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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Sept 2013

A Word from Dennis Merkel

## Study Finds Volunteering May Make People Happier

Review also finds that those who 'give back' tend to live longer

(HealthDay News) - Volunteering may improve your mental health and help you live longer, a new review suggests.

Researchers analyzed data from 40 published papers and found evidence that volunteers had a 20 percent lower risk of death than non-volunteers. In addition, volunteers had lower levels of depression, increased life satisfaction and enhanced well-being.

Further research is needed to understand the apparent link between volunteering and health, the review authors noted.

"Our systematic review shows that volunteering is associated with improvements in mental health, but more work is needed to establish whether volunteering is actually the cause," review leader Dr. Suzanne Richards, from the University of Exeter Medical School in England, said in a university news release.

"It is still unclear whether biological and cultural factors and social resources that are often associated with better health and survival are also associated with a willingness to volunteer in the first place. The challenge now is to encourage people from more diverse backgrounds to take up volunteering, and then to measure whether improvements arise for them," she explained.

The findings were published August 22 in the journal *BMC Public Health*. Worldwide, the number of adult volunteers varies, with estimates of about 23 percent in Europe, 27 percent in the United States, and 36 percent in Australia, according to the news release.

Common reasons that people cite for volunteering include giving something back to their community or supporting an organization or charity that has supported them. Some people also volunteer to gain work experience or to widen their social circles.

I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.

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## PROF. LOWE'S PATENT

**It Is Sustained By a Norristown Court.**  
**[Norristown Herald.]**

September 21, 1875, there was granted to Thaddeus S. C. Lowe of Norristown, Pa , a patent for "improvement in process of and apparatus for the manufacture of illuminating or heating gas." This patent covers the manufacture for what is popularly known as "water gas." Owing to Prof. Lowe's engrossing scientific studies comparatively slight progress was made in the general introduction of this really wonderful and valuable invention until the organization of the United Gas Improvement Company in April, 1882. This company, organized by a number of prominent and wealthy Philadelphians, purchased from Prof. Lowe a license under his patent for a large section of country, and energetically pushed the same by purchasing, leasing and erecting gas works in certain parts of the United States, and by changing the old style plans of existing companies. Attracted by the phenomenal success of the United Gas Improvement Company, various so called processes were exploited all over the country, all of which were imitations and attempted evasions of the original Lowe patent. Notable among these infringing processes was that known as the Hanlon-Leadsley, now in operation at the Twenty-fifth Ward station of the Philadelphia gas works.

In August, 1880, suit was brought by Prof. Lowe and the United Gas Improvement Company in the Circuit Court of the United States against the New Haven Gas Light Company of New Haven, Ct., for infringement of the Lowe patent by the use of the Hanlon-Leadsley apparatus. The most eminent counsel of the country were retained for the complainant and defendant. The whole state of the art, both in the United States and in foreign countries, was exhaustively covered by testimony of experts on both sides, and the case was finally argued in March, 1889, before Judge Wallace of New York, who, during the illness of Judge Shipman of Connecticut, heard his cases. On July 8th Judge Wallace handed down an opinion sustaining the broadest possible terms the validity and scope of the Lowe patent.

This is one of the most important patent decisions, and the most important decision to the gas industry, ever rendered in the United States. It gives to Prof. Lowe and the United Gas Improvement Company a practical control of the manufacture of water gas, now coming into such general favor, and in use in most of the large cities of the United States.

Water gas is made by decomposing steam in the presence of incandescent coal or coke in a chamber called a generator. The result is a non-illuminous gas composed chiefly of hydrogen and carbonic oxide. This gas is converted into an illuminating gas by the admission of oil or other form of hydrocarbon, and is then passed through a fixing chamber known as the super-heater. The great feature of the Lowe patent is this super-heater when worked in connection with a coal chamber. It is so constructed and arranged in relation to the generator that it is heated internally by the products of combustion that escape from the generator and which would otherwise be wasted. Without this super-heater it is impossible to make what is known as "fixed gas" that is a gas suitable for general distribution.

The United gas improvement company was organized by Prof. Lowe and leading Philadelphians in 1882 and is one of the most powerful gas companies in the United States. The work is carried on entirely under Prof. Lowe's patents, the most important of which they hold in exclusive license, excepting in a few reserved places, paying the inventor royalty on all business done this side of the Rocky Mountains. Everything west of the Rockies Prof. Lowe reserved for a special Pacific Coast Company, of which he is the head. He also has his own patents under the same system for Canada, Mexico and all important countries of Europe. Recent purchases on the Pacific Coast are the principal works in the city of Los Angeles the Pasadena gas works, and nearly the entire stock of the Colorado Springs gas works. Prof. Lowe is also heavily interested in a number of gas companies in leading eastern cities. He goes to Colorado Springs early in August, thence to Portland, Or., and Mt. Shasta for rest and recreation: then down the coast to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

# IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

**From: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaddeus\\_S.\\_C.\\_Lowe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaddeus_S._C._Lowe)**

Thaddeus Sobieski Constantine Lowe (August 20, 1832 - January 16, 1913), also known as Professor T. S. C. Lowe, was an American Civil War aeronaut, scientist and inventor, mostly self-educated in the fields of chemistry, meteorology, and aeronautics, and the father of military aerial reconnaissance in the United States.[1] By the late 1850s he was well known for his advanced theories in the meteorological sciences as well as his balloon building. Among his aspirations were plans for a transatlantic flight.

