

# VOLUNTEER TODAY

Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Mar 2013

## 5 Good Ways To Find New Volunteers

**1: "Position available."** Write help-wanted ads. Create a flyer or section of your newsletter with descriptions of the jobs you need help for. Include the duties of the position, likely time commitment, and other pertinent information. You're more likely to find a good match for your position if you publicize it well.

**2: "There's a lot you can do."** You already know that one of the biggest fears of volunteers is that they'll be sucked into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. One way to address this fear is to create a list of all of the things that volunteers can do in one hour to help your group.

**3: "Would you help?"** The number one reason people say they don't volunteer is because "no one asked." Asking doesn't mean a newsletter ad that says "new officers needed." It requires a personal approach, and it works best if you have a specific task in mind. "Jim, we need ticket-takers for the carnival. Can you spare an hour to help?"

**4. "Bring your friends!"** People are much more likely to participate in a group if they know someone who participates already. You can use this to your advantage by asking existing members to issue personal invitations to people they know.

**5: "Thanks for your interest."** Don't let volunteer surveys sit around for weeks before you respond, even to people who expressed interest in an event that is months away. People are much more likely to follow through later if you make a connection now. Also, this is an opening to ask for more involvement: "I know you said you'd help in October, but I wonder if you could help with our June outing?"



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Mud with the juice squeezed out.

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

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## HISTORIC MT. WILSON TOLL ROAD ABANDONED

### Noted Route, Rendered Obsolete by Angeles Crest Highway, Turned Over to County

Terminating a memorable career of forty-five and a half years, the Mt. Wilson toll road, one of only four in the State and eighteen in the nation, by provision of law becomes county property today.

It was abandoned yesterday by the Pasadena and Mt. Wilson Toll Road Company because the great, free Angeles Crest highgear highway to the mountain has rendered it totally unprofitable and obsolete.

Back in 1894 a foot trail was widened, by a group of about thirty prominent Pasadenans owning it into a narrow, precipitous wagon road.

### THRILLING TRIP

Rough, slow, full of turns and on a control schedule when travel was heavy on week-ends and holidays the old historic route, like a prospector's faithful sure-stepping burro, has since unerringly served hundreds of thousands of Southland recreationists. It has given them breath-taking thrills as they drove horse and buggy, old chug-mobile or modern car around hairpin turns on the snug shelf of roadbed above sheer cliffs.

Yet it has been a safe road, for the very apparent danger demanded careful driving. In a period of twenty-eight recorded years there have been only two fatalities, when cars went off the grade due to faulty brakes.

### SAILED UP NEW ROAD

The worn-out old road seemed to talk when your Times scout, accompanied by Automobile Club of Southern California representatives worked a way down the deeply rutted, badly washed trail a few days ago. As on a magic carpet, we had sailed up the nineteen-mile Angeles Crest Highway in a Dodge six sedan afforded us by the Pelton Motor Company, Los Angeles Dodge and Plymouth dealers, in little more than half an hour from Foothill Boulevard at La Canada to more than a mile above sea level at the famous Mt. Wilson Hotel. It required nearly two hours to fight our way down the nine-mile road upon which toll has been eliminated because of fog and its poor condition.

The company dragged the surface before turning it over to the county yesterday, but it will be definitely closed to the public for sometime, at least, and perhaps forever.

The reconstruction necessary, including widening and elimination of sharp curves, would undoubtedly be too costly and impractical. It is possible, however, that the old tollway will become a forest service road.

### OPEN TO PLAYGROUND

Assured partly by the fact that the lower bridge and a stretch of about 600 feet to the old toll house is being given to the county by the company, it is expected that the road will be improved at least the tree miles to Henninger Flats where a nursery and an attractive public picnic and playground is located. Till now motorists had to pay the toll to get to this recreation spot.

Instead of attempting to modernize the toll road, it is more likely that the county will extend its near-by road on modern grade from Arcadia up Santa Anita Canyon to Mt. Wilson. This now ends at Roberts Camp.

