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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter August 2014

BE ON THE LOOKOUT! KNOW WHAT TO DO!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER THESE CONDITIONS ?
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Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related disorder. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature can rise to 106 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke include

- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Chills
- Hallucinations
- Throbbing headache
- High body temperature
- Confusion/dizziness
- Slurred speech

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt, usually through excessive sweating. Workers most prone to heat exhaustion are those that are elderly, have high blood pressure, and those working in a hot environment.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness, confusion
- Nausea
- Clammy, moist skin
- Pale or flushed complexion
- Muscle cramps
- Slightly elevated body temperature
- Fast and shallow breathing

Heat Cramps

Heat cramps usually affect workers who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture levels. Low salt levels in muscles causes painful cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

Symptoms of Heat Cramps

Muscle pain or spasms usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs.

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

I'm well on my way to getting absolutely
nothing done today.

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IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Name of Tavern at Mt. Lowe Is Alpine No More

Announcement is made by the Pacific Electric Railway of the change in the name of its tavern at Mt. Lowe from "Ye Alpine Tavern and Cottages" to "Mt. Lowe Tavern and Cottages," effective last Wednesday.

Frank B. Clark recently has been appointed as manager of the tavern.

The resort, which is operated on the American and European plans, remains open throughout the year. Housekeeping accommodations also are offered.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

The Mt. Lowe railway opened on July 4, 1893 and was met with quick interest and success. For the seven years during which Lowe owned and operated the railway, it constantly ran into hard times. The railroad was placed into a foreclosure sale on March 28 1899.

A 1905 fire destroyed the Echo Mountain House and was not rebuilt. The site became a transfer site from the incline to the trolley line to the Alpine Tavern.

The greatest changes were made to Ye Alpine Tavern in 1924-25. Not only was the name changed but the main tavern was enlarged to accommodate more patrons. Additional cabins were built and a large cottage, known as the Bungalow was constructed. The addition of tennis courts, shuffle board and ping-pong tables added to the fun for visitors to the Mount Lowe Tavern.

The Tavern was operated until September 1936 when a electrical fire burned the building to the ground .

The Mount Lowe Railway was officially abandoned in 1938.

Take the following steps to treat a worker with heat stroke:

- Call 911
- Cool the worker using methods such as:
- Spraying, sponging, or showering them with water
- Move the sick worker to a cool shaded area.
- Soaking their clothes with water.
- Fanning their body.

Take the following steps to treat a worker with heat exhaustion:

- Have them rest in a cool, shaded or air-conditioned area.
- Have them drink plenty of water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages.
- Have them take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath.

Take the following steps to treat a worker with cramps:

- Stop all activity, and sit in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage.
- Do not return to strenuous work for a few hours after the cramps subside because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Seek medical attention if any of the following apply:
 - The worker has heart problems.
 - The worker is on a low-sodium diet.
 - The cramps do not subside within one hour.

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2014 Arcadia

By Kathie Reilly

Organization Reports:

- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), Hal: one member (Weatherby) is sending out mail of his own opinions on the NRA (National Recreation Area) proposal. CTUC provides OHV support and raises OHV grants.
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, Mark: Getting frustrated with hikers damaging his trail work, ripping up plants, and doing graffiti on Lower Sam Merrill.
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (CORBA), Steve: Participated in Memorial Day parade in La Canada. National Trails Day worked bad spot on Mt Hilliard. On Gabrielino Trail between JPL and Gould are a dozen down trees. Got a \$10,000 grant to go up and over the dam between Paul Little and Oak Wilde, after the Environmental Assessment is done since it is a reroute.
- JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie: Worked Silver Moccasin Trail by Vetter Mountain road for AC100 race. Worked San Gabriel Peak Trail for Angeles Forest 50K race. Saturday will finish the Silver Moccasin where it comes down to Charlton Flats.
- Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association: Vetter foundation is poured (passed around pictures) *applause*. By September hope to have the lookout rebuilt. It has to be historically correct. Hawkins lookout needs too much road repair, rumor is maybe rebuild at Islip?
- Arroyo Seco Canyon, Tom and Patty: absent. Working Gould Mesa. The fire road has been graded. Fire crew did hazard reduction and grass cutting, leaving wood for campers and stumps for stools. Also working horse shows and teaching Red Cross classes.
- Angeles Forest 50 K Race: (Hal) race cancelled due to new leader unwilling to pay the event fees, even though a lot of trail work had been done. Hopefully next year, Gary or someone, can step up to lead the event.
- Terry Tanner: Helping Recreation staff in High Country campgrounds. Making Trail signs. One sign can take a day. There is a problem with the trash dumpsters not being emptied before holidays due to the only truck driver taking time off. His backup was sent to fires. Poodle dog seems to be more aggressive.
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian: Inspiration Point is painted and roofed. Gave a tour to a group at Mt Echo.
- Boy Scouts of America, David: Eagle project on Gabrielino Trail fixed drop-off between Valley Forge and West Fork. Brush is growing very fast. National Trails Day was at Chilao, with around 80 volunteers mostly working Silver Moccasin Trail. Thank Frank Trujillo removing dead falls near Three Points. More dead falls at Chilao, and between Throop and Windy Gap.
- Boy Scouts of America, Verdugo: absent
- William Hart Trails, Kevin: absent
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: race is August 2-3. Thanked volunteer Garry Curry who worked between Wrightwood and Eagles Roost and has passed away. Thanked Gary Hilliard who has worked both races. Mt Lowe fire road has been scraped, from Sunset gate to at least the campground. Still need chain saw classes.
- Bear Canyon: absent
- Tree People: absent.
- Mounted Horse Patrol, Gene: absent, no longer patrolling since one of their horses is too old
- Sierra Club, Don: Working Rim Trail at Mt Wilson, second Saturday of every month.
- MIS Hermanos Pequenitos (My Little Brothers), Andreas: absent (Dennis) sent 50 volunteers to help clean-up Big Tujunga Canyon
- Harmokngna American Indian Cultural Center at Red Box: absent
- Mt Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA), Mitch: absent (Steve). Working Sunset Ridge Trail third weekend every month.