Lowe's scientific endeavors were cut short by the onset of the American Civil War. He recognized his patriotic duty in offering his services as an aeronaut for the purposes of performing aerial reconnaissance on the Confederate troops on behalf of the Union Army. In July 1861 Lowe was appointed Chief Aeronaut of the Union Army Balloon Corps by President Abraham Lincoln. Though his work was generally successful, it was not fully appreciated by all members of the military, and disputes over his operations and pay scale forced him to resign in 1863. Lowe returned to the private sector and continued his scientific exploration of hydrogen gas manufacturing. He invented the water gas process by which large amounts of hydrogen gas could be produced from steam and charcoal. His inventions and patents on this process and ice making machines made him a millionaire.

In 1887 he moved to Los Angeles, California, and eventually built a 24,000 sq. ft. (2,230 m<sup>2</sup>) home in Pasadena. He opened several ice making plants and founded Citizen's Bank of Los Angeles. Lowe was introduced to David J. Macpherson, a civil engineer, who had drawn up plans for a scenic mountain railroad. In 1891 they incorporated the Pasadena & Mount Wilson Railroad Co. and began the construction of what would become the Mount Lowe Railway into the hills above Altadena. The railway opened on July 4, 1893 and was met with quick interest and success. Lowe continued construction toward Oak Mountain, renamed Mount Lowe, at an exhaustive rate, both physically and financially. By 1899 Lowe had gone into receivership and eventually lost the railway to Jared S. Torrance. Lowe's fortunes had been all but lost, and he lived out his remaining days at his daughter's home in Pasadena where he died at age 80.

## BE ON THE LOOK OUT!



**I'd like to get all missing/damaged trail signage fixed. Anytime you are out in the forest and notice missing/damaged trail signs, or locations where signage is needed, please let me know by either emailing or calling me. Thanks.**

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# National Forest Survey Says Americans Support National Forests by Travel News

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) announced today results of a new nationwide survey of voters revealing strong personal connections many Americans have with the National Forests and the benefits these lands provide. These connections are so strong that four in five voters polled said despite federal budget problems, funding to safeguard National Forests should not be cut. Even more impressive, seven in 10 Americans said they would support a small increase in taxes in order to provide additional funding to restore damaged forest land and conserve additional lands.

Key findings from the bipartisan poll, conducted in partnership with research firms Public Opinion Strategies and Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, are noted below:

- 81 percent of Americans across the political spectrum believe funding of National Forests should not be cut, despite federal budget problems.
  - \* 74 percent of Republicans surveyed
  - \* 80 percent of Independents surveyed
  - \* 89 percent of Democrats surveyed
- 72 percent of voters surveyed would support additional funding to maintain and restore National Forest lands even if it meant a small tax increase.
  - \* Such supporters include groups that are traditionally more tax sensitive: 63 percent of seniors and 56 percent of conservatives said they would support additional funding even if it meant a small tax increase.
- 83 percent of voters agree that conserving America's land, air and water is patriotic.
- Seven in 10 American voters from across the political spectrum agreed that one of the things the U.S. government does best is protect and preserve the country's natural heritage through National Forests.

"The NFF has long recognized Americans' personal connections to their National Forests through our work bringing people together to restore and enhance these public lands. This survey not only reveals these connections, but also shows there is strong support for funding of National Forest land and water," said Bill Possiel, President of the National Forest Foundation.

"More than 160 million people visited a National Forest last year, generating \$13 billion for the U.S. economy and helping sustain 223,000 jobs in local communities. This survey illustrates that respondents believe our National Forests have an impact on their overall well-being, and they appreciate the environmental benefits these forests provide."

This expression of voter support for the National Forests comes at a time when funds are being diverted from forest restoration, wildfire prevention and other categories in the U.S. Forest Service budget in order to bridge the gap in funding needed to fight wildfires. In fact, this year the Forest Service has already allocated \$1.5 billion to fire-related activities, \$600 million more than anticipated.

## About the National Forest Foundation

Founded by Congress in 1991, the National Forest Foundation works to conserve, restore and enhance America's 193-million-acre National Forest System. Through community-based strategies and public-private partnerships, the NFF enhances wildlife habitat, revitalizes wildfire-damaged landscapes, restores watersheds, and improves recreational resources for the benefit of all Americans. The NFF's Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences national conservation campaign is uniting public and private partners to conduct large-scale forest and watershed restoration and revitalize ecosystem resiliency in iconic National Forest System sites around the nation. To learn more, visit us at [www.nationalforests.org](http://www.nationalforests.org).

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## National Forest Foundation Survey (CONT)

### Highlights of Additional Voter Sentiment from the National Forest Foundation Survey

**National Forests contribute to the U.S. economy and jobs.** Americans enjoy high-quality recreation opportunities the National Forests provide, which contributes to the U.S. economy and jobs.