As we bounced and worried our dodge down the steep grade, the broken-down roadbed seemed to say:

"I'm awfully tired and weak, boys. Take it easy. I've served my time. Why, I helped thousands of hikers up the hill before the automobile was born. Then when I broadened out, and later when the Automobile Club first signed my route, I carried tens of thousands of happy people in wheeled vehicles to the top and down again. In 1928 and 1929 I transported more than 80,000 persons to the upper pine-clad playgrounds

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**TRAVELERS DECLINED**

"Yes, I've been the means of furthering man's education as well as enjoyment of life." ( A sigh in which we all joined as the care lurched toward an edge then was jostled back again.) " The number coming up has dropped to 40,000 If late years, but even so it has been a tough job. I'm through, unless I can be rejuvenated. I have fallen arches and my old frame is feeble. Erosion has left me wrinkled and old. Yes, I'll carry you down again, but take it easy."

The first autologue account of the trip over the toll road to Mt. Wilson was made for The Times many years ago by Charles Hamilton Owens, Times staff artist, and a party of newspaper and automobile dealer representatives. The road was used to test numerous cars. The first Ford driven up was piloted by Henry and Edsel Ford to see how it would climb the grade.

**Famed Mt. Wilson Toll Road Gives Way to New Scenic Highway**  
**LONG CAREER TERMINATED**

**Forest Service Use Likely****County May Improve Route to Picnic Grounds at Henniger Flats****CREST HIGHWAY POPULAR**

Now it's "off with the old, on with the new" for Southland motorists. Recreationists have a grand new boulevard twenty-five feet and more in width, entirely paved, and with a very gradual grade in the Angeles Crest Highway.

This new gateway to Mt. Wilson already carries hundreds of cars per day although it is just the beginning of the complete fifty-mile State highway of the future across the Sierra Madre range to Los Angeles county's Big Pines Recreation camp and a connection with Cajon Pass and the San Bernardino Mountains. It will also connect with an extended State highway in San Gabriel Canyon, providing a complete modern road backbone opening up the mountains for recreation and fire protection.

Construction of a modern motor highway through the mountains from La Canada to Pine Flats and down San Gabriel Canyon to Azusa was first proposed in 1917 by the Automobile Club of Southern California. The motorists' organization reasoned that forest conservation and recreational use of the Angeles National Forests by a greater part of the public would best be preserved by such a high standard thoroughfare permitting quick and easy access into the mountains

**SURVEY MADE**

Three years later club engineers made the first general survey for the road. Continued efforts added two sections to the State highway system in 1919, and started actual construction in 1925. Six years later other sections were added to the State system and since then construction has progressed steadily, At present the safe enjoyable travel artery ends at Red Box Divide., fourteen miles above Foothill Boulevard, where it is met by the five mile United States Bureau of Public Roads highway to Mt. Wilson and by the private, narrow fore3st service road which extends for many miles along the route of future Angeles Crestway through the beautiful forest regions of Barley Flats, Pine Flats, Charlton Flats and Camp Chilao to Buckhorn Flats.

Nearest to Los Angeles of an array of mile-high summits in the range, Mt Wilson has often been acclaimed the most spectacular observation point in California. From Signal Point may be seen the lights of seventy cities aglow at night, Catalina Island and the town of Avalon seventy miles away on clear days, and on some days Point Loma and Coronado Island 115 miles southwest have been observed. Often ships may be seen bobbing in Los Angeles Harbor and the shoreline will be visible for miles. Tame deer and birds of many varieties are numerous on the peak. More than three hundred trees have planted on the 2060 acres of hotel company property of the summit during the last few years.

## COMPANY OWNS LAND

The company owns the ground on which the world-famed observatory is located, leasing fifteen acres of the finest land to the institution for 1 cent a year for 100 years. This contract is renewable for another 100 years at the same rate, and stipulates only that times be provided when public may see the giant telescopes. As a result, every Friday evening is devoted to an illustrated lecture, on astronomy at the hotel after which guests are privileged to visit the observatory, look through the sixty-inch telescope and look at the 100-inch reflector of the largest \$600,000 telescope through which incredibly fascinating photographs have been made of the sun and the heavens.

An entire Sunday edition of The Times would probably be required to tell the complete story of Mt. Wilson. There's the history of the observatory established by Andrew Carnegie at the turn of the century with a \$20,000,000 gift for institutions, the story of the work there by Einstein, Marconi, Michelson, DeForrest, Sir James Jeans and other internationally famous scientists and astronomers, of the seventy-one scientists and technicians connected with the activity, of the countless celestial discoveries made.