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes (cont)

- Restoration Legacy Trail Crew (formerly Grizzly Flat Trail Crew), Brenda: absent (Karen) Will be working Pines area at Clear Creek, Nature's Canteen Trail. There are 5 down trees at Telephone Trail trailhead.
- Crescenta Valley Trail Crew,(Karen): partnering with Restoration Legacy Trail Crew.
- Big Santa Anita Canyon: To try and fight graffiti, are taking pictures of those doing it, and their cars and license plates. Every Tuesday they clear Hoegaes. There is no water. 2 cabin leases are for sale. Dennis asked for ideas on how to handle the overflow parking problem.
- San Fernando Hiking Club, Engelbert: Uses meetup to get volunteers, wants to work Condor Peak Trail/Trail Canyon Trail. Dennis said a grant was approved for Institute of Leadership and Development from Kern County to work Trail Canyon, so he will hook them up.
- Meetup.com, Lee: LA Hiking Group is the largest. You can use it to get participants. Trails Preservation Volunteer Group sponsors the San Gabriel Canyon cleanup.
- Chilao, Dane: bathrooms have had no water pressure for quite some time. Created Facebook page.

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website if you don't receive it -- at mtlowe.net.

Kathy Peterson, Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant gone for a few months

USFS Dennis:

- Forest Community Forum was held at the Supervisor's Office last month – very successful event with over 150 participants, lots of great displays and entertainment
- National Get-Outdoors Day last month was a fee-free day in the Forest
- Architect who designed Chilao Visitor Center gave a presentation at the Center – good turn out
- Public was out in force for 4th of July, though less than usual – weekend was uneventful
- A group of volunteers from AmeriCorps helped clean-up Switzer Picnic Area 4th of July weekend
- One of two Youth Conservation Corps crews working for us this summer started last week and completed several projects
- Resources will contract to remove 'danger trees' from Santa Clara Divide Road – a two year project
- Many reports of bears in campgrounds and picnic areas – please don't feed (and pass the word)
- Adventure Pass is still in effect here, only at areas, like campgrounds, with the 6 amenities – toilets, parking, trash receptacles, picnic tables, bulletin board, and BBQ grills. Parking in other areas without the Pass is OK.
- Eaton Canyon is closed at second falls, marked with signs

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be held Wednesday 17 September, 7:00pm at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Arcadia

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates, Community Hiking Club and the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation present as the August Community Nature Education series

Crows and Ravens

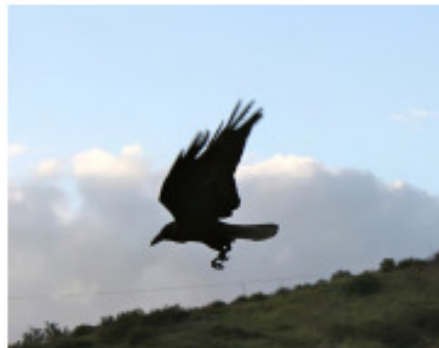
Sunday, August 17, 2014

2:00 PM

Placerita Canyon Nature Center
19152 Placerita Canyon Road
Newhall, CA 91321
(661) 259-7721



Crows and ravens are related to each other, and also to jays, magpies, nutcrackers, and others. You'll learn how amazingly intelligent they are, hear about their lives and life styles, find out about some of the mythology surrounding both, and most important – how to tell them apart!



Judy Bass knew nothing about natural history, or even birds, until she became a docent at Eaton Canyon 25 years ago. Now that she's recently retired (from a career as a Medical Technologist), she can spend even more time with her special love -- birds and birding. Judy teaches birding to Eaton Canyon and Placerita docents, has led bird walks for Pasadena Audubon, and is a volunteer at the Natural History Museum of LA County skinning birds and preparing study skins. She just wishes she'd started this second career sooner.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

HAT Training VHC WLACC 2014

**Become a USFS approved Trail Boss
Supervise Trail Maintenance
for the youth in your group.
(Great Eagle Projects!)**



A GREAT TRAINING PROGRAM NOT ONLY FOR BOY SCOUTS BUT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**Let us train you and other adults in your group
so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects
and complete them on your own.**

Purpose:

To provide properly trained personnel with the ability to supervise either "Trail Blazing" or "Forest Conservation" program projects at the unit level.