- 80 percent of Americans engage in outdoor recreation (such as hiking, camping, boating and skiing); these outdoor recreationalists are more likely to have visited a National Forest.
- National Forest visits contribute \$13 billion to the U.S. economy and help sustain 223,000 jobs in communities around National Forests.
- Once a person visits a National Forest, they are highly likely to return, indicating a high level of satisfaction with their National Forest experience.
  - \* 87 percent of people who have gone to a National Forest three or more times in the past year plan to return to a National Forest again this year.

**National Forests provide critically important public health benefits.** Voters agree that National Forests provide numerous important benefits for the public. Topping the list are clean drinking water, clean air and the opportunity for children to explore nature.

- 89 percent of Americans consider the role that National Forests play in supplying clean drinking water to one-third of the U.S. population in 33 states to be an extremely or very important benefit.
- 87 percent value the importance of National Forests to provide clean water for drinking and irrigation.
- 85 percent responded that removing pollution from the air is an extremely or very important benefit.
- 82 percent believe that providing children with the opportunity to explore nature is extremely or very important.
- 79 percent understand that National Forests reduce global-warming pollution.

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Steep parts of the Grizzly Flats now have steps thanks to work of the Crescenta Valley Trails Crew**



# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**On Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Community Hiking Club cleaned up a portion of the Santa Clara River in Aqua Dulce in honor of River Rally, which was held in Santa Clarita.**

**We removed 3 spas, TONS of construction dumped loads, 2 chopped cars (one was a Lincoln, and one was a Ford) that were cut into pieces. We also found a stolen Toyota Truck that was for the most part intact. We called the police and they verified it was stolen, then a tow truck came and hauled it away. The next day, the owner of the Truck claimed it! I am sure he was happy to get it back.**

**Forty five volunteers removed 40CU Ft of trash altogether, and we are about half way through the dumped mess. Many thanks to Waste Management that supplied the waste bin for our use! Many thanks to the volunteers who gave up a substantial part of their Saturday helping out!**

**It's a great feeling to give back.**

**Dianne Hellrigel**

**photo by Dianne Hellrigel**



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# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**On Sept 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:00 A.M. on the Grizzly Flats Trail**

**Hal Winton, and David Ledford came with chain saw, saws and axes.**

**Karen Buehler came with 6 Crescenta Valley trail volunteers.**

**Kathie Reilly came with 5 JPL Trailbuilders.**

**Together with Hal and David cutting up the fallen trees, while Karen's and Kathie teams tossed the cut wood, cleared and widened the trail, and fixed a stream crossing**

**It was a very successful day.**

**The end of the day was celebrated with ice cream!**

**Thank you Karen Buehler for the ice cream!**



**photo by George Aumann**

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**photo by Brenda Beck**





## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Mt Lowe West Trail blocked  
by a fallen tree.**



**Thanks to the work of David Ledford  
the Mt. Lowe West Trail is now open**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Don't like seeing trash and graffiti?  
Then Volunteer with Blight Busters Trail Crew  
On Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**





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

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.

#### UPCOMING CLASSES:

<http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/southern-california/>

#### • Oct 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern California Trail Skills is at the Cleveland National Forest. **Priority registration for current volunteers and members will open September 3, and general registration will begin September 9th.**

Are you new to trail maintenance? Would you like to refine some of the skills you've learned while working on a trail crew? Join us at the Southern California Trail Skills College, a 2-3 day training that will focus on building trail maintenance skills.

The Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend, starting with breakfast Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Limited space is available and classes do fill up, so register early. We look forward to seeing you!

**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).**

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Who's Eating Whom in the Ecosystem?**

**Sunday October 20, 2013**

**Start time is 2:00**

**Placerita Canyon Nature Center Classroom**

**What do the animals of Placerita Canyon eat?**

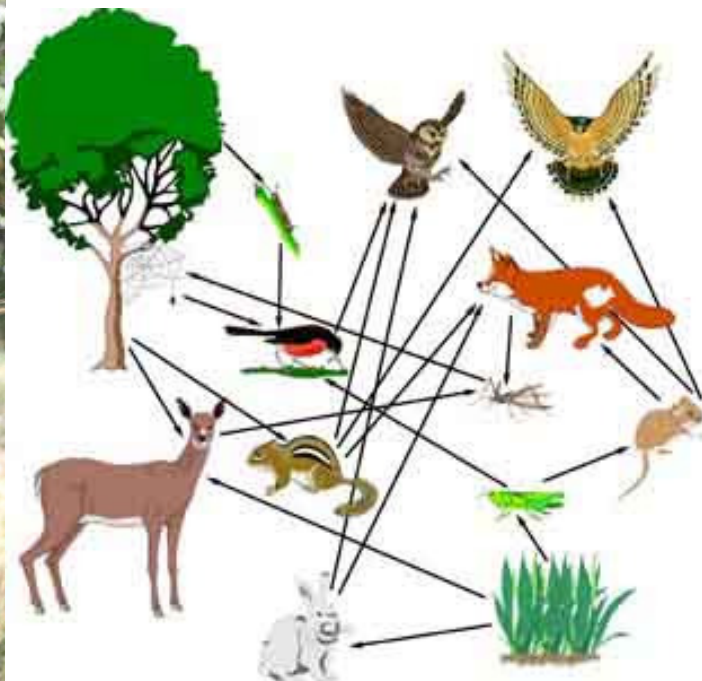
**Why does an opossum have sharp teeth?**