## HOLMES STILL ACTIVE

Most interesting is the history of Benjamin Davis Wilson, "Don Benito," the man for whom Mt. Wilson was named, and the account of the building of the hotel and summit park. J.H. Homes, prominent in Southland development for more than half a century, who lives on Mt. Wilson, is the only surviving stockholder and now principal owner of the hotel and company which secured the franchise to construct and operate the toll road in 1890.

The new Angeles Crest Highway brings the summit of Mt. Wilson within easy reach of motorists of this metropolitan area and affords a most refreshing trip to a most unique and remarkable destination.

## IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

**The Mount Wilson Toll Road can be hiked (total distance 8.7 strenuous miles) starting at Pinecrest gate. To find Pinecrest gate , go north on Altadena Drive one mile past the entrance to Eaton Canyon. Turn right on Crescent, then right again on Pinecrest. Observe parking signs carefully.**

## VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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),  
ease contact: [ken.hamada3@gmail.com](mailto:ken.hamada3@gmail.com) Any help will be appreciated.**



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION and AWARDS NIGHT

Mark Your Calendar  
and Come for Food,  
Beverage and Awards



Date: **Wednesday 20 March, 2013**

Arrival Time: **6:45pm**

Food & Drink: **7:00-9:00pm**

Kudos & Awards: **7:30-8:30pm**

Location: **Angeles National Forest**

**Supervisor's Office**

**701 N. Santa Anita Avenue**

**Arcadia, CA 91006**

Food, drinks, cake and a special gift will be provided. This is YOUR day so please don't miss out - the Forest Service wants to express our gratitude to all volunteers who help improve the ANF

PLEASE RSVP by March 15, no later than 3:00pm, with the total number of people you are bringing - contact Dennis at (818) 899-1900 Ext 229 or [dcmerkel@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us)

## VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Switzer PA Improvements

A crew from Engine 12 at Clear Creek recently helped install new tire rippers at Switzer Picnic Area. With this installation control of the area will be improved during site closure hours – especially during the summer. Late night partying and vandalism were factors in making the improvements. The area is open from 6:00am to 4:30pm daily. The rippers will allow the public to leave the site after closing hours but will prevent vehicles from entering after the main gate is locked at the end of the day.

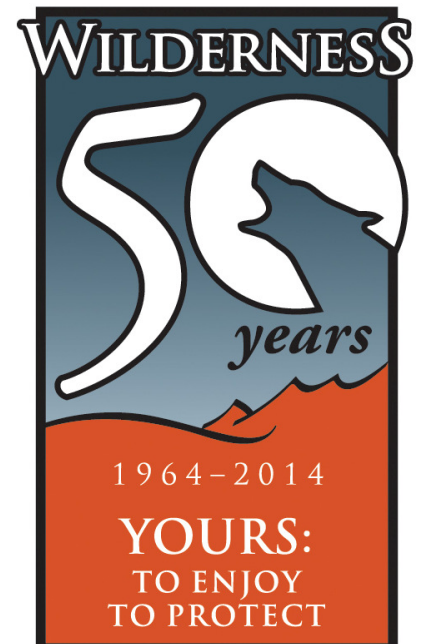


### Snow-Play in the Angeles National Forest

Recent snows have brought large numbers of snow-play enthusiasts to the slopes of the ANF. Unfortunately, the crowds also bring safety concerns and a lot of trash. Please help us keep the forest safe and clean – if you happen upon a group of snow-players, remind them to be aware of their surroundings when recreating in the snow, to always practice safe snow-play techniques and to pick-up after themselves when visiting the forest.



In 2014, America will celebrate “50 Years of Wilderness” as it honors the golden anniversary of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the Wilderness Act of 1964. The US Forest Service has a rich history of wilderness stewardship. As an agency, the USFS was protecting land for wilderness values well before the signing of the Wilderness Act, with the 1924 designation of what would become the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico. This rich wilderness legacy is testimony to the foresight and vision of Aldo Leopold, Arthur Carhart, and Bob Marshall. Today, the Forest Service manages 439 designated wilderness areas covering over 36 million acres. This anniversary year provides an opportunity for the US Forest Service to re-affirm a commitment to wilderness stewardship and to engage the public, particularly youth, in opportunities for a better understanding and appreciation of wilderness benefits—clean air and water, natural settings, critical plant and wildlife habitat, solitude, recreation, spiritual renewal, and economic benefits.