All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older.

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program.

Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are Tool, Personal Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Trail Dips, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack, Work clothes.

Training days 2014 : Sept 6

Training days 2015 :Jan 10/11 Mar 07/08 Apr 25/26 May 02/03

Call to confirm training day, Time and Meeting Place. (Course cancels if no calls)

We meet at McDonalds at Bouquet Cyn. Rd. & Valencia Blvd, in Valencia at 8:00 AM.

Contact:

Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.

818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The American Red Cross in cooperation with the
Verdugo Hills Council -BSA High Adventure Team presents...

Wilderness and Remote First Aid

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ANY VOLUNTEER

A newly revised, 16 hour First Aid course for persons involved in activities that take them beyond the scope of traditional urban emergency medical services, when help is delayed in urban or rural situations, and mass casualty incidents.

Environmental and youth groups are visiting remote regions in ever increasing numbers. While many excursions are held in areas where transportation and emergency services are available, help may still be slow in arriving. This course will be useful when in remote areas, in urban areas during and after disasters, or when emergencies occur during large gatherings, all of which can require care of the victim beyond the skills taught in regular first aid classes.

This course meets **Boy Scout High Adventure (including Philmont and the other High Adventure Bases), Girl Scouts of the USA Level II First Aider** requirements, and **CERT Level II**. (However, it is not as comprehensive as the 60 hour High Adventure First Aid - First Responder Course). Wilderness and Remote First Aid includes realistic scenarios where you will decide what is wrong with the "patient" and how to handle the situation, "in town" or miles away from an emergency room or paramedic care.

The fee covers the following materials: textbook, bandages, numerous study handouts, and American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certificate.

You will need to bring : pencil, pen; a wrist watch (preferably with a second hand); and a small pen light.

DATES : SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

TIME : 9:00 AM-to 5:30 PM. (BRING YOUR LUNCH. COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY)

LOCATION : VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL - BSA, 1325 GRANDVIEW AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91201

COST : \$40.00

PREREQUISITE : ADULT CPR (If you don't have this, we will arrange a class.)

QUESTIONS? PHONE: Marlene M. Lugg, Dr. P.H. (818) 882-4526

To Register:

To pay by credit card, register on line at: www.register.vhcbasa.org, by Friday, October 3, 2014, so that adequate supplies can be obtained for the class.

OR

To pay by cash or check (including Pack/Troop/Crew Check payable to Verdugo Hills Council-BSA), complete the information below and register in person or send to the Council address below.

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

I am affiliated with Girl Scouts: Troop _____, Council _____

I am affiliated with Boy Scouts: Pack, Troop or Crew _____, Council _____

I am affiliated with _____

(other organization)

VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL – BSA, 1325 GRANDVIEW AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91201 (818) 243-6282

MML: 14/04/30

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Pacific Crest Trails Association

Southern California Trail Skills College

Join our premier trail maintenance educational program. Up and down the Pacific Crest Trail, we teach the fundamental skills of trail design and maintenance. Classes are free and open to new and experienced volunteers and outdoor professionals.

Trail Skills Colleges are taught by professionals and volunteer leaders who have extensive experience in the fields of recreational construction, trail maintenance, and leadership. Learn from the experts.

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 3 day training that focuses on building trail maintenance skills.

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

When is it?

October 3-5, 2014

Planning is underway for the 2014 event. Email announcements will be sent out as updates become available. If you would like to receive these updates, please send your name, city/state, and email address to volunteer@pcta.org with "Southern California Trail Skills College" in the subject line.

Can't Wait?

Don't forget, you can learn new trail maintenance skills by volunteering on a PCTA trail crew. Most projects do not require prior trail maintenance experience. Knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders are on site to teach you the necessary skills. Check out the project schedule to find your next adventure!

Questions?

Please contact PCTA Volunteer Programs at (916) 285-1838 or at volunteer@pcta.org.

VOLUNTEER FUND RAISER

Join Our Famous Pancake Breakfast

Farnsworth Park in Altadena!

SUNDAY
NOV
16th
2014

*Breakfast, Raffle,
& Rides!*



**MWBA**
MT. WILSON BICYCLING ASSOCIATION

<http://mwba.org>

info@mwba.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MWBAorg/>

Gabrielino Trail Help

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Gabrielino Trail from Red Box to West Fork has been worked by volunteer crews in the past and is on the list for future trail work. Bear in mind we have over 375 miles of trails in the Los Angeles River Ranger District alone and the majority were damaged or destroyed by the Station Fire so it will be a long time before all trails are restored to a degree considered adequate. Some of the damage is so extensive that contractors have been hired to help restore the trails and in fact a project will begin on the Strawberry Peak/Colby Canyon Trail the first of next month to restore the washed-out areas. Forest Service partners such as the National Forest Foundation and Friends of the Forest are actively participating in restoration efforts. The Gabrielino Trail has had several Boy Scout Troops as well as other volunteer groups provide maintenance. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist throughout the District. If you know of anyone interested, please contact me.

