

# VOLUNTEER TODAY

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

## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Sept 2013

### A Word from Dennis Merkel

Sense of a Goose

--Author Unknown

When you see geese flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are headed the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What messages do we give when we honk from behind?

Finally ... and this is important ... when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

**UNLESS someone like you cares  
a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better.  
It's not.  
Dr. Seuss**

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## THE RAILROADS

### The Railroad That Will Climb Wilson's Peak

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the County Clerk by the Pasadena and Mt. Wilson Railway Company, a new organization formed for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, maintaining and operating, by steam, electricity or other power, a railroad with branches or extensions in Los Angeles county, running from and through the city of Pasadena to and up the Sierra Madre Mountains to a point on or near the summit of what is known as Mt. Wilson. with a capital stock of \$600,000 of which \$12,000 has been actually subscribed.

The board of directors of the new company consists of the following named Pasadenians: T.S.C. LOWE, J. W. Hugus, P. M. Green, A. C. Armstrong and T.P. Lukens. The estimated length of the new road is twelve miles. The project has been under way for some time past and estimates have already been made for the construction and equipment of the road. The representatives of several electrical and locomotive firms have made bids on the equipment and guarantee the successful operation of it.

## IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

**This was the start of the Mt Lowe Railroad.** The Mount Lowe Railway was borne from a desire of the Pasadena Pioneers to have a scenic mountain railroad to the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains. There was already established a trail to the peak of Mount Wilson, but that trip was arduous and often required more than a day to travel up and down.

David J. Macpherson a civil engineer from Cornell and millionaire Thaddeus S. C. Lowe teamed up to make this dream a reality.

Unfortunately they were unable to obtain rights of way to Mt. Wilson and so they then set their sights on Oak Mountain. (The future Mt. Lowe.)

Note: The 600,000 dollars in capital stock after being adjusted for inflation would have a value of around 14.5 million dollars in 2013.

**Don't Forget !**  
**LARRD Volunteer Meeting**  
**Sept 18, 2013**  
**701 N Santa Anita Ave.**  
**Arcadia, CA 91006**



**ATTENTION MOUNTAIN BIKERS:**  
**DO NOT BE A D-BAG MOUNTAIN BIKER:**  
**LEARN NOT TO BE A D-BAG!**

**GOTO:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QR8ddNOz5eg&feature=youtu.be>  
or

**GOTO youtube.com and type: "It Pays to Be Courteous!"**

**Thank you Hans Keifer**

## **Spotlight on Little Jimmy Trail Camp**



**Little Jimmy Trail Camp - Southwest Ridge Site - 08/02/2013**

Little Jimmy Trail Camp in Angeles National Forest is at a 7500-foot elevation and has 16 hike-in campsites. This campground is located on the route of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, located up from the 210 freeway near La Canada, just off the Angeles Crest Highway (CA2). Take Highway 2 and drive 39.5 miles to a turnout on the right, 1.5 miles past the tunnels. There is a Forest Service road with a yellow gate about 50 feet past the turnout. Head up this dirt road to the junction with the trail to Little Jimmy Trail Camp. The hike starts out heading up the road then you head left at the signed trailhead to Little Jimmy Trail Camp, one mile ahead. The hike up the trail is a gently rolling, pine-shaded experience all the way into the camp. There is a natural spring with water (treat before using) however, water flow may be low or non-existent due to reduced rainfall. There are vault toilets and all campsites are first come - first served. Parking is available approximately 2 miles away at Islip Saddle. The less ambitious in your group can relax in the camp, while the balance of your group heads up to the summit of Mt Islip. The views to the south from the summit are nothing short of stunning. You can see Crystal Lake, the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains and the San Gabriel river canyon. Have your lunch looking at this vista and you won't regret it. The summit trail is at the back of the camp - walk past both rest rooms. The trail takes you up some switchbacks to a ridgeline where there is a junction with another trail that comes up from Crystal Lake, but stay on the ridgeline trail up to the summit.

# All About Smokey Bear

Smokey Bear, the mascot of the United States Forest Service, recently celebrated his 69th anniversary. Smokey was created to educate the public about the dangers of forest fires. An advertising campaign featuring Smokey was first created in 1944. Smokey Bear's slogan, "Remember... Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires", was created in 1947 by the Ad Council. The message was later updated to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires". According to the Ad Council, Smokey Bear and his message are recognized by 95% of adults and 77% of children in the US.

