fire lines. Next project is Grizzly Flats Trail, practically grown shut. Needs to be multi-use width.
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Race: Hal – race is August 3-4. Since everyone who runs is required to do some trail work, Hal has 4 work days and trail runs. Worked East Idlehour, next is West Idlehour from Mt Lowe Campground to creek bed.
- Bear Canyon: Andy – route to trail camp from Switzers is clear. Trail from saddle to campground is non-existent. Chain link fence at Switzers has been vandalized.
- Tree People: not here
- Mounted Horse Patrol: not here
- Sierra Club: Don - Working Strawberry Peak Trail from Colby Camp to Red Box.
- MWBA: not here
- National Forest Foundation: not here
- LA Conservation Corps: not here
- Haramokngna Red Box: not here
- Blight Busters: not here
- Crescenta Valley Trail Crew: Karen – working at Chilao Visitor Center, will open Memorial Day weekend. Will be having basic trail work training at Deukmejian Park this Saturday. Asked if anyone is working Stone Canyon Trail – maybe Matt Maxom?
- Bike Patrol: Working Boulder Canyon to Gould Creek. It appears Forest Service has cut back on road maintenance. Dennis said only the main roads are worked since there is only a small crew.
- MIS Hermanos Pequenitos: - 3375 trees have been planted at Chilao and south by 310 volunteer for 3 Sundays. Trees are donated by TreePeople. Later they will go back and water them. Also cleaning Chilao Visitor Center.
- Newsletter: next newsletter will be memorial to John Horton.

Minutes of Monthly LAARD Volunteer Meeting (cont)

USFS Dennis:

- High country campgrounds are all open, had a lot of deadfall to remove
- CA Trails Day had 100 volunteers worked 1 mile of Vogel Flats Trail
- Chilao Visitor Center will open May 25. It is considered a prime place for bird watching. More bird feeders will be put out.
- Alcoa volunteers worked at Vogel Flats
- June 1 is National Trails Day at Red Box
- Passed around a safety newsletter
- The dam above Hansen Dam will be dredged in summer 2014
- Will check on maintenance of Mt Lowe fire road, it is almost shut with scotch broom.
- Email Dennis your uniform needs, with sizes. He will email the catalog to everyone.
- Let Dennis know if you or your main people did not get a Volunteer t-shirt.

VOLUNTEER FUN

Community Hiking Club June 2013 Camping Trip

BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND

June 7-9, 2013

Latitude: 34° 21.617 N

Longitude: 117° 41.241 W

Elevation: 7,896 feet



Introduction: This campground is located in the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers District of the Angeles National Forest. It is located on Blue Ridge, just north of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness. The Pacific Crest Trail runs along this campground.

TO RESERVE A SPOT CONTACT:

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RATTLESNAKE

AWARENESS TIPS

Submitted by Dennis Merkel

It's rattlesnake season once again and time to make note of what you should and should not be worried about when encountering one of these slithery companions. If you see a Pacific rattler, do not attempt to handle the snake in any way or take other action such as tossing rocks or spraying it with a strong stream of water from your hose. The snake will become more riled and might try to strike in defense.

Call the fire department or 911 and not the local animal shelter— a venomous snake is considered a life-threatening emergency. If a friend, neighbor or stranger volunteers to remove the snake, you may want to refuse the offer due to potential homeowner liability issues. While awaiting help, keep an eye on the rattler's whereabouts from a safe distance. Alert your neighbors since the snake can travel onto adjacent properties.

Distinguishing between Snake Species

HARD TO SPOT — Rattlers do not always “buzz” to warn of their presence. If they do buzz, the sound is similar to that of a downed high-tension wire, very shrill and crackling, and they can keep it up for a long while, subside then begin again. They can buzz while in motion or while stationary. The buzz is issued as a warning, not a precursor to the snake's intent to strike at that moment.

