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## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter June 2015

### California Climate

California's climate is justly famous. Robert Frost wrote about it in this way:  
I met a Californian who would Talk California – a state so blessed,  
He said, in climate, none had ever died there A natural death.

This booster's claim is perhaps exaggerated, but it cannot be denied that many immigrants and tourists were attracted by the state's climate. It is said that the climate breeds an attitude of freedom and creativity and that California is on the 'cutting edge' of progress in the United States. Be that as it may, California also leads the country in wildfires, and the primary reason is its climate.

Limited space forbids a detailed discussion of climate, but fortunately one word describes California's climate: Mediterranean. The word conjures up visions of blue seas crashing against rocky headlands, wide beaches of white sand and a backdrop of green hills and blue mountains. The classic Mediterranean climate is found only along California's south coast, but climatologists tell us that most of the state has some form of Mediterranean climate. Indeed, during the real estate boom days of the early 1900's, even Orland, and inland Sacramento Valley town, claimed the climatic wonders of Italy.

What is a Mediterranean climate? It is rainy winters, it is marine air influence, it is warm to hot summers and it is extended sunny weather. These four characteristics are found wherever this climate exists; southwest South Africa, in southwest Australia, in Chile and of course, along the Mediterranean Sea. They describe all of California's sub-climates with certain exceptions: a narrow strip along the north coast, the Modoc plateau, some of the Great Valley, the deserts and the higher mountain slopes.

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and  
never let failure get to your heart ♥

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## California Climate (cont)

The popular song of some years ago told us, "It Never Rains in Southern California." There are years however, when el Nino or other unknown phenomena create long, very wet winters that often cause flooding in the lowlands and huge accumulations of snow in the mountains. This is not generally a factor in wildlife control except in southern California, where torrential rains on burned slopes may result in disastrous floods. It was this sequence of events that put southern California in the forefront of early efforts to protect watersheds. The danger to watersheds is emphasized in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains, which have great potential for torrential precipitation for periods of 12 hours or longer.

This demonstrates that a general climatic regime may have many sub-climates that differ drastically from one another. Average annual precipitation in California varies from 90 or more inches in the northern mountains to 25 inches in the southern mountains and only 10 to 15 inches along much of the south and central coast and in the Great Valley. Most of the precipitation arrives in the winter and moves with storms from north to south. It is quite possible to have an average fire season in the north while the south experiences a severe fire season.

Truly wet winters are the exception. Most California winters have periods of warm, dry weather, and many have subnormal precipitation. When dry winters occur, especially in succession, California is subject to yearlong drought, usually resulting in severe fire seasons. However, in weather, as in most things, timing is everything. A wet spring can delay the onset of dry conditions and postpone or moderate an otherwise severe fire season.

During the long summer, both live and dead vegetation lose moisture until they become highly flammable. Summertime precipitation seldom occurs, so marine air becomes the major moderating element for much of California. On many summer days, marine air influence is significant even at locations far inland. In southern California the sea breeze may penetrate eighty miles across the coastal hills to the San Bernardino Mountains and flow up slope with normal air movement. In the north the Delta breeze often funnels through the Sacramento Delta and spreads north and south, cooling the foothills and mountains of the Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges for fifty or more miles in each direction.

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 lose moisture, the state is in fact undergoing drought. It is a drought that occurs every year, varying only in its intensity and length.

*first day of*  
**SUMMER!**

**The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.  
In 2015, the summer begins with the solstice on June 21 at 12:38 P.M. EDT.**

**The timing of the solstice depends on when the Sun reaches  
its farthest point north of the equator.**

**Solstice is derived from the Latin words sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still).**

**VISIBILITY REDUCED EACH YEAR**

**Mountain Lookout Fears Smog Will Close Her High Forest Post**

**BY GRAHAME JONES**

**Times Staff Writer**

From her glass-enclosed aerie deep in the Angeles National Forest, Ramona Merwin watches the future gradually reaching up at her from the valleys below.