**How does eating and being eaten create a web of life in an ecosystem?**

**What does all this have to do with you?**

**All the animals and plants of Placerita Canyon are connected by what they eat and who eats them. That web of life lets the energy flow through the system, making it stable and resilient**

**Janet Kübler, Ph.D., presents the food web of Placerita Canyon and beyond. Janet is a CSUN marine biologist who studies how life responds to changing environments. She has been one of the Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates since 2004.**





## VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Hiking Club and Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates and County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation present

# National Wolf Awareness Week

Sunday October 13, 2013, 2:00

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Classroom



Come join Wolf Totem Ambassadors, Wolf Damu and puppy Cael with handler and presenter Kimmi Kraus for a presentation that is not to be missed.

Learn how and why wolves are vital to the ecosystem. We believe that rather than forcefully mitigate nature, mankind must learn to co-exist with wildlife. With the help of our live Ambassador Wolves who represent their wild counterparts, our presentations foster an incredible experience for those 65 in attendance. Pop culture and fables have, for centuries, distorted the factuality concerning the behavior and demeanor of wolves. Wolf Totem Ambassadors strives to dispel such misinformation by providing and presenting educational truthness and encouraging the everyday individual to nerd out with Damu and Cael.



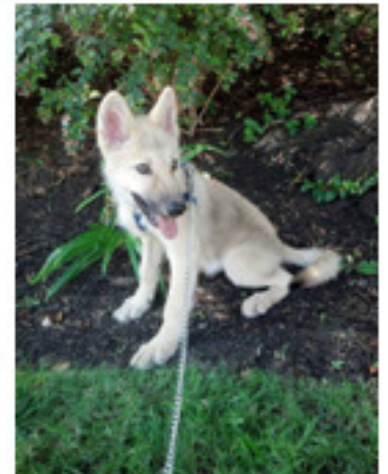
Kimmi is a native Southern Californian who is pursuing her Master's Degree in wildlife biology specializing in apex predators. She has been working with captive and wild wolves for 5 years.



**Kids are welcome to come too! Bring the whole family! It's fun, and it's free! Donations are always accepted Damu and Cael appreciate it!**

Cael earlier this summer >

<Kimmi with Damu



Join us on Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 in the Classroom at Placerita for a real treat!



Placerita Canyon  
Nature Center



# Why Your Volunteer Timesheet is Important

**Have you ever wondered why it is that the Forest Service asks you to fill out a timesheet for volunteer work, when you don't receive a wage?**

First of all, tracking your hours brings benefits to you individually. Volunteer awards are based on the hours recorded for you. For example, 100 hours of volunteer service is awarded with an annual Adventure Pass worth \$65. And 250 hours of volunteer service is awarded with an Interagency Pass, which covers the entrance and standard amenity fees on many federal lands for one year.

The Forest Service benefits from tracking your accomplishments, too. For one thing, your time sheets help to identify funding needs. It costs money to run a volunteer program – money for tools and supplies, supervision, and incidental expenses. The bigger the program (as reflected in the total number of hours and volunteers), the more funding is needed. Your timesheets help us make the case for program support dollars.

Total volunteer hours reported for the Angeles also highlights the significant contributions of our citizen stewards. This helps draw the attention of potential donors, partners, and individuals who are looking for a way to “give back” to their community. Did you know that last year, volunteers on the Angeles National Forest reported more than 78,000 hours of service, valued at \$1.7 million? That is a substantial contribution – and it gets people's attention!

These are just a few of the benefits of filling in your time sheets. So – THANK YOU for deciding now to keep good records of your time and accomplishments!

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Angeles National Forest  
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# Minutes of Monthly LAARD Volunteer Meeting

## Sept 18, 2013

### By Kathie Reilly

#### Organization Reports:

- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: removing down trees with cross-cut saw. Used GPS to identify down trees on Mt Waterman and Mt Baden Powell Trails. 100 Mile Race had 172 entries, 50 dropped out.
  - MIS Hermanos Pequenitos (My Little Brothers): Worked Chilao and Big Tujunga Canyon for trash and graffiti removal. Next will be at Santa Anita, Horse Flats.
  - Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, Mark: working Mt Echo Trail, then Castle Canyon.
  - Mt Wilson Bicycle Assoc (MWBA): Sunset Trail OK
  - Mounted Horse Patrol, Gene: Oct 11-13 will be at City of Industry rodeo
  - JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie: still working Mt Lowe West Trail. Will be helping Crescenta Valley Trail Workers, Hal Winton and David Ledford removing down trees at Grizzly Flats
  - Sierra Club, Don: continue working Strawberry Peak Trail from Red Box to Colby Ranch, and Josephine Saddle. LA Conservation Corps will be doing Colby Canyon, CORBA has a grant for the trail beginning at Angeles Crest.  
Sierra Club program at Eaton Canyon next Wednesday (Sep 25) on chaparral and the future of fires in the forest.
  - Boy Scouts of America, David: not much in the summer
  - William S. Hart Trails, Kevin: start classes in January, job development for special kids. Nice to see so many volunteer groups in the newsletter!
  - Bear Canyon, Andy: trail is clear to the campground. On hiatus for the summer
  - Arroyo Seco Canyon, Patty and Tom: they have been out for a while. Still updating the Volunteer directory
- \*\*\*Email Tom [tomdwyeremtcpr@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdwyeremtcpr@yahoo.com) for your updates to Volunteer directory – your group name, volunteer names and whatever information you want to give.
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian: proposed dividing up work on the Mt Lowe fire road. It seems to be in pretty good shape now but new stuff comes down on the road all the time. Spanish broom will soon take over some of the road. A weed Wrench was suggested for removing it.
  - Chantry Flats, Dan: reopened Visitor Center, doing Zion Trail maintenance. Installed new trash cans per the Health Department and people are not using them. LA County is supposed to take over the road. Suggest people volunteer at LA County Fair. He has a radio protocol procedure, he is willing to do a class after the next monthly volunteer meeting.
  - Crescenta Valley Trail workers (CV), Brenda: working Grizzly Flats

