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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Apr 2014



CONGRATULATIONS!

Todd Dora, caretaker at the former North Fork Fire Station which is now operated under USFS permit by the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), and sign-maker extraordinaire for the Angeles National Forest, was presented an award plaque by District Recreation Officer Dennis Merkel for donating over 2000 hours as a volunteer for the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Not only does Todd make signs for the Angeles National Forest, he maintains the old fire station and surrounding facilities...and perhaps more importantly is the only point of contact in the area for all hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail which passes directly by the station. Todd can be found daily meeting through-hikers and providing them with water, directions, information and good conversation. The unselfish giving of Todd's personal time has resulted in great benefits not only for the Forest Service but for hikers and campers who meet Todd in such a remote and isolated location. Thanks Todd - your help is appreciated!

Electronic copy of Newsletter at:
<http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm>

Whoever fights monsters
should see to it that in the process
he does not become a monster

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MT LOWE TAVERN RUINS DYNAMITED

Forest Service Crew Blows up remains to Make Scenic Area Safer for Campers

BY BOB SHERLOCK

ALTADENA--The historic ruins of the once luxurious Alpine Tavern on Mt. Lowe are no more. The sightless eyes of 67 windows through which thousands of guests once looked out on one of the loveliest mountain vistas in the world have been closed forever now.

Its a stiff hike in from here but it's worth it. The view that greeted guests on July 4, 1895, when the Alpine Tavern opened, is the same view one can see today. But it will take longer now than the two hours it took guests 50 years ago to come from Los Angeles, travel up the famed incline railway and ride the famed incline railway and ride the "trolley in the sky" the three and a half miles from Echo Mountain to Mt. Lowe.

Last week demolition experts of the Forest Service went up there one quiet, sunny morning to destroy the tavern ruins and make the area safer for hikers and riders who like to camp overnight.

Quickly and efficiently, Hugh Masterson and a crew of 10 went to work.

The men used 40% power for the work. A dozen sticks in each charge were pressed firmly into a bundle then placed at the foundation line. A wet clay pack, mixed by hand, capped the charge to better direct its explosive energy.

More than 50 charges were laid, some in vacant doorways, some in windows. All were done with the idea of blowing out the base, allowing the walls to tumble down, rather than to blow them all over the landscape.

Job Ready

At 1 p.m., after five hours work, the job was ready. A galvanometer attested the continuity of the wiring circuit. The County Flood Control District's seasonal rain gauge had been dismantled and loaded on a pickup truck.

The Times' photographer, Miss Maxine Reams, stationed on an open hillside to shoot pictures of the explosion, called "ready!" All equipment had been moved out of the area to a nearby helispot.

Then Masterson shouted, "Fire!" The first of three agreed-upon warnings. A second time it came, then a third. The shrill wail of the demolition squad's siren began to flood the valley.

Terrific Impact

Suddenly the walls of the ruin began to bulge. Almost simultaneously, the report of the explosion and the accompanying concussion smashed against the little band of viewers. It felt as if one had been hit in the chest with a sledgehammer.

The ruins were hid by dark yellowish smoke and fumes. A breeze tried to carry them away, but lacked the strength. A thousand feet above a passing silver plane wheeled sharply on its side to spot the trouble.

Five minutes later, Masterson called out, "All clear!" A gas mask had enable him to check the area for fresh air.

Walls Tumble

Silently, the little band returned to view the destruction. The concrete blocks of the tavern were reduced to pebbles and powder. Only one small wall segment remained standing, as if for photographic effect.

Immediately after, Masterson's crews began work on the demolition of the old boiler room, the giant fireplace and two stone storage rooms.

District Ranger Ed Corpe said all the rubble would be bulldozed into nearby ratters and ravines and the area leveled off.

As soon as possible, Ranger Sam Alfano and a crew will develop the areas as an overnight stop for hikers and riders. Running water from the old tunnel dug years ago to supply guests at Mt. Lowe will be available, plus picnic tables, toilets and tethering facilities. It will be a big improvement, Corpe points out.

Even Prof. Thaddeus Lowe, probably, would be happy to learn that, in place of a gaping ruin at Mt. Lowe future happy visitors to the spot will find outdoor accommodations awaiting them, along with sunshine, a blue sky and the fragrance of pine trees.

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.

On Mar 15, 1959 the tavern remains were dynamited and then bulldozed. The power house at Echo was dynamited in 1963

A video of the tavern being dynamited is shown at:

<http://www.mtlowe.net/Videos/Dynamiting1.wmv>



The view of the Tavern in 1949

VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't Forget !
LARRD Volunteer Meeting
May 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.
701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006



Dear Angeles National Forest Volunteers:

Well, it's official -- Spring has arrived on the Angeles! Now is a good time to get out your calendars and mark these important dates -- all guaranteed to provide you with a great volunteer experience:

- * National Trails Day (June 7, 2014)
- * Operation Super Canyon Sweep (June 14, 2014)
- * L.A. County Fair - America's Great Outdoors (August 29 - September 28, 2014)
- * National Public Lands Day (September 27, 2014)

You can read about these projects and more in the attached April 2014 edition of the ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST VOLUNTEER PROJECT DIRECTORY, which will soon be posted on our website at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering>

The Volunteer Feature in this edition shines the spotlight on the Rotary Interact Clubs of Bassett and Glen A. Wilson High Schools, who pitched in to help clean up the East Fork of the San Gabriel Canyon on March 22, 2014 (p. 16-17). Our thanks to them and to all of you for the many ways you care for the Angeles National Forest and serve the people who use and enjoy it.

