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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter April 2015



2014

Angeles National Forest/Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer of the Year

All of our volunteers are deserving of an award however, it is with great pleasure that I announce the 2014 ANF/LARRD Volunteer of the Year is... David Ledford.

David has worked consistently for the last year restoring trails to their former state after several years of neglect. The commitment and effort David has put into helping support the Angeles National Forest has been tremendous. He is tireless, passionate, hard-working and a model for the rest of us. David has been a fantastic mentor to many and his skill, adherence to proper safety practices and procedures, care of equipment, accurate documentation of work performed, project planning, and easy-to-get-along-with demeanor rank him as the top volunteer. He is out there almost every week either alone or with others he has recruited from groups like the Boy Scouts - lifting rocks, brushing trails, building retaining walls, replacing fire rings, and lugging crosscut saws miles from the trail head. Come rain or shine, freezing cold or stifling heat, you will meet David on the trail. David's tireless dedication is an inspiration to all. We admire his efforts and tenacity.

Dennis Merkel
District Recreation Officer
Angeles National Forest and
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

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**Ideals are peaceful.
History is violent**

**DON'T MOVE THAT LEFT
OVER FIREWOOD! See pg 22**

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

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Oct 18, 1922 Editorials-News-Business-Society-The Drama

Remote Forest to be Reached by Telephone

By a "Times" Staff Correspondent

PASADENA, Oct. 17-- Before snow flies a telephone will link the further portions of the Angeles Forest Reserve with civilization, and the situation of last winter when lives were lost in a big snow storm because of delay in getting out the word, will not be likely to occur again, District Forest Ranger Thomas W. Sloan announced today.

Funds and material for the telephone line were provided by the city of Pasadena and the County Flood Control Commission, the District Ranger said, and work on it will begin as soon as the fire season ends and release forces for construction.

The first line will be run from Switzer's Camp to Ophid's Camp, where it connects with two other government lines. A second will run from Switzer's Camp to Colby's ranch and the Big Tujunga over Strawberry Peak. The third will run up Mt. Lukens, where a lookout will be stationed and weather observations taken. With existing wires they will form a web linking together the parts of the reserve most visited by the public.

The District Ranger returned today from Big and Little Rock where he made preparations for the construction of a new short-cut trail. He said deer hunters in the reserve had been unusually careful during the season, as his found only three camps fires not extinguished.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

Telephone was the only available technology to transmit voice over distances at time of this newspaper article. Until the mid 1920's radio technology was unable to transmit voice over the radio waves. Only text information could be sent with Morse code by radio. Morse Code was a series of on-off tones generated by spark gap transmitters.

It was not until the mid 1920's the commercial production of vacuum tube transmitters allowed voice to be transmitted over the radio waves. Vacuum tube transmitters were able to produce continuous waves, which could be modulated to transmit audio (sound) using amplitude modulation (AM) or frequency modulation (FM).

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015 Arcadia By Kathie Reilly

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- www.mtlowe.net

Organization Reports:

- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC): absent. They are providing provisions and information at Pacific Crest Trail North Fork Station.
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, Mark: absent.
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (CORBA), Steve: sawyers have cleared Gabreillino Trail from West Fork to Red Box, and Charlton Flats vehicle loop. Working Silver Moccasin Trail from Charlton to road, and lower Vetter Mountain Trail. So many trees need to be cleared from trails before they can be worked. The REI grant work on Gabriellino Trail from Paul Little to Oak Wilde is done, but the trail is still closed until reviewed by the Forest Service. The chain link fence was removed and reused.
- JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie: working Mt Lowe East Trail. Had a group of Boy Scout who really made a difference. Need to do Muir Peak Trail annual maintenance before next Sierra Club hike at the end of April.
- Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association: Vetter absent
- Arroyo Seco Canyon, Tom and Patty: absent
- Angeles Forest 50 K Race: Gary: absent. Race will be July 11.
- Terry Tanner: absent
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian: absent. it has been quiet.
- Echo Mountain, Mike: Trash pickup planned for next month. Breaking up tripping rocks on Mt Echo Trail. Created secret Facebook page to keep track of trailwork and cut down on duplication. If we all use it, it can be a great tool. Mike is willing to take 15 minutes and show us old-times how to use it. Since it is secret, only those allowed can use it. It was also suggested there be an Angeles Sawyers Facebook page to log work.
- Boy Scouts of America, David: Eagle project at Valley Forge added 2 campsites. Gabriellino Trail from Red Box to DeVore is clear. California Trails Day is April 11. He surveyed a lot of trails and selected Vogel Flats. Some trees need to be removed from there before the wok day.
- William Hart Trails, Kevin: absent
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: working with Greg Stenmo to assist in saw training. Mostly working Charlton Flats.
- Bear Canyon, Allen: suggests a Web page of trail conditions. Lots of trees down from Bear Canyon Trail Camp to Mt Lowe fire road, but passable. Mt Lowe fire road from Sunset Ridge is clear. Someone is doing bad trail work, leaving coat hooks and not tossing cuttings. Will try to find out who and advise them.
- Tree People: absent.
- Chantry Flats, Dave: Expect this to be busiest year yet. Main water tank was vandalized, now OK. Water had to be tested. Flowers should be in bloom in one month. Sturtevant cabins are available for rent.
- Sierra Club, Don: next Wednesday at Eaton Canyon is a program on the National Monument with a good panel. Cleared trees from West Fork to DeVore, and Rim Trail. The abandoned camp near DeVore is being cleared by the Forest Service. There was a discussion on pros and cons of adding more wilderness areas.
- MIS Hermanos Pequenitos (My Little Brothers), Andreas: removed graffiti, trash, and removed illegal dams at Big Tujunga. Planted trees at Chilao. Preparing the campground for April 1 opening.
- Mt Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA), Mitch: working Sunset Ridge Trail. Mark Gage has retired from maintaining Lower Merrill Trail (will still be doing Castle Canyon Trail), so MWBA will take over Lower Merrill Trail.
- Friends of Echo Mountain, Danny: cleared trash and graffiti.
- Legacy Restoration Crew, Brenda: no report
- Crescenta Valley Trail Crew, Karen: absent.
- ANF Volunteer Coordinator: absent
- ADV Moto trail crew, Joel: absent
- PCTA, John: removing down trees. Coming up is a 3-day project at Messenger Flat campground and North Fork Station.
- New volunteers: welcome Vince, and 2 from fire training looking to learn about opportunities.