The easiest way to distinguish this species from harmless king and gopher snakes is by the rattlesnake's broad, distinctly triangular head (think V-shaped for venomous) and its tendency

to move unhurriedly. It is not a timid snake and boldly holds its ground.

The other two species move much more swiftly, using a fluid gliding motion, and tend to take evasive action when humans are present. There is the appearance of a slight oily sheen to the skin of the harmless snakes, while a rattlesnake's skin appears rougher and drier.



At a quick glance, the gopher snake's pattern may resemble a rattler's. These snakes often grow much longer than rattlers, to about 6 feet or more in length. California king snakes are beautifully marked with pale creamy bands on a brown background, while mountain king snakes are tricolored, with black, white and russet bands.



King snakes are not aggressive to humans but are capable of killing rattlesnakes. As a rattler ages, its pattern becomes less marked; a mature rattler is nearly black.

Dennis Vs Rattlesnakes

Rattlers and Dogs

If your dog does not intuitively dodge snakes, there are “rattlesnake avoidance clinics,” although not all dogs respond to this training. The best way to protect your dog from being bitten while hiking is to keep it leashed. To protect your dog during warm weather, conduct a visual inspection daily: Check beneath and around decks, porches, garden benches, stairs and dense shrubbery; rattlers seek shade on scorching days. There is a rattlesnake vaccine for



dogs. Even so, if a vaccinated dog is bitten, it is recommended that it still be checked by your veterinarian. Some dogs (vaccinated or not) make a quick recovery with minimal medical attention. Others are not so lucky.

Co-existing with Rattlers

Considering how fearsome they seem and the genuine danger they pose, rattlers are not thugs. They are neither vicious nor aggressive except when they find them-selves trapped or threatened. In a sense they show humans a rare courtesy by usually buzzing to let us know they are around so we don't blunder onto them. However, to keep children safe, it's prudent to remind them to never handle any snake in the wild or one that chances into your yard.

Reducing the Risk

If you live close to open space, forest, parkland or fields, create a rattlesnake perimeter—trim up all shrubs and ground covers so there's improved at-a-glance visibility at ground level. A snake's pattern can often be hard to discern in dense dappled shade. Don't be a pack rat around your yard because stacked firewood, building materials, car parts and various stockpiles of miscellany will attract rodents, which in turn may attract rattlers (as well as useful harmless gopher snakes).

Stack cords of wood atop pallets rather than flush to the ground—it'll be easier to see what may be lurking beneath. Similarly, elevate dog houses, chicken coops, rabbit cages, etc., on pallets or cinder blocks.

Rattlers, Riders and Hikers

Rattlers are sensitive to ground vibrations and may begin buzzing in anticipation of an approaching human whether on foot, bicycle or horseback. When days are hottest, rattlesnakes tend to be extremely active at night. Be sure to carry a flashlight when hiking in the mountains or walking or jogging after dark in rural settings or near open space.

Dennis Vs Rattlesnakes



Surprisingly, rattlesnakes tend to be found out in the open, often crossing trails or paved roads after a day of inactivity spent hiding beneath a rock or in the shade of a dense shrub. The smallest rattlers are the youngest and generally considered the most dangerous, capable of releasing a significant dose of venom in a single bite. They can be pencil-thin and 12 to 14 inches long. Their pattern is distinct but their teensy rattles may not be. Like adult snakes, they will coil if they feel threatened.

Equestrians have reported being unaware their horses have been bitten until they get back to the barn and notice such symptoms as areas of swelling or unusual restlessness. Thick leg bandages or leather “boots” are a protection to try. Keep alert if your horse lowers its head to graze in tall grass as a muzzle bite may result in acute respiratory distress. Some horses may spook and rear at sound of a rattler’s buzzing while others are oblivious. Know your horse’s temperament and be alert to your surroundings.