Serving thankfully with you,

Kathy

Kathy Peterson

Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant
Angeles National Forest

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Friends of the Angeles

c/o Angeles National Forest Headquarters
701 N. Santa Anita Avenue; Arcadia, CA 91006
Attn: Kathy Peterson & Edward Belden, Facilitators
e-mail: FriendsoftheAngeles@gmail.com
Phone: 626-437-5789

April 29, 2014

Subject: **FOREST COMMUNITY FORUM: *DISCOVER THE ANGELES!***
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Dear Supporters and Friends of the Angeles National Forest:

You are enthusiastically invited to attend the first-ever Forest Community Forum hosted by the ***Friends of the Angeles***. Enjoy an evening of networking with Angeles National Forest leaders, volunteers, partners, and friends who love, enjoy, and care for their local national forest.

LOCATION: Angeles National Forest headquarters (Angeles Training Center)
701 N. Santa Anita Avenue; Arcadia, CA 91006

PURPOSE:

- Introduce the ***Friends of the Angeles*** mission, members, and projects
- Acknowledge Angeles National Forest volunteers
- Provide the community an opportunity to ***DISCOVER*** the Angeles National Forest

SCHEDULE:

6:00 – 7:30 pm Booths/Displays/Networking

7:30 – 8:00 Program (Learn about the Friends of the Angeles mission and how you can be involved; Angeles NF volunteer recognition, awards, highlights & stories; Angeles NF projects & priorities)

8:00 – 8:30 Snacks, Smokey Bear, Raffle, and more time to visit booths and friends.

→ **Would your volunteer group like to host a booth/table?**

As part of the Forum, we are honored to showcase the many volunteer groups that faithfully help to care for the Angeles National Forest. If your volunteer group would like to host a table, please contact Kathy Peterson at the following e-mail address **by May 10, 2014**: FriendsoftheAngeles@gmail.com. This is also a great opportunity for your group to recruit new members.

We look forward to sharing this evening with you!

Your Hosts,

The Friends of the Angeles

Amigos de los Rios; California Trail Users Coalition; Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden;
REI; Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area;
South Coast Air Quality Management District; Southern California Edison; Jack ~~Sahl~~

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About The Friends of the Angeles

Our Mission

The Friends of the Angeles is a coalition of groups and individuals whose mission is to serve as a bridge that connects people, partners, and resources to the Angeles National Forest.

We are united in a common vision of the Angeles as “a thriving forest with healthy watersheds and sustainable recreation, supported by an active, engaged, and diverse community.”

We accomplish our “bridging” mission by:

- Raising funds and other resources;
- Building capacity through developing a broad base of partnerships;
- Facilitating communication and information exchange within an increasingly diverse forest community; and
- Supporting forest-wide interpretive/ conservation education programs.

Our Goals

The Friends of the Angeles is guided by a Strategic Plan and a Steering Committee Charter, which provide a practical framework for conducting our business and achieving our goals. Since our beginnings in 2012, we have focused on the following strategic goals:

1. Create the organizational structure to form the basis of the Friends of the Angeles
2. Develop a diversified portfolio of funding sources from grants and steady sources to support both the Friends of the Angeles and partner organizations.
3. Build a coalition of partner organizations interested in supporting ANF and other organizations' programs & projects throughout the Angeles – built on trust, communication, & cooperation.

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Thoughts on Leadership

Leaders We Would Like to Meet - Tom Boatner

Tom Boatner is one of the most influential and articulate leaders in fire management in the United States - experienced, unassuming, and possessing an incredible big-picture grasp of wildland fire. He was born at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and, since his father was an Army officer, he was raised at Army installations all over the country. In 1975, between terms at Virginia Tech's forestry school, Boatner applied for a seasonal job with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The next winter, he got a phone call asking if he wanted a job on a BLM helitack crew in Alaska. He accepted and ended up working the next 23 years in Alaska - with 17 of those years with the Alaska Smokejumpers. He spent two years as the Alaska state aviation manager, and four years as the BLM State Fire Management Officer for Montana and the Dakotas. Over the last several years of his career, in addition to serving as the Division Chief of Fire Operations for the BLM, Boatner served as chairman of the National Multi-Agency Coordination group. In these roles, he has been at the forefront of wildland fire management at the national and international level.

Who was your most significant mentor or role model?

Boatner: I can name lots of different people that I either worked for, or worked with, or worked around that taught me good lessons about how to be a good leader. I can also say that I worked around people that taught me lessons about the kind of leader I definitely didn't want to be. But I can't think of one overarching, single mentor...however, I would mention both my father and my grandfather. They were career Army officers who had an incredible sense of personal duty and responsibility and believed that their positions as leaders required them to meet an extremely high standard of integrity, ethics and performance. So that was something that I saw from these important men in my life from the time I was an infant...and they never really talked about it, but they just did it. I think that was how I learned that leaders are supposed to set an example and meet a high standard and take care of the people who are working for them, tell the truth and be honest. All this is really basic leadership stuff that's easy to talk about but harder to demonstrate.