Thanks,
Dennis Merkel, CPRP, FPO
District Recreation Officer
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Angeles National Forest

Phone: 818 899-1900 Ext 229 Fax: 818 896-6727 Email: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

VOLUNTEER FUND RAISER

**The nonprofit Southern California Mountains Foundation presents SEASON 9!
@ Big Bear Discovery Center Amphitheater stage**

Introducing "World's Greatest Tribute Bands"

**All of our tribute shows have been seen on national AXS TV and
proudly voted by their fans as World's Greatest!**

**And, we're pleased to announce new food and sound!!
Only the best for our guests!**

Buy your tickets NOW for the 2014 season:

- **August 30th Led ZepAgain, A Tribute to Led Zeppelin,
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directed by Sharon Rizzo ~ all local Big Bear Students**

**Contact: Kathy Clapsaddle, event producer
805.750.2506**

kclapsaddle@mountainsfoundation.org

How to Pick Your Spot

Follow these steps when picking your burning site to promote wildfire safety:

- DO NOT build a fire at a site in hazardous, dry conditions.
- DO NOT build a fire if the campground, area, or event rules prohibit campfires.
- FIND OUT if the campground has an existing fire ring or fire pit.
- If there is not an existing fire pit, and pits are allowed, look for a site that is at least fifteen feet away from tent walls, shrubs, trees or other flammable objects. Also beware of low-hanging branches overhead.

Note: in some areas digging pits are not allowed because of archaeological or other concerns.
Find out the rules in your area please.

DIG A PIT

Whether building a campfire pit yourself, or preparing a pit that you found on your campsite, there are some safety tips you should follow.

Building Your Campfire Pit from Scratch

Some campsites have unsuitable pits or may not offer pre-made pits at all. If this is the case:

1. Choose a spot that's downwind protected from wind gusts, and at least 15 feet from your tent and gear.
2. Clear a 10-foot diameter area around the site. Remove any grass, twigs, leaves and firewood. Also make sure there aren't any tree limbs or flammable objects hanging overhead.
3. Dig a pit in the dirt, about a foot deep.
4. Circle the pit with rocks.
5. Your campfire pit is built and ready for preparation!

Preparing Your Campfire Pit:

Before you start your campfire, you need to prepare your pit.

1. Fill the pit with small pieces of dry wood; never rip or cut branches from living trees.
2. Place your unused firewood upwind and away from the fire.
3. Keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.

How to Build a Campfire

Now that you have prepared your pit, it's time to build your campfire.

Follow these steps to have a safe and fun time.

1. **Gather three types of wood**
 - **Tinder** (small twigs, dry leaves or grass, dry needles)
 - **Kindling** (sticks smaller than 1" around)
 - **Fuel** (larger pieces of wood)
2. **Loosely pile a few handfuls of tinder in the center of the fire ring/pit**
3. **Add kindling in one of these methods:**
 - **Tipi** (Good for cooking) Lay the kindling over the tinder like you're building a tent.
 - **Cross** (Perfect for a long-lasting campfire) Crisscross the kindling over the tinder.
 - **Lean-to** (Good for cooking) Drive a long piece of kindling into the ground at an angle over the tinder. Lean smaller pieces of kindling against the longer piece.
 - **Log Cabin** (Longest lasting campfire) Surround your pile of tinder with kindling, stacking pieces at right angles Top the "cabin" with the smallest kindling.
4. **Ignite the tinder with a match or lighter**
5. **Wait until the match is cold, and discard it in the fire**
6. **Add more tinder as the fire grows**
7. **Blow lightly at the base of the fire**
8. **Add kindling and firewood to keep the fire going**
9. **Keep the fire small and under control**

How to Put Out the Campfire

A roaring fire is both a success, and a responsibility. It is your job to properly maintain and extinguish your campfire so that future campers can do the same.

Maintaining Your Campfire

As you're enjoying your campfire, remember these safety tips:

1. Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily
2. Keep your fire to a manageable size
3. Make sure children and pets are supervised when near the fire
4. Never leave your campfire unattended
5. Never cut live trees or branches from live trees

.Extinguishing Your Campfire

When you're ready to put out your fire and call it a night, follow these guidelines:

1. Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible
2. Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones
3. Pour until hissing sound stops
4. Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel
5. Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers
6. Stir and make sure everything is wet and they are cold to the touch
7. If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough dirt or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cool. Remember: do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!

Don't burn dangerous things!

- Never burn aerosol cans or pressurized containers. They may explode.
- Never put glass in the fire pit. Glass does not melt away, it only heats up and shatters. Broken slivers of glass are dangerous.
- Aluminum cans do not burn. In fact, the aluminum only breaks down into smaller pieces. Inhaling aluminum dust can be harmful to your lungs.

