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## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter July 2015

### California Climate (and Fire) – Part 2

In most of California the summer is hot, dry and long, as befits a Mediterranean climate, and this is most critical from the standpoint of wildfires. By mid-summer, as California wildland vegetation dries and dead materials lost moisture, the state is in fact undergoing drought. It is a drought that occurs every year, varying only in its intensity and length.

Severe wildfires occur throughout the rest of the United States but generally only during drought conditions. Through most of the country, frequent summer rains and/or high humidity ensure that droughts are rare. Why do severe wildfires occur during droughts? Because all vegetation is fuel. Think about green forests, brush-covered hills, orchards with glistening fruit, flowering shrubs, colorful gardens. California's annual drought brings about these conditions every summer.

Annual drought is an important aspect of California's wildfire climate, but it is usually tolerable. When it is combined with low winter rainfall and subsequent yearlong drought, it becomes a fearsome force. Two other weather conditions add even more danger to an already explosive combination. These are north or east winds, and heat waves. In the fall of most years, southern California news media can be expected to tell stories about "Santa Ana's". These fierce winds are found wherever the Mediterranean climate exists and are called by different names, such as the sirocco in North Africa and the mistral of southern France. It is a situation created by differences in atmospheric pressure. Water flows from a higher level and so does air.

When a high-pressure system shifts into the Great Basin and a low pressure area appears off the California coast, air flows from the high to the low, heating by friction and drying as it travels down the mountains toward the sea. The stage is set for Santa Ana's; high velocity, hot, dry winds accompanied by low humidity. Fires break out, hundreds of homes are destroyed and tens of thousands of acres are burned. Southern California is noted for this wildfire wind, but it occurs over much of the state.

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**Strive not to be a success,  
but rather to be of value**

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## **California Climate (and Fire) (cont)**

The three fall months are usually without rain in southern California, and fuels are at their driest. These are usually the months of the Santa Ana's and the most severe wildfire. There are many examples to choose from, but one of the worst burning periods in California history came between September 25 and October 4, 1970, during a time of extended Santa Ana winds. More than one half million acres were burned, 722 homes were destroyed and 19 lives were lost in southern California. Firefighting costs and fire damages exceeded \$233 million. Two of these fires, the Laguna and the Newhall, consumed vegetation on 282,000 acres. The 2009 Station Fire consumed 162,000 acres and was the biggest fire in LA County history.

The same basic weather conditions exist when north or east winds blow in northern California except that the two pressure centers are farther north. The first California conflagration to destroy hundreds of homes occurred on September 17, 1923, when a hot, dry northeast wind carried a small fire from the east side of the Berkeley Hills to the west side. The fire ignited a eucalyptus grove, sending firebrands into the wind. A house caught fire at 2:20pm and two hours later 584 houses and other structures lay in ashes.

The other condition that creates extreme fire danger seems almost innocuous. It occurs every summer, and people complain but often do not realize how much danger there is in the "heat wave". So why is a heat wave a problem? The most obvious problem is discomfort and soaring air conditioning bills, but to the wildland manager it means the most dangerous time of the fire season. Several times every summer a large dome of atmospheric high pressure will move over the state. It squats overhead, pushing down, heating the air near the surface to more than 100 degrees, squeezing the moisture from the air until relative humidity drops to 10% or less. The clockwise circulation of air around the high causes offshore winds to replace the sea breeze, and even coastal regions suffer from the heat. Sometimes the southwest monsoon or remnants of tropical hurricanes are caught up in the air flow and create humid conditions and thunderstorms. Lightning strikes from these storms may cause small wildfires that often spread rapidly under heat wave conditions and can quickly reach the disaster stage.

One of many examples of heat wave induced fire disasters occurred in late July 1977. California sweltered under a heat wave while circulation around a high-pressure area brought in moist tropical air and thunderstorms that traveled the state from Mexico to Oregon. Lightning strikes ignited the Marble Cone Fire on the Los Padres National Forest, the Hog Fire on the Klamath National Forest, and the Scarface Fire on the Modoc National Forest and many smaller blazes. The three larger fires burned a total of 317,000 acres in a seven-day period. The 1977 fires came after two years of drought had dried wildland fuels to the point that fire control became very difficult.

**DON'T FORGET!!!**

**LARRD Volunteer Meeting**

**JULY 15, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**701 N Santa Anita Ave.**

**Arcadia, CA 91006**

## Lookout Tower Is Back as First Line of Fire Defense;

Safety: Volunteers in the 'lighthouses of the land' can spot smoke and summon a response more quickly than high-tech counterparts.

Author: CARA MIA DiMASSA TIMES STAFF WRITER

Scouts riding in small planes can spot smoke from thousands of feet above. Infrared technology can map blazes from miles away.

But sometimes, for fire detection, nothing beats a human being, peering through binoculars, inside a "lighthouse of the land," an old-fashioned fire lookout.

After an absence of nearly two decades, fire lookouts have returned to Southern California forests, part of a national trend that in recent years has seen a resurgence of the tiny one-room cabins with uninterrupted, 360-degree views of the treetops.