In the fire business, I can think of a lot of really strong leaders that I worked for. I was lucky enough on that first helitack crew in Alaska to work for some men who in retrospect I realize were incredibly strong leaders. My first suppression foreman was a guy named Bob Burritt - very calm, competent guy who demonstrated really strong leadership skills. I learned a lot of really valuable lessons from him.

You know at a higher level of organizational leadership, the guy I look back on who I think was impressive was a guy named Al Dunton who took the Alaska smokejumper base at a time when it was not a particularly impressive organization. In fact, it was getting ready to go away. He somehow taught that group of people how to raise their standards and go out and prove that they had a place there and they belonged there. He was the beginning, I think, of a long tradition of that particular unit being an extremely strong group of firefighters and fireline leaders

Thoughts on Leadership (cont)

Are leaders born or made?

Boatner: I think some people have stronger natural skills to be leaders, but I believe really strongly that most people can be taught how to be good leaders and developed into good leaders. I think with regard to a lot of our leadership curriculum and the tools that we're using in fire these days, the whole goal is to teach people how to be good leaders. I think a lot of people have that capability if they're trained and they get realistic experience. Some people have naturally better leadership skills than others, but leadership can be taught and learned, and successful leadership comes in a broad variety of styles and personalities.

What makes you want to follow someone?

Boatner: I want to follow leaders I respect and admire. I respect and admire leaders who are technically competent, clear communicators, highly ethical, decisive, supportive of their followers, and who set and meet high standards. The best leaders set a strong example, and do the right thing instead of the easy thing, regardless of the personal price they may pay.

Regarding leadership, what quotation that comes to mind?

Boatner: "I would follow that man through the gates of hell." That quote was spoken about Robert E. Lee at the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864. To me, that comment epitomizes the kind of commitment and loyalty to the team effort that a good leader should be striving to instill in his or her followers.

How do you motivate people?

Boatner: I think if you're in a leadership position and you're passionate about the job, you tell people who work for you the truth, you make it clear that taking care of their welfare and giving them what they need to do their job well is one of your priorities, and you try to help them with their issues and problems. That motivates people to want to do a good job and want to work for you. In this business, in general, I don't think motivation is a problem because you don't end up in fire unless there's something about the job that really motivates you. There's too much discomfort and hard work with fire to do it unless there's something about the job that really appeals to you.

I also think that people in an organization, regardless of whether it's a hotshot crew or a smokejumper base, or a regional office or whatever, like a boss who's willing to say, "This is who I think we are, this is what I think we stand for, and this is how we're going to get the job done. Now you tell me what you think." And the organization arrives at a common goal of who they are and what they stand for, and what their standards are for getting the job done. If you can get people to agree on that set of criteria, then I think you will have a group of people that will work really hard to meet the standards that you've set.

What do you think is the most important personality trait for a leader?

Boatner: I can think of two or three that I think are really important, but to me the single most important one is what I would describe as character or integrity. If you can't trust a leader to speak the truth, to set a good example, to follow the rules that they expect everybody else to follow, to match their actions to their words, then no other technical skills or background that leader has is going to make him or her successful. Leaders have to be able to set an example as a person of integrity, character and ethics to succeed at anything else involving strong leadership.

Safety Training, Refreshers, Orientation Opportunities

Each month the Angeles National Forest publishes an updated ANF Volunteer Project Directory online at

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5411800.pdf , which provides information about current and future volunteer projects.

For our May edition of the directory, we would like to feature training opportunities that are available to Angeles National Forest volunteers. This could be safety training, first aid courses, trail building skills, volunteer orientation classes – or any other kind of training that would be helpful and relevant to new or seasoned volunteers.

Do any of you LARRD Volunteer Newsletter readers have training courses that you would like to include in the project directory feature? If so, please contact Kathy Peterson at AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com

And while we're thinking about training and safety, now would be a good time to review your volunteer agreement and Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) with your project supervisor, to ensure that all of the information is current.

And while we're thinking about job hazards, now would also be a good time to inspect your personal protective equipment (PPE), and replace any worn out or used up items. Minimum PPE standards for various tasks are located in the Health and Safety Code Handbook, which you can download for free at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsh/6709.11/FSH6709.pdf> . Remember that if you engage in any of the listed tasks, you're required to use the listed PPE at all times. The JHA for your project should include the required PPE for your tasks.

I wish I had a nickel for every time I heard my Forest Supervisor remind me, “No job is so important that we can't take the time to do it safely.”

Best wishes as we launch another “SAFETY FIRST!” field season.

Kathy Peterson
Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant
Angeles National Forest
AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Training for 2014 Season

New Volunteer Training

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE CLASSES, we offer them at two different times. You need to attend only one of each of the classes.

To volunteer and begin training, just show up for the first class.

No RSVP or advanced sign-up is required.

Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.