Pack it in, Pack it out.

- Be sure to pack out your trash. It is your responsibility to pack out everything that you packed in.

Take the Pledge

Show your commitment to wildfire prevention...

I pledge to:

BE SMART WHENEVER I GO OUTDOORS

- To use caution and common sense before lighting any fire.
- To understand that any fire I or my friends create could become a wildfire.
- To understand and practice proper guidelines whenever I or my friends create a fire outdoors.
- To never, ever leave any fire unattended.
- To make sure any fire that I or my friends create is properly and completely extinguished before moving on.
- To properly extinguish and discard of smoking materials.
- To be aware of my surroundings and be careful when operating equipment during periods of dry or hot weather.
- To speak up and step in when I see someone in danger of starting a wildfire.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

A Angeles Forest resident that has warned Dave Baumgartner and David Ledford to leave it alone!

by Thurman Couch



David Ledford and Dave Baumgartner getting ready to remove a fallen tree on the World of Chaparral trails.

by Thurman Couch

David Ledford and Dave Baumgartner removing a fallen tree on the World of Chaparral trails.

by Thurman Couch



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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- July 31st - Aug 3rd 27th Annual AC100 Race

Race results will be in the September Newsletter.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

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

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmcguire@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 50k/25k <http://angelesforest50k.com/>

- Angeles Forest 50K/25K RACE was cancelled

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- On July 12 2014, volunteers from the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (ANFFLA) formed a literal "bucket brigade" to carry concrete up the steps to pour a new concrete cap in the original stone foundation. Once set, the new structure will be built, using original plans for the BC-3 cab as it looked in 1935. Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes five years later, Vetter will once again serve our fire lookouts and be a popular destination for hikers and other visitors to the forest
- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT!** It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- **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!
- **Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.**



Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

avconservancy@yahoo.com Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

PHONE (661) 943-9000

- 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 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!

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

<http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- Aug 2nd, 10:00 am - 12 noon "Nature's Brunch"
hand-held acorn pancakes and fruit
Featuring Interpretive Dance with Nature by the Lineage Dance Co. at 11 am.
- Sept 7th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm "Happy Hour!" at Cottonwood Canyon
Hosted by Craftsman Brewing Co. Lemonade, too!
- Oct 4th, 10:00 am - 12 noon "Nature's Brunch"
hand-held acorn pancakes and fruit

Look for street parking between 1950 - 2010 Linda Vista Ave, Pasadena 91103

see balloons at the fenced entrance across the street

If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Taylor at jennifertaylor@arroyosfoothills.org
or call AFC at 626.796.0782 We'll see you there!

Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90031

PHONE: (323) 221-2255

Contact : http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field_location_email

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

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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Taking a summer break to enjoy the outdoors!

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

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Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

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

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- **Aug 3rd Live Music**
12:00 – 1:30: Skeeter Mann 1:45 – 3:15: Homegrown 3:30 – 5:00: Wumbloozo
- **Aug 17th Live Music**
12:00 – 1:30: Holly O & Vicissitudes 1:45 – 3:15: Wild Mountain Mystics 3:30 – 5:00: Tim Tedrow
- **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.
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- **Adams Pack Station Contact:**
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>

- **Aug 20th MEETING**
Come and Join Us CTUC meets 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
- **Congratulations to Barry Wetherby, CTUC's Secretary/Treasurer and founding member,** on being awarded Citizen of the Year by the Azusa Chamber of Commerce. Anyone who knows Barry will know that he is a tireless advocate for trails, user rights, and public land access. A longtime member of the Azusa Chamber of Commerce, Barry worked hard with the chamber to get Highway 39 reopened to Highway 2. His knowledge of the canyon is legendary. We're pretty sure that the award couldn't have gone to a more deserving individual. Congratulations again, Barry, you deserve it!
- **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>

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Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate

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Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate

• **Aug 9th -Icehouse Canyon to Icehouse Saddle, Kellys Camp and Ontario Peak.**

Icehouse Canyon is the hiker's gateway to the eastern high country and the Cucamonga Wilderness. We will enjoy hiking past incense cedar, ponderosa and sugar pines, white fir and near the top lodgepole pine. In the beginning we will be hiking past cabins along a creek, be sure to cool your feet in the creek on the way out. Icehouse Saddle (8 miles round trip) is very nice and could be a turn-around location for some. The group will proceed to Kellys Camp, a mining camp in 1905, a trail resort in 1922, and today a wilderness campsite. In the winter, spring, and early summer there is a small spring supplying water here. From Kellys Camp we will summit Ontario Peak at 8693'. The hike is 14 miles round trip with a 3600' elevation gain.

This hike is in the high country and will be cooler than the valleys below. It is an in and out hike on a single track trail. This is an all day hike.