Though the US Forest Service fought wildfires long before World War II, the war brought a new importance and urgency to the effort. Few able-bodied men could be spared to fight forest fires on the West Coast. Through education, the hope was that local communities could prevent fires from starting in the first place. The Japanese Empire considered wildfires as a possible weapon to utilize. On several occasions the Japanese military attempted to set ablaze coastal forests in the US via submarine launched floatplanes loaded with incendiary bombs as well as fire balloons launched into the jet stream.

The living symbol of Smokey Bear was an American black bear cub that in the spring of 1950 was caught in a wildfire in the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. Smokey had climbed a tree to escape the blaze, but his paws and hind legs had been burned. A group of soldiers from Fort Bliss Texas who had come to help fight the fire discovered the bear cub and brought him back to camp. There are conflicting stories regarding who helped nurse the cub back to health, but it is generally thought a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish employee, his wife and their children cared for the cub. Smokey Bear lived at the National Zoo in Washington DC for many years. During that time he received millions of visitors as well as so many letters addressed to him that the United States Postal Service gave him his own unique zip code. While living at the zoo, Smokey developed a love for peanut butter sandwiches in addition to his daily diet of bluefish and trout.



Smokey became a notable part of American popular culture in the 1950s. He appeared on radio programs, in comic strips and in cartoons. In 1952, after Smokey Bear attracted considerable commercial interest, the Smokey Bear Act was passed by Congress to remove the character from the public domain and place it under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture. The act provided for the use of Smokey's royalties for continued education on the subject of fire prevention. Smokey Bear has been appearing in animation for more than fifty years. During the 1969-1970 television season, a weekly Saturday morning series, *The Smokey the Bear Show*, was produced for ABC. The song "Smokey the Bear" has been covered by the group Canned Heat, among others.

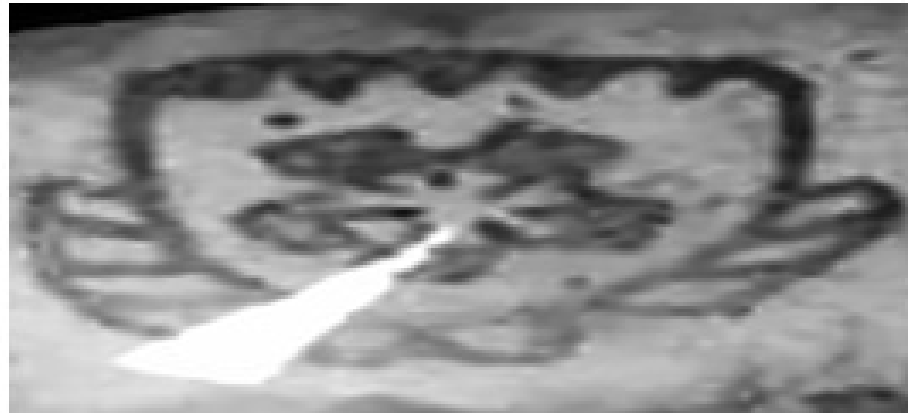
Though Smokey was originally drawn wearing a campaign hat, the hat itself later became famous by association with the Smokey cartoon character. As such, it is sometimes called a "Smokey Bear" hat by both the military service branches and State Police who still employ it. Truck drivers by that same token often nickname State Police officers "Smokey" or "Bears". The Smokey Bear campaign is recognized as among the most powerful and enduring of all public service advertising.



# Haramokngna

American Indian Cultural Center

A project of Pukuu Cultural Community Services,  
a permittee of the Angeles National Forest



*Join us for our annual*

## ***FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION*** ***at Haramokngna***

Sunday, September 22, 2013  
**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Featuring: the debut of the very first  
Haramokngna/Tongva wall calendar for 2014  
An Art Exhibit by the calendar artists  
Astronomy activities with our Tongva Astronomer Glenn  
Miller, Jr  
Music by Eric Alvarado  
hands-on activities, and games**

**Angeles Crest Highway and Mt. Wilson Rd. in the Angeles National Forest  
14 mi north of the 210 freeway at La Cañada**

**For info call 626-449-8975, 310-455-1588**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## It's Fair Time! Volunteers Needed for the "America's Great Outdoors" Exhibit! *Don't miss this opportunity!*

Volunteers (lots of them!) are needed to help staff the "America's Great Outdoors" exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, CA – hosted by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Forestry Division.

The LA County FairPlex is located at 1101 W. McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768.

The Fair season runs from Friday, August 30 to September 29, 2013.

Working one day will give you an entrance ticket for the day that you work and a parking pass.

Volunteer shifts are as follows (sign up for as many as you like):

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 am-2:30 pm or 2:30 pm-8:00 pm;

Saturday and Sunday - 9:30 am-2:30 pm or 2:30 pm-8:00 pm.