Perched on stilts atop peaks as high as 13,000 feet above sea level, many of the nation's lookout towers had fallen into disuse by the 1980s, victims of budget cuts, technological innovations and, in Southern California, smog.

Forestry officials are initiating a survey of how many lookouts have been restored and restaffed in recent years, both on federal and state lands. The Forest Fire Lookout Assn. estimates that there are 2,000 lookouts nationwide, about half of them staffed. In the 1980s, only a few hundred were in use.

In Southern California, a dedicated corps of volunteers has begun to repair and restaff the lookouts--most of which were built in the 1930s and '40s by the Civilian Conservation Corps and were once staffed by a single employee who lived alone all summer.

"I think there's a certain romance in fire lookouts," said Kris Assel, executive director of the San Bernardino National Forest Assn., a nonprofit group that has resurrected seven of eight lookouts there. "It's a neat piece of history that fits into modern forest management."

It's been 100 years since a timber cook was assigned to a hilltop tree to watch for wildfires in Bertha Hill, Idaho--what many consider the birth of the modern fire lookout. By the 1940s and '50s, the number of fire lookouts had swelled to nearly 8,000.

This summer, as the West experiences an intensely dangerous fire season, more than 400 volunteers are stationed at lookouts in the San Bernardino and Angeles national forests. The Cleveland and Los Padres forests do not have working lookouts; volunteers hope to revive them in a few years.

The job of the fire watcher, alone among the trees, has long captured the imagination. Jack Kerouac wrote of the appeal and quiet beauty of the two summer months he spent on a lookout in Washington in "The Dharma Bums":

"I saw a sea of marshmallow clouds flat as a roof and extending miles and miles in every direction.... All I had to do was keep an eye on all horizons for smoke and run the two-way radio and sweep the floor."

Some of today's fire watchers hope to share the history of America's lookouts with the many hikers, bikers and others who pass by. Others are retired firefighters who have found, with the support of the U.S. Forest Service, a new way to serve the people who live below.

"It's all one big family," said George Morey, a screen installer who with his wife, Pam, runs the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Assn. "We are from all walks of life, but we all love the same thing."

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The Moreys, who live in the San Bernardino forest, joined that forest's lookout program nine years ago. "We went to training," said Pam Morey, "and got more and more involved. Now, between work and that, it's our life."

The San Bernardino group originally hoped to reopen the sites as "interpretive centers" where visitors could learn about fire prevention and lookout history.

As interest in the history of the lookouts grew, so did interest in their original mission--a mission that was aided by stricter emissions rules that had helped clear much of the smog that once hindered smoke-tracking from above.

Lookout volunteers now are also rigorously trained by forest officials in weather reporting and radio operations. In the San Bernardino, volunteers must undergo 22 hours of classroom instruction before participating in supervised in-tower training.

"It's very similar to the way the National Ski Patrol volunteers work," said Keith Argow, chairman of the Forest Fire Lookout Assn., a national group. "There's a dedicated crew of people who can get things done that employees can't.

"The San Bernardino is to be commended for setting a national standard that no other forest has since copied," he added. "But the Angeles is coming on strong."

Volunteers reopened two Angeles lookouts in 1998 and 1999 and hope to open a third soon.

Mike McIntyre, the Angeles forest's heritage resource program manager, said that after some initial skepticism, forest officials welcome their aid in detecting fires. "At first, people didn't understand the program," he said. "But now they see how consistent the volunteers have been in their work, and how they have helped with fire reports."

Now, McIntyre said, "I believe everybody sees the worth of the program and supports it. And the volunteers have become good ambassadors for the forest."

Already this year, lookouts have spotted one fire in the Angeles and three in the San Bernardino.

"That's a lot," said Assel. "An average year will get three first reports."

In regions with a heavy concentration of what foresters call wildland/urban interface--areas in which metropolitan centers abut forests and chaparral--forest fires could threaten the urban centers nearby. That's why speed is so important to firefighters in the San Bernardino and Angeles.

Despite the 21st century technology available to firefighters, human vigilance can prevent a blaze from becoming an inferno

"In order for infrared to pick it up, a fire has to be five-plus acres," said Pam Morey. Satellites can spot fires, she added, but there's as much as a 15-minute window between pictures. "We can spot a fire in a matter of minutes, and can get it stopped a lot sooner."

In two years, the Moreys have logged more than 100,000 miles on their Chevy pickup, shuttling between home and two lookouts in the Angeles. Sometimes, Pam Morey said, it takes two hours to reach the whitewashed cabin at the top of Vetter Mountain.

"I guess I kind of like the program," she said with a shrug.

The Moreys have decorated the cabin with photos and plaques honoring the lookout's past. Below the American flag flies a Smokey Bear flag--part of George's sizable collection of Smokey memorabilia.

"This is our baby," said George Morey, his eyes darting across a hillside with scrub brush, Coulter pine and yucca.

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It is work, he said, that entails both tedium and excitement.

The lookout had gone into service at 9 a.m., as it does almost every day from May to October. Volunteers typically work in four- and eight-hour shifts.

An hour into his shift, George Morey had already taken a weather reading, measured the wind, and was training volunteer Bill Albrecht, a retired NASA engineer, to use the Osborne Fire-Finder, an oversized compass-like contraption that is the standard navigational tool in a lookout.