Class 1:

Orientation

- Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 8, 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2:

Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 3, 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 15, 6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

Class 3:

Operations

- Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Any questions? Please go to <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>.

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

Los Angeles River Ranger District Office
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times. You need to attend only one of the classes.

Reconnect

- Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am– 1:00 pm
- Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Any questions? Please use our contact form @ <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

Reconnect Training will be held at:

Los Angeles River Ranger District Office.
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



- **May 3rd /4th HAT Training VHC WLACC 2014**
Become a USFS approved Trail Boss
Supervise Trail Maintenance (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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ **WHEN:**
Sat. May 3, 2014
8:00 a.m.
until
12:00 p.m.

◆ **WHERE:**
Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk
300 Paula Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201
corner of Paula Ave &
Garden St

Questions? Call us
at (818) 548-3795

Join our monthly workday as we weed and maintain the landscaped areas along the Los Angeles River in the City of Glendale.

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, long pants, hat and sun protection.

We will provide the tools, gloves, drinks and snacks, but if possible bring your own work gloves and hand clippers.

Families, individuals, groups, clubs and students needing Community Service hours are encouraged to attend. Everyone must sign a waiver prior to working. Minors must provide a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.



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Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000

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PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

*TCB Wilderness Workday

*(Taking Care of Business)

◆ WHEN:

Sat. May 17, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian Wilderness
Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

◆ WHAT:

Snacks and drinks will be
provided

Wear sturdy shoes and
protective clothing

Bring water, sun screen,
gloves and a hat

◆ Want More:

Call (818) 548-3795

And we'll be...

Taking Care of Business on Saturday

Taking Care of Business every way

We've been Taking Care of Business it's a breeze

Taking Care of Business and watering the trees

Workday

This time we mean business!

This month we are getting serious!

No more Mr. Nice Guy!

Now it's personal!

The invasive weeds don't stand a chance once our Workday Weeders spot them!

The trees are getting 2 or 3 gallons of water whether they like it or not!

Everyone is invited to join our group. All ages and abilities are welcome...because we are TCB!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CTUC

PROUDLY PRESENTS

OPERATION SUPER CANYON SWEEP-2014

WE NEED YOU
SATURDAY, JUNE 14th, 2013
8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

WE WILL BE CLEANING UP THE SAN GABRIEL CANYON.

**SAN GABRIEL, OHV AREA, SAN GABRIEL CANYON ROAD,
HWY 39, JUST NORTH OF THE EAST FORK BRIDGE AND
NORTH OF AZUSA**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

BARRY WETHERBY AT 818-957-1455 E-MAIL BHWetherby@aol.com
3700 Santa Carlotta St., La Crescenta, Ca. 91214

TERRY KAISER at 818-262-0315 E-MAIL hdconcerns@ca.rr.com

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

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Dagger Flats Trail Work

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dagger Flats Trail is currently impassible. However, The Community Hiking Club will be refurbishing this trail so we can hike it together with anyone who wants to come on September 6 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act which became law on September 3, 1964.

No experience required. Dianne will teach each of you how to properly maintain a trail. We can use up to 10 volunteers for each date. Please don't sign up if you cannot make it. Even if only ONE person signs up, Dianne will go with you! We will be working in a closed area of the forest, so it is imperative that you be on time to the meeting place. We will be going in behind a locked gate!

Meeting Place: Bear Divide Picnic area. From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 freeway North. Exit at Sand Canyon. Turn right. Proceed up the canyon, passing all the houses. After you have passed all the houses, you will see a sign that indicates that you are entering the Angeles National Forest. Continue up up up the hill until you see a wood sign that says Bear Divide Picnic area. Turn right. Park. This is our meeting place. If you start going downhill and the road sign has changed to Little Tujunga Road, you have gone too far. If you would like to work on the trail during the week, message Dianne and we'll try to work out some dates together.

Meeting time: 8:30 at Bear Divide. Allow ½ hour to get there from Valencia.

Dates:

• May 10th, 17th, 25th, 31st • June 1st, 8th, 29th

RSVP to: zuliebear@aol.com

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

Amgen Tour of California

Anyone interested in assisting the Amgen Tour of California? Once again, this challenging race will bring elite cyclists from all over the world to Angeles National Forest on May 16 & 17

May 16 is on the SCM but May 17 is the same route (Aliso Canyon to Forest Highway to Mill Creek to Clear Creek to Angeles Crest Highway down to Pasadena) they took last year. Some of the volunteers came out to help, so if they want to again, have them contact me.