You can help with a variety of activities – including staffing the Welcome and Prize Center, participating in the daily parade, and providing hands-on help with many fun, educational activities for kids. Maybe you're more inclined to stay in the background, and help with exhibit setup and breakdown and other daily administrative tasks. There's something for everyone...

AND it's a great way to meet other volunteers, and learn how they help care for the Angeles National Forest throughout the year. This year's AGO exhibit can be your gateway to a very fulfilling volunteer experience that extends 'way beyond Fair time.

What to bring: Lunch and plenty of water to stay hydrated. All other items will be provided.

What to wear: Work pants, sturdy shoes, hat, and sunscreen.

### **PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE, BY CONTACTING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Nathan Judy,  
Forest Service Coordinator  
626-297-4195  
[njudy@fs.fed.us](mailto:njudy@fs.fed.us)

OR

Ryan Cary  
626-574-5202  
[ryancarey@fs.fed.us](mailto:ryancarey@fs.fed.us)

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"America's Great Outdoors" is a celebration of our public lands and an invitation for all to get outside and experience the wonders and opportunities of those lands. The attraction not only showcases our natural heritage but our nation's cultural heritage as well.



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

# Deuk Dynasty

(not Duck Dynasty.....Happy, Happy, Happy)  
Third Saturday of the Month - "Wilderness Workday"

**◆ WHEN:**

**Sat. Sept. 21, 2013**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**until**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**◆ WHERE:**

**Deukmejian**  
**Wilderness Park**  
**3429 Markridge Rd**  
**Glendale, Ca 91214**

**Snacks and drinks will**  
**be provided**

**Wear sturdy shoes and**  
**protective clothing**

**Bring water, sun**  
**screen, gloves and a**  
**hat**

**Hey! You are invited to star in the**  
**next exciting episode of our reality**  
**watering and weeding program:**  
**Deuk Dynasty (not Duck Dynasty)**



**We follow the monthly adventures of the Deuk**  
**volunteers as they work on the third Saturday**  
**of every month at Deukmejian Wilderness Park.**

**Hey! This totally unscripted program includes**  
**the watering of trees and the removal of exotic**  
**weeds. So, Hey! Grow out your beard and put**  
**on your camouflage clothing. And Hey! Have**  
**some fun with your family and friends as we**  
**create a long lasting Dynasty at the Deuk.**

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# National Public Lands Day

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**National Public Lands Day (NPLD)** is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. In 2013, the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28.

**Join volunteers** of all ages for NPLD's 20th Anniversary. Celebrate with volunteers in your community at parks and other public lands

**NPLD began in 1994** with three sites and 700 volunteers. It proved to be a huge success and became a yearly tradition, typically held on the last Saturday in September.

**Since the first NPLD**, the event has grown by leaps and bounds.

In 2012, about 175,000 volunteers worked at 2,206 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and in many U.S. territories. 2012 was the biggest NPLD in the history of the event.

### **NPLD volunteers:**

- Collected an estimated 23,000 pounds of invasive plants
- Built and maintained an estimated 1,500 miles of trails
- Planted an estimated 100,000 trees, shrubs and other native plants
- Removed an estimated 500 tons of trash from trails and other places
- Contributed an estimated \$18 million through volunteer services to improve public lands across the country

Seven federal agencies as well as nonprofit organizations and state, regional and local governments participate in the annual day of caring for public lands.



National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-1942 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage.

### **Why is National Public Lands Day Important?**

- NPLD educates Americans about the environment and natural resources, and the need for shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands;
- NPLD builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community based upon mutual interests in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands; and
- NPLD improves public lands for outdoor recreation, with volunteers assisting land managers in hands-on work.

**Interested in National Public Lands Day? send an e-mail to:**  
**[npld@neefusa.org](mailto:npld@neefusa.org)**



## Grizzly Flats Trail Restoration (Station Fire Area)

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Time: 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Angeles National Forest



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**Help complete the restoration of this 200 year old trail.** This area burned in the 2009 Station Fire and is yet another trail that is in need of restoration. The bottom half of the trail was restored in June by the William S. Hart UHSD ANF Crew. We are working from the top down to complete the remaining ½ mile of trail. Most of the trail is in the shade.

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 1/2 miles to the area we will be working. Bring drinking water and snacks. You will be required to wear hard hats (provided) to work in the Forest.

**Follow us on Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>

or <https://www.facebook.com/Deukmejia.Wilderness.Park>

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

To sign up, contact Karen Buehler at 818-363-6216 or [Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com)

## On Location with the Condors ~ Microtrash Clean-Up Ruby Canyon and Whitaker Peak, Angeles National Forest Sat/Sun Sept. 14 & 15, 2013, 9a - 2p

**Help keep wild condors and their nestlings free from microtrash by cleaning up their favorite mountain-top foraging areas.**

**The heart of the California Condor Recovery Program** is located here in the Sespe Wilderness, right in our own back yard. As this year's nestlings are preparing to fledge, reports of microtrash are already threatening their chances for survival in the wild.