In the Angeles, the Osbornes are stored behind a double padlocked door when not in use. "You can lose the radio, you can lose the binoculars," George Morey said. "But you'd better not lose the Osborne."

He pointed out a "smoke report," which a volunteer must fill out before calling in a fire over a battery-powered walkie-talkie.

A volunteer notes the volume and type of smoke (thin, drifting, blanket) and, perhaps most important, its color. Black smoke is emitted by a burning car or manzanita; white by light grass; and gray by heavier or drier grass.

Pam Morey recalled her first fire as "pretty darn exciting."

"I had to guide the planes and trucks," she said. "It's awesome. It's really nervous-making too, because you know when you make that call, you are getting out all these aircraft and units."

"Any lookout will tell you," George Morey said, "when you first spot smoke, your adrenaline goes crazy." He gestured with one arm to the west, toward the "Big T"--Upper Big Tujunga Road-- where a volunteer recently spotted black smoke.

As he began to relate that story, of a car fire, George Morey kept his eyes on the horizon, scanning the forest. Just in case

## IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

### ☹️ THE BAD NEWS ☹️

The Mt. Hawkins lookout was lost in the 2002 Curve Fire.  
The Vetter Mtn. Lookout was lost in the 2009 Station Fire

### 😊😊 MORE GOOD NEWS 😊😊

That Vetter Mtn. Lookout was lost in the Station Fire but after 5 years it is in the works of being replaced by the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association. The foundation has been poured and we are now waiting on the Forest Service Engineers and the ANFFLA's contractor's Engineers to get through the paperwork.

### 😊😊😊 REALLY GOOD NEWS 😊😊😊

Help to maintain the historical fire lookout towers!

Join the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

<http://www.anffla.org>

or talk to:

Pam Morey

[pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us)

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

## FUNDRAISER

**Music in the Mountains Season 10  
Big Bear Discovery Center OUTDOOR Amphitheater  
All Concerts on Sale!**

**July 18, August 1 & September 5, 2015**

**DSB, An American Journey  
The Long Run, Experience the Eagles  
Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (PDT)**

**Mirage, Visions of Fleetwood Mac  
with special guest, Kenny Metcalf as ELTON  
Saturday, Aug 1, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (PDT)**

Welcome and join us for Season 10 under the stars at 7,000'!

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We're celebrating 10 years of classic rock music with **YOU** ~ our fabulous supporters through your ticket and membership sales ~ and with the super tribute bands that helped us present some of the best classic rock music in Southern California. Together, you helped raise thousands of dollars for forest restoration on the mountains you LOVE, the San Bernardinos. We also educated thousands of visitors on how to recreate more responsibly and to be better caretakers of our public lands for today and tomorrow.

For more information goto:

**<http://mountainsfoundation.org/music-in-the-mountains>**

Heartful thanks to all of our sponsors for their support over the years. They help make it happen! They're back and we thank them for investing in the fun and fundraising with Music in the Mountains!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## 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**

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**Fax: 818 896-6727 Email: [dcmerkel@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us)**

## 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).**

**If you are available on August 1/2, 2015 (Sat/Sun),**

**Please contact: [ken.hamada3@gmail.com](mailto:ken.hamada3@gmail.com)**

**Any help will be appreciated.**

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!



## **HAT Training VHC WLACC 2016 Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for the youth in your group. ( Great Eagle Projects! )**

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 personal 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 Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

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

**Available training days in 2016 are: Jan. 9-10. March 5-6. Apr. 23-24. Apr. 30 May. 1.**

**Call to confirm** training day for yourself. ( Course cancels if no calls )

**We Meet at the McDonald’s at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. in Valencia  
at 8:00 AM**

### **Contact:**

**Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.  
818-781-7465 - [bigaub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigaub@sbcglobal.net)**



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!

## California Archeological Site Stewardship Program to hold training workshops!

The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) trains volunteers to work with professional archaeologists to help protect archaeological and historical resources on public lands. Volunteer site stewards regularly visit and report the conditions of their assigned sites. CASSP is not a government program; it is part of the Society for California Archaeology.

### The 2015 schedule of training workshops currently includes:

- **July 11-12**, initial volunteer training for the Western Divide Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest, at Springville.
- **July 18-19**, advanced training for the BLM Hollister Field Office, at Santa Cruz.
- **July 25-26**, initial volunteer training at the BLM Bishop Field Office, in Bishop.
- **August 8-9**, initial volunteer training at the Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest, at Pioneer.
- **August 22** (Saturday only), advanced training at the Maturango Museum for the Kern River Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest, in Ridgecrest.

**Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Advance training workshops are designed for volunteers who have already attended the initial training. For the latest information about CASSP and these workshops, please visit [www.cassp.org](http://www.cassp.org).**

## On Line Trail Conditions

The website: <http://trailmaintain.org> will allow volunteers to check the conditions of a selected trail in a color coded format. Green=clear, yellow=passable, red=blockage, black=dangerous or closed, brown=status unknown and blue =work scheduled.