Michael McIntyre

District Ranger

Los Angeles River Ranger District

12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road

San Fernando, CA 91342

(818) 899-1900, ext. 223

(818) 896-6727 (FAX)

Gabrielino Trail Help

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

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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:

- **June 28th Co-Headliners**
Kenny Cetera's Chicago Experience
The Long Run, Experience the Eagles
- **July 19th DSB, America's Greatest Tribute to Journey,**
with special guest, The PettyBreakers.
America's #1 Tribute to Tom Petty and Heartbreakers
- **August 30th Led ZepAgain, A Tribute to Led Zeppelin,**
with special guest, Lighthouse Strings Orchestra
directed by Sharon Rizzo ~ all local Big Bear Students

Contact: Kathy Clapsaddle, event producer
805.750.2506

kclapsaddle@mountainsfoundation.org



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Medicinal Plants of the West

with Dr. James Adams, USC School of Pharmacy
**Co-author of “Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West-
Cultural and Scientific Basis for Their Use”**

◆ WHEN:

Sat. May 10, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

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

◆ WHAT:

**Wear sturdy shoes and
protective clothing**
**Bring water, sun
screen, and a hat**

◆ WANT MORE:

Call (818) 548-3795

**This will be a fast paced hike on a moder-
ately steep trail with many stops to discuss
the plants and their uses.**

Topics to be discussed on the trail:

- **Ways that the Chumash Indians use native plants as medicine**
- **The role that these plants play in every-day healthcare**
- **Tips on where to purchase and how to grow your own medicinal plants**



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**Space is limited
for this program.
You must call us at
(818) 548 - 3795 to
reserve your spot.**

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VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Volunteers doing stream work
on California Trails day.
By neide torres**

**Volunteers doing Trail work
on California Trails day.
By neide torres**



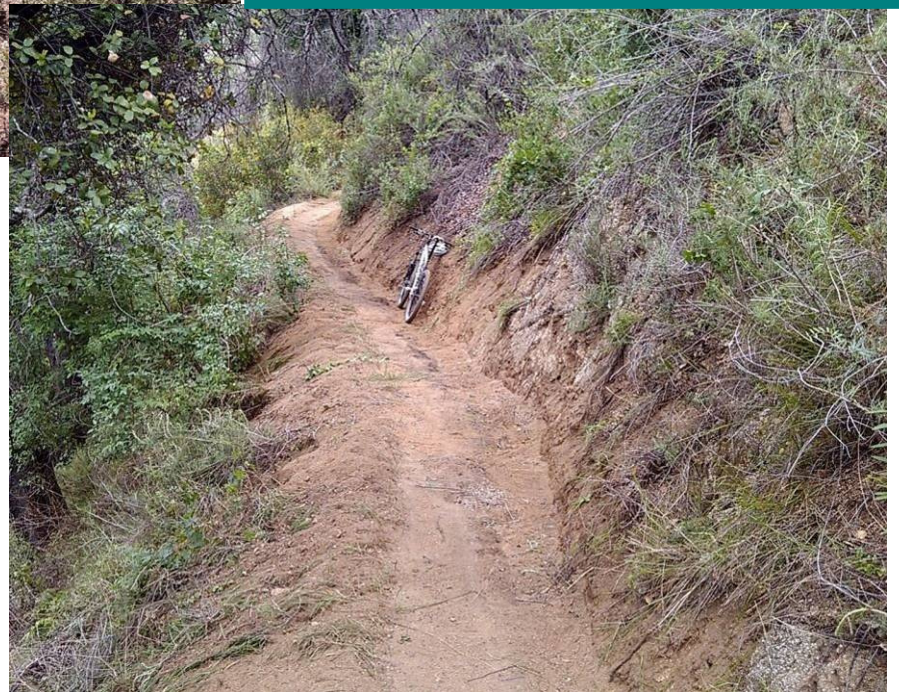
**Volunteer Hal removing
a tree blocking a trail
by George Aumann**

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Pacific Crest Trail
Volunteers removing
brush from the trail
by Pete Fish**



**To the left is a tight, narrow trail, but
due to the work of the Mount Wilson
Bicycling Association the trail is now
open as shown below .
By: Mitch Marich**



• **May 24th**

Trail Work NOTICE: This trail work day also restricted to the 1st 30 who call or email Hal that they are coming. Trail work: Idlehour Trail on the West side. High clearance vehicle only.

• **May 25th Training Run**

ATTENTION

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

- 1) help at several aid stations and
- 2) medical volunteers at aid stations i.e. Paramedics, Nurse, EMTs, First Aid.
- 3) trail marking
- 4) trail sweep (preferably with HAM radio).

If you are available on August 1/2/3, 2014 (Fri/Sat/Sun),

Please contact: ken.hamada3@gmail.com Any help will be appreciated.

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.rmccuire@hotmail.com

- **May 16th/17th Amegon Tour of California**
- **May 26th LA CAÑADA Annual Fiesta Days Parade**
- **May 26th LA CAÑADA Afternoon-in-the-Park**

Work at the U.S.F.S. booth to help to teach folks about the Forest

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

angelesforest60.com

Formerly Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

Eric LeClair

Eric@AngelesForest50k.com

626-437-8739

- **May 3rd – TBD**
- **May 17th - TBD**

Welcome to the Angeles Forest 50K/25K where you can experience some of the finest trails and canyons of the San Gabriel Mountains. Our course is incredibly scenic, yet strenuous and challenging. We feature fully stocked aid stations as you become part of the semi-wilderness surroundings. The final climb to the summit of Mt Wilson up the Kenyon Devore Trail will test each runner with terrain and surroundings that are truly unique to these canyons.

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



- Training schedule is now out, see page 7

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

- Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!