Her future once appeared as bright as the small green and yellow room she calls home for six months each year, but it is becoming increasingly dark as the smog searches out her perch 5,908 feet atop Mt. Vetter.

Mrs. Merwin is a U.S. Forest Service fire lookout and her job, along with those of the other three lookouts nearby, is being threatened by the smog that seeps through the canyons from the San Gabriel Valley.

**Smog Increases**

"Each year it's becoming just a little bit worse," she said "when I first started here in 1955, the Angeles Crest Highway acted as a sort of dividing line, but it's been creeping closer every year since then."

Although smog has not yet completely closed any of the forest's eight lookouts towers, Forest Supervisor William Dresser says they are subject to continuous evaluation.

"We measure the number for first reports of a fire which a lookout provides us against the number of actual fires occurring in his area." Dresser said.

**Visibility Reduced**

"In the past this ratio has been fairly high but the smog is certainly reducing the lookout's effectiveness by reducing the visibility."

This is particularly true in what are know as the frontal areas of the forest.

Josephine Peak lookout three miles off the highway above La Canada has become the first smog casualty despite its 5,558 foot elevation.

This year for the first time it will be staffed only during periods of extreme fire danger. Lookouts are normally manned from May to October and beyond if the weather warrants it.

Vetter Peak, where Mrs. Merwin is stationed, South Mt. Hawkins lookout 33 miles up the San Gabriel Canyon and Sunset Peak lookout northeast of San Dimas are feeling the effects of smog.

"There are still occasional clear days when you can see for 95 to 100 miles," Mrs. Merwin says, "but most of the time there is some smog."

**Smog Comes**

"Generally it starts building up about noon each day and stays till around 4 or 5 p.m. Sometimes it's a dirty brown color so thick you can almost cut it with a knife, other times it's just a haze.

"In the mornings, I can see at least 25 miles but in the afternoons this is cut to about 10."

Mrs. Merwin says the smog is hurting the plant life in the forest too, particularly the pine trees. So far, however, it seems to have had slight effect upon the animal population.

**Many Animals**

"I sometimes wish I were a photographer, there are so many animals that come up to the tower," she said. "the other day I saw mother bear and here cub walking down the fire road and for the past two seasons there's been a mountain lion living in the neighborhood,"

Other animals which are frequent visitors to the tower are bobcat, fox, coyotes, raccoons, Squirrels and chipmunks. Snakes too provide some interesting moments, Cricket, Mrs. Merwin's dog, was bitten by a rattler last year but so far she has escaped their attention.

There have been other close moments, however. Her tower was once set afire during a lightning storm and, two years after she came to Vetter, the tower was almost hit by an aircraft.

"I was standing on the balcony surrounding the tower," she said, "when this jet trainer came from practically nowhere and just missed the tower. It was so close I could have reached out and touched it."

Mrs. Merwin says she doesn't know what she'll do if smog closes the towers; the silence and solitude of the mountains have been her life so far. "I just hope they solve the smog problem before it reaches that point," she says.

# IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

## ☺ THE GOOD NEWS ☺

Great strides have been made in reducing the lung choking and decreased visibility caused by smog in Los Angeles California.

To read about the progress of reducing the smog, goto:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications/50-years-of-progress>

## ☹ THE BAD NEWS ☹

The Angeles National Forest Fire lookouts were closed down. (not because of smog!)  
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

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

### • May 31<sup>st</sup>

This will be our last trip before taking a summer break so we plan to do the entire trail starting from Eaton Saddle and ending at Switzer Picnic Area. The hike will be about 8 miles with 500' of elevation gain mostly at the end. This trip will require a car shuttle. We will meet 8 am at Switzer Picnic area (exit Angeles Crest Highway from the 210 freeway and go north on SR 2 for 10 miles, then turn right and go down to the parking area). We then consolidate into a few vehicles and drive to the Eaton Saddle Trailhead picking up tools and hardhats along the way.