Due to heavy rains in the spring, fields and meadows may be overgrown with wild oats, mustard and thistle, making it challenging to see where one is putting one’s feet. Always assess the risk first. Stick to well-defined, established trails. **If you encounter a particularly ornery rattlesnake in the forest or if you, your dog or horse is bitten, the US Forest Service advises you to call USFS 24-hour dispatch at (661) 723-2703 for a quicker response than 911 would bring.**



JOHN HORTON MEMORIAL



It has just come to our attention that the USFS Los Angeles Rivers Ranger District has lost one its most active volunteers: John Horton passed away Friday, 09/07/2012. Starting in 1990 when Terry Ellis was the district manager, John accumulated close to 10,000 volunteer hours. John organized countless Eagle Scout projects to improve trails and camp grounds. Many of us remember John from the semi-annual trail boss events, where he showed the techniques of safely and correctly building rockwalls and weldwire walls, to maintain the many trails which make hiking in the San Gabriel mountains so enjoyable.

A few of us were able to join John on his favored activity, clearing innumerable fallen trees off the trails throughout the San Gabriel mountains with an always freshly tuned and sharpened 3ft chainsaw. On the left we are on the Rattle Snake trail in 1998.

George Aumann

John was instrumental in organizing California Trails Day and National Trails Day projects for years. He would get a bunch of us leaders of volunteer groups to go with him to flag the work and make assignments. He was very big on safety. He believed in getting as much work in a day done as possible.

Kathie Reilly



John B. Horton was born Feb. 23rd, 1929, in Roxboro, NC. He received the Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the George Washington University and the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Pennsylvania and was a licensed Professional Engineer in New Jersey. His long professional career spanned coast to coast and included working at RCA, Texas Instruments, General Electric, and TRW. After 24 years with TRW, Redondo Beach, CA, John retired in February 1999.

John was an enthusiastic pilot and flight instructor in single- and multi-engine planes as well as gliders. His rating was equivalent to a commercial pilot licence.

For nearly 30 years, John was a dedicated volunteer for the US Forest Service, helping to build and maintain trails and campgrounds in the Angeles National Forest. In 2004, John was awarded the Master TrailBuilder for his work with the Boy Scouts. John also served as chairman for Sierra Club's Wilderness Training Committee.

John will be remembered and valued as someone who was always available to help his colleagues with almost any kind of problem. His attention to detail has people remembering him as a highly regarded professional.

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.

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

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

Participants can choose from one of the four tracks being offered Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. Each track is a full two-day class.

Participants interested in obtaining their crosscut or chain saw certification need to submit a PCTA saw application (you do not need to submit the general Trail Skills College registration form below). Initial saw certifications are a two-day training and will be offered Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. Recertification's will be held on Saturday, June 22.

Special 1-Day Class: Basic Saw Crew Training (Course 103) - Friday, June 21 only!

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

Track 2: Tread and Drainage (Courses 201 and 203)

Track 3: New Trail Construction and Decommissioning (Courses 206 and 207)

Track 4: Crew Leadership (Courses 304 and 400)

Chain Saw and Crosscut Bucking Certification and Recertification

UPCOMING CLASSES:

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

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.



Haramokngna

American Indian Cultural Center



Soapstone carving

We are proud to announce the return of our very special soapstone carving of workshop led by LA Treasure carver, Ted Garcia (Chumash)

WHEN: Sunday, June 23, 2013 11 - 4

COST: These workshops are offered for a suggested donation of \$15.00 plus material costs. Space is limited, so please reserve early, - carpooling is recommended. Ages 10 – adult, but younger children may come with parent supervision. Please bring your own lunch and beverages

For information and to RSVP: contact Kat at KatCalls@aol.com.