**Microtrash is small trash** ~ broken glass, bottle caps, cigarette butts, spent bullets and shell casings, construction trash, bits of plastic and cloth. Adult condors in the wild are oddly attracted to microtrash while foraging on their favorite mountain-tops. Microtrash is then unintentionally regurgitated with food for their nestling. An expired chick can be impacted with up to 35 bottle caps and pieces of broken glass in its digestive tract.

We'll be out to clean up microtrash from two critical areas identified by the Fish and Wildlife Service. This is a real opportunity to make a difference in the recovery of wild condors. If you can help out for a few hours, we'd love to have you.

**Bring** a sun hat or visor, protective layered clothing (appropriate for warm, sunny weather), sturdy shoes, favorite gloves, snacks and drinking water. We'll will have refreshments, trash bags and latex gloves.

The dirt roads are generally accessible for most vehicles, so stuff your car with friends and head for the hills. We'll work Ruby Canyon on Saturday, camping in a remote location Saturday evening, and working near Whitaker Peak on Sunday. Everyone welcome!

**To sign up** for the project, send the following information to [wildlife@habitatwork.org](mailto:wildlife@habitatwork.org): Name, Project Name/Date, Best e-mail, Best phone (en route to project), Vehicle make/model/4WD, Carpool driver or rider, Vegan, vegetarian or omnivore, Age,

Do you have any physical limitations in rugged conditions

# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Crescenta Valley Trail  
Crew working  
Grizzly Flats**



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

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



**Angeles mountain bike patrol,  
Corba, Dennis Merkel  
& Hal Winton  
attending August 22 CTUC meeting**

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Scenic Mt. Lowe Railway  
volunteers breaking apart a  
boulder blocking the road!**

**William S Hart  
ANF Crew 135's working  
on the Grizzly Flats trail**



**The trail blocked by Spanish Broom**



**Thanks to the work of JPL Trailbuiders the  
trail was cleared of the Spanish Broom.  
But, more needs to be done with the  
heavy infestation of this invasive plant.**



## 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)

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.** Please check back soon for more details! **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



THE CITY OF GLENDALE  
Community Services & Parks Department

## I Don't Like Spiders & Snakes!



**When: Saturday, September 7, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Schedule: 6:00 p.m. Games**  
**7:00 p.m. Campfire**

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



- ◆ This campfire program will explore spiders and snakes and some of the reasons people are afraid of these creatures
- ◆ We start at 6:00 p.m. for an hour of nature games and outdoor play (Picnic Area)
- ◆ The Campfire Program will start at 7:00 p.m. with songs, skits, slides, snakes, spiders and s'mores
- ◆ We invite you to come for all or part of this educational and entertaining evening
- ◆ You must call us at (818) 548-3795 to save your spot at the campfire.



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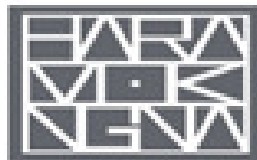
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*Red Box Fire Station and Visitor Center, Angeles Crest Highway & Mt. Wilson –Red Box Road  
A project of Pukuu Cultural Community Services, a permittee of the Angeles National Forest*

We are proud to announce our annual Prickly Pear Culture Club workshop

**Sunday, Sept 15, 2013**

**What to do with a Prickly Pear**



**Food, medicine, gathering, management, and more**

**11 – 4 – suggested donation \$15 – please bring potluck to share, and  
tunas you have gathered – for juicing**

For information and to RSVP: contact Kat at [KatCalls@aol.com](mailto:KatCalls@aol.com).  
[www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org)

Hi The trails we AC100 folks worked on/maintained in 2013 are:

- 1. The entire Idlehour trail from Mt Wilson toll road to Mt Lowe Rd done over 2 separate days from either end by AC100 volunteer runners crews. 20 plus workers each time.

- 2. The Wintercreek trail from the Toll road to Hoeges trail camp trail junction (AC100 trail volunteers crew also). 35 trail workers

- 3. Our 4th/final AC100 trail work day with volunteers was to drive our vehicles to Newcomb Saddle, 3 1/2 hours cleaning the road and I still blew out a rear tire under the weight of the trail tools. AC100 paid for the tire, \$95.

We had our AC100 trail workers clear brush and clean tread on the Gabrielino trail from Newcomb Saddle to Sturtevant church camp. I removed one large tree across the trail below Newcomb Pass as well. 20 plus workers.