Our work will primarily consist of clearing some of the most difficult sections of the trail and making the trail easier to find. There will be some sawing, clearing downfall, brushing and light tread work. We plan to have lunch next to a deep pool for anyone who wants to take a dip in cold water.

We should be back to Switzer Picnic Area by 4:30. At least one vehicle will be needed to take the drivers and equipment back up to Eaton Saddle.

Alan Coles  
(562) 420-9270



# 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

## 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](mailto:ken.hamada3@gmail.com)**

**Any help will be appreciated.**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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

## **Celebrate Summer** **(Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)**

◆ **WHEN:**

**Sat. June 20, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. - Noon**

◆ **WHERE:**

**Deukmejian  
Wilderness Park**

**3429 Markridge Rd  
Glendale, Ca 91214**

◆ **WHAT:**

**Snacks and drinks will  
be provided**

**Wear sturdy shoes and  
protective clothing**

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

◆ **Want More:**

**Call (818) 548-3795**

Join us as we begin our countdown to celebrate the summer season.

Summer actually begins the next day on Sunday, June 21st with the Solstice at 12:38 p.m. EDT, but we couldn't wait!



Get outdoors on a beautiful morning (we hope it is a nice day), breathe in the fresh air (we hope it is fresh), feel the sun on your face (be sure to use sunscreen), enjoy the incredible surroundings (we know they are incredible) and volunteer your time to help us with the continued restoration of Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

We will be ready to hand water the trees, pull all those invasive weeds and more. These activities are perfect for all ages and abilities. Students needing those last few Community Service Hours are welcome to join the celebration!

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

## Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

### ◆ WHEN:

Sat. June 13, 2015  
8:00 a.m. - Noon

### ◆ WHERE:

Glendale Narrows  
Riverwalk  
300 Paula Ave.  
Glendale, CA 91201  
(corner of Paula Ave  
& Garden St)

Questions? Call us  
at (818) 548-3795

Everyone must sign  
a waiver prior to  
working. Minors  
must provide a  
waiver signed by a  
parent or guardian.



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

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, long pants, hat and sun protection. We will provide the tools, gloves, drinks and snacks, but if possible bring your own work gloves and hand clippers.



Families, individuals, groups, clubs and students needing Community Service hours are encouraged to attend.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



**CTUC**

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**OPERATION SUPER  
CANYON SWEEP-2015**

**WE NEED YOU  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, 2015  
8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

**WE WILL BE CLEANING UP THE SAN GABRIEL CANYON.**

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

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**TERRY KAISER at 818-262-0315 E-MAIL [hdconcerns@ca.rr.com](mailto:hdconcerns@ca.rr.com)**

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

USDA Forest Service / Los Angeles River Ranger District

## *National Trails Day 2015*

**DATE:** Saturday, June 6, 2015, sign-in between 8:00-8:30am.

(Mt. Wilson Gate opens at 8:00am)

Event is scheduled from 8:30am-3:30pm.

**LOCATION:** Meet at Mt. Wilson west parking lot, facing the pavilion

**EVENT:** Celebrate National Trails Day on June 6, 2015. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Mt. Wilson Trail System. This event is organized by the volunteer groups of the US Forest Service, Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles River Ranger District. We will break for lunch and a short ceremony regarding National Trails Day at 1:00 pm near the Pavilion. Activities will end at 3:30 pm. This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar at the meeting site so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. **Please bring your lunch and personal equipment listed below.**

**Personal Equipment Required while Working:** Long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves, and boots are required. ANYONE NOT WEARING REQUIRED CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK (Anyone wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate). Bring sun protection, hard-hat (if available – can be provided if needed), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), water (2 Quarts), snacks, etc. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30. You will be able to eat your lunch near the Pavilion.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the 210 Freeway in La Canada, go north on Angeles Crest Highway (CA 2) to Clear Creek Junction (9 miles). Continue on Angeles Crest Highway and drive 4.6 miles to Red Box junction. Turn right onto Mt Wilson Road and proceed to the Mt. Wilson parking. Park in the west parking lot. Allow 50 minutes driving time from the 210 Fwy. Carpool if possible.