### Dear Angeles NF Volunteer:

You are invited to join with TreePeople and the US Forest Service to plant seedlings within the Station Fire burn area, to help restore burned areas that can't recover on their own. This year we will plant approximately 15,000 trees -- a mix of Jeffrey pine, Coulter pine, and Douglas-fir seedlings grown from native seeds harvested on the Angeles National Forest.

We will be planting Thursdays through Sundays (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), until the middle or end of April.

You'll need to pre-register for this event, so that TreePeople can coordinate crew sizes and other planting details. Follow this link to find and register for the planting day(s) that work for you:

<http://www.treepeople.org/volunteer-search>

Thanks for your continued help!

Kathy Peterson  
Volunteer/Partnership Coordinator  
Angeles National Forest

### Deukmejian WP Trail Restoration/Circle of Rocks

**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2013**

**Time: 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge, La Crescenta, CA**



Trail Crew has been working hard on completing the trail to the Circle of Rocks on the Crescenta View Trail in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and we are so close now. Come join us for the special work day which includes lunch at the Circle of Rocks.

No experience is required and we will provide tools. It is suggested to wear long sleeve shirt and long pants and wear gloves. Be prepared to hike 2 miles to the area we are now working.

You will be asked to complete a City of Glendale Liability Waiver. Must be 16 years of age or older.

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

**We post on Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/save-socal-trails/>**

**To donate to our cause: <http://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org/support>**

**To sign up, email Karen Buehler at [Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com)**

# VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

El Prieto Creek crossing,  
Brown Mountain Fire Road 2N65  
(above Millard Campground)

El Prieto Creek Crossing  
Brown Mountain Fire Road (2N65)

Trail at risk of  
collapsing  
into creek

Before: Narrow, undercut,  
not safe for equestrians,  
and difficult for cyclists.

Before: trail users forced  
to travel down the creek  
or climb the unstable bank

After: Trail has been widened  
and moved away from the  
undercut stream bank.

After: A retaining wall and rock-  
armored ramp now provide an  
easier and safer for all trail users

On Feb 9<sup>th</sup> the MTB teams from Clark High School and San Gabriel High School teamed up with the Mount Wilson Bicycle Assoc. and CORBA and Friends of El Prieto to make the trail from the Brown Mt. Saddle toward Millard Cyn. Campground a bit safer for horses (and others).

A few months ago the trail collapsed from under a horse and rider where the trail passed very close to the edge of the cliff at one of the drainages. There were several other drainages that were in similar shape and so we moved the trail or widened the trail away from the edges. Plus where the trail crosses El Prieto Creek has never been very easy to pass since the Station Fire, so we built a good drop-in and climb out for that creek crossing.

There is one place near the Brown Mt. Saddle which still needs some work to be safe for bicycles coming downhill, but which will get finished soon! - - Banner Moffat





# 2013 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE

May 25, 2013 - 7:30 A.M.  
Start and Finish in Kersting Court  
Sierra Madre, California

## To Volunteer:

Pete Siberell Race Chair

Phone: (626) 574-6373 Fax: (626) 821-1530

Email: [pete.siberell@santaanita.com](mailto:pete.siberell@santaanita.com)

## LATEST NEWS

Training began Feb 1

Online Registration opens March 4th at 9am

MWTR Website Updates in progress...



**HISTORY** The Mount Wilson Trail Race is the second oldest trail race in California; first held in 1908 when runners raced to the top of Mount Wilson, rested 1/2 hour, then raced back down. Only a handful of intrepid runners dared to attempt such a grueling test. The race was held sporadically from the first year until the late 1940's and early 1950's, when it was abandoned completely. In autumn of 1965 it was revived and has grown over the years to its present format. It is currently organized by a volunteer committee and sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre. Due to the steep, narrow features of the trail, the race is limited to approximately 300 runners, established by Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Team.