#### Graffiti removal:

Suggestion by Mark is Elmer's Glue. Paint it on, cover it with dirt, go back in a week and peel it off. Chantry uses Kover Kote. It's a powder to mix with water where it is to be used, and creates a texture harder to repaint.

USFS Dennis: Passed around a Safety Newsletter, he will email it to everyone. There is a Cleanup Saturday of Hermit Falls organized by Chantry Flats pack station.

\*\*\*email Dennis where trail signs are needed, pictures and GPS coordinates would help. There is an APP at everytrail.com to document trails.

Email Rhynes for info on next chain saw class. A new policy is coming out on chain saws.

Contact Kathy Peterson for new volunteers' training.

## Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

## Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

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

- Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard."....  
Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

## Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol [m.rmeguire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rmeguire@hotmail.com)

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

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey [pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us) Forest Care Program Coordinator  
909-744-9510 ext. 125

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



## 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!

## 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

## Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA90031 PHONE: (323) 221-2255

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

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

- Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. Free Tai Chi contact: <http://debspark.audubon.org/forms/contact-us/636>

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Oct 27 2013

**Old Time String Band Jam Session\*** Listen and dance to local area musicians strum Southern Appalachian style fiddle and banjo tunes. Bring your own instrument or just come to listen!

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.



**The Bear Canyon Trail Crew is on hiatus for the summer months.** Much was accomplished over the last year. The trail is essentially clear all the way to the trail camp but trees continue to fall over the path and slides come down the hill and cover the trail in spots. Some brush is growing back over the trail as well.

We will start working again in December and will have a "no tools" assessment hike in November to determine what needs to be done. Perhaps in January we can start working on the trail again from the Tom Sloan Saddle side.

No dates have been confirmed as the new edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac has not yet been released. The OFA was on the money for weather predictions in six out of the last seven outings. They were only wrong about the temperature on the 1st day of June when it was significantly warmer than predicted.

However, no outings had to be canceled due to rain this year and that meant much work got done.

If you are on my email list you will get a schedule for the next year as soon as I have established it. If you'd like to be on the list please contact me via the info below. Thanks for all your hard work and we'll see you on the mountain!

Andy  
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## **Big Santa Anita Canyon**

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

### **• Lila Adams Passes Away**

Lila Adams, who ran Adams' Pack Station for 35 years with her husband Bill, has passed away on September 22nd, 2013.

Bill and Lila were married and moved into the pack station in 1953, when it still had a crank phone to the city and an outhouse in back.

They steadfastly upheld the packing tradition and a cordial attitude through many fires, floods, regulations and cultural changes that affected Big Santa Anita Canyon.

"This is a great loss. I find myself struggling with how to continue such a great tradition. Lila had such a kind touch. Everyone who knew her loved her." ~Deb Burgess, owner of Adams' Pack Station

### **• Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Live Outdoor Music Concerts**

**Call (626) 447-7356 for more information**

### **• Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.**

### **• The road is gated and the gate is locked at night.**

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

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

### **• Adams Pack Station Contact:**

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



**Blight Busters Trail Crew**

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

- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Eaton Canyon Clean Up.**

**Bring the usual, clothing that you don't mind getting paint on. Water and a snack. Nothing else is needed. All equipment will be provided.** Hiking distances should be no more than 1.5 miles roundtrip. We will be meeting at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center and then carpooling about a mile or so to the locked gate on Pinecrest. From there it's a short walk to the trail. We are going to be working a half mile of the trail from the bridge in Eaton Canyon to the waterfall.

**Meet at 8:00 am.**

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center.**

1750 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena 91107

No Adventure Passes Will Be Needed

Any questions email me.

Thank You.

**Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council**

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

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

**California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)**

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

- **Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Join Friends of El Mirage and the BLM for our annual Fall Clean Up**

**The Fall Clean Up** is a great way to give back to one of your favorite OHV areas. Work projects usually include painting & clean-up of campsites, trash pick-up, metal removal, sign instillation, and lake bed maintenance.

Each year tons of trash are removed from OHV sites all across California and volunteer efforts like this help keep areas clean & maintained while protecting endangered species and helping to keep OHV areas open to the public.

**Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. at the El Mirage Visitors Center. Work projects begin at 8:00, will work parties returning at 12:30 for lunch and a raffle.**

**For more information and to sign up to volunteer**

<http://www.elmirage.org/foem/download/elmiragefall2013.pdf>

- **Oct 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING** Come and Join Us CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

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

## CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

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

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### • Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Geology Discussion & Hike

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** Join Thom Davis, Registered Geologist, as he leads us on a hike and discussion on the geology of the local region, rock units In the park, active faulting, debris flows and the 1934 "Montrose Flood". Wear sturdy shoes/boots bring water, hat, sunscreen, and protective clothing.

**Reservations:** Space is very limited for this program.

**You must call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot**

### • Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 3rd Saturday - Wilderness Workday

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

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park (The Deuk) is the City of Glendale's 709-acre natural park in the north end of the city. Since the park reopened following the 2009 Station Fire we are joined every month by volunteers helping with our restoration efforts (watering trees, removing invasive weeds, park maintenance). This is a great activity for all ages and abilities. Groups, individuals, families, clubs, churches and students needing Community Service hours are invited to attend. The program runs from 8 a.m. until noon. Participants should wear long pants and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. We'll provide the drinks and snacks.

*Information:* No RSVP is necessary unless you are bringing a large group of children under the age of 18. For more information, please call (818) 548-3795.

### • Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Club Maple Halloween Party/Dance

It's that scary time of the year. Dress up in your scariest costume and join us for some fun as Club Maple celebrates Halloween on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Maple Park Community Center, 820 East Maple Avenue, Glendale, CA 91205.

Club Maple is a FREE program open to all developmentally disabled adults. Club Maple provides an opportunity for individuals to experience positive, healthy recreation and socialization experiences. Activities are appropriate to age and skill ability in a friendly and safe environment.

Club Maple meets every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Maple Park Community Center, 820 East Maple Avenue, Glendale, CA 91205.

## 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.

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• **Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Millard Canyon to Dawn Mines**

**This 6 mile hike** starts at Chaney Trail Drive and Sunset Ridge in Altadena. There is a 2900' gain. We will follow a trail into Millard Canyon. Once inside the Canyon the trail becomes sporadic and we will spend the next 1.5 miles boulder hopping our way to Dawn Mine. From Dawn Mine we will follow a trail up to the Mt. Lowe fire road. Soon we will turn onto the Sunset Ridge trail back to our cars. The hike will be about 4-5 hours, plus plan on an extra hour for exploration.

**Features:** Millard Canyon is one of the more pleasant retreats in the front range of the San Gabriels. If the creek is still flowing we will pass a waterfall and hike alongside a small creek to Dawn Mine, a fun place to explore. Gold was discovered here in 1895 and mined until 1950. The Dawn Mine trailhead was a stop on the famous Mt. Lowe railroad. Stopping to drop off and pick up passengers and gold ore. On the Sunset Ridge trail we will stop at Sierra Saddle and enjoy the views.

**Meet at the trailhead** at 8:00 AM for an 8:15 departure on the trail.

**Difficulty Factor:** Although boulder hopping can be an adventure it should be noted there are some large boulders to climb over in Millard Canyon.

**Directions to Trailhead:** Exit the 210 freeway at exit 23, Howard/Lincoln Ave. Turn left at off ramp. Turn left on Lincoln Ave. Take Lincoln Ave to Loma Alta Drive and turn right. Turn left on Chaney Trail Drive. Follow Chaney to the junction atop sunset ridge. Turn right and park outside the locked gate of Sunset Ridge Fire Rd. If you pass Millard Campground you have gone a little too far.

**If anyone who would like to carpool** meet at Towsley Canyon by the front gate between 07:00-07:10AM. Carpool arrangements will be made at that time.

**Rated:** Moderate with some difficulty (see above)

**Leader:** Dave

• **Oct 12<sup>th</sup> -Vasquez Rocks Open House 10:00-3:00**

• **Oct 12<sup>th</sup> -Vasquez Rocks**

**Angela will be taking** you on an easy to moderate hike through some of the most beautiful and well known areas of Vasquez Rocks. You will recognize many of the features from television and feature films. You will pass the most prominent rock just before you get to the parking area (see below). Today you will be hiking on the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) through the wildlife corridor that goes under the SR-14 freeway. Look for animal tracks on both sides as evidence that they have used this tunnel to cross. Also, scat is a good indication! Your leader will point out some of the less visited areas of Vasquez Rocks and tell you some of the history.

**Difficulty Factor:** This is an easy hike of 5 miles with some gain.

**Directions to Vasquez Rocks:** Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park is located near Agua Dulce Springs north of 14 -Palmdale freeway. The park is about midway between Santa Clarita and Palmdale. From Valencia, take the SR-14 North to the Aqua Dulce Canyon Road exit. Exit. Turn left. Continue on this road. It will take a sharp curve to the right. It will become Escondido Canyon Road. Continue straight through the stop sign. Look for the park entrance on your right. When you enter the driveway for Vasquez Rocks, make a left hand turn at

the partial asphalt/dirt road. Follow this road all the way to the end. Your leader will meet you here at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure at the PCT trail head.