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

Community Collaborative Group for San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, Steve: Forty of the 45 members met March 3 and adopted a Code of Conduct and revised the Statement of Purpose. Next meeting is March 30 to come up with a public involvement plan, review the Antiquities Act, the Forest Management Plan, and review the need for a Change Document to make the Antiquities Act and Management Plan comply with the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Since the meetings are closed to invited members only, you can email any questions or comments to Steve at steve@corbamtv.com

USFS Dennis:

- Congratulations to David Ledford, Volunteer of the Year
- New Acting District Ranger is Matthew (Matt) McGrath for 120 days. Previously he was with National Recreation Trails.
- Hoping to hire to fill positions that have been unfilled for years.
- There were 3 chain saw classes
- April 18-19 is cross-cut saw training, right now there are 7 slots left. It requires First Aid training that Dennis will set up
- Passed around Volunteer Expectations and Requirements documents written by David Ledford
- If you didn't get your annual passes, email those who had 100 hours last year to Dennis since he thought they were mailed, but some did not get theirs
- Many attended the radio training. Volunteers can now use their own radios as long as they are correctly programmed by the Forest Service. The Forest Service will not maintain them. He recommends radio users attend training once a year for updates. Dave suggested that Dennis pick one radio we can buy so they can all be easily programmed the same.
- Snakes are coming out, be careful

**Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00pm
at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Arcadia.**

California Trails Day 2015

DATE: April 11, 2015, meet at 8:00am / Registration: 8:00 to 8:30am

LOCATION: Meet at Vogel Flat Picnic Area parking lot (just west of the Big Tujunga Fire Station)

EVENT: The USDA Forest Service, National Forest Foundation (NFF) and associated Los Angeles River Ranger District volunteer organizations will celebrate California Trails Day on April 11, 2015. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Big Tujunga Canyon Trail System. This event is a partnership between the volunteer groups, the National Forest Foundation and the US Forest Service/ Los Angeles River Ranger District. We will break for lunch at 1:00pm in the Vogel Flats picnic area. Activities will end around 2:00pm. A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE NFF.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. For those volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction. The Forest Service will provide tools for those who do not have. Please bring your own personal protective equipment listed below.

Personal Protective Equipment to Wear while Working:

Work gloves, work shoes, work clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), sun protection hat, hard-hat (can be provided if needed), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), Water (2 quarts), high energy snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 1:00-2:00pm.

DIRECTIONS: From the 210 Freeway in Sunland, go north on Sunland Blvd. to Oro Vista (0.7 miles). Turn left (north) on Oro Vista, which in 0.9 mile will become Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Continue on Big Tujunga Canyon Road and drive an additional 6.6 miles to Vogel Flats Road. Turn right and drive downhill, then turn right again and go to the parking lot at the Vogel Flats Picnic Area. Allow 25 minutes driving time from the 210 Freeway. Please carpool if possible.

For Additional Information, Please Contact one of the Following:

USDA/ Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(Daytime): Dennis Merkel, District Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229 email: dmerkel@fs.fed.us

(Evenings): David Ledford, Volunteer Leader, Training

(310) 373-2111 email: GDLedford@verizon.net

Additional Training Opportunities Scheduled in the Future:

May 2, 2015, Advanced Leader Training (Front Country)

June 6, 2015, National Trails Day (Basic Techniques)

September 19, 2015, Advanced Leader Training (High Country)

California Trails Day and National Trails Day training activities are open to all – Advanced Leader Training is for Boy Scout Leaders only

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AC100

If you are involved in mountain trail endurance running, you know it takes a small army of volunteers to put on a "point to point" 100 mile endurance run.