**COURSE** The 8.6 mile race starts on pavement, uphill, to a dirt path no more than three feet wide. It features an elevation gain of over 2,100 feet; approximately 4.3 miles to the turnaround point at Orchard Camp. Most of the race takes place on the scenic Mount Wilson Trail, where some sections have vertical drop-offs of several hundred feet. Emergency support is stationed at strategic points along the course to give any necessary aid. Boy and Cub Scout Troops provide water at two locations: the 2.3 mile marker (at First Water) and the turnaround point. The exact course has changed by erosion, fires and earthquakes. For this reason no official record is recognized. Since the revival in the 1960s, today's course is considered the most difficult.

# Crosscut Saw Training for A & B Certification

**Thank you Jonathan Schultz for bringing this to our attention!**

**WHERE:** Danny Rhynes Training Center

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/sbnf/home/?cid=fsbdev7\\_007759](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/sbnf/home/?cid=fsbdev7_007759)

**WHEN:** March 9th, 10th & 16th – two weekends

And

April 12-14 – one three day weekend

**CONTACT:**

Kristel at (909) 382-2984 to reserve a spot. Spots are filling up fast.

**NOTE:** If there is more people wanting to take it after the classes are full there might be another class if enough students sign up.



## Requirements for Crosscut Saw Training (When not camping)

**Students must provide their own:\***

- Forest Service Approved Hardhat (FSH 6709.11.22.48h.1b)
- Cut resistant Gloves (FSH 6709.11.22.48h.1e)
- Long Pants (FSM 6716.03)
- Long Sleeved Shirt (FSH 6709.11.25.15b.4)
- Cut resistant (Leather) laced boots with non-skid sole, 8” high or at a minimum, fully covering the ankle bone (FSH 6709.11.22.48h.1d)
- Eye Protection (sunglasses can work) (FSH 6709.11.22.48h.1c)
- Pen/Pencil
- All necessary food, water, clothing (rain gear, etc.), 1st aide supplies, sunscreen, day pack etc. for field work

\*if a partner/volunteer, contact partner Forest to receive PPE prior to training

\*\*In order to be a qualified sawyer (ie-receive a card and operate without supervision) students must be current with Basic First Aid/CPR and Bloodborne Pathogens

- If currently certified in 1st Aid/CPR & Bloodborne Pathogens, please bring a copy of your cards
- If using course to re-certify Crosscut, please bring a copy of your card
- Bring your own saw if you have a Sharp & TUNED Saw.
- Suggested Pre-Course reading; MTDC Chainsaw/Crosscut Student Guideboo Chapters 1, 2, 5, and 6

# Trail Skills College

*Are you looking to learn, improve, or expand your trail maintenance skills?*

Grab your boots and head to school! Trail Skills Colleges are open to new and experienced volunteers, hikers, equestrians, and outdoor personnel who would like to learn more about how to maintain their local trails!

## What is the Trail Skills College?

Trail Skills Colleges aim to cultivate essential skills in trail reconstruction and maintenance through workshops and trainings that take place on the trail. Trail Skill Colleges are free, 2-3 day events offering hands on experience to all skill levels. Courses will vary by location but may include:

- Basic trail and tread maintenance
- Drainage design and structures
- Crew leadership
- Tread reconstruction
- Rock work
- Certifications (CPR, First Aid, Crosscut, Chainsaw)

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

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

PCTA collaborated with many partners to develop the curriculum and worked with USFS Trails Specialist John Schubert to write the documents. Funding was made possible through a grant from REI.

### Who teaches the courses?

Courses are taught by professionals and volunteer leaders who have extensive experience in the fields of recreational construction, trail maintenance, and leadership.

### Where are the Trail Skills Colleges being held?

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

For information/registration goto:

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

Registration opens on Friday, February 22, 2013.

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

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

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

See note below

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

See note below

- Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills College @

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

See note below

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

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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

• **The Race: Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**

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

Best wishes.  
Hal

## Altadena Crest Trail Restoration

**Working Group** 626-797-7243

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at  
Altadena Community Center

[www.altadenatrails.org](http://www.altadenatrails.org)

## Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage [mr33@hotmail.com](mailto:mr33@hotmail.com)

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

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

## Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

[m.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.

## 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



- Interested in becoming a Fire Lookout?