Gary Hilliard and I and AC100 workers removed several trees and boulders along the Red Box - Rincon truck road that day to get to our trail head destination.

- 4. Personally I spent many, many hours removing weeds and PFPD bushes from the Silver Moccasin trail from Shortcut Saddle thru Charlton and Chilao Flats (and an occasional fallen tree) to Horse Flats C.G. and on the Mt Hillyer trail from Rosenita Saddle to Horse Flats C.G. mostly PFPD bushes foliage removal.

Beyond trail work by the AC100 volunteers and I, considerable time was spent removing fallen trees on the hillside road in Charlton Flats and the Creek Side trail at Chilao Visitor Center with Terry Tanner's assistance.

Also I worked with David Ledford and our small AC100 crew (friends) in May with crosscut saws out of 3 Points in the PVR Wilderness removing like 6 burned and fallen trees across the trail in the 1st couple miles of the PCT northbound. Reported by David no doubt.

The AC100 run went well and the runners are fairly proud of the trail work they have accomplished this year and over the years. Also, it is my requirement to start the race that all participants have done an 8 hour trail work day preferably on an ultra distance course which has influenced other ultra RD's to take up the mantle for trail work on their courses such as the SD (San Diego) 100 miler who now require a minimum of 6 hours of trail work of its runners.

- Ultra running and races is busting at the seams with new people. For 2013 the AC100 was closed to entries by the former October. The entries started coming in the day after the recent race and the 2014 run was filled to capacity in 2 days. Next year in a few hours if things go as expected. More runners, more trail workers, more responsibility.

- I am rather proud and humbled to be able to lead all of what I do at age 82 because of the AC100 run. Even our run reporting is so enhanced now that family and friends all over the world can follow their runners progress in the run in real time. Our AC100 run date is set for the 1st weekend in August for the future. Next year Aug. 2nd, 3rd

All the very best,

Hal (Winton for Jesus) AC100 Co=RD, ANF Vol 12, CTUC/NFA

**Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group**

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

**Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center**

## Antelope Valley Conservancy [www.avconservancy.org](http://www.avconservancy.org) [avconservancy@yahoo.com](mailto:avconservancy@yahoo.com)

PHONE (661) 943-9000 Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

• Looking for a sustainable gift? Consider giving a Membership in Antelope Valley Conservancy. Only \$25. A gift that keeps on giving.

• If you use Google or any other search engine, please try [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!

## Angeles 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 NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

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

• Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.

• Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!

Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!



## Angeles Mountain 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.

## 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>

• Sep 14<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!

• Sep 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am - 3:00pm Repeats every 4 weeks until Sun Sep 22 2013

**Solar System Hands-on Training Maintenance & Design** Join Wade Webb, who designed and installed the Audubon Center's solar power system, to learn about using solar power. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

Giving just a little bit of your time can make a big difference to the success of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. We offer many opportunities to help us bring people together to appreciate, enjoy, and protect birds and nature.



**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  
**abhoyer@yahoo.com**  
**213-675-0420**

### **Big Santa Anita Canyon**

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

- **Sep 22<sup>nd</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)

- **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Echo Mountain Clean Up**

**MEETING LOCATION:** We will be meeting at Farnsworth Park just off of Lake Ave, in Altadena **at 8 am.**

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

**DIRECTIONS:** From the 210 FWY. in Pasadena, exit Lake Ave. Drive north towards the mountains.

The park will be on the left side of Lake Ave. as you drive up. We will be meeting in the first parking lot on Mount Curve Ave.

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

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

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

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

## California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

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

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- **Sep 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

- **Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Campfire Program "I Don't Like Spiders and Snakes"**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** : We will start at 6:00 p.m. with an hour of nature games in the picnic area. The campfire begins at 7:00 p.m. in the amphitheater with songs, skits, stories, smiles and s'mores. Come for all or a part of the evening.

You must R.S.V.P. for this event by calling (818) 548-3795. Free

- **Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 3rd Saturday - Wilderness Workday**

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

**Location:** Deukmejian Wilderness Park

**Description:** We celebrate "**Deuk Dynasty...not Duck Dynasty**". Hey, we want you to meet us at the park from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for a time of tree watering, weeding and possibly painting. No need to register, just come out to the park for a morning of fun in the sun . The event is free

## 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)**

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• **Sep 1<sup>st</sup> -Condor PowerPoint presentation and talk by Dianne.**

See actual micro-trash that has been removed from the forest. Listen to the sounds the condors make, and learn what you can do to help keep the condors safe. This program is great for kids as well as adults.