We need:

- **Help at several late wilderness aid stations:**
 - Idlehour Checkpoint at 83 miles,
 - Sam Merrill Checkpoint at 89 miles and
 - Millard Checkpoint at 95 miles into the race.
- **Help staffing our kitchen at the Finish Line at Loma Alta Park in Altadena.**
- **Medical volunteers as part of the new Ultra Medical Team, i.e. Paramedics, Nurse, EMTs, First Aid.**
Everyone that volunteers with the Ultra Medical Team is covered for professional liability (a.k.a. medical malpractice) insurance.
Go to <http://ultramedicalteam.org/> to the SignUp tab where you can read about the Ultra Medical Team.
- **Help trail marking**
- **Help trail sweeping (preferably with HAM radio).**
- **Experienced Trail Boss**
Experienced trail maintenance people that can lead large AC100 Trail Maintenance teams on the weekend starting in early April through middle of July.

**If you are available on August 1/2, 2015 (Sat/Sun),
Please contact: ken.hamada3@gmail.com
Any help will be appreciated.**

**ONLY
YOU
CAN PREVENT
WILDFIRES.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee

needs volunteers to help groom the trail for training and running for the race, scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2015.

Volunteers should bring their own water, gloves and sun protection. Trail tools will be provided. We will meet at Lizzie's Trail Inn at the Mt. Wilson trailhead (Mt. Wilson Trail Road and Carter in Sierra Madre) at 8:00 A.M. You must email Race Chair Pete Siberell (psiberell@santaanita.com) if you are coming so we will have adequate tools ready.

The Mount Wilson Trail Race Schedule:

- Apr 26th
- May 10th

Call Pete Siberell at 626-574-6373 if you have any questions.

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

Phone: 818 899-1900 Ext 229

Fax: 818 896-6727 Email: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Subscribe to Bear Canyon's email list with this link: <http://eepurl.com/beT3xH>

"We are returning to the backside of our canyon this time and will try to make the trail from Tom Sloan Saddle to the floor of Bear Canyon easily passable and safe. The trail has gotten quite overgrown and needs to be widened in several locations. There will still be some Poodle Dog Bush along the way as well. Now is the time to remove this from our trail before it blooms and blocks the passage with its prickly itchiness."

Andy Hoyer

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2015 Schedule

- Apr 25th
- May 30th

e-mail/call Andy Hoyer that your are helping!

Phone: 213-675-0420

E-mail: bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department
invites you to join us as we participate in

The Great Los Angeles River CleanUp

La Gran Limpieza: The Great Los Angeles River CleanUp

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat. April 11, 2015

9:00 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 us for a special morning on the river as the City of Glendale plays host for the Friends of the Los Angeles River's 26th Annual Great Los Angeles River CleanUp



The Glendale Narrows Riverwalk is a half mile of landscaped recreational trail along the north bank of the Los Angeles River across from Griffith Park.
Site check-in for the River CleanUp is on Garden Street near Paula Avenue.

- ◆ You must go to the folar.org website to register for this program
- ◆ Sign Up for the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk event on April 11th
- ◆ All volunteers must sign the FoLAR Liability Waiver

- GLENDALE NARROWS RIVERWALK ALSO REQUIRES A CITY OF GLENDALE WAIVER
- YOUTH UNDER 18 MUST HAVE GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND ADULT SUPERVISION
- WEAR WORK CLOTHES, STURDY SHOES, LONG PANTS, HAT & SUN PROTECTION
- ALSO HANDY TO BRING ARE GRABBER ARM TOOLS, WADERS / RUBBER BOOTS
- WE PROVIDE: GLOVES, TRASH BAGS, WATER, SNACKS, FUN, AND GIVEAWAYS!
- ZERO WASTE OPTIONS: BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE & BRING AN OLD PLASTIC BAG OR A RE-USABLE BUCKET FOR TRASH COLLECTION

FUN OPPORTUNITIES FOR 8 - 12



GLENDALE PARKS & OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION and
GLENDALE COMMUNITY SERVICES & PARKS DEPARTMENT
Present



Glendale Outdoors!

A **FREE** MORNING OF



OUTDOOR GAMES!

NATURE CRAFTS!



INTERPRETIVE HIKES!

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION!

DRINKS AND SNACKS!

For children ages 8 to 12

AT DEUKMEJIAN WILDERNESS PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Sign up at either Pacific Community Center or Maple Park Community Center

Bus pick-up: 8:15 a.m. at Pacific Park Community Center

Bus returns: 12:30 p.m. to Pacific Park Community Center

You must wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and bring sunglasses and a hat or cap.

PARENTS WELCOME !