Sign up on our website at www.haramokngna.org

THE MIGHTY YUCCA

We are proud to announce our annual Native Foods and Plants workshop with master teacher Barbara Drake (Tongva) at the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

WHEN Sunday, June 2, 2013 11 – 4

Learn what the mighty yucca has to offer us for food, cordage, medicine, and more. Class space is limited – please reserve early

COST:Suggested donation for Class \$15 plus material costs, or Culture Club membership

For info and reservations contact Kat at katcalls@aol.com

Sign up on our website at www.haramokngna.org



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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

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

- **The Race: Aug 3rd/4th**
- **June 15th, 7:00AM (Saturday): Trail Work**
Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond (see directions below) at 7:00AM.
Carpool to work site
Trail work on Wintercreek Trail. (High clearance vehicles best, down Mt. Wilson Toll Road to Harvard Saddle parking)
- **June 16th, 7:00 AM (Sunday): Training Run:**
Carpool to Chantry Flats, need carpool drivers. (Start together after short briefing please.)
Meet at the AC100 finish area Loma Alta Park (Parking lot above the North Side of the Park) at 7 AM
Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to Loma Alta Park.
Please be completely self-contained: Water accessibility at Chantry Flats & Millard Campground (private residence hose possibly?).
Idlehour Creek Side Stream before Main crossing (Purification tablets).
- **June 22nd, 8 AM (Saturday) Training Run:**
Meet at Islip Saddle at 8 AM . Carpool to Wrightwood Community Center.
Water, aid at Vincent Gap Ckpoint, Spring water at Little Jimmy Springs (signed just down off trail)
Advise rain protection (trash bag adequate)

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

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Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

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• 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!

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

• 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

• Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard."....

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails.

We work on the trails almost every Saturday.

Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol**m.rmeguire@hotmail.com**

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

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.

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW**Andy Hoyer****abhoyer@yahoo.com 213-675-0420**• **June 1st 2013**

I'd like to continue working in the Bear Canyon itself continuing to try and make our way to the Trail Camp. It's best to get to these areas in the cool months so we don't have to walk so far carrying tools when it starts to get warmer. 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. Please let me know if you are coming and I'll see you on the mountain!

When: Saturday June 1st 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

Big Santa Anita Canyon<http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/>• **June 16th/21st 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

Boy Scouts of America
Los Angeles Area Council
<http://www.laac-hat.org/>

Additional Training Opportunities Scheduled for the Future:

- June 1st, National Trails Day (Basic Techniques)
- Sept. 7th, Advanced Leader Training (High Country)

Blight Busters Trail Crew
Danny Treadway
dayhiker86@yahoo.com

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

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

- **June 19th meeting**

Come and Join Us CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.
at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects. To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by calling our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at 818-353-4682. You may also email: edwaldheim@aol.com

- **CTUC MAPS** The first map in our series was completed in 2005 and now, several years later, there are eight maps in print with as many as four more in the works. CTUC maps are unique in that they are not complete inventories of routes. Instead they are travel guides to the area with selected routes shown.

For more information: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/maps>

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

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

CITY OF GLENDALE Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

Saturday, June 1, 2013 Trail Opening

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Glendale Sports Complex

Description: The grand opening of the newly constructed Mountain Do Trail and the Catalina Verdugo Trail; and National Trails Day Recognition.

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

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• June 1st - Fish Canyon Falls – Azusa

This is a short, easy hike to one of the best waterfalls in the San Gabriels. The hike is 4.0 miles roundtrip with a 400' elevation change. Since this is such a short hike, we'll take time to climb down to the rocks and pools at the base of the falls, and enjoy the scenery before heading back to the trailhead. We'll be taking a free shuttle provided by Vulcan Materials to the trailhead. Dogs are allowed, but must be on a leash at ALL times.

Much of the trail is in open sun, so be sure to bring a hat and sunscreen. There is one creek crossing, so you may want to consider waterproof boots or water shoes. However, this time of year, the creek should be fairly low. Poison oak is VERY plentiful on this trail. Long pants are recommended.

Meet your hike leader in the Vulcan Materials parking lot at 8:15 a.m., or arrange with others to carpool from Santa Clarita. We'll sign in for quarry access at 8:30 a.m. Rain will cancel this hike, since rain cancels quarry access.