**Where:** Vasquez Rock's new LEED building. 2:00-3:30

**Directions:** 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 Agua 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

• **Sep 7<sup>th</sup> - Placerita Canyon to Walker Ranch and the waterfall**

This is a very easy hike. It is suitable for beginners. The Canyon Trail is mostly flat with a few very small hills, so there is little gain on this hike. It is 2 ½ miles (one way) to Walker Ranch, and an additional ½ mile to the waterfall, for a total of 6 miles from beginning to end. The waterfall addition is optional. The falls are dry, but it is still a beautiful, shady arroyo to visit. There is some rock climbing on the waterfall trail, so good boots are essential.

**Please wear** long pants and sleeves due to lots of poison oak on the Waterfall Trail.

**Bring** snacks, water, and poles if you have them. A bug net might be useful in the waterfall area. You will be home before lunch.

**Directions:** Take the I-5 to the SR-14 North. Exit Placerita Canyon Road. Turn right. Go about 2 miles to Placerita Natural Area, turn in the long drive. Park near the building. We will meet on the steps of the building at 7:30 for a 7:45 departure.

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

• **Sep 14<sup>th</sup> -Santa Clarita Canyons Challenge**

This is going to be a real challenge today! We will begin at Bear Divide, which is 2 miles up up up to the Wildland Fire Station at Bear Divide. We may see Condors here. We will pass through the Wildland Fire Fighting Station, which is an old military barracks, and head down 3N17 to the Wilson Saddle, and down into Wilson Canyon. We will eat lunch here. After lunch, we'll climb back up to the saddle, head down the Manzanita Trail to the Viper Trail and over to Whitney Canyon. Total mileage is 13. There will be a gain/loss of 2,500 ft.

**Bring:** 3 liters of water, snacks, lunch, poles if you have them, and a camera for the amazing views. If it is clear you will be able to see Catalina! We usually see deer in Wilson Canyon as well.

**Wear:** Wear layered clothing that you can add or remove as we will be out for a long time, and weather conditions can change. Check the weather before you leave.

**Meet** at Whitney Canyon (same as Elsmere Cyn) at 7:30. We will be leaving some cars here, and carpooling to Bear Divide.

**Directions:** From Valencia, take the I-5 south to the SR-14 North. Exit the first exit, which is Newhall Avenue. The exit splits left and right. Take the right exit. When you get to the stop sign, turn right. That will take you to the Park and Ride. Park here. Parking is free. Get there early because this area is used sometimes by the high schools for their running teams, and they can take all the parking. If this happens, there is a MRCA parking lot, but the fee to park is \$5.00, so be prepared for that. (Tickets are expensive).

**Please be prompt. We leave the trail head on time.**

**Rated:** Strenuous **Leader:** Steve

• **Sep 15<sup>th</sup> -Nature Series -Station Fire Recovery**

Corina Roberts was there, in the forest, watching it come towards her, burning her residence. Instead of running, she was taking photos!!! Today, she will share those magnificent photos, and talk about the long recovery of the forest. Her magnificent photos tell an amazing story from destruction to precious new life, and little miracles. The Forest Recovery Project chronicles the natural recovery of the Angeles National Forest from the Station fire of 2009. Examining all of the major biomes within the burn area as captured in still images, the Forest Recovery Project illustrates Nature's amazing regenerative ability and examines some of the challenges presented by California's terrain and the present trends of wild land fire. Photographer Corina Roberts has devoted the last four years to this effort with the goal of using artistic images to inspire understanding. She resides in the Angeles National Forest and has witnessed the recovery on a daily basis.

**Meet** at Placerita Nature Center in the Classroom at 1:45 for a 2:00 presentation.

• **Sep 21<sup>st</sup> -Switzer Falls**

This is a relatively easy hike into one of the most lovely sections of the San Gabriel Mountains. The hike meanders back and across the stream funning down the spectacular Arroyo Seco Canyon. The stream in lined with oaks and alder, with the water cascading over granite into mirror-like pools. The hike travels high above the 50 foot high Switzer falls, then drops back to the stream, where hikers can double back to stand at the base of the falls. The hike is 4.5 miles in and out with a 600ft elevation gain, and most of that is in one short section. An Adventure pass is required for those who drive!

**BRING:** Poles, lunch, snacks, water

**Meet** at the Trail Head at 8:30.

**Directions to Trail head:** From I-210 in La Canada, take Highway 2 north and drive 10 miles to the Switzer Picnic area, which will be on the right. Descent to the parking area outside the campground. You will see a foot bridge over the stream, leading to the trail head. (Lat:34.2663 Lon:118.1336)

**Directions from Palmdale:** Take the Angeles Forest Hwy to the intersection with the Angeles Crest Hwy (2), turn left and you will see the road to the parking lot on the right side less than 1/2 mile after the intersection.