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

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

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!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

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

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- **May 10th** 2nd Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00
Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.
- **May 18th** Rosemont Preserve Open Gate 3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00
Come visit the Preserve at your leisure, take a stroll...
Count the deer and enjoy this beautiful open space in your backyard
- **Cottonwood Campaign is heating up!**

We are excited to announce that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has offered a 2-1 match to help fund a portion of our Cottonwood project. For every \$1 you donate, SMMC will match it with \$2 until our combined total reaches \$25,000, enabling us to complete a critical biological survey needed to obtain government funding. This is a fantastic opportunity to help save Cottonwood Canyon

Go to: <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/cottonwood/> to take advantage of this opportunity and learn more about Cottonwood Canyon.

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_emailCalendar: <http://debspark.audubon.org/events>• **May 5th/12th/19th/26th Free Tai Chi Class/ Class Gratis de Tai Chi**

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.

• **May 15th La Gran Noche - The Big Night**

In bird watching there is an informal competition called "Big Day." Birders attempt to see as many different bird species as possible. Join us for our own Big Night in Debs Park to see how many "birds" (created by local students) you can find as we celebrate 10 years of Audubon's work in Los Angeles.

- Dinner, drinks, birds, and music under the stars!
- Featuring the music of Susie Hansen Latin Trio and MC Victor Franco of Telemundo.
- Join us to launch our second decade of making LA a better place for birds and people.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW• **May 17th Outing** Temp. 66° (2° above avg.) 11th-19th Sunny, warm inland

There is plenty to be done for these first few months as we fix what has deteriorated over the summer on this heavily used trail. There is easy work to be done with loppers and trimmers and more serious tread repairs to perform as well. In addition, we will be joined by a chainsaw crew and they can always use some swampers to clear what they've cut. I have plenty of McLeod's, shovels, and pick-mattocks for the heavy work and a few saws, loppers and trimmers for the smaller work. However, if you have your own tools feel free to bring them.

Link to subscribe to Bear Canyon List: http://eepurl.com/ID_Rr

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 Schedule With Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Prediction

• **Jun 14th Outing** Temp. 68° (avg.) 13th-17th Sunny inland**Blight Busters Trail Crew**

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com Echo

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

• **May 4th Live Music** 12:00 – 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree with GRIT and Friends• **May 18th Live Music**

12:00 – 1:30: Bryan Chan

1:45 – 3:13: Chico's Blues

3:30 – 5:00: Vin Fiz Flyers

• **June 1st Live Music** 12:00 – 5:00: Big Santa Anita Canyon Music Fest• **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 - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

- **May 21st MEETING** Come and Join Us CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

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

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

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

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

818-548-2000

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/default.aspx>

- **May 3rd Wilderness Workday: Glendale Narrows Riverwalk**

Join the Parks & Open Space Foundation for a Riverwalk Workday from 8 am – 12 noon at the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk. Help keep Glendales open space beautiful by volunteering.

See flyer on page 11

- **May 4th Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run and Hike**

The 4th Annual Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run and Hike.

Visit www.runtheverdugos.com for more information.

- **May 10th Medicinal Plants of the West**

See page 16 for more information

- **May 17th TCB Wilderness workday**

See page 12 for more information

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org 661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

- **May 3rd-Boy Scout Trail to Whittaker Peak**

Boy Scout Trail to Whittaker Peak-10 mile RT with 2,000' gain. We may see some lovely wildflowers on the Boy Scout Trail. Part of this hike will be on a single track trail, and part of it will be on a fire road. There are some lovely views from the higher areas of this hike, and the area is also loaded with deer. You will also see the weather station on the top of Whittaker Peak.

Meet outside the Towsley gate at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure to the trailhead. Bring lots of water and lunch. Poles are also helpful on this hike.

Please share the gas with your driver.

Bring your adventure pass if you have one.

To meet at the Trail head, go north on I-5. Exit Templin Hwy. Turn left. Go under the freeway and turn right on the road immediately past the freeway for approximately 3 miles. Stay on this road until you see a sign on the left side that says Oak Flat Ranger Station. You will park on the street near this drive way. There is very little parking inside, so it is advisable to remain on the street. Meet us on the street. If there are only a few cars, we can try to park inside by the fire station. Otherwise, we will walk in together to the trail head. If you meet at the trail head, please be there at 8:40. **Please share the gas with your driver.**

Rated: Moderate + **Leader:** Steve

• **May 10th - Mentryville Historical Hike**

This hike is a very slow moving hike with commentary by historian Darryl Manzer who used to live in the “Big House” in Mentryville and was one of the last residents to leave the Canyon. We will go inside the gates of the little town, which are normally closed to the public. We are trying to get permission to get inside the schoolhouse as well. Mentryville was established in the 1800s as part of an oil boom in California, and was the reason that Newhall was established, which led to the eventual creation of Santa Clarita.

Bring your cameras, a notepad if you think you might want to take notes, and a curious mind. (Sunscreen, hat, water too). The total hike with Darryl will be 4 miles RT. If you’d like to add 4 more miles to your hike, you can leave Darryl at the 2 mile turn around, and head up to the top of the canyon, to return on your own. Meet at the Mentryville parking area under the Big Pepper Tree by that bathroom at 9:00 AM.