It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout contact Pam Morey

- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!  
Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop.  
It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

## Antelope Valley Conservancy

[www.avconservancy.org](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!

## Antelope Valley College, Marauders Fire Crew

Karl Smith [karllsmith@aol.com](mailto:karllsmith@aol.com)

661 722 9097

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

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

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

## Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave.

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

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

Calendar: <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](mailto:johnrhowell@earthlink.net)

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

## BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Andy Hoyer [abhoyer@yahoo.com](mailto:abhoyer@yahoo.com) 213-675-0420

2013 Schedule

- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 2013
- May 4<sup>th</sup> 2013
- Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 2013
- June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

We got quite a bit accomplished, the trail down to the falls is much improved and we focused our efforts further on down the trail. Saturday, I'd like to continue doing tread work on the area where the trail heads upstream into Bear Canyon itself. We got started on it last month but there are miles left to go. There is very little in the way of pruning to be done, mostly we'll need shovels, McLeods, and Pulaskeys or pick/mattoxes. 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 Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 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/>

- 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/>

## Blight Busters Trail Crew

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



## California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

**Community Hiking Club** [communityhikingclub.org](http://communityhikingclub.org)  
661-259-2743 Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto: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](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)

- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> -Griffith Park loop including Hollywood sign (Mt Lee) and Mt Hollywood

We will be doing an estimated 8-9 mile loop, apx 1,200 ft gain hike up to the top of Mt Lee, the home of the Hollywood Sign, and the highest peak in the park. We will then continue to Mt Hollywood, which overlooks the Griffith Observatory and affords views from downtown LA, to Santa Monica to Glendale, where we'll have lunch. Bring water, snacks, and wear shoes with good tread. This hike will include single track trails, dirt and paved access roads and has minimal shade. We will also be keeping a pace that may be too fast for beginning hikers.

**To carpool**, meet the leader at Towsley Cyn outside the gate before 7:45 am for a 7:45am departure to the trail head or plan to meet at the trailhead at 8:30am.

**To meet at the trailhead**, (from Santa Clarita) take I-5 South and exit at Los Feliz. Turn right on Crystal Springs Dr into Griffith Park. Take a left turn at the stop sign after apx 1.5 miles at the sign for Merry Go Round parking lot. Drive up the hill and through the first parking lot, past the Merry Go Round to the second parking lot. We will plan to meet up to start the hike at the NORTH end of the second parking lot.

**Hike Leader:** Nikki **Rated:** Moderate ++ for elevation gain and distance

- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> -O'Melveny Park to Weldon Canyon

This is a beautiful 10 mile hike with about 1100' of gain. We will meet at Weldon Canyon and then carpool to O'Melveny. O'Melveny at this time of year is usually loaded with Lupines, so bring your camera! Most of the gain will be on the O'Melveny side. From the park, you will travel up up up to Mission peak, then travel the connector to East Canyon, then go down Weldon Canyon, back to the cars. You are likely to see Winter Vetch, Chaparral Pea, and other early wildflowers. If it has recently rained, this route can be muddy. Poles are helpful on this hike.

**Bring** lunch, camera, poles if you have them, and lots of water. Wear protective hat, boots with lots of tread, and layered clothing.

**Meet** at Weldon Canyon Trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 carpool departure to O'Melveny Park.

**Directions:** Exit the I-5 at Calgrove. Go south on the Old Road. Pass Towsley Canyon, the post office, and East/Rice Canyon. When you reach the bridge that goes over the freeway, turn right. This is Weldon Canyon Road. After you cross the bridge, turn right. You will see an SCE service road/trail head on your left (look for the MRCA green sign and gate blocking access to the road. Park. This is where we will meet.

**Hike Leader:** Lise Meyers **Rated:** Moderate +++

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- **Mar 16<sup>th</sup> - Gold Creek to Yerba Buena Ridge**

**Hike Length:** 6 miles round trip with 1100' elevation gain

**Hiking Time:** 3-4 hours Hike starts at 08:30 AM

**Features:** The hike starts at an oak sheltered trailhead in Little Tujunga Canyon. This is a good trail that leads from Gold Creek and climbs into the gentle hill country of Yerba Buena Ridge. A mile and one half up is Oak Springs, hidden in a small draw at the head of Oak Spring Canyon. Pass the spring the trail goes through dense chaparral around the slope, across a small gully, and up to the Yerba Buena Ridge fire road. Here you will have spectacular views southward over the Tujunga and San Fernando Valley. At the end of the hike, plan on having a lunch at Oak Springs picnic area.