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Համար գանգահարել հեռույզով
հեռախոսահամարով
(818) 548-2000

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

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS
WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS
PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



We are planning a Crosscut Saw Certification/Recertification Course the weekend of 18-19 April 2015.

All participants are required to have a valid up-to-date Volunteer Agreement in addition to a Basic First Aid/CPR card. If you do not have a current First Aid/CPR card, you cannot participate in this crosscut saw certification class.

You will need to bring a long sleeve work shirt, work boots, work pants such as jeans or similar and gloves. You will also need to bring PPE items such as hardhat and eye/ear protection if you have it. If you do not have, they can be provided.

If you have any, the instructor would like you to bring equipment you will be cutting with so he can inspect it.

The physical address for the class is:

Los Angeles River Ranger District Office
Biedebach Training Center (at top of hill next to Little Tujunga Hot Shots Fire Station)
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando CA 91372

Classroom instruction will take place here at Little Tujunga and field proficiency will take place in the high country - location TBD.

The training is first come-first served. There are 15 slots and 8 persons registered so far...so there are only 7 open slots left.

Please get back to me if you are interested in taking this training or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dennis Merkel, CPRP
District Recreation Officer

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12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342
www.fs.fed.us<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Firefighting Workshop for Women Ben Clark Training Center

FREE

Saturday, May 2, 2015
9 am - 1 pm

Ben Clark Training Center
16888 Bundy Avenue
Riverside, CA 92518

Age Requirement: Open to individuals 16 years of age and older. Individuals under the age of 18 will need a waiver/release signed by a parent or guardian. Releases will be available at the event.

What to Wear: Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing (long pants or sweats are recommended). Participants should also wear athletic shoes. It is suggested to bring knee pads, helmet and work gloves, if possible.

Activities: This is a fire orientation event, which will include classroom and hands-on activities, including dragging and pulling of fire hoses, dragging a 150-pound mannequin, raising and lowering of ladders, and climbing stairs with a weighted vest.

Remember to RSVP
(951) 571-6197
fire@mvc.edu



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 2015 : 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

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Training for 2015 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 2, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2: Interpretation Natural History

- Saturday, May 2, 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 14, 6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

Class 3: Operations

- Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Any questions? Please go to <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>
e-mail to info@anffla.org

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

**Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**

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 9, 10:00 am– 1:00 pm
- Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Reconnect Training will be held at:

**Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**



Trail Skills College

Pacific Crest Trail Association Trail Skills College

Trail Skills College is a place to learn all you ever wanted to know about building and maintaining trails. Choose from a variety of classes from trail tread construction to crew leadership. Through trail stewardship, you can enhance the trail experience, leading to healthier and happier trails throughout the Northwest. Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend. Whether you are new to trail maintenance or a seasoned veteran, we have a class that will enhance your trail maintenance skills. Limited space is available and classes do fill up so register early! We look forward to seeing you at the Trail Skills College!

Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College

It's time to get excited for our 2015 Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College. Our dedicated team of event planners are hard at work setting out the schedule of classes and activities for the weekend. This year's training will host over 20 classes to give you the courses you need to become the best trail crew member you can be!

When is it? April 17 – 19, 2015 with an option of evening arrival on Thursday, April 16. Courses will begin on Friday April 17th in the morning.

Where is it? Cascade Locks, Oregon

What will I learn? Trail Skills College is a place to learn all you ever wanted to know about building and maintaining trails. Choose from a variety of classes from trail tread construction to crew leadership. Through trail stewardship, you can enhance the trail experience, leading to healthier and happier trails throughout the Northwest.

How do I register? Registration for the general public will open on Tuesday, March 10. To be placed on the list to receive updates about the Trail Skills College, please email your name and contact information to the Volunteer Programs Assistant at volunteer@pcta.org.

What is the cost? Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend. Whether you are new to trail maintenance or a seasoned veteran, we have a class that will enhance your trail maintenance skills. Limited space is available and classes do fill up so register early! We look forward to seeing you at the Trail Skills College!

What is the fitness level of the Trail Skills College? The fitness level will vary depending on the class, however, all participants should be able to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. In addition, classes provide hands on learning opportunities, therefore participants should be prepared to be actively involved in trail maintenance for 6-8 hours per day.

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

Big Bend Trail Skills College

When is it? The next Big Bend Trail Skills College will be held May 29 – 31, 2015. If you would like to be on the notification list for open registration, please email the Volunteer Programs Assistant, Sandra Hall at volunteers@pcta.org. We hope to see you there!

Where is it? at Hyatt Lake. Registration will open to the public on April 6, 2015

Trail Skills College

Tahoe Trail Skills College

When is it? The next Tahoe Trail Skills College will be held July 17-19, 2015. Registration will open to the public in early May, 2015. If you would like to be on the notification list for open registration, please email the Volunteer Programs Assistant, Sandra Hall at volunteers@pcta.org. We hope to see you there!