The website uses Google maps, Google Maps is a desktop and mobile web mapping service developed by Google. It offers satellite imagery, street maps, and Street View perspectives, as well as functions such as a route planning for traveling by foot, car, bicycle (in beta), or via public transportation.

While website is under development, you can visit and check out the website.



**A fox in the Angeles Forest  
by Neide Torres**

# 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!

## Tahoe Trail Skills College

Tahoe Trail Skills College will be held July 17-19, 2015 at Boca Springs Group Campground near Truckee, California. Registration will open to the public in early June, 2015.

Applications will be available at <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/tahoe/>

If you would like to be on the notification list for open registration, please email the Volunteer Programs Assistant at [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org).

Questions? contact PCTA Volunteer Programs at (916) 285-1838 or [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org)  
We hope to see you there!

## Southern California Trail Skills College Oct 4-5, 2015

When is it? October 4 – 5

Where is it? Idylwild

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



A blooming plant in the Angeles Forest  
by Brenda Beck



**Gregory Stenmo of Little Tujunga IHC getting ready to remove a tree on the Wintercreek trail  
by David Ledford**



**Dave Baumgartner  
Peter Harrison working  
on steps on the Trail  
Canyon Road  
by Brenda Beck**



**Safety  
lecture  
prior to  
work on  
National  
trails day**

**by George  
Haumann**



**Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol  
Mount Wilson Bicycling  
Association working at the  
Memorable Day Parade  
by Robin Mcguire**

**Angeles mountain bike  
patrol/Corba removing  
downed trees off the  
Gabrielino trail  
by Robin Mcguire**



**Angeles Mountain  
Bike Patrol working  
on the Strawberry  
Peak trail  
by Robin Mcguire**



**WS Hart students  
removing a  
inoperative decaying  
culvert  
by Kevin Sarkissian**

**WS Hart students  
clearing a trail of brush  
by Kevin Sarkissian**





# NO!

**All fireworks are prohibited on national forest lands. Fire & law enforcement officials want to remind visitors that the possession or use of all fireworks, even those deemed "safe and sane" are prohibited on national forest system lands.**

**Violation of this law is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.**

**Human-caused wildfires, which damage natural resources, threaten lives and property, and account for 94 percent of all wildfires on the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.**



## 2015 Concert Series

### Adam's Pack Station @ Chantry Flat

Come join us for music Sundays...

Part of our plan to make Chantry Flat a destination spot is to showcase local musicians. The mountain resorts of the "Great Hiking Era" often featured live music, and those of Big Santa Anita Canyon attracted visitors from throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Party goers would hike miles from the trailhead in Sierra Madre to fill the dance halls. We are reliving this tradition on the first Sunday of the Spring and Summer months, only without the miles of hiking...

Performances will be of the more intimate, acoustic variety; such as modern folk, singer/songwriter, cowboy, bluegrass etc. We will try to keep a large rotation of acts so that you might always hear something new. If you know how to play, bring up an instrument with the number of strings you like and we'll make room for you. We will always have plenty of food being served, so take the extra eight minutes to drive up the road for lunch, entertainment and fresh air. If you plan to hike, come early and lunch afterward – many have found it hard to leave!

#### BBQ and Beer

No need to pack a lunch. We serve fresh burgers & fries, Nathan's hot dogs, grilled hot links and veggie burgers. Cold beer, soda pop and snacks are also available.

#### Music Schedule

- **July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Paul Inman's
- **July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam
- **July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 1:30: Vin Fiz Flyer  
1:45 - 3:15: Other Mother Brother Band  
3:30 - 5:00: Wumbloozo
- **July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Paul Inman's Delivery
- **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree
- **Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam
- **Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 1:30: The Still Moving Project  
1:45 - 3:15: Tim Tedrow  
3:30 - 5:00: Laurel Canyon Ramblers
- **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
12:00 - 1:30: T.J. Sullivan Blues  
1:45 - 5:00: The Subs
- **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 1:30: Other Mother Brother Band  
1:45 - 3:15: Wild Mountain Mystics  
3:30 - 5:00: Paul Inman's Delivery
- **Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree
- **Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam
- **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 1:30: Sandy Ross  
1:45 - 3:15: Pat Nason  
& The Regular crew  
3:30 - 5:00: Bleu Skies
- **Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 - 5:00: Barnyard Jamboree

# VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

- **Help needed! Please look in the VOLUNTEERS NEEDED section**
- **July 31<sup>st</sup>, Friday in Wrightwood:**
  - ! Medical checkup:!! 9:00AM - 12:00 PM \* ! mandatory
  - ! Drop bag collection:!! 9:00AM - 12:00 PM \*
  - !! Drop Bag Pick Up! 12:30 PM**
  - ! Trail briefing:!! 2:00PM - 4:00 PM \*
  - !! -Introductions
  - ! -Welcome to Wrightwood
  - !! -Medical concerns -
  - !! -USFS concerns
  - !! -Search & Rescue concerns
  - !! -Trail Conditions/Markings concerns !
  - ! Spaghetti Dinner!! 4:30 PM at WW Community Center (\$8 donation)
- **Aug 1<sup>st</sup> In Wrightwood:**
  - ! Runners check-in !! 4:00AM
  - ! Invocation !!! 4:30AM
  - ! Start of race!! 5:00AM (sharp)
- **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> At Loma Alta Park in Altadena:**
  - Finish of race!! 2:00PM (sharp)
  - Picnic & Award ceremony:!! 2:00PM – 5:00PM. Everyone is welcome.

**Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol** [m.rmguire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rmguire@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 Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers

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

- **Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard"**

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails.

We work on the trails almost every Saturday.



**A Butterfly in the Angeles Forest  
by Neide Torres**



### ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

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Forest Care Program Coordinator

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- **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](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us) or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- **Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!**  
Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

### Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 [johnrhowell@earthlink.net](mailto:johnrhowell@earthlink.net)

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- **July 11<sup>th</sup> Habitat Restoration Days**

2nd Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00am

Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.

- **July 19<sup>th</sup> Rosemont Preserve Open Gate**

3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00pm

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 3-5pm 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

### Upcoming Docent-led Tours

**No RSVP necessary for Rosemont Preserve events. Rain cancel**

- **July 25<sup>th</sup> 9-11am:**

Nancy Steele's tour: Open Space Conservation and the History of AFC

- **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 9-11am:**

Nicholas Hummingbird's talk on Native Plants on Rosemont Preserve

- **Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 9-11 am:**

Docent tour of the Preserve, tour guide TBA

- **Oct 24, 9-11 am:**

History with Michele Zack



**A squirrel in the  
Angeles Forest  
by Neide Torres**

### **BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW**

[bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com)

Andy Hoyer 213-675-0420

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

- Taking a summer break until around September

### **Blight Busters Trail Crew**

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

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

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

### **Big Santa Anita Canyon**

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

- Check the 2015 concert schedule in the VOLUNTEER FUN section!
- 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/>

#### • July 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:edwaldheim@aol.com)

<http://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org>

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

818-548-2000

July CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-7/-cury-2015>

### **Community Hiking Club**

[communityhikingclub.org](http://communityhikingclub.org)

661-259-2743

**Dianne Erskine Hellrigel**

email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com)

- **July 4<sup>th</sup> - Easy Family Hike up Whitney Canyon to the site of the waterfall cascades**

**Distance:** ~ 4.5 miles, out and back.

**Gain:** Almost none

**Rated:** Easy, suitable for newcomers and young families.

**Time:** About 2.5 hours

**Description:** A beautiful mostly flat 4 mile hike, along a river bed with shady oak trees along most of the route. This is such a pleasant and easy "out and back" hike that you do not have to leave the kids or dog at home either. Your hike starts along a dirt road, but after about a half mile, becomes a single track - all the way to the site of a nice little waterfall. The waterfall will not be flowing at this time of year but that will make it easy for your leader to scramble up a short distance with the more adventurous ones to show you a series of rocky waterfall cascades. Expect to see squirrels, woodpeckers and other birds that like this riparian habitat.

**Bring:** This hike is short but you might like to bring a snack to eat at the waterfall, water (~1 liter), sun protection/hat.

**Dogs:** Allowed, if on a leash and well-behaved around other dogs and people.

**Meeting place:** Meet at the Whitney Canyon trailhead (by the gate) at 8:00 AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure down the trail. We should be back by about 10:30AM.

**Directions:** From Valencia, take the I-5 Freeway south ; from San Fernando Valley, take 1-5 freeway North. Get on the SR-14 North and be ready to take the first Exit - Newhall Avenue. Take a right at the fork on the off-ramp. and when you reach the stop sign, turn right. This will lead you quickly into the Park and Ride that is adjacent to SR-14 (Note: Do not confuse this with the tree-lined Park and Ride a 1/2 mile down on the North side of Newhall Avenue). Parking here is FREE.

**NOTE:** If the Park and Ride is full, you may have to park in the MRCA lot (Put \$7.00 in the metal box to avoid a Ranger ticket). It is wise to come a little early to secure a parking spot in the Park and Ride. Look for your leader at the green MRCA gate by the green sign at the top/left of the Park and Ride.

**Leader:** Steve I.

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## Community Hiking Club (cont)

• **July 11<sup>th</sup> - BEAT THE HEAT 1 - Sawmill Mountain via Mount Pinos - Easy or Moderate, your choice!**

**Distance:** 4 miles or 7 miles, out and back.

**Gain:** About 500' in first 4 miles and another 600' if doing the full hike

**Rated:** Easy+ if doing the first 4 miles only or Moderate for full 7 mile hike

**Time:** About 4 hours, including a 20 minute lunch break.

**Description:** Listen to the swush of the wind as it gently caresses the huge pines teasing out their fragrance. This 4 or 7 mile hike takes in 1 or 2 summits (Mount Pinos and then Sawmill Mountain). The nice thing is that you can make it an "Easy" or "Moderate" hike. The hike is an "out and back", regardless of which one you chose and is well marked, so you can turn around after the "Easy" (2+2 mile) hike or whenever you like after that. Beginners can summit Mt. Pinos, enjoy the views, and fresh mountain air before heading back down to the parking lot at their own pace. Moderate hikers should be easily able to complete both summits (3.5 + 3.5 miles).