**Directions to Trailhead:** Exit the 210 Freeway at Osborn Street. The off ramp will put you on Foothill Blvd. Turn left. The first traffic light is Osborn Street, turn left. Drive 3.9 miles, turn right on Gold Creek Road. Drive one half mile to Oak Springs picnic area. There is a restroom and ample parking.

**Carpool:** Meet at Towsley Park outside the gate between 07:45 - 08:00 AM to arrange carpooling. Adventure passes are required for parking. Dogs are allowed on this trail, on leash.

**Hike Leader:** Dave **Rated:** Moderate

- **Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> -Elsmere to Beale's Cut to the Elsmere Waterfall**

This is an easy hike ++ almost to Moderate. It is about 8.5 miles. We will begin our upward climb to the oil relics, where we will stop for a photo op, then take a little detour to the jack crib so you can get some photos of that. Then we will continue on to Beale's Cut where we will have a snack and relax for a few minutes before our return to the Elsmere Trail. Once returning to the Elsmere Trail, we will detour once again to see the Elsmere Waterfall where we can relax and have lunch. If we have had significant rain, it should be running for us! After seeing the waterfall, we will return to our cars! The canyon should be full of wildflowers, so bring your camera. Elsmere is home to many species, including the pink perennial giant lupine.

**Bring** lots of water, camera, poles if you have them, snacks, lunch.

**Directions:** From the I-5, take the SR-14 North. Exit at Newhall Avenue. The offramp splits to the left and right. Take the right side option. Turn right at the stop sign. Immediately ahead of you is the Park and Ride. Park here. We will meet at the MRCA green Gate/green sign promptly at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure.

**Meet** at 8:00 at the Park and Ride for an 8:15 departure.

**Hike Leader** Steve Iland **Rated:** Easy to Moderate

- **Mar 30<sup>th</sup> -Walker Ranch/Los Pinetos to Camp 9**

Los Pinetos is a beautiful climb with lots of wildflowers to photograph. There is a large grouping of perennial giant lupine along the way, and a group of 3 rare Arizona Ash. There's also lots of poison oak on this trail, so stay on the trail and don't venture off of it! You should also see snowberries and oak woodland habitat. You will begin the hike by climbing up Los Pinetos to 3N17 which you will take to the wildland figger fighting camp on Bear Divide called Camp 9. Here we will have lunch and relax for a while before returning down Los Pinetos and back to Walker Ranch. The trip is 9 miles total with 1,000 ft of gain.

**Bring:** lunch, snacks, lots of water, poles if you have them, and a camera for the spectacular views!

**Meet** at the Walker Ranch Trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure

**Directions:** From I-5 take the SR-14 to Placerita Cyn Road. Exit, turn right. Pass Placerita Natural Area. Continue about 2 miles beyond this sign. You will see a wooden sign on the right side that says, "Walker Ranch Trail head". There is a turnout here. Park. This is our meeting spot.

**Hike Leader-Richard** **Rated:** Moderate

**Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept**

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

CITY OF GLENDALE Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

- **Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> The History of Winemaking in the Crescenta Valley**

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

Join us as we learn about grape growing, winemaking and the history of our area. This event will be a combination of lecture and tour around Deukmejian Wilderness Park. You must R.S.V.P. to save your spot.

**Please call (818) 548-3795 and will will make your reservation.**

- **Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Third Saturday of the Month - Wilderness Workday**

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

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

- **Mar 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Crescenta View Trail Restoration at Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

**Karen Buehler (818) 550-4405      Marc Stirdivant (818) 363-6216**

- **Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM Special Work Day which includes lunch at the Circle of Rocks.**

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

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

**<http://corbamt.com/>**

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

- **Mar 4<sup>th</sup> The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council** meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

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

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

- **Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome**

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

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

- **April 7 Wenches With Wrenches**

With the help of Matt Lay at Pasadena Cyclery and the enthusiasm of the fabulous Jenny Johnson and Sue Lafferty, we are going to start a new series of events: **Wenches with Wrenches!**



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

An organized group of individual working on improving the trail to pre fire condition.  
 If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail.  
 - - 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)****• Mar 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm Ethnobotany Workshop****Place:** 2025 4th St, San Fernando, CA 91340

**What:** Join us for our Ethnobotany Workshop to learn about the ancient relationship between plants and the First Peoples of Southern California. The workshop will be taught by Richard Bugbee (Luiseño) at Rudy Ortega Park in San Fernando, CA.