**To carpool from Towsley**, please meet at 7:15 for a 7:30 departure to the trail head.

**Directions to Towsley meeting spot:** From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit. Turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members here. You must organize your own transportation from here:

The leader will meet you at the trail head at 8:30.

**See map below:**

<https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=Towsley+Canyon+Park,+24255+The+Old+Road,+Newhall,+CA&daddr=Switzer+Falls+gate,+Angeles+Crest+Highway,+CA&hl=en&sll=34.429001,-118.215637&sspn=0.148954,0.273285&geocode=FeIwDAIdOhDv-CHuI9zisWY8JyIFrh4BJITCgDHuI9zisWY8Jw%3BFfLmCgId6jr1-CHyQYAy-Zu1ZCmJCmd27-jCgDHuI9zisWY8JyIFrh4BJITCgDHuI9zisWY8Jw%3BFfLmCgId6jr1-CHyQYAy-Zu1ZA&oq=towsl&mra=ls&t=m&z=11>

**Leader:** Angela

**Rated:** Easy

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**• Sep 28<sup>th</sup> -Elsmere Canyon, New Elsmere, the Waterfall, and Beale's Cut**

This is a new way to do Elsmere Canyon. You will see the entire Canyon, the new Elsmere purchase, Beale's Cut, and the new waterfall trail. (There will not be any water in the waterfall unless we've had rain) Elsmere is usually rated easy, but this particular route has some added hills, and is much longer. Plan accordingly! Total mileage is close to 10, with a gain of 1,000 Ft.

**Bring:** A minimum of 2 liters water, preferably 3, lunch, snacks, poles if you have them, and wear good boots with lots of tread.

**Meet** at the Park and Ride at the end of Newhall Avenue, just south of the SR-14 freeway at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure.

**Directions:** From Valencia, take the I-5 south to the SR-14 North. Exit the first exit, which is Newhall Avenue. The exit splits left and right. Take the right exit. When you get to the stop sign, turn right. That will take you to the Park and Ride. Park here. Parking is free. Get there early because this area is used sometimes by the high schools for their running teams, and they can take all the parking. If this happens, there is a MRCA parking lot, but the fee to park is \$5.00, so be prepared for that. (Tickets are expensive).

Please be prompt. We leave the trail head on time.

**Rated** Moderate ++     **Leader:** Dianne

**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>

• **Sep 2<sup>nd</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.**

• **Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting.** All are welcome

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

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

**Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew**

**Karen Buehler 818-363-6216 [karen.buehler2@gmail.com](mailto:karen.buehler2@gmail.com)**

**Face book:** <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>

• **Fridays, Tuesdays and Sundays – Trail Restoration at Grizzly Flats**

• **Sep 21<sup>st</sup> Trail Restoration at Grizzly Flats**

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew has taken on the project of finishing the remaining ½ mile of the Grizzly Flats Trail. The bottom half of the trail was restored in June by the William S. Hart UHSD ANF Crew. Most of the trail is in the shade. We will also continue maintenance of the trails in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and other projects in Angeles National Forest as they come up.

. If you are interested in helping out, contact [Karen Buehler](mailto:Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com) at Karen.Buehler2@gmail.com.

Or message on FB.

## Friends of El Prieto Trail

[bannermoffat@earthlink.net](mailto:bannermoffat@earthlink.net)

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

## HABITAT WORKS <http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

- Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> On Location with the Condors ~ Microtrash Clean-Up  
Ruby Canyon and Whitaker Peak, Angeles National Forest

## Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

663-449-8975.

- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> What to do with Prickly Pear
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Fall Equinox Celebration

### • 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

• **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

- Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Outing

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail

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

**Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group**

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

Gary Hilliard, Director

- We are planning on rescheduling the races in 2014

**Mount Wilson Bicycling Association**

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

- GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER:

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

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

**Mount Wilson Race**

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

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

Pete Siberell

Chair, Mount Wilson Trail Race

626-574-6373

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

**Mount Wilson Institute**

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

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

**Support Mount Wilson Observatory**

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

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

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

**Pacific Crest Trail Association**

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

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

- **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!