**First,** we summit Mt. Pinos (8831 ft.) from the Trail head (8340 ft.) for an "Easy" 4 mile Round Trip hike, made a little more difficult due to the altitude. Then, if you continue with us down some switchbacks to Sawmill Mountain (8818 ft), we add another 3 miles RT and another 600 ft of gain to give us a 7 mile total distance and 1100 ft total gain "Moderate" hike. Mount Pinos is the highest point in Ventura County and lies on the edge of the Chumash Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest. Mount Pinos, created over 100 million years ago was known as Iwihinmu to the indigenous Chumash people. The slopes are a mix of sub-alpine, white fir, and Jeffrey Pine habitats. The views from Mount Pinos are beautiful, including the patchwork quilt of agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley to the north, the Tehachapis to the east, and the Carrizo Plain and Temblor Mountains to the northwest.

**Bring:** Poles if you have them, lunch/ snacks, bug spray and bug net, 3 liters of water, sunscreen, lip balm. The views are spectacular, so bring your camera.

**Adventure Pass:** Required ,when parking at the Mt. Pinos Trail head (These can be obtained at Sports Chalet in Stevenson Ranch or any BIG 5 Sporting Goods store; \$5 for a day pass, \$30 for a year pass.

**Directions (from Santa Clarita Valley):** Allow 1 1/2 hours to get to trailhead from Santa Clarita. Take the I-5 North ~ 40 miles to the Frazier Park off ramp. Exit, turn left under highway. Go West on the Frazier Park Road for about 12 miles passing Lockhart Valley Road (on the left) until you see signs for Mt. Pinos. Stay to the left at the fork and follow the road as it twists and turns 9 miles up the mountain to the Nordic Hut parking area at the very top. Park on the left side, by the Mt Pinos trailhead, and look for us there.

**If you wish to carpool** - meet at Towsley Canyon at 6.45AM for a 7.00AM SHARP departure. 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.

**Those intending to do only Mt. Pinos** are encouraged to carpool with other "Easy" hikers, or drive alone to avoid waiting for the rest of a carpool.

**Meet your leader:** At the Mt Pinos parking lot trail head at 8:15 AM; we will depart up the trail to Mt Pinos at 8:30 AM SHARP.

**Rating:** Easy to Moderate, depending on the distance you cover.

**Leader:** Steve I.

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**• July 18<sup>th</sup> - Temescal Canyon to Will Rogers Estate**

**Length:** 4 mile (Temescal Canyon Loop only) and an additional 5.5 miles (Will Rogers Estate) = 9.5 miles for both.

**Gain:** 1500 ft. for both

**Rating:** Moderate for both hike parts

**Description:** This is a beautiful, cool hike in the hills above the great Pacific Ocean. It starts out with an uphill climb to a little waterfall, then winds through lovely chaparral, exposing views of the ocean and the gorgeous hilltop homes of Pacific Palisades. The first part of the hike is a 4 mile loop which starts and ends at Temescal Canyon Ranger Station. Once we've returned to this spot, beginning hikers can depart if they wish, or continue on to the Will Rogers Estate.

**The second part of the hike to the Will Rogers Estate** rises up to a transverse trail that parallels Sunset Blvd going East. We pass through chaparral and woodland areas, cross behind secluded woodland homes and go down into a canyon that leads back up and into the Will Rogers Estate. We have seen lots of deer in this area, so make sure you have your camera ready!!!

**Meet your Leader/Carpooling from Santa Clarita:** Towsley Canyon, 24489 The Old Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91381 (GPS: 34.358431, -118.555237)

**Meet at Towsley parking** lot in front of the gate at 7:30AM to organize carpools for a departure to the trail head at 7:45 AM SHARP. It is best to carpool as there is a \$7.00 fee to park at Temescal. Be sure to make a COMPLETE stop at the stop signs in the park or you WILL get a ticket in the mail.

If you prefer to drive yourself, meet at Temescal Cyn parking lot at 8:15AM. Walk toward the trail at the back of the upper lot and meet in front of the bathrooms on the right. We will leave promptly when the carpools arrive from Towsley ~8:30 AM latest.

**Bring:** Lunch/ snacks, water (3 liters recommended), camera, hiking poles if you have them, and electrolytes if it is a hot day.

**Dogs:** Sorry, not allowed on this trail. **Leader:** Dianne

**Saturday, July 25 - Parker Mesa overlook from Trippet Ranch (Topanga)**

**Distance:** ~6.7 Miles total (out and back)

**Gain:** ~ 375'

**Hiking Time:** ~3 hours

**Rating:** Easy +++/ Moderate - (due to periodic elevation gains and the overall mileage)

**Description:** This weekend we will try to escape the heat in SCV by taking in some ocean views. Parker Mesa Overlook is one of the best vista points in the Santa Monica Mountains, serving up panoramic views over Santa Monica Bay from a 1,525-foot oceanfront ridge in Topanga State Park. The overlook is located along East Topanga Fire Road, a north-south running ridge trail spanning between Trippet Ranch, the park's main trailhead in the north, and Paseo Miramar in the Pacific Palisades to the south. We will enjoy the expansive view out over Santa Monica Bay to the south. Palos Verdes Peninsula juts out from the far side of the C-shaped bay. Beyond that, on a clear day, you may spot Catalina Island on the horizon.