Where is it? TBD

Southern California Trail Skills College Oct 4-5, 2015

When is it? October 4 – 5

Where is it? TBD

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

Allingham Trail Skills College

The Pacific Crest Trail Association, The High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests invite you to attend the annual volunteer training weekend. The sessions offered are designed to train new and returning volunteers in a variety of topics from trail maintenance to invasive species identification. The training weekend offers the opportunity to meet other people who are interested in providing quality recreation experiences for forest visitors.

When is it? June 4 – 7, 2015

Where is it? Near Sisters, Oregon

Where can I learn more? Learn more about this event, view the classes being offered, and register for this training with the High Cascades Forest Volunteers. Registration will open up March 15th.

<http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/Training/SpringTraining.html>

Westfir Trail Skills College

The Pacific Crest Trail Association, The High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests invite you to attend the annual volunteer training weekend. The sessions offered are designed to train new and returning volunteers in a variety of topics from trail maintenance to invasive species identification. The training weekend offers the opportunity to meet other people who are interested in providing quality recreation experiences for forest visitors

When is it? May 15-17, 2015

Where is it? Near Oakridge, Oregon

Where can I learn more? Learn more about this event, view the classes being offered, and register for this training with the High Cascades Forest Volunteers. Registration will open up March 15th.

<http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/Training/SpringTraining.html>

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Friends of the San Gabriels
cleaning up the Sturtevant
Camp.
by Brian Marcroft**



**Before and After pictures
of graffiti
removed by the Bear
Canyon Trail Crew.
by Andy Hoyer**



**Legacy Restoration Crew Working on the
Trail Canyon Road
by Brenda Beck**



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Boy Scout Troop 54 from Whittier working on the Mt Lowe East trail with the JPL Trail Builders

by Maria Espinoza

Boy Scout Troop 54 from Whittier getting ready to work on the Mt Lowe East trail with the JPL Trail Builders



Volunteers working in class to be Certified A-Level Sawyers by Dennis Merkel

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Pete Fish and
Pacific Crest Trail crew
busting boulders on 3N17.**

**Before and After pictures
of downed tree's
removed from the Silver
Moccasin trail by Mike
Mcguire & Steve Messer
(Class B Sawyers)
by Mike McGuire**



• Volunteers needed SEE PAGE 6

• April 11th @ 7 AM Trail Work:

(NOTICE: This trail work will be restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)

Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond (see directions below) at 7 AM

Carpool to work site, autos & vans OK to this work site at Charlton Flats

Trail work will be on Silver Moccasin trail between Vetter Lookout Rd and Shortcut Saddle (aid station)

• April 25th @ 7 AM Trail Work:

(NOTICE: This trail work day restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)

Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond (see directions below) at 7:00AM.

Carpool to work site. (Trucks, SUVs, 4WDs up Mt Wilson Rd . to Idlehour Ckpoint parking).

Trail work will be on the Idlehour East Side trail.

• April 26th @ 6:30 AM Training Run:

Meet at Chantry Flats Parking Lot 6:30 AM: Adventure Pass req'd if parking there

Carpool to Chilao Flats Ckpoint (Start together please) Pass req'd there also for parking.

Run 22 miles from Chilao Flats to Chantry Flats Parking Lot

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmccuire@hotmail.com

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

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

• The 2015 Training Schedule is out! SEE PAGE 11

• **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 Check out the **training schedule on page**

• **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

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!

• Apr 11th Rosemont Restoration Day

When: 9am – 11am

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Description: Come and join us for a morning of fun restoring the natural habitat at the Rosemont Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence.

Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Bring/Wear: If you plan to attend please wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended.) If you have any of the following tools, please consider bringing them: shovels, spades, loppers, hatchets, clippers. Other tools and equipment will be available. ****Rain Cancels****

• Apr 19th Rosemont Open Gate Event

When: 2pm – 4pm

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Description: Come and spend an afternoon at the Rosemont Preserve! This is a chance to visit the Preserve and wander the trail - discover this beautiful wilderness area in our very own community! The gate will be open from 2-4pm and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and show you this community resource we have worked so hard to protect and develop.

Directions: The Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Wear: If you plan on attending please wear sturdy shoes. *****RAIN CANCELS*****

• Apr 25th Rosemont Preserve Docent Led Tour - Roger Klemm

When: 9am – 11am

Where: Rosemont Preserve

Directions: The Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Directions: Exit La Crescenta Avenue off 210 fwy, proceed north to Foothill Blvd., turn right to Rosemont Avenue, turn left. Parking is available at Two Strike Park which is on the left side of Rosemont Avenue, 2 blocks before you get to the preserve (5107 Rosemont Ave).