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

- **Sept 4<sup>th</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](mailto:dczamanske@hotmail.com)

- **Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Environmentalists Annual Rendezvous and Picnic:** Join leaders of Pasadena-area environmental groups for a potluck dinner and program "**History, Controversy, and Opportunities at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas**". Dave Weeshoff, President of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, and Kris Ohlenkamp, the Society's Conservation Chair, will bring us up to date on the efforts to restore habitat in the Sepulveda Basin. In December 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers destroyed the 48 acre "South Reserve". Come and find out about the flora and fauna, history and management, and the controversies and plans for the area. Learn how you can help restore and protect this local treasure. Gather at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm, program at 7 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in Pasadena (from 210 Fwy in Pasadena take Altadena Dr N 1½ mi; 500' after crossing New York Dr turn R into park). All are welcome. Bring a dish serving 6-8 people. Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.

**Coordinators:** Ginny Heringer 626-793-4727 [ginnyh@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ginnyh@ix.netcom.com)

David Czamanske 626-458-8646 [dczamanske@hotmail.com](mailto:dczamanske@hotmail.com)

- **Sept 7<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

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## Sierra Club (cont)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### • Sept 20<sup>th</sup> to Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sponsored by Natural Science and Pasadena Group. Join with leaders in working under the direction of Yosemite National Park Volunteer in Parks personnel. The project is titled: “**Resources/Ecological Restoration TBD**”. Camping space is provided Friday and Saturday Nights. The project is scheduled to start Saturday morning. Sunday the group will either assist in another project or do some other organized activity such as hiking or exploring near the valley. Project is primarily limited to Sierra Club adult members. Non member guests and minors only with approval of leader. Participants provide own transportation/carpool. Participants provide own camping equipment.

**To sign up send SASE to Keith Martin,**  
530 South Lake Ave., #708, Pasadena, CA 91101  
or ESASE to keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net.

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### • Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Throop Pk (9138) and Mt Hawkins (8850)

## 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/2013-09>

- Harvest Moon Gala Sept 28<sup>th</sup>
- Moonlight Hike Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Park Work Day Sept 5<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup>/ 14<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Sept 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

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- Discovery Center Canoe Tours Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
- Discovery Center Mid-day Discount Kayak Tours Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
- Greenthumb Restoration Volunteers Sept 14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
- National Public Lands Day Sept

### Volunteer Become a Discovery Center Volunteer!

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

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

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

Wendy Craig [wrcraig@mountainsfoundation.org](mailto:wrcraig@mountainsfoundation.org)  
Big Bear Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator  
(909) 382-28403

## 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)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- **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**

- **Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM (Labor Day Weekend) Miner Vincent's Cabin Hike**

Hike to the actual cabin where old Miner Vincent lived.

**Approx.** 1 ½ hours. One mile. Easy hike. **Location:** Vincent Gap Parking Lot.

**Leaders: Don & Marion Shotliff,** Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

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

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

A briefing regarding ANF Crew 135's summer work project at Grizzly Flats for the ANF Volunteer Newsletter ( a few pics attached as well). Crew of 14 cleared, cut, and finished a total of 1.3 miles of tread weeks of 6/17 and 6/24, including .75 miles of approach rework from Stoneyvale to the Big Tujunga wash. Soaring temps and a tail kicking climb to the worksite kept things slow going to bring the trail up to USFS spec, but final marker left us at .55 miles reclaimed from the wash to the Flats (leaving .33 miles still to be cleared). This included a ton of heavy brushing and extensive tread restoration in very challenging conditions so all in all a tremendously rewarding experience. Very proud of all of my students! A few pics posted on the Student Resource Page for my course at: <http://hartrop.com/forestry/Content/Student%20Resource%20Page.html>

Other news:

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!

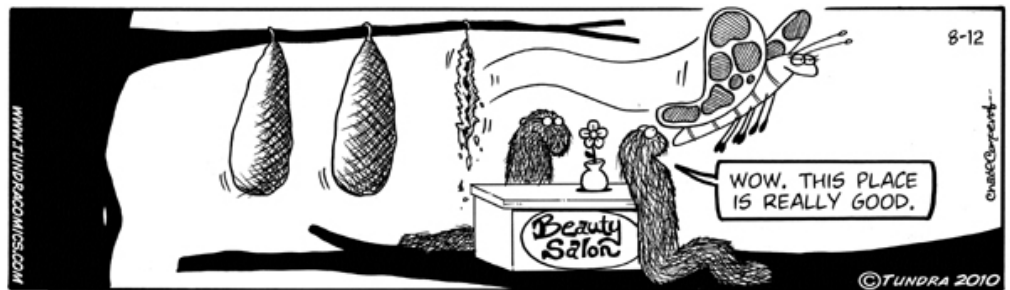
This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

For a complete course outline, visit [www.hartrop.com/forestry](http://www.hartrop.com/forestry) or contact Kevin Sarkissian at [ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org) 661.259.0033 X 525



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TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Aug 12,2010 email: info@tundracomics.com



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Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/  
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/  
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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