**Bring:** Plenty of water (3-4 L, if it is very hot), electrolytes, a snack, and shoes with good tread. .

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

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**Directions to the trailhead at Topanga State Park from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley, (32 miles, ~45 mins):** Merge onto I-5 South. Keep right to continue on the I-405 S/San Diego Fwy, following signs for Santa Monica. After 9.0 miles, take the exit to US101 N, towards Ventura, drive 8.2 miles on the 101, and exit at California 27 S/Topanga Cyn Blvd. Merge on to Topanga Cyn Blvd and drive 7.8 miles south on Topanga Canyon Blvd until you see Entrada Road on the left. Road is twisty so be on the look out for it. Turn east (left) into Entrada Road and drive up the mountain for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park / Trippet Ranch and you see cars parked on the left side of the road.

**NOTE:** There is a \$10 Park Service day-use fee to park in the Trippet Ranch parking lot, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. They have immaculate modern bathrooms; so if you carpool and want to support their upkeep, go for it. Alternatively, a few hundred yards outside the park, there may be some free parking left along the road. We will see how it goes.

**Meet the Hike Leader:** At Towsley canyon to carpool or later at the Trippet Ranch Trailhead, by the parking lot bathrooms, he will have an orange bandana. We plan to be at the trailhead by 8.15AM so the group can leave promptly by 8.30AM. Note: Only if you have checked in at Towsley will we wait for you.

**Hike portion is ~ 3 hours**, so I hope to be back to Towsley by about 1pm.

**Dogs:** Unfortunately, they are not permitted on this trail.

**Adventure Pass:** Not Required.

**Leader:** Steve I.

## 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](mailto:wildlife@habitatwork.org)

## Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

### 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** phone: 951-830-3400 e-mail: [maujds@earthlink.net](mailto:maujds@earthlink.net)

- Forest Certified Animal Packer
- Master Teacher for "LNT"
- "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](mailto: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)**

- **July 18<sup>th</sup> Outing**

**WHAT'S PLANNED:** We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe East Trail, cutting back brush, sawing small trees and branches, and tread widening. In probably 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 Institute

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

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

☺ **Cosmic Cafe is now open & guided tours on Saturday/Sunday**

#### 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.

### Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

Contact: Matt Lay [Matt@MWBA.org](mailto:Matt@MWBA.org)

- **July 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, MWBA Trailwork**

Check back <http://mwba.org/> or email [info@mwba.org](mailto: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 Race**

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

**Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race**

☺ Plans are being made for May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

**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

- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Tahoe Trail Skills College ( Check out Trail Skills College section)

**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](mailto:feedback@crystallake.name) I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

**MEETING LOCATION :**

San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center, 1950 North San Gabriel Canyon @ 7:30 am

**SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY**

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

**Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919**

**E-mail: [Emworks@verizon.net](mailto: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/](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/)**

- **July 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Benefit Night at Canoe House:** Join us for an evening of good food, casual conversation, and learn about our group's summer and autumn outings and conservation activities. A percentage of proceeds from your meal order will benefit Pasadena Group conservation and outreach activities. Dinner 5 PM - 8 PM (come any time) Canoe House, 805 Fair Oaks Ave; South Pasadena. Coordinators: David Czamanske, Elizabeth Pomeroy
- **July 7<sup>th</sup> Cooper Canyon to Buckhorn**
- **July 26<sup>th</sup> Mt Baden-Powell (9300') from Dawson Saddle (7903')**



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins [smiggins@fs.fed.us](mailto:smiggins@fs.fed.us) 909-382-2796  
602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

- **July 18<sup>th</sup> Music in the Mountains Season 10 (Check in the Fundraiser Section)**
- **Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Music in the Mountains Season 10 (Check in the Fundraiser Section)**

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2015&month=07>

- **July 4<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> Build a Birdhouse**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>/ 11<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> Gold Panning**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> Nature Craft**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> Story Time**
- **July 18<sup>th</sup> Intro to Geocaching**

### **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 July 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration July 19<sup>th</sup>**
- **Moonlight Hike July 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **Park Work Day July 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Street Tree Care July 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest**

<http://www.grassyhollow.net>

Wrightwood, CA Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

Loren Lake [lorenll@verizon.net](mailto:lorenll@verizon.net)

- **The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only**  
**Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc. By Appointment Saturday,**

- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:45 PM Full Moon Hike**

Come join us for a beautiful moonlight hike in the Angeles National Forest! Bask in the full moon as it lights our way through the forest. Hear the critters and other forest wildlife. See the beautiful stars. Bring a jacket, sturdy shoes, water and a flashlight.

**Approx.** 2 miles.

**Location:** Big Pines Ranger Station.

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

- **July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM July 4th Weekend**

Get out of the heat and enjoy your holiday weekend with a cool trip to the Angeles National Forest. Check out campsites by visiting [www.ReservedUSA.com](http://www.ReservedUSA.com) for reservations. Or simply hike our marked trails and have a picnic at the tables at Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Directions for hiking & camping are at the Center. No special programs this weekend.