Address: 10700 W. Escondido Canyon Road, Agua Dulce

**Phone:** (661) 268-0840

**Leader:** Angela

**Rated:** Easy-Moderate

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**Community Hiking Club (cont)**

- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Rice Canyon**

**This hike** is perhaps the easiest hike in Santa Clarita. It is almost completely flat with one short hill at the end. It is 4 miles RT with less than 100 ft gain. You'll begin your trek today up East Canyon, with a jog off to the right that will take you into Rice Canyon. During high water times, there are numerous stream crossings. Although the Canyon will still be dry in October, it is still beautiful. Your walk in will be picturesque, with fields of grasses, oak trees, trailing Virgin's Bower vines and Fremont Cottonwoods. This is a great beginner hike, and senior hike.

**Meet** at the trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure. Bring plenty of water. Bring your hiking poles if you have them.

**Directions:** Exit the I-5 freeway at Calgrove. Turn right if you're coming from Valencia. Turn left if you're coming from the San Fernando Valley. Go through the signal and past Towsley Canyon. You will then pass the post office, and the Church of the Nazarene. Immediately past the church of the Nazarene, turn right into a dirt driveway, and make an immediate left on a service road. You will see a sign for East and Rice Canyon, a corral with horses, and the East Canyon trail head. Pass just beyond this and there is a parking area for the trail head and Native Garden. You may park here for \$7.00 or on the street for free.

**Meet your leader** at the Trail Head for East Canyon. (The green gate and MRCA sign).

**Rated:** EASY **Leader:** Lise

- **Oct 20<sup>th</sup> -Nature Series-Who's eating Whom In the Food Web**

(See page 10)

- **Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Darryl Manzer, who was once a resident in Mentryville will be leading a short hike today in Mentryville to the first oil well monument.**

The total distance will be 4 miles, with very little gain. This hike will be very slow moving, and Darryl will give you all the history of the canyon, of the oil industry in Newhall, and the buildings in and around Mentryville.

**Please meet** at 9:00 AM at the pepper tree in Mentryville. Parking is \$5.00 if you park in the Mentryville lot. It is free if you wish to park outside the MRCA gate on Pico Canyon and walk into Mentryville (20-30 mins). Darryl will turn around at the well site, but if you wish to continue, you can add another 4 miles to your hike, making the total 8 miles. The second half of the hike adds about 600' gain.

**Directions to Mentryville:** From Valencia, take the I-5 South to Lyons Avenue. Exit. Turn right, away from town. You are now proceeding West on Lyons. Lyons becomes Pico Canyon. Continue past all the houses. You will reach a "Y" in the road. To the right you will see a black gate. Do not go there. To the left is a green gate. If you wish to walk into Mentryville, park here. If you wish to pay the \$5.00 parking fee, enter the green gate. Follow this road all the way to Mentryville. There is an "iron ranger" by the bathroom/pepper tree. Pay here. Park.



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

- **Oct 7<sup>th</sup> COSTAC Monthly Meeting** The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

- **Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome**

The Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy. We are a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.



**Thanks to all who voted for CORBA to be inducted into the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame!** The ceremony took place September 18, 2013 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas as part of the Interbike trade show.

Interbike is North America's Largest Gathering of the Bicycle Industry – to celebrate, educate and conduct the business of cycling

In the 26 years CORBA has been advocating for shared use open space trails, we have literally hundreds of people to thank for our successes and achievements. Normally a Hall of Fame induction indicates a retirement. But CORBA is still going strong and continues to represent the interests of those who want to ride their bikes in the dirt!

**Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew****Karen Buehler [karen.buehler2@gmail.com](mailto:karen.buehler2@gmail.com)****Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>**

- **Fridays – 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Trail Restoration at Grizzly Flats**

- **Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>– Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

We will also continue maintenance of the trails in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and other projects in Angeles National Forest including Grizzly Flats final touches.

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

An organized group of individuals working on improving the trail to pre fire condition.

If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail.

- Banner Moffat



## HABITAT WORKS

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

<http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

- October 19<sup>th</sup> and/or 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (no campout)

### On Location with the Condors Microtrash removal on the Angeles NF

The California Condor Sanctuary is right here in the Sespe Wilderness, and wild condors are really all around us. After 7-9 months in the nest, condor nestlings are ready to fledge in the fall, but they face very real threats from lead and microtrash in their habitat.

Microtrash is small trash ~ broken glass, bottle caps, butts, spent shell casings, construction trash and bits of plastic. Condors are oddly attracted to collecting microtrash while visiting their favorite mountain-top foraging areas. Back at the nest, it is unintentionally regurgitated with food for their nestlings. An expired chick can have 35 bottle caps and pieces of broken glass in its digestive tract.

There are 2 sites currently identified by the Fish and Wildlife Service where condors are touching down in microtrash. We'll be heading out to Ruby Canyon Saturday and over to Whitaker Peak on Sunday to clean up what's there.

This is a real opportunity to make difference in the recovery of wild condors. If you can help out on either or both days, we'd love to have you. There's a lot of ground to be covered. Sturdy teens and adults welcome. Sign up below.