Directions: Take I-5 south to the 210 west. Exit at Mt. Olive Avenue in Duarte. Merge onto the 605 north, turn right (east) onto Huntington Drive and go 0.6 miles to Encanto Parkway. Turn left (north). Drive north on Encanto Parkway. At 1.3 miles you'll pass the entrance to Encanto Equestrian Center, on a dirt road going off to the left. In another 0.2 miles there will be a dirt parking lot on the left side of the road. Pass that and go another 0.25 miles and proceed inside the Vulcan main gate. There is free parking available inside the main gate.

Hike Leader: Linda **Rated:** Easy

• June 8th -Bridge to Nowhere For Trolls

This is a fabulous, moderately strenuous 10.5 miles with 1000' elevation gain. Plan on being out at least 8-9 hours.

This hike features GOLD! The precious metal was discovered in the canyon in 1854 and almost overnight East Fork became a scene of bustling activity. The boom town of Eldoradoville with 3 hotels and 6 saloons soon followed. But the great flood of 1862 washed away the town lock, stock, and barrel. Hiking East Fork today you may see a few miners looking for gold.

The scenery on this hike is monumental. The trail follows the streambed to the Bridge to Nowhere. A road and bridge was completed in 1930, with plans to complete the road into the Wrightwood area. But the great flood of 1938 had a different plan. Although this area is prone to flooding the bridge was high enough to allow the flood waters to pass beneath, the same cannot be said for the road.

Our return trip is where the fun starts. Instead of following the trail back to East Fork we take the stream under the bridge (hence the name trolls in the title) and back to East Fork. Along the way we will take a short side trip to a 30' waterfall. There will be boulder hopping, rock scrambling, cave exploring, and crossing pools that are 4 to 5 feet deep. There is one pool where the water could be flowing too fast to cross. If that is the case we will take a side trail that will bypass the fast water. This isn't a fast pace hike. We will be taking our time and stopping to enjoy. Keep a sharp eye out for Big Horn Sheep as they have been known to frequent the area.

Note: This is a fun but tiring hike. Cold drinks and snacks left in your car might help restore your energy for the drive home.

Directions: Take the 210 Freeway and exit in Azusa at the 39 north/San Gabriel Canyon road. Drive 10 miles and turn right at East Fork road. Drive 8 more miles to the East Ford Ranger Station. Continue driving to the parking area at the end of East Fork road. (Beware, before the trailhead the road makes a U-turn. In the middle of the turn your road goes left.) The parking lot fills up fast. There is a good chance you will need to park on the side of the road and walk to the trailhead. Adventure Pass is required. Be sure to park correctly the rangers are prone to ticket cars at this location. Hike starts at 08:00 AM, please plan to be at the trail head at 7:45.

Carpool: Meet at Towsley Canyon park by the gate in the front parking area between 6:30 - 6:45 AM. We can make the final carpool arrangements at that time.

• **June 7th/8th/9th -Camping in Wrightwood!!!!**

REFER TO BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND FLYER ON PAGE 10

• **June 15th - Cooper Canyon to Cloudburst Summit**

This great hike is 6+ miles roundtrip, -1,300 +800 elevation loss and gain. This is an incredibly beautiful hike, and part of it will be on the PCT.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch, camera, shoes with good tread, poles are helpful if you have them. Wear sunscreen, hat, bug net (if you have one), and bug spray.

Meet at Towsley Canyon outside the entry gate at 7:00 AM to carpool, or meet at the trail head (directions below)

Meet at the trail head at 8:30 AM for an 8:45 AM departure. Adventure passes **MUST** be displayed to avoid a ticket. Day passes are available at any ranger station, and most sports stores (Sport Chalet in Stevenson Ranch usually has them). Cost \$5 for a day pass, \$30 for an annual pass.