**Sign up and reserve your spot now!** Use the link**<http://www.haramokngna.org/rsvpmaker/ethnobotany-workshop>**

• **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

**• Mar 16<sup>th</sup>/ Apr 8<sup>th</sup> Outing**

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

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Due to cold weather work was done on the Dark Canyon Trail. We are working on the Mt Lowe East Trail. We are getting into more poodle dog to remove, along with regular brushing and trail widening.

## Matt Maxon

[matt@mattmaxon.com](mailto:matt@mattmaxon.com)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Registration begins.
- Mt Disappointment Endurance Race will be July 13, 2013.
- Trail work will be:
  - March 30, 2013 – Silver Moccasin Trail
  - April 20, 2013 – Silver Moccasin
  - May 04, 2013 - Kenyon Devore
  - June 01, 2013 – 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](mailto: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/>

We still hold our nationally-known Pancake Breakfast, keep your eyes open for an official date for 2013. It will be towards the end of April. As soon as we firm up the date, we will post it. At the Pancake Breakfast, you will still find awesome prizes, delicious pancakes and like-minded folks who enjoy the outdoors on their bikes. If you are new to MWBA and you like what we do, don't be shy. Come out and get dirty!

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

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

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

### Support Mount Wilson Observatory

**We Need Your Help** - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage site with your tax deductible gift in one of two ways:

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

## Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org  
Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 2

- **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 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!

- **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.

## **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

## **SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY**

<http://www.mtlowe.co>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

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

**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#mar](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#mar)

- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Greene and Greene Southwest Pasadena Walking Tour
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Wed 7:30 pm Pasadena  
**Monthly Meeting: "Canadian Tar Sands and the Keystone XL Pipeline: Major Threats to the Health of the World's Climate"** The exploitation of Canadian Tar Sands and their export to the United States via the Keystone XL Pipeline and for overseas export to Asia via a pipeline to British Columbia will be the featured program. Presenters are Jack Eidt, Director of Wild Heritage Planners and Editor of WilderUtopia.com, and Jessica Aldridge, Executive Director of the Burbank Green Alliance. Both are also organizers of Tar Sands Action, Southern California. Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. 7 pm doors open for social time at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. **For information contact Membership Chair: Elizabeth Pomeroy [ewpomeroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ewpomeroy@sbcglobal.net)**
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Rubio Canyon Waterfalls

**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

**Come Celebrate our 20-Year Anniversary & Fund Raiser!**

**"Southern California Mountains Foundation "**

**March 21, 2013**

**5:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Elks Lodge, San Bernardino**

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

- Animal Tracking Mar 9<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Mar 19<sup>th</sup>
- Bald Eagle Volunteer Count Mar 9<sup>th</sup>
- Big Bear Discovery Center Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Discovery Center Snowshoe Tour Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>
- Discovery Center Yoga Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>
- Greenthumbs Restoration Volunteers Mar 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

**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/2013-03>

- Angeles Forest Restoration Mar 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>
- Campus Planting Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Fruit Tree Program Mar 8<sup>th</sup>
- Park work day Mar 9<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer Supervisor Training Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Mar 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<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)**• Got Snowshoes? We do!**

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

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

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

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

**• Full Moon Snow Shoe Hikes:**

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

**William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130**

Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552

[ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org)

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

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

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

For more information, contact Kevin Sarkissian

at: [ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org) 661.250.0022 X 552

or visit us on the web at: [www.hartrop.com/forestry](http://www.hartrop.com/forestry) .



Los Angeles River Ranger District  
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road  
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Mar 16, 2010 email: [info@tundracomics.com](mailto:info@tundracomics.com)



**Volunteer Today**

Send this in Right Away to  
Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd  
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # (hm) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Interests**

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.  
Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/  
Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/  
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/  
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: \_\_\_\_\_