Bring: Lots of water, camera. Comfortable shoes as you will be on asphalt for 2 miles in (and 2 miles out). Wear hiking boots if you wish to hike the additional 4 miles (for a total of 8 miles RT)

Directions: Exit the I-5 freeway at Lyons Avenue. If you’re coming from Valencia, turn right. If you’re coming from the San Fernando Valley, turn left. Lyons will become Pico Canyon. Continue all the way to the end of Pico Canyon where you will enter a green gate on the left fork. (The right will be blocked by a black gate). Continue on this private access road, turn left over a bridge, then right to reach the parking area. Parking here is \$5.00. If you don’t wish to pay this fee, you can park outside the green gate and walk in. Allow a half an hour to walk in.

Rated: VERY easy/slow **Leader:** Darryl

• **May 17th - Chumash Trail to Fossil Ridge**

The Chumash Trail is 2.5 miles long, with another 1.5 miles up to Fossil Ridge. Although relatively short, there is a fair amount of gain (1100 feet) in a short period. Total mileage will be 8 miles. Once you reach Fossil Ridge you will see Paleocene marine fossils that were deposited 60-64 million years ago. Most of the fossils are mollusks. **Please do not take any of the fossils. Leave them behind for others to enjoy.**

Bring lunch or snacks, lots of water, sunglasses, poles if you have them, sunscreen, hat, boots with good tread, dark glasses. Meet at the trail head at 8:30 or meet at Towsley Canyon Park in front of the gate at 7:45, to carpool at 8:00 to the trail head.

Directions: Exit the 118 freeway at Yosemite Avenue (north). Turn right on Flanagan Drive. Park on the East side of Flanagan Drive as close to the northern end as possible. You will see the trailhead at this point.

Rated: Moderate **Leader:** Lise

• **May 24th - Bridge to Nowhere For Trolls (PART 1 OF 2)**

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

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

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

Our return trip is where the fun starts. Instead of following the trail back to East Fork we take the stream under the bridge (hence the name trolls in the title) and back to East Fork. Along the way we will take a short side trip to a 30' waterfall. There will be boulder hopping, rock scrambling, cave exploring, and crossing pools that are 4 to 5 feet deep. There is one pool where the water could be flowing too fast to cross. If that is the case we will take a side trail that will bypass the fast water. This

• **May 24th - Bridge to Nowhere For Trolls (PART 2 OF 2)**

isn't a fast pace hike. We will be taking our time and stopping to enjoy. Keep a sharp eye out for Big Horn Sheep as they have been known to frequent the area.

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

Directions: Take the 210 Freeway and exit in Azusa at the 39 north/San Gabriel Canyon road. Drive 10 miles and turn right at East Fork road. Drive 8 more miles to the East Fork Ranger Station. Continue driving to the parking area at the end of East Fork road. (Beware, before the trailhead the road makes a U-turn. In the middle of the turn your road goes left.) The parking lot fills up fast. There is a good chance you will need to park on the side of the road and walk to the trailhead.

NOTE: WATER HIKING SHOES ARE RECOMMENDED

Adventure Pass is required. Be sure to park correctly the rangers are prone to ticket cars at this location. Hike starts at 08:00 AM, please plan to be at the trail head at 7:45.

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

Rated Moderate to Difficult with boulder hopping, deep water crossings

Leader: Dave

• **May 10th, 17th, 25th, 31st -Dagger Flats 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. I can only take 10 people per date, so please RSVP to Dianne (_zuliebear@aol.com) as soon as possible.

Directions and location (near Sand Canyon) will be emailed back to you.)

Time 7:30 meeting time to 12:00 or 2:00, determined by the respondents.

This will also include some hiking! Bring water, snacks/lunch, camera, Band-Aids, TP (there are no bathrooms), hand wipes, garden gloves, sunscreen, and a hat. Thank you for volunteering.

• **May 31st-Bear Divide to Wilson Saddle to Walker Ranch**

This hike is one of our favorites. Bear Divide is a beautiful hike by itself. It is 2 miles from the parking area, all uphill to Camp 9, the wildland fire fighting camp. We'll walk through the camp and walk the ridges along 3N17 which offer great views of the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, and if it is clear you will be able to see the PV peninsula, and Catalina, so **bring your camera**. When we reach Wilson Saddle, we'll take a break, enjoy lunch, and then head down the Los Pinetos Trail to our parked cars, and shuttle drivers back to Bear Divide.

Bring water, camera, lunch/snacks, wear boots with good tread, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, poles if you have them.

Meet at Walker Ranch at 8:00 for an 8:15 carpool departure to Bear Divide. **Please do not go directly to Bear Divide.** We need most of the cars to remain at Walker Ranch, and we need you to sign in at Walker Ranch as well. **Directions to Walker Ranch:** From the I-5 Freeway, take the SR-14 to Placerita Canyon Exit. Exit, turn right. Go approximately 4 miles on this road. (At about 2 miles you will pass Placerita Nature Center on your right). Approximately 2 miles after passing Placerita, you will see a wooden sign on your right that says, Walker Ranch/Placerita Canyon Natural Area. Turn into this turn out and park. Do not block the gate. Meet in this turn out at 8:00 for sign in and carpool arrangements.