Wear: If you plan on attending please wear sturdy shoes. *****RAIN CANCELS*****

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW**bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com****Andy Hoyer 213-675-0420****Subscribe to Bear Canyon's email list with this link: <http://eepurl.com/beT3xH>**

- **Apr 25th Outing (SEE PAGE 7)**

Blight Busters Trail Crew**Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com****Boy Scouts of America****Los Angeles Area Council****<http://www.laac-hat.org/>**

- **Apr 11th California Trails day (see page 5)**
- **Apr 25th /26th Learn to be a TRAIL BOSS (SEE PAGE 12)**

Big Santa Anita Canyon**<http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.com/>**

- **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**

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

- **Apr 15th 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

CITY OF GLENDALE**<http://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org>****Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept 818-548-2000****Your Friends in Trails and Open Space**

- **Apr 4th - GO! Program (see page 9)**
- **Apr 11th Riverwalk Workday (see page 8)**
- **Apr 18th - Wilderness Workday**

Don't Move that Left Over Firewood!

Got extra firewood? California prohibits bringing firewood into the state if the firewood originated in any area under quarantine for, or an area generally infested with, pests including emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, imported fire ant, chestnut bark disease, pine shoot beetle and others. These prohibitions - when put together - end up banning untreated firewood from nearly every state in the union. Sixteen states in the Central and Eastern US prohibit bringing hardwood firewood originating from California into their state, to prevent the movement of thousand cankers disease. The California Firewood Task Force, US Forest Service Region 5, Yosemite National Park, and Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park all advise using only local firewood within California, and suggest not moving firewood over 50 miles at the very most, to reduce the spread of pests found in limited areas of California such as the goldspotted oak borer and polyphagous shot hole borer. It is illegal to remove many types of hardwood and softwood (coniferous) firewood from any county in California that is quarantined for Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*). Some California State Parks prohibit oak firewood entirely. In areas under quarantine for red imported fire ant (this includes multiple counties in Southern California) it is illegal to move firewood that has been stored in direct contact with the ground without prior authorization.

Community Hiking Club communityhikingclub.org
661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• Apr 6th - Indian Canyon (North) on the famed Pacific Crest Trail

Length: 10 miles RT (out and back) with about 2900' gain.

Rating: Moderate ++/ Difficult (at the start mainly)

Description: This hike, on a section of the PCT, is 10 miles RT (out and back) with about 2900' gain, mainly at the front end. If you have hiked Indian Canyon with us before, we usually go South. We decided to switch it up a notch and head North this time, but from the same trailhead. Richard will take you 5 miles, starting with a tough uphill climb out of Indian Canyon. We will take it easier at this stage so as not to lose half the group! Then we start passing impressive stone escarpments and a cave as we head North in the direction of the Vasquez Rocks area. At 5 miles we will take a break and snack before heading back the same way. It will be all downhill coming back! At this time of year, we should see lots of wild flowers including yellow bush poppies that are common in this area. **Bring your camera.**

Bring: At least 2 liters of water, electrolytes (Gatorade), especially if it is hot, a lunch/ snacks, and a camera. As there is not much shade, you should definitely bring a hat and sunscreen. Poles, if you have them, will help you with the gain on this hike.

Adventure Pass: Yes, available at Sports Chalet, Big-5 or Ranger Station, \$5 for a day pass or \$30 for an annual pass.

Meet: 8401 Soledad Canyon Rd, Acton, CA 93510

Meet your leader in the trailhead parking lot, where there is a good bathroom. Be at the trailhead at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure North, up the trail. See Directions below.

Directions from SCV or LA: Take the SR-14 North to the Soledad Canyon Road off ramp (after Sand Canyon). Exit and turn right on Soledad Canyon Road. Go 7.4 miles (North) until you reach Indian Canyon Road (be on the look out for the brown Forest sign on your right), it is a dirt driveway - see the photos above. If you pass a KOA campground on the left, you have gone a little too far. The parking lot is slightly up the hill overlooking Soledad and not visible from the road. We should be back to SCV by ~2:00pm.

Leader: Richard

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• Apr 9th to Apr 12th -Camping Trip to Mojave National Preserve

*** This is car camping, not backpacking. For your guidance, a suggested list of what to bring is provided at the end of this posting. If you do not have Camping gear, it can always be rented from Sports Chalet or REI at a reasonable cost. ***

Details: We are in the final stages of planning a group camping trip to the Mojave National Preserve. You can go Thursday or Friday until Sunday (1, 2 or 3 nights - you have just got to coordinate your own transport). MANY MORE details will follow soon but we wanted to get the date out for your planning purposes.

You will need to own or rent your own camping gear and bring your own food etc. We can help arrange carpooling, once we have a better idea of interest/ attendance/ vehicles available.

You can give Dianne your tent and your space fee to hold a space for you if you'll be coming in late on Friday. Thus, she can hold and pay for your space, and she will put up your tent. Once your fee is dropped into the paybox for you, your space is reserved, and there will be no refunds.

The area where we will be camping is cool and alpine. There are Pinyon Pines, and it's absolutely gorgeous. It is teeming with wildlife.