Stomach contents of expired condor chick

Kim and Tom  
HabitatWork.org  
818-353-4653



A condor fresh from the hairdresser

## Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

[www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org) 663-449-8975.

- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Acorn Arts Arts and crafts for children \$15
- 2014 Tongva calendar

The calendar is illustrated by contemporary artworks by local Native artists with a history of supporting Haramokngna.

This is the first time a Tongva calendar is being made, a significant achievement and historic first. Tongva words appear alongside English, and we acknowledge the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival for partially funding the project

If you are interested in ordering a calendar for \$20 – or ordering several for gifts – please go to our website [www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org) to order on-line.

• **Stop by our Center any weekend from 10am – 4pm** and by appointment for groups during the week. 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



**High Country Riders**

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that packs Equipment, Material and Supplies etc. to your Trail or worksite. Packs Trash & Rubbish out of the Forest.

Contacts: Jonathan Schultz 951-830-3400 [maujds@earthlink.net](mailto:maujds@earthlink.net)

- Forest Certified Animal Packer,
- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier
- Master Teacher for "LNT",
- Chainsaw "B" faller

**Glen Foster** 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 [pjgwfooster@aol.com](mailto:pjgwfooster@aol.com)  
Certified Packer

**JPL TRAILBUILDERS**

**Kathie Reilly** 818-354-8321 (JPL)      **Jack Russell** 562-861-3187

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Outing
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Outing

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail, working from the middle up (unless some other request comes up). Maintenance involves cutting back brush to 6 foot-wide clearance, and tread repair to 3 foot-wide.

**Matt Maxon**

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

Continuing to work on the Stone Cyn Trail. No set schedule. Hope to get out for 1 day at least, every month. I'm very flexible If you want to come out contact me and we'll work something out. Brush clearance top down is my main focus right now, but there is plenty of tread that needs work, switch backs that need to be rebuilt, and 2 slide areas / washouts that need something done with them.

**Mount Disappointment 50K Conservation Group**

[www.mtdisappointment50k.com](http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com)

Gary Hilliard, Director

- We are planning the races for in 2014

**Mount Wilson Bicycling Association**

<http://mwba.org/>

**Mitch Marich**, [info@mwba.org](mailto:info@mwba.org)

- GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER:

<https://www.imba.com/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

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



**Mount Wilson 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, we're excited to see you on Saturdays and Sundays and some holidays 10am-4pm.
- For directions or more information please visit [www.mtwilson.edu](http://www.mtwilson.edu)
- The Cosmic Cafe sells the Adventure Pass during our operating hours.
- There is a guided walking tour every Saturday and Sunday (from April 1st - November 30th) at 1pm, tickets are sold at the Cosmic Cafe and are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for kids and seniors.

**Support Mount Wilson Observatory**

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

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

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

**Mount Wilson Race**

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

- Plans are being made for the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 race.

**SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS** <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

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 Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest.

**Learn how to use all the Trail tools** to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

**If you would like to volunteer** your time, please send e-mail to [feedback@crystallake.name](mailto:feedback@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 @ 7:30am

**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#oct](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#oct)• Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM

**Monthly Meeting:** Hilary Gordon, Chair of the Angeles Chapter's Zero Waste Committee, and Gabriel Silva, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Pasadena, present "**Recycling and Waste Reduction in Pasadena and Beyond: Current Practices and Future Trends**". Information on group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Ctr, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For program information, contact David Czamanske 626-458-8646 dczamanske@hotmail.com

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Eaton Saddle to Red Box via West Fork San Gabriel River
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Autumn in the Arroyo
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Zion Loop Hike from Chantry Flats
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Throop Pk (9138'), Mt. Hawkins (8850') and Middle Hawkins (8505')
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> West Fork of San Gabriel River, along Bear Canyon

**Tree People** <http://www.treepeople.org> FACEBOOK: Tree People

12601 Mulholland Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2013-10>

- Citizen Forestry Oct 5<sup>th</sup>
- Coffee Chat with Andy Oct 26<sup>th</sup>
- Moonlight Hike Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
- Park Work Day Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Oct 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Oct 19<sup>th</sup>
- Street - Residential Combo Tree Care and Planting Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

**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

- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers Oct 13<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

**Volunteer Become a Discovery Center Volunteer!**

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

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

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

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

Big Bear Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator

(909) 382-28403

**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

**• Fall 2013 Southern California Trail Skills College****• Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. 'Fannypack' Projects [FALC]. SBNF, ANF, CNF, and BLM.**

Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice.

Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish, Email: [pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net), Tel.: 805-658-6540

or: John Hachey Email: [goaliejhachey@msn.com](mailto:goaliejhachey@msn.com), Tel.: 909-605-3219.

**• Join us! The Pacific Crest Trail is more than a trail from Mexico to Canada.**

**It is a community that stretches around the world. Come out and play.**

<http://www.pcta.org/get-involved/> **Play in the dirt, Meet new people, Sleep under the stars.**

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

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

**Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552** [ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org)

Continuing in January 2014, 'Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation' will again be offered as a 5 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, LA County Parks and Rec, and the MRCA. In addition to high school credit, participating students may be offered a paid work experience internship while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to conservation and resource management including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife conservation; backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; search and rescue response; and much more!

This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

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