**For Additional Information, 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: dcmerkel@fs.fed.us

(Evening): David Ledford, Volunteer Leader, Training  
(310) 373-2111 email: GDLedford@verizon.net

The next Trail Boss training opportunity is scheduled for September 19, 2015 in Advanced Leader Training (High Country). This training day is for advanced training using special techniques.

**Training activities are open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups**

## 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.

# Gathering Smokey Bear LEGO's Support



**Smokey Bear's Ranger Station & Fire Tower**  
<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/9942>



**Smokey Bear Teaching Fire Safety**  
<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/97487>



**Smokey Bear & Friends**  
<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/100026>

## Gathering Support for Smokey Bear LEGO's -

Dear Friends of Smokey Bear and Forest Service:

We are trying to get supporters for Smokey Bear/Forest LEGO's. These are the three different LEGO ideas that are being considered. We need to get 10,000 supporters to have LEGO consider making the sets available for purchase. We are hoping that the Forest Service staff and friends of Smokey Bear will all support this so it can become a reality for everyone to purchase. LEGO requires you to log on and create an id so that they have a legitimate e-mail address so someone cannot just vote for themselves over and over again. The links are below the photos- please view the project and add your support. Thank you for your time and consideration. Your help can make this a reality.

Please pass the information along to anyone who may be interested in supporting the projects. I think this is a great way to keep the Fire Prevention message of Smokey working and children interested and listening so our forests are there for them to enjoy when they grow up. LEGO is aware that Smokey Bear is licensed and they would go through the proper legal process if the idea gets the support required.

Sincerely,  
James Klingbeil



## FUND RAISER

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

**June 27, July 18, August 1 & September 5, 2015**

**'The PettyBreakers' and 'Fortunate Son'  
Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (PDT)**

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

*Help us heal our forest with music!*

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!

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

May 20, 2015 Arcadia By Kathie Reilly

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- [www.mtlowe.net](http://www.mtlowe.net)

## Organization Reports:

- California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC): absent. June 13 is Operation Super Sweep along Highway 39 north of OHV, lunch provided. Passed around flyer.
- Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers, Mark: absent, working Castle Canyon Trail.
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (CORBA), Steve: will be working at Grand Canyon. CORBA will be in Memorial Day parade in La Canada May 25.
- JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie: Maintained Muir Peak Trail, upper Valley Forge Trail at Eaton Saddle, back to Mt Lowe East Trail.
- Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association Vetter absent
- Arroyo Seco Canyon, Tom and Patty: absent, still active
- Mt Disappointment 50 K Race, Gary: Race is 7/11. Working Strawberry Peak, Kenyon DeVore, Silver Moccasin, Idlehour East, San Gabriel Peak Trails. Helping Hal with AC100 trails. Was not familiar with problems on Idlehour Trail, so send him pictures.
- Terry Tanner: absent
- Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian: cleared rock slide on Mt Lowe fire road.
- Echo Mountain, Mike: cleared slides on Lower Merrill Trail. Asked for, and Brian has some, "Don't cut trail signs" wording. Wants to create a docent program for Mt Echo. Dennis said there will be a Junior Ranger program as a result of the National Monument. Passed around sign-up sheet for our closed-group Facebook page and he will send you an invite with instructions. Use it to post pictures and coordinates. Group is named Losangelesriverrangerdistrictvolunteers.
- Boy Scouts of America, David: 75 volunteers worked California Trails Day on Grizzly Flat and Stone Canyon Trails. Conducted Trail Boss training earlier this month. Cleared trees on PCT at Little Jimmy and on Mt Lowe West Trail. Supporting 2 Eagle projects. National Trails Day is June 6 at Mt Wilson.
- William Hart Trails, Kevin: absent
- Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: on vacation. Working with Gary. Next work days are May 30 and June 13. Cleared trees on PCT and Burkhart Trails, now clear to Islip.
- Bear Canyon, Allen: worked upper part by Tom Sloan saddle. Will have one more outing before summer break. People are definitely using the trail. Put trail signs at junction. Will use "unmaintained" sticker for Falls, since without that, people get lost looking for the Falls.
- Tree People: absent.
- Chantry Flats, Dave: would appreciate law enforcement or fire crew presence more than an hour. Cut wood needs to be removed and dry grass cut in picnic area - Dennis said Kevin will be doing that. Rattlesnakes and bears have been seen. Trash and graffiti at helicopter pad. If you have a radio that needs reprogramming, Dave will help.
- Sierra Club, Don: working Valley Forge Trail down to junction. Sierra Club program May 27 on Photographing in San Gabriel Mountains.
- MIS Hermanos Pequenitos (My Little Brothers), Andreas: Planted over 1,000 trees around Chilao, and also planting at east side of National Monument. Cleared graffiti and removed Spanish Broom at Stonyvale.