Directions Take the 210 Freeway east and exit at off ramp #52, Baseline Road. Turn left on Baseline Rd for 0.2 miles. Turn right onto Padua Ave for 1.8 miles. Turn right onto Mt. Baldy Rd for 7.2 miles. Icehouse Canyon Trailhead is on the right. Adventure Pass required. Parking area can be full, allow time for parking and walking to the trailhead. The group will meet by the rest rooms at 08:00. We will hit the trail around 08:10.

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Leader: Dave **Rated:** Strenuous

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Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate

• **Aug 16th -Placerita Canyon to the Waterfall**

This is an easy 5 mile RT hike and is suitable for beginners. It has very little gain. There is only one real hill, and it is a short one. And, you can stop and rest at the top of it and read the plaque about White Oil as you look at the rare white oil seep! Once you reach Walker Ranch, you will hop on to the waterfall trail, and climb to the base of the waterfall. Or, if you're tired when you hit Walker Ranch, you can turn around and take your time getting back to Placerita Nature Center. In this case, your hike will only be 4 miles.

Bring: Water (2 liters are recommended), electrolytes, camera, snacks, and poles are always helpful.

Dress: Cool clothing! Wear Sunscreen and a hat of course.

Directions to Trail head: From Valencia, take the I-5 freeway to the SR-14 freeway North. Exit Placerita Canyon Road. Go approximately 2 miles to the Placerita Nature Center. Turn into the driveway on the right side and park close to the building. Your leader will meet you on the steps of the building. Parking is free. **Leader:** Lise **Rated:** Easy

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BEAT THE HEAT II ! - Parker Mesa overlook from Trippet Ranch (Topanga Cyn Blvd.)

• Aug 23rd Parker Mesa Overlook This weekend we will try to escape the August heat in SCV by taking in some ocean views.

Parker Mesa Overlook is one of the best vista points in the Santa Monica Mountains, serving up panoramic views over Santa Monica Bay from a 1,525-foot oceanfront ridge in Topanga State Park. The overlook is located along East Topanga Fire Road, a north-south running ridge trail spanning between Trippet Ranch, the park's main trailhead in the north, and Paseo Miramar in the Pacific Palisades to the south. From Trippet Ranch to Parker Mesa Overlook is a 6.7-mile roundtrip (out and back) hike, with 375 feet gain. We will enjoy the expansive view out over Santa Monica Bay to the south. Palos Verdes Peninsula juts out from the far side of the C-shaped bay. Beyond that, on a clear day, you may spot Catalina Island on the horizon.

Bring: Plenty of water (more if it is very hot), a snack, and shoes with good tread.

Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley (Towsley Canyon Parking lot): Meet your hike leader at Towsley Canyon, 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA, outside the gate at 7:00 AM. We will organize carpools and at 7:15 AM SHARP, depart for Trippet Ranch trailhead.

Directions to the trailhead at Topanga State Park from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley (32 miles, ~45 mins): Merge onto I-5 South. Keep right to continue on the I-405 S/San Diego Fwy, following signs for Santa Monica. After 9.0 miles, take the exit to US101 N, toward Ventura, drive 8.2 mi. on the 101 and exit at California 27 S/Topanga Cyn Blvd. Merge on to Topanga Cyn Blvd and drive 7.8 miles south on Topanga Canyon Blvd until you reach Entrada Road. Turn east (left) on Entrada Road and drive up the mountain for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park.

NOTE: There is a \$10 day-use fee to park at Trippet Ranch, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. However, free parking is available along the road, just outside the park, so we will see how it goes.

Meet the Hike Leader: At the Trailhead, he will have an orange bandana.

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Community Hiking Club (cont)• **Aug 30th - Mt Pinos and Sawmill Mountain**

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• **Aug 31st Dagger Flat Trail Work**

As part of the **50 year Wilderness Act Celebration this year**, we will be restoring a trail that has been unused for about 30 years. We will be hiking this trail on September 6, following the actual anniversary of the passage of the bill on September 3. There will be a ribbon cutting that morning, and all volunteers are welcome to come take part in that.

I hope to have 10-12 volunteers at each work day so we can get this trail finished in time for the ribbon cutting and hike. There is a lot of work to do. Please RSVP as soon as possible, but don't RSVP if you cannot make it. I bring tools according to the RSVPs. (zuliebear@aol.com or RVSP via meetup)

Directions to meeting spot: Take the I-5 freeway to the SR-14 Freeway. Exit Sand Canyon Road. Turn right. Go all the way past all the houses. You will then enter the Angeles National Forest. From the forest sign, go up up up the mountain to a turn out on the left side with a white gate (3N17). Park here. Overflow parking is just up a little bit on the right side of the road. Additional parking is at Bear Divide, another 50 feet up the road. **MEET AT THE WHITE GATE (3N17)**, no matter where you park.

We meet PROMPTLY at 6:30, and leave no later than 6:40. We can now **DRIVE** into the trail head. We will carpool in due to lack of parking on site.

PLEASE BE PROMPT.