Side trips/ Hiking: There are so many things to do in the Mojave Preserve. We'll make a list of those within a reasonable distance of our camping spot. We can go together in groups, or you can go your own way. There are hikes, historical sites to visit, and many other things to see, including jots of old mining activity. One of Dianne's favorite places to visit is the Lava Tube, which you can hike through, that is pictured below.

Host(s): Steve I, Dianne E-H and Linda

“CAMPING STUFF” LIST

- Camping trip flier!
- Tools for clearing/setting up your campsite – rake, hammer/mallet, shovel, broom ...or use your feet.
- Sleeping bags/ Sleeping pads/ Pillows
- Tables (optional)/ Chairs/ Lantern (and extra mantels)
- Stove/BBQ/ Propane bottles and/or charcoal
- Ice chest & ice
- GPS/maps/ Camera
- Cooking utensils (spoon, fork, spatula, tongs, knife)
- Oven mitt
- Bottle opener/ Scissors or Knife / Can opener
- Paper towels/ Ziploc bags/ Hand wipes
- Drinking water (and other desired drinks)
- Coffee pot/coffee/ tea
- Sponge/ Dish soap/ Dish Towel
- Duct tape/
- Toiletries/ Medications / First Aid Kit / Tissues
- Backpack/ large duffle bag
- Tent with Footprint/tarp; Extra stakes & guy lines
- Dirty or damp clothes bag (garbage bag)
- Firewood to contribute to group fire
- Matches/igniter
- Flashlights/headlamps/ Extra batteries
- Toilet paper/Toilet seat covers (if you are fussy)
- Pots and Pans/ Aluminum Foil
- Nonstick cooking spray
- Eating utensils/ Plates/ Bowls/ Cups
- Water (for washing and putting out your fire)
- FOOD!!!!
- Cutting board/ Sink basin or large bucket
- Personal bath towel
- Clothing / Jacket(s) / Hat(s)/ Boots/shoes
- Sunglasses/ Sunscreen
- Hiking Poles (optional)

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Community Hiking Club (CONT)

• **Apr 18th - Hondo Canyon****Distance:** 10.0 miles**Gain:** 1900 ft**Hiking Time:** ~ 5 - 6 hours Approx**Rating:** Moderate +

Description: Another spectacular section of the Backbone Trail, this hike includes great views of pink colored sedimentary rock formations, known as the Sespe Formation. We will hike through varied terrain - shaded live oaks; a sloping green meadow; switch-backs up the steep south slope of Hondo Canyon thru a lovely oak forest; and deep chaparral. Along the way we will enjoy breathtaking views of the formations in Hondo Canyon.

Meet your Leader: Due to very limited parking at the trailhead, we encourage you to carpool. Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet at Towsley Canyon (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) outside the gate in the Parking lot at 6:45AM. We will leave at 7:00AM sharp. Alternatively, you can meet at the Hondo Canyon trailhead (directions below) at 8:00 AM for a 08:15 AM SHARP departure down the trail.

Directions to Towsley Carpool carpooling spot: From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon but park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for club members and leader here. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX

Directions to Hondo Canyon trailhead:**Trailhead address:** 381 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga Canyon, CA 90290**Trailhead coordinates:** 34.092804, -118.610122 (34° 05' 34.09"N 118° 36' 36.43"W)

From Santa Clarita, take the I-5 South and merge right on to the 405 South. Then take 101 north and exit Topanga Canyon Road (US 27) South, cross Ventura Blvd and go about 7.5 miles. On a bend (at the Inn of the 7th ray restaurant), turn right on to Old Topanga Road. Go approx 0.4 miles and park on the left side of the street at the trailhead.

Be at the trailhead by 8:00 AM for a 08:15 AM SHARP departure down the trail.

BRING: Hiking poles, if you have them, an extra layer in case it gets cold, lunch/snack, water (2 - 3L), electrolytes, a camera, hat and sunscreen.

Adventure Pass: Not required.**Dogs:** Sorry, NOT ALLOWED by park.**Leader:** Hola Ola**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

(626) 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

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Contacts: Jonathan Schultz phone: 951-830-3400 e-mail: maujds@earthlink.net

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- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier
- Chainsaw "B" faller

Contacts: Glen Foster phone: 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344

- Certified Packer
- e-mail: pjgwfooster@aol.com

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429 (cell)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- **Apr 11th California Trails day (see page 5)**
- **Apr 25th Outing**

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe East Trail, with cutting back brush, sawing small trees and branches, and trail widening. Probably in 2 more outings, we will reach Mt Lowe summit, then we will work down the Mt Lowe West Trail to where we left off coming up the other side.

Mount Wilson Race <http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

- **Apr 26th Outing (SEE PAGE 7)**

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association Contact: Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

- **Apr 19th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, MWBA Trailwork**

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

The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA) was formed in 1986 by Alan Armstrong, a member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame, initially to help educate riders about trail courtesy and safety.