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

- Mt Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA), Matt: Working Rattlesnake and Lower Sunset Trails;. Assisted Eagle Project on El Prieto. Mitch: working Lower Sam Merrill. Requesting SSTs at the bottom of the trail and at Mt Echo. Recommend Trail Servers catalog for trail tools -. David said those tools are available from the District. Asked who has been cutting back brush on Mt Lowe fire road - Dennis said it is fire crew.
- Friends of Echo Mountain, Danny: absent.
- Legacy Restoration Crew, Brenda: absent
- Crescenta Valley Trail Crew, Karen: been doing projects for Glendale, ready to get back into Angeles
- ANF Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy Peterson's contract ended, replaced by Chris Fabio.
- ADV Moto trail crew, Joel: Noted down trees on Silver Moccasin Trail. Hosted Motorcycle Travelers at Death Valley, which raised money for donations to charities of public lands. Wants to host a cleanup next year at Santa Clara Divide.
- PCTA, John: concentrated on removing poodle dog and down trees in burn areas, and they are now in good shape, Liebre Mountain Trail
- Lambert: Built prototype map of trails and conditions at trailmaintain.org. It is like trails.lacounty.gov. Dennis will send email to us out for comments.

Community Collaborative Group for San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, Steve: First round of scheduled public meetings will start the week of June 22 to review the plan

### USFS Dennis:

- Had 3 chain saw and one cross-cut class so far this year
- CCC and LACC doing trail maintenance. LACC is working with CORBA on Gabriellino Trail from Switzers to Brown Mountain Gap, trail is done to Oakwilde.
- Pacoima Beautiful will be doing some trail work this summer
- Sent out revised Volunteer sign-in sheets so the first column is labeled for hours. Will take other suggestions. Volunteer agreement form has place for approval for minors
- Colby Canyon Trail is open to Strawberry Peak Trail. It remains closed further on due to the toad at the creek, and needing a reroute at the Methodist Church Camp
- CTUC is working on a grant for a pilot program for cameras to catch graffiti

**Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00pm at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Arcadia.**

# 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!**

## 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

**REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!**

## 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)

# 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)**





**Dave pulling down dirt  
by Brenda Beck**

**Peter Harrison and  
Brenda Beck assembling  
picnic tables on the  
Lower Trail Canyon  
Road trail.  
by Brenda Beck**



**A Picnic table is now ready  
to be used on the Lower  
Trail Canyon Road trail.  
Thanks Brenda Beck and  
Peter Harrison  
by Brenda Beck**