Directions to trailhead: From Santa Clarita, take the 5 south to the 210 east (direction Pasadena). Exit the 2 (Angeles Crest Highway), and turn left over the 210 freeway. Take the Angeles Crest Highway to the turnoff to the campground, which will be about 34.3 miles. The road to the campground does not have a name. All you will see is a gate (that will be open) that has a sign on the right side of it that says, “No Parking Anytime.”

The road to the campground is located between mile marker 58.19 and 58.25, on the left side of the road. If you see mile marker 58.25, you have gone too far. The GPS coordinates for the turnoff are 34°20.601N and 117°55.273W. There will be a sign for Buckhorn Campground on the right side of the road with a small arrow sign pointing to the left. Your total drive time will be about an hour and a half. Once you turn on the road to the campground, proceed down the road about 0.4miles. You will then see the first campsite. Continue driving on the road, and follow the signs to the trail head at the far end of the campground. Signs will say either “Burkehart Trail Head”, “Trailhead Parking”, or “Day Use Parking”.

Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate with altitude

• **June 22nd - Pico Canyon**

This is a great 8 mile round trip hike with about 800 ft of gain. The first 2 miles of the hike is on a paved road to California Star Oil #4 oil well (later to become Standard Oil of California. This part of the route is a gentle, flat 2 miles. Once we see the ruins of California Star Oil #4, we will begin to climb the next 2 miles to the top. At the top will be a table where you can have lunch, snacks, and relax. The views are amazing at this point! On our return, we will take a different, more challenging but shorter trail back to see a mock- up of an oil well, an old bar and a dance and recreation area. From there, we will return to our vehicles.

Meet at the parking area in Mentryville at 8:00 AM, for an 8:15 departure.

Bring lots of water, snacks, camera and wear boots with lots of tread for the return hike where you will be making your way down a small waterfall. Wear a hat, sunscreen and definitely bring poles if you have them.

Directions: Take Lyons Avenue WEST. It will become Pico Canyon. Continue on Pico until it ends. It will end in the town of Mentryville. Go over the bridge and park close to the big pepper tree by the rest room, where Dianne will meet you. You must pay MRCA parking to park here of \$7.00. If you wish to avoid this parking fee, you can park outside the green entry gate for free, and walk in, but allow an additional 40 minutes to walk in.

Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Easy++

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• June 29th - Haskell Canyon-

There are 526 acres of new open space in Haskell Canyon to explore. This property contains an abundance of coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands and many threatened and endangered habitat and species. The land has steep hillsides and low valleys and contains a natural intermittent (mostly dry) stream that runs through it. It borders the Angeles National Forest to the north. The city trail is approximately 3 miles long, but we will enter the forest and continue the hike on a fire road. The hike begins down cement steps with a handrail. We then enter a trail that will take us to the forest road. We head up the canyon winding along a narrow trail on a slight incline. Around the 1 mile marker we climb up out of the canyon, up a steep but short climb. From there we wind around the ridge of the hills on the forest road. There are great views of Saugus and Bouquet Canyon. We end the loop by heading back down the hill to our cars. This is an easy hike and suitable for beginners.

There is no shade. Wear protection from the sun and bring lots of water and snacks. You may see rattlesnakes along the way. Be aware that they are there, and stay away from them. They will usually see you and head off into the grass. Please stay ON the trail.

Meet at the trailhead at 7:00 to sign in. Hike will depart at 7:15.

Directions: From 5 Freeway. Exit 126/Newhall Ranch Road. Head east 1 mile on Newhall Ranch Road (Right off the off ramp if coming from Los Angeles, Left off the off ramp if coming from Castaic.). Left on Copperhill Drive/Rye Canyon Road. Go 5 miles. You will see a Walgreens at the corner of Copperhill and Haskell Canyon. Keep going on Copperhill Drive. As you head up the next hill, make a left on High Ridge Drive into the suburban neighborhood. Go 600 feet. Right on Ranchview Terrace. Park in the cul-de-sac. Trailhead is at the end of road.