Our mission has changed very little over the years. MWBA still advocates responsible trail use in the San Gabriel Mountains and we still work on trails that need maintenance due to use, weather and age. If you are interested in giving back to the community by working on a trail and meeting cool mountain bikers, come on out and join us! <http://mwba.org/join/>

Mount Wilson Institute

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

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

- **Apr 4th Cosmic Cafe reopens weekends & Sat / Sun guided tours resume**

Support Mount Wilson Observatory

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

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

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association <http://www.pcta.org>

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

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 26

• **Apr 17th – 19th Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College** (see page 14)

• **Apr 11th Annual Meeting**

Come find out more about how your gifts and volunteer time have made a difference this year on the trail. Attend our annual meeting in the Bannon Island Room at Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833. And join us afterward for refreshments at an Open House at PCTA's headquarters next door.

• **Apr 22nd to Apr 24th 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO)**

• **Apr 24th to Apr 26th 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO)**

You can attend either session, but not both. The 2015 Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff (ADZPCTKO) will be held again this year at Lake Morena County Park. It is not organized by the PCTA. Please visit adzpctko.org for information and registration. Registration for ADZPCTKO 2015 begins in early March at adzpctko.org.

For questions regarding Kick Off please email: Carl "Kelty Kid" Siechert at carl@pct77.org

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

• **Apr 1st 7:00 PM Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting: Manhattan Beach honeybee keeper Susan Rudnicki presents a live program "Honeybee keeping in the LA Basin---an emerging craft".** Susan responds to citizen calls regarding human conflicts with honeybees, rescuing the bees and re-homing them to people wanting honeybee hives through the network of her club, HoneyLove, a non-profit dedicated to education in urban beekeeping. She has 8 hives of feral rescued bees, is a mentor to new beekeepers, and sells honey from her hives. She will bring a observation hive with a frame of live bees on their honeycomb. Honeybees live in a world that is endlessly fascinating for its complex behaviors, communication and organizational structure; with a queen and all her sisters, it is a matriarchy driven largely by chemical signaling and with strict "job descriptions" through which all workers will pass in their lifetimes. Bees play a critical role as pollinators for food and flower production; an understanding of this role helps dispel negative views of stinging insects.

Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome! Doors open at 7 pm; Program starts at 7:30 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. See our website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/>) for updated information on program speaker and topic or contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy.

• **Apr 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

• **Apr 4th Brown Mt. (4,466') from Eaton Saddle (5,110')**

• **Apr 11th Introductory Botany Walk**

• **Apr 18th Muir Peak from Sunset Ridge**

• **Apr 18th Muir Peak from Echo Mt**

• **Apr 18th Muir Peak from Eaton Saddle**

• **Apr 22nd Evenings in the Arroyo**

• **Apr 25th Spring in the Arroyo**

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=2015&month=04>

- **Apr 4th/18th Story Time**
- **April 11th Earth Day Festival & Volunteer Open House 10:00am - 2:00pm**
Meet representatives from local non-profits and find out how you can celebrate Earth Day year-round. Come celebrate our natural world and learn how to keep it healthy for future generations to enjoy. Learn how to save on energy costs; kids have fun doing nature crafts; guided nature walks for the whole family; and much more!

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>

- **Angeles Forest Restoration Apr 2nd/3rd/10th/11th/12th/17th/18th/19th/24th/25th/26th**
- **Community Tree Care Team Training Apr 18th**
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Apr 4th/11th/18th/25th**
- **Generation Earth Water Pollution Prevention Workshop Apr 11th**
- **Moonlight Hike Apr 3rd**
- **Native Plants and Turf Reduction Workshop Apr 18th**
- **Park Work Day Apr 2nd/ 9th/11th/16th/19th/23rd/30th**
- **Park Tree Care Apr 11th**
- **Rainwater Harvesting Workshop Apr 18th**

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest <http://www.grassyhollow.net>

Wrightwood, CA 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 Saturday,

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

Kevin Sarkissian Lead Instructor

W S Hart Union High School District

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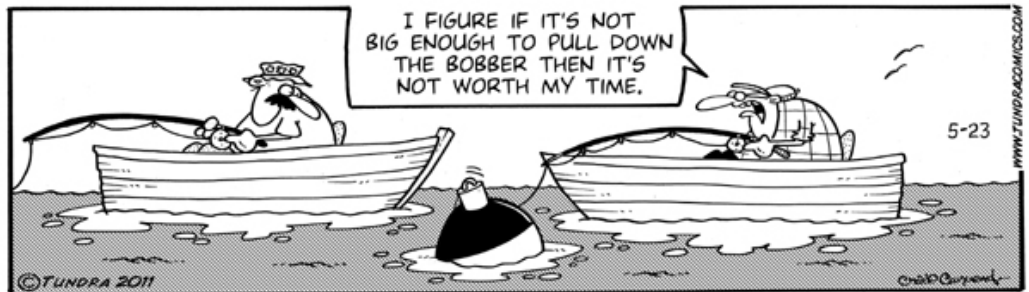
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Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.
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Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting
Other: _____