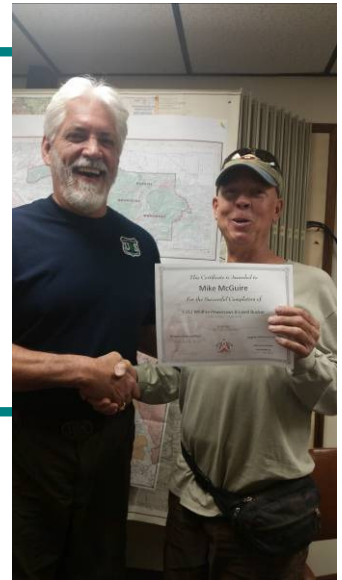




**Gary Hilliard and Hal Winton doing class work at Crosscut Saw Class by Jonathan Schultz**



**Volunteer Mike Mcguire graduating from B Sawyer certification class by Robin Mcguire**



**Safety lecture prior to trail work on California Trails Day/**

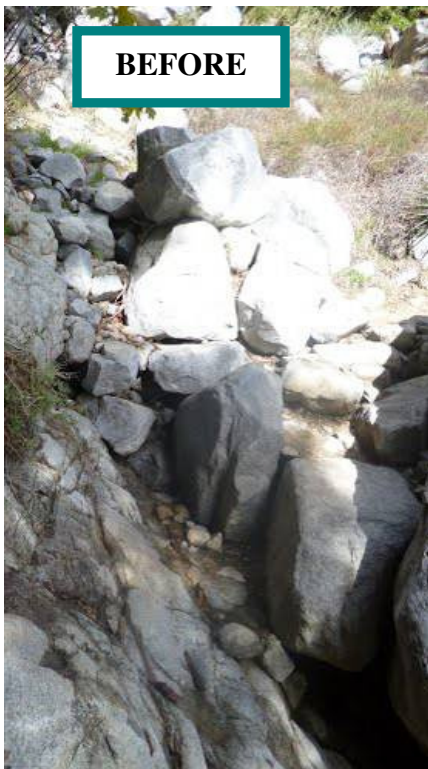
**by Robin Mcguire**





**Mike McGuire & Robin McGuire posing with Smokey Bear on Chilao Visitor center opening day**

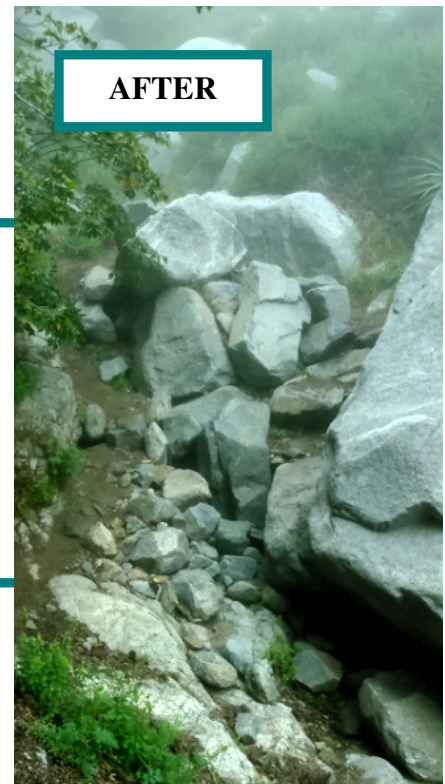
**by Robin McGuire**



**Last Water crossing on the Mount Wilson Trail used to be a rock climbing crossing.**

**Thanks to volunteers it is now a cross walk**

**by Guy Kuhn**



# VOLUNTEER FUN

## 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

• **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 - 1:30: Dan and Laurel  
1:45 - 3:15: Wild Mountain Mystics  
3:30 - 5:00: Dan and Laurel

• **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 - 5:00: Terry Okey's Cactus Jam

• **June 21<sup>st</sup>**

12:00 - 1:30: Darren Longman  
1:45 - 3:15: Sue Blue & Friends  
3:30 - 5:00: Bullfish

• **June 28<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 - 1:30: Bryan Chan  
1:45 - 3:15: Darren Longman  
3:30 - 5:00: Crown City Trio

• **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

# Going 'Wild': Why more women are seeking out adventure

## CNN REPORT

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/22/health/trail-hiking-women/index.html>

(CNN) If your idea of a vacation with friends involves a giant margarita, poolside massages or slot machines, you might be surprised by the latest travel trend. Grab your hiking boots and backpacks — more and more people are planning vacations that feature tents instead of hotel rooms, and Nalgene instead of tropical cocktails.