Meeting Time: 6:30

Quitting Time: 1:00-2:30 (depending upon the group)

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch, camera, bandaids, TP (there are no bathrooms here), hand wipes, garden gloves, sunscreen, electrolytes, sun hat, and anything else you can think of to make you more comfortable and happy on the trail! **Thank you** for helping us make this a successful endeavor!

Leader: Dianne **Rather:** Moderate

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew

Karen Buehler 818-363-6216

karen.buehler2@gmail.com

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

Taking a summer break to enjoy the outdoors!

<http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

For more information call or e-mail to: wildlife@habitatwork.org

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

663-449-8975.

• **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

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

Contacts: Glen Foster 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 pjgwfooster@aol.com

- Certified Packer

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429 (cell)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

(Rain day before or day of outing cancels the outing)

- Aug 9th Outing
- Sept 6th Outing

(Moving August 30 to September 6 due to Labor Day holiday weekend.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING: WHAT'S HAPPENING: We will finish the Silver Moccasin Trail from Charlton Flats up to the Vetter Mountain Road. It needs clearing and some tread work. After that, we will go back to where we left off on the Mt Lowe West Trail and/or South San Gabriel Peak Trail from the saddle to the summit. Those areas can get hot, so the weather will have a say in where we work. Otherwise we'll work some place in the shade!

Mount Wilson Institute

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

- **Mount Wilson Observatory's Cosmic Cafe** offers a variety of fresh-made sandwiches and other treats and souvenirs to visitors to the Observatory. The Cafe is located in the Pavilion overlooking the large parking lot at the entrance to the Observatory. A map and driving directions to Mount Wilson Observatory are available

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 30th, 2015 race!

Pete Siberell

Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/> @ on Facebook

Contact: Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- **Save the date!! NOV. 16th Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**
- **Aug 16th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Outing**
- **Aug 20th - 24th IAMB World Summit**

We took the sage advice of our forbearers and made a point to become more regular. So, if you've ever had the desire to volunteer and give back to the community and you are a trail user, why not come out and do some trail work with us? If you can't join us in July, no biggie, come and join us in August. What's that you say? You're busy for the rest of the summer? No problem, come and join us in September, October, November, etc.. We are out there the third weekend of EVERY month! Sometimes we work on a Saturday, but mainly we are out there on a Sunday.

Check back <http://mwba.org/> or email info@mwba.org for information on a particular month. So Regular!

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

- **Oct 3rd - 5th southern California Trail Skills College See page 8**
- **Jan 1st - Dec 30th. 'Fannypack' Projects [FALC]. SBNF, ANF, CNF, and BLM.**
Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice.
Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish, Email: pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net, Tel.: 805-658-6540

or: John Hachey Email: goaliejhachey@msn.com, Tel.: 909-605-3219

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

Ben White: 626-303-1078

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

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 @ 7:30 am

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net/>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

Sierra Club www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

Angeles Chapter Office

1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

**VOLUNTEER
GROUP NEWS**

For more calendar details go to <http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings2.asp>

- **Aug 6th 7:00 pm Monthly meeting: Time: 7:00 PM**

Leader: Liz Pomeroy - 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com

Location: 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107, USA

Michael Cacciotti, Board Member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, presents "Health Effects of Air Pollution in Southern California." 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 Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy

- **Aug 10th Potluck and full moon hike of the Beaudry Loop in the Verdugo Mts.**

- **Aug 30th Throop Pk (9138), Mt. Hawkins (8850)**

- **Sep 3rd 7:00 pm Monthly meeting: Time: 7:00 PM**

Leader: Liz Pomeroy - 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com

Location: 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107, USA

"Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act: Background and accomplishments of one of the nation's most important environmental laws." The Wilderness Act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on September 3, 1964, protects hundreds of thousands of acres of designated federal lands throughout the United States from inappropriate development and uses. 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 Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/> Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2014&month=08>

- **Build a Birdhouse Aug 9th/23rd/30th**
- **Campfire: Sing-a-long Around the Fire! Aug 9th/23rd**
- **Campfire: What's Your Bat-itude? Aug 16th**
- **Gold Panning Aug 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th/31st**
- **High Flying Rockets Aug 2nd/9th/16th/23rd**
- **Hike for Tykes Aug 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th**
- **Intro to Geocaching Aug 2nd/16th/30th**
- **Introduction to Mosaic Workshop Aug 9th/23rd**
- **Map and Compass Aug 2nd/9th/16th/23rd**
- **Nature Craft Aug 9th/23rd**
- **Nature Walk Aug 2nd/3rd/9th/10th/16th/17th/23rd/24th/30th**
- **Night Hike Aug 7th/14th/21st/28th**
- **Story Time Aug 2nd/16th/30th**

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

12601 Mulholland Drive

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

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2014-08>

- **Drought Response Park Tree Care Aug 2nd/9th/10th/16th/23rd**
- **Drought Response Street Tree Care Aug 9th**
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Aug 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th**
- **Moonlight Hike Aug 8th**
- **Park Work Day Aug 7th/14th/21st/28th**
- **Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Aug 2nd/9th/10th/23rd/24th**
- **Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Aug 10th**

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Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

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

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

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

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

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

- Aug 2nd 10:00AM – 1:00 PM Smokey Bear's Birthday Party

Open House – Come and meet Smokey Bear. Learn his fire prevention story, help him celebrate his birthday, and have some cake, FREE, and for the kids – enjoy a Scavenger Hunt! Hosted by the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center!