Meet Walker ranch/carpool to Bear Divide

Rated: Easy-Moderate **Leader:** Steve

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>

• May 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th Trail Restoration

7:00 AM to 12:00 PM -Deukmejian WP (Meet in the Dirt parking) (tentative)

• May 17th 8:00 am to 12:00 pm - Wilderness Work Day

including trail maintenance at Deukmejian WP 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Other news:

Restoration Legacy Crew along with CV Trail Crew have been working on the World of Chaparral Trails- George's Gap, The Pines and The Pines Picnic Area restoration project in Angeles National Forest. Experienced crew members can join them on Fridays or Sundays. Drop me an email if you are interested.

Karen

HABITAT WORKS <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,
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- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier
- Chainsaw "B" faller

Glen Foster 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 pjgwfoster@aol.com

Certified Packer

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- May 3rd Outing
- May 24th Outing
- June 7th is National Trails Day – separate flyer to follow
- June 28th Outing

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Now that we know the Mt Lowe fire road is passable, we can continue trying to complete our maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail towards the summit. We have a shortcut we drive to about the middle of the trail, with a steep hike from the road up to the trail. There is poodle dog to remove, along with regular brushing and trail widening. When we finish this trail, or If there are issues driving up the Mt Lowe fire road, we can continue work on the South San Gabriel Peak Trail.

Mount Wilson Institute

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

(404) 413-5484

<http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

• **Cosmic Cafe is opened** The Cosmic Cafe and our weekend 1 pm guided tour program will be open Saturday through Sunday, 10 am until 5 pm. The Cosmic Cafe will once again offer food, drink, souvenirs, and a stimulating visit to Mount Wilson throughout the season. You can still arrange for a Special Tour of the Observatory for any day of the week, not just weekends.

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>

- May 11th Outing

Workers needed to groom the Mt. Wilson Trail in preparation for the Mt. Wilson Trail Race on Saturday, May 24.

We meet at 8:00 A.M. below the trailhead at Lizzie's Trail Inn at the intersection of Mira Monte and Mt. Wilson Trail Road. We will be off the mountain by noon each day.

Bring gloves, sunshade and water; we will provide the tools.

You must email Race Chair Pete Siberell (psiberell@santaanita.com) in advance we put out enough tools.

Call Pete Siberell (626-574-6373) with any questions.



Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

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

Contact: Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

- **May 18th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm,**

We'll continue to work on Middle Merrill unless another need arises.

- **Aug 20th - 24th**

IMBA World Summit

In case you haven't heard, MWBA has made the commitment to do trail work at least once a month this year. Mark your calendars for the 3rd weekend of every month. We will publish the details each month, but expect to find us on one of our local San Gabriel Mountain trails. Along with our scheduled monthly trail days, Banner Moffat continues to work on El Prieto on Fridays. Feel free to send us an email if you can't make it on the weekends, but have time on Fridays. info@mwba.org

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

- **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

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Sierra Club

www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

Angeles Chapter Office

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213-387-4287

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

- **May 7th 7:00 PM**

Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting: Richard Atwater, Executive Director of the Southern California Water Committee presents a program “**The Challenge of Drought & Water Shortages: How Can Local Water Agencies Best Respond?**” 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

- **May 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**
- **May 3rd San Gabriel Pk (5994), Mt. Disappointment (5960), Mt. Deception (5796):**
- **May 3rd Spring in the Arroyo**
- **May 10th Tahquitz Peak LO (8846')**
- **May 10th Trails Restoration-Mount Wilson Area**
- **May 10th Greene and Greene Southeast Pasadena Walking Tour**
- **May 14th/28th Evenings in the Arroyo**
- **May 23rd - 26th Wawona Memorial Day Cabin trip**
Registration Required before May 20, 2014

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/2014-05>

- **Big Sunday on a Saturday Santa Monica Mountain Restoration 17th/18th**
- **Citizen Forester Workshop: How to Organize a Community Tree Planting May 3rd**
- **Campus Planting May 3rd**
- **Drought Response Park Tree Care May 3rd/10th/24th/31st**
- **Moonlight Hike May 16th**
- **Park Work Day May 1st/8th/10th/15th/22nd/29th**
- **Santa Monica Mountains Restoration May 10th/11th/18th/31st**
- **Street Planting May 17th**
- **Volunteer Supervisor Training May 17th**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

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602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2014&month=05>

- Build a Birdhouse May 10th /17th /31st
- Story Time May 3rd /17th

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

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Good afternoon all,

Building on the success of previous years, we again plan to hire a crew of 14 William S Hart Union High School District students for a two week, 60 hour paid work opportunity during the weeks of June 9th and 16th. Depending on funding sources, the opportunity will either be open only to special education students or both general education and special education applicants. A crew of 16 (14 students and 2 trail bosses) will work the following:

Week of June 9th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

6/9 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

6/10 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

6/11 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

6/12 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

Week of June 16th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

6/17 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

6/18 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service)

6/19 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS, LA County Parks, City of Santa Clarita or MRCA

6/20 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS, LA County Parks, City of Santa Clarita or MRCA

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

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Oct 25, 2010 email: info@tundracomics.com



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

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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: _____