Since the release of the book "Wild: Lost and Found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed, and the subsequent movie starring Reese Witherspoon, more people have been motivated to hit the great outdoors. Google searches for "hiking the PCT," have increased six-fold — and those aspiring hikers aren't all burly outdoorsmen, either. According to data compiled by The Outdoor Foundation, while only 48 percent of adults pitching tents in 2011 were women, that number rose to 60 percent in 2014.

Here's how two women changed their lives by hiking — and how they're now empowering others to hit the trails as well.

### From Casual Hikes to Mount Kilimanjaro

Kara Richardson Whitely grew up in Vermont and Canada, where she spent plenty of time outdoors — until she began to struggle with her weight. "When I was approaching 30, I was [nearly] 360 pounds and I wasn't very active at all. I decided I'd just start hiking," Whitely says. While her first climbs were difficult, she persevered. "Doing so led me up mountains in Vermont; it led me to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back up. And then it led me to Kilimanjaro the first time."

Whitely, who authored the book *Gorge: My Journey Up Kilimanjaro at 300 Pounds*, which hit shelves on April 7, 2015, has also noticed a post-Wild phenomenon. "I did all three of my hikes [up Kilimanjaro] before Wild came out, but [Cheryl Strayed] really opened the door to the idea that going outdoors is attainable for women and doing things that are a little more than a day hike is something that other people can do, too," Whitely says.

Whitely's first hike up Kilimanjaro was a celebration of her 120-pound weight loss. The second hike was an attempt to get back on track after re-gaining almost half of that weight during and after pregnancy. And the last time was a journey towards self-acceptance.

"The third one, while it wasn't as glorious and easy as the first one, it was the most moving and life changing because of the fact that I used the hike to understand why over the years I was so unkind to myself with weight," Whitely says. "It was about self acceptance; it was about knowing what I've been through and my past."

Now, Whitely is an ambassador with the American Hiking Society, where she'll participate in events such as National Trails Day (June 6, 2015) and Great Outdoors Month in June. Her book tour will take her through REI stores nationwide, where she hopes people will pick up more than just *Gorge*. "Maybe they'll buy my book, but also leave with a little something to get them on their way to their own adventure," Whitely says. "Maybe it's a water bottle, which is where I started my first journey, with a Nalgene, or a trail book. The side effect will be that more people are actually get out and feeling comfortable being part of this club, this group."

### Empowering Women in the Great Outdoors

Ready to enter the wilderness, but no clue where to start? Trail Mavens, founded in 2013, bills itself as a "skills-based outdoor adventure group for extraordinary women."

"I personally had my own Wild story," says Sasha Cox, founder of Trail Mavens. "My mom died of cancer and I had read Wild and decided to leave and travel around the world. It was in doing that that I got the guts to start my own business." Despite the fact that she was an avid camper and hiker, Cox realized she'd never shared those experiences with her group of girlfriends. "I felt there was a dearth of opportunities for women to actually be the experts and leaders in the outdoors," Cox says.

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## Going 'Wild': Why more women are seeking out adventure (cont)

Now, Trail Mavens offers guided overnight trips that empower women to try everything from camping in Big Sur and Yosemite to kayaking in California's Tomales Bay. On each of the journeys, women learn crucial outdoors skills, such as how to set up a tent, build a campfire and follow a trail map. The goal is that they can take those skills back home, and then lead their friends on similar adventures.

"At this particular moment in time, there's so much interest in it both because of [Wild], but...there are now