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## Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest (cont)

- **July 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM Reptiles!**

See many live specimens. You will learn about the snakes and lizards that slither and crawl around in our area!

**Time:** Approx. 1½ hours.

**NOTE:** Due to popular demand, the program will be presented twice.

**Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

**Leader:** Phil Clevinger and Jim Bass, Herpetologists

- **July 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mountain Man Talk**

Would you like to meet a real mountain man and his pack animals? They will show you Old Ways for Modern Days. He's riding in today to the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater to promote the use, care, and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; and to advocate good trail manners. He has a wealth of information to share and demonstrate with visitors.

**Time:** Available all day from 11 AM to 4 PM.

**Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Terry Haider, Santa Ana River Unit.

- **July 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM Lightning Ridge Nature Walk**

Scan distant horizons from the Lightning Ridge Trail atop Angeles Crest. With one of our experienced volunteers as your guide, walk through the area of the forest containing examples of the forces of nature that shape our region. Beautiful views of Mt. Baden-Powell, Mt. Baldy and the high desert.

**Bring** your camera.

**Time:** 45 minutes - 1 hour. Easy ½ mile hike.

**Location:** Inspiration Point.

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

- **July 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM Keeping The Forest Green & Fire Safe**

Learn how NOT to start a fire in the forest to protect humans, animal life, and trees.

**Time:** Approx. 1 hour.

**Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center Amphitheater.

**Leader:** Capt. Jim Wilkins, San Bernardino Fire Dept. Capt. Retired.

- **July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Earthquake Walk**

Join us for a walk along a local stretch of the famous San Andreas Fault and learn about earthquakes from a well-versed naturalist guide. See some interesting formations.

**Time:** Approx. 1 ½ hours. Easy 1 ½ mile hike.

**Location:** Apple Tree Campground

**Leader:** Gail Nieto, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

- **July 31<sup>st</sup> 7:45 PM Full Moon Hike**

Come join us for a beautiful moonlight hike in the Angeles National Forest! Bask in the full moon as it lights our way through the forest. Hear the critters and other forest wildlife. See the beautiful Antelope Valley city lights below us.

**Bring** a jacket, sturdy shoes, water, and a flashlight.

**Length:** Approx. 2 miles.

**Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center.

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, President, Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

**William S Hart UHSD  
of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135**[www.hartrop.com/forestry](http://www.hartrop.com/forestry)[www.facebook.com/ropforestry](http://www.facebook.com/ropforestry)

Afternoon all!

Having cleared more than 2.5 miles of tread in just 4 days (including more than 8 miles of hiking to / from project sites and positioning us a full 2 full days ahead of work schedule), we've got some exceptionally motivated kids this year! Thank you all again for some seriously stellar referrals! A quick project update for close of Week 1.

**Project: Snake Trail (Quigley Canyon - City of Santa Clarita)****Project Date(s):** 6/8/15

Work: Light brushing / treadwork / remove inoperative decaying culvert

**Project length:** .25 miles**Project status:** Complete**Project: Oak Spring Trail (Angeles National Forest - US Forest Service)****Project Date(s):** 6/9/15 - 6/11/15

Work: Light brushing / moderate treadwork

**Project length:** 2.3 miles**Project status:** Complete

Topo details attached for agency reports if needed.

Links to project pics at:

<http://cvworks.weebly.com/uploads/3/9/0/9/39092133/quigleypics2015.pdf>

<http://cvworks.weebly.com/uploads/3/9/0/9/39092133/oakpics2015.pdf>

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!

Kevin

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead Instructor

W S Hart Union High School District

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

Regional Occupational Program

21515 Centre Pointe Parkway

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

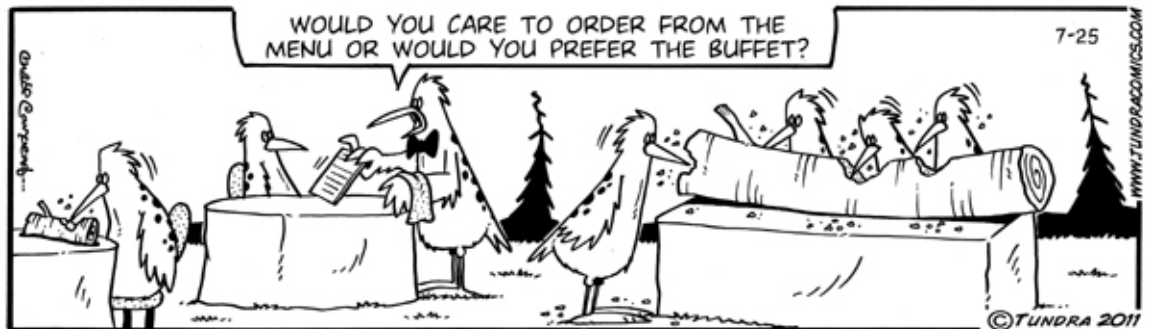
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Los Angeles River Ranger District  
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road  
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times July 25, 2011 email: [tundra@tundracomics.com](mailto:tundra@tundracomics.com)



**Volunteer Today**

Send this in Right Away to

Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd  
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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