- Aug 3rd 1:00 PM Plant Identification Walk

Join two professionals who will take you on a walk and teach you to identify some of our local plants and wildflowers. **Time:** Approx. 1 – ½ hours. One mile easy hike. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

Leaders: Kim Williams, Ph.D., Prof. of Biology, CSUSB. & Naomi Fraga, Conservation Botanist, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

- Aug 9th 1:00 PM Native American Plants and Culture

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

Time: Approx. 1- 1 ½ hour.

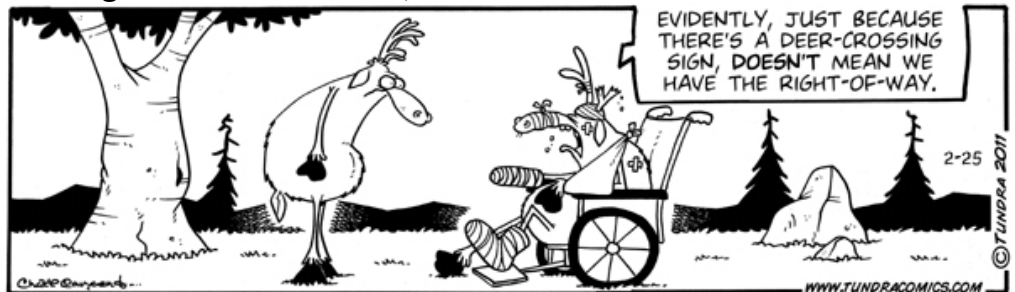
Leader: Robin Cornett of Wrightwood Library, Li'l Hoss & Prarie Fox Native Amer. Presentations;

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

- **Aug 10th 1:30 PM Jackson Flat Loop Hike**
Join us for a refreshing hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through Jeffery and Ponderosa pines to a quiet meadow. **Bring a camera, water, snack, and wear sturdy shoes.**
Approx. 5.4 miles round trip. Easy to moderate. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center
Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.
- **Aug 10th 7:45 PM NEW!! NEW!! Full Moon Hike**
Join us for a beautiful moonlight hike in the Angeles National Forest! Enjoy the full moon, hear the forest wildlife. **Bring a jacket, sturdy shoes, Water and a flashlight. Approx. 2 miles.**
Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.
Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.
- **Aug 16th 1:00 PM Animals of the Forest**
Learn more about the animals we may encounter in the forest.
Time: Approx. 30-45 minutes.
Leader: Linda Dailey, School Programs Coord, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.
Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center
- **Aug 17th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Grassy Hollow Visitors' Center Open**
Come up and enjoy our natural surroundings at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the cool mountain air. Take one of our many hikes (easy to strenuous)! (Pacific Crest Trail, Big Horn Mine, Mt. Baden Powell). Directions for hikes are at the Center.
- **Aug 23rd 10:00 AM Earthquake Walk**
Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations.
Time: Approx. 1 ½ hours. Easy 1 ½ mile hike. **Location:** Apple Tree Campground
Leader: Gail Nieto, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.
- **Aug 23rd 1:00 PM Meet Spanner, A Search and Rescue Dog**
As National Dog Day < <http://www.nationaldogday.com/> > is Tuesday, Aug. 26th and includes not only regular dogs but also, “dogs who put their lives on the line every day, for their law enforcement partner, their blind companion, a child who is disabled, our freedom and safety by detecting bombs and drugs and pulling victims of tragedy from wreckage,” meet Spanner, our local Search & Rescue Dog.
Leader: Ingrid Heinig, Search and Rescue Volunteer **Time** 30 min. – 1 Hour
Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.
- **Aug 24th 1:00PM Bird Talk**
Enjoy learning about the birds of our area by hearing a local authority on birds and their habitat.
Time: One hr. **Leader:** Don Fisher, Local Realtor & Owner-Park Place Realty, Retired.
Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.
- **Aug 30th 7:00 PM (Labor Day Weekend) Miner Vincent Campfire Program**
Sit around the campfire & sing songs w/ Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest. Then join us for the 26th presentation of this campfire program & meet the “old man of the mountain,” Miner Vincent himself. Listen to him tell stories of the gold rush & the last of the local grizzlies. Limited parking.
Use your Adventure Pass, park at Mountain High North, carpool or hike in.
Recommend flashlight & a jacket.
Time: Approx. 2 hrs. **Location:** Table Mountain Campground Amphitheater.
Leaders: Fred Hanrahan, John Cromshow, w/VANF Volunteers
- **Aug 31st 10:00 AM & 1:30PM 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.
Leader: Sabrina Johnson, Vice-President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest..

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Feb 25, 2011 email: info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd

San Fernando, CA 91342

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