Directions From 14 Freeway. Exit Golden Valley Road. Head West on Golden Valley Road (Left off the off ramp if coming from Los Angeles. Right if coming from Palmdale.). Take Golden Valley Road 5 miles. Right on Bouquet Canyon Road. Go 2 miles on Bouquet Canyon Road. Left on Haskell Canyon Road. Go 1 mile up Haskell Canyon Road. Right on Copper Hill Drive. As you head up the hill, make a left on High Ridge Drive into the suburban neighborhood. Go 600 feet. Right on Ranchview Terrace. Park in the cul-de-sac. Trailhead is at the end of road. Signs are posted at the trailhead.

Leader: Lise **Rated:** Easy

**Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association
(CORBA)**

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<http://corbamt.com/>

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

• June 1st National Trails day

• June 3rd COSTAC Monthly Meeting The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

• June 24th Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome

The Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County.

We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy. We are a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew**Karen Buehler 818-363-6216 karen.buehler2@gmail.com****Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>**

- **June 7th/14th/21st /28th Trail Maintenance at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**
- **June 15th 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

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**

- **June 2nd, Annual Yucca Workshop** • **June 23rd Soapstone carving**
- **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

- June 1st, National Trails Day
- June 22nd Outing

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

WHAT HAPPENED: We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West, that needs brushing and tread repair from the sharp turn on up to the summit..

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

- Mt Disappointment Endurance Race will be July 13, 2013.

June 1st – National Trail Day (Kenyon Devore)

Trail-work meeting place: (Meeting time is 7:00am for 2013)

Directions: From the 210 Freeway exit at Angeles Crest Hwy (CA-2) and go North 0.1 miles.

Pull into the frontage road on the East side (right side) of Hwy 2 and park facing South, away from the residences.

You MUST e-mail Gary at gary@mtdisappointment50k.com during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools!!

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

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

- June 1st National Trails Day
- June 8th Operation Super Canyon Sweep
- June 14th MWBA Annual General Meeting

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

Mount Wilson Race

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

- The results of the May 25th RACE will be in the July newsletter

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
 - **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 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

- **June 21st-23rd, 2013 Big Bendail Skills College @ Hyatt Lake, Oregon**
- **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.
- **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 OR check out the volunteer schedule at 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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

<http://www.mtlowe.co>

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#jun

- Jun 1st Islip Saddle to Mt. Hawkins (8850')
- Jun 1st Greene and Greene at the Huntington
- Jun 1st Newcomers Potluck
- Jun 2nd Chilao to Mt Hillyer (6215')
- Jun 5th 7:15 pm Monthly Meeting: Joan Holtz, a member of the Sierra Club's national Population Committee, presents a program featuring the new documentary "Mother: Caring for 7 Billion" highlighting the humanitarian and environmental crises created by the world's exponential population growth. Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. **For information contact Membership Chair: Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@sbcglobal.net**

• Jun 6th/13th/20th/27th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike

• Jun 8th Buckhorn to Three Points

• Jun 12th/26th Evening in the Arroyo

• Jun 15th Mt. Baden-Powell (9399')

• Jun 22nd Full Moon with Dinner

• Jun 22nd-9th

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL HAWAI'IAN ISLANDS HIKING ADVENTURE, THE BIG ISLAND

• Jun 29th San Gabriel Peak (6161')

• Jun 30th Icehouse Canyon to Icehouse Saddle

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council June 13th
- Build a Birdhouse June 15th/29th
- Discovery Center Canoe Tours June 2nd/9th/13th/14th/16th/20th/21st/23rd/27th/28th/30th
- Discovery Center Kayak Tours June 1st/2nd/8th/9th/15th/16th/22nd/23rd/29th/30th
- Discovery Center Mid -day Discount Kayak Tours June 1st/8th/15th/22nd
- Gold Panning June 1st/8th/15th/22nd
- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers June 8th/15th
- High Flying Rockets June 1st/8th/22nd
- Intro to Geocaching June 22nd
- Music in the Mountains June 29th
- Night Hike June 6th/13th/20th/27th
- National Trails Day & Forest Festival June 1st
- Nature walks June 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th
- Pinecone Birdfeeders June 9th/23rd
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council June 18th

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

Big Bear Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator

(909) 382-28403

wcraig@mountainsfoundation.org

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/2013-06>

- Branching Out Community Tree Walk June 20th
- Park Work Day June 6th/8th/20th/27th
- Park Tree Care 29th
- Street-Commercial Tree Care June 5th
- Moonlight Hike June 21st
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration June 8th/22nd/23rd/29th
- Volunteer Supervisor Training June 1st

**VOLUNTEER
GROUP
NEWS**

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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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!

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Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

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

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

•The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc.By Appointment

• June 1st 1:00 PM Forecasting Earthquakes? Approx. 1 hour.

Can anyone forecast earthquakes? Come to Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and hear an authority in the field discuss what is involved in forecasting earthquakes. She can give you a different perspective of what we live with in Southern California every day.

Leader: Joan Fryxell, Ph.D., Structural Geology and Tectonics, Cal State San Bernardino.

• June 2nd 1:00 PM Hug-A-Tree

Do you know what to do if you are lost in the mountains? Learn how to keep from getting lost and to learn what to do to make it easier for someone to find you. This is a very important program, particularly for children. **Time:** Approx. 45 minutes. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater

Leader: Tom Schneider, Sheriff Search and Rescue.

• June 8th 1:00 PM Geology of the Area

What's underfoot in the San Gabriel Mountains? Learn about the topography of our area, inspect our relief map created by a student from Serrano High School for his Senior Project in 2012, and hear his teacher present a DVD another Serrano student is completing for his 2013 Senior Project.

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

Leader: Loren Schneider, Geology Teacher, Serrano High School, Phelan, CA

• June 9th 1:00 PM Keeping The Forest Green & Fire Safe

Learn how NOT to start a fire in the forest to protect humans, animal life, and trees.

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

Leader: Capt. Jim Wilkins, San Bernardino Fire Dept. Capt. Retired.

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- **June 15th 10:00 Am Bird Walk and Talk**

Learn about the local birds we can identify right from our deck at Grassy Hollow; and, then join us on a bird-sighting walk.

Approximately 1 mile. Easy walk. **Time:** Approx. 1 – 2 hours

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Leaders: Dan Guthrie, Neil Gilbert, Audubon Society, Pomona Valley Chapter.

- **June 16th 10:00-4:00 Grassy Hollow Visitors' Center Open Father's Day**

Come up and enjoy our natural surroundings at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Bring a picnic lunch and celebrate Father's Day.

Take our one-mile loop on the Pacific Crest Trail and catch a beautiful view of the Antelope Valley (easy hike), hike to the Big Horn Mine (moderate), or hike to Mt. Baden Powell (strenuous). Directions for hikes are at the Center.

- **June 22nd 1:00 PM Native American Plants and Culture**

Learn how local plants were used by Native Americans for food, medicine, and more.

Time: Approx. 1 – 1 ½ hours. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leader:

Robin Cornett of Wrightwood Library, Li'l Hoss & Prairie Fox Native American Presentations.

- **June 23rd 10:00 AM Earthquake Walk**

Campers and week-end visitors! Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations. **Time:** Approx. 1 ½ hours. **Easy 1 ½ mile hike.** **Location:** Apple Tree Campground

Leader: Gail Nieto, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

NOTE: Will be repeated on Aug. 24th due to popularity.

- **June 29th & June 30th Visitor Center Open 10:00-4:00 each day
Wrightwood Mountaineer Days**

Enjoy the celebration, quilt auction, food, and festivities in town on Park Drive, Wrightwood; then, come to Grassy Hollow and enjoy nature. Have a picnic and do a hike! Directions for hikes are at the Visitor Center. No special programs planned for Grassy Hollow this weekend

- **July 6th & July 7th 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 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.

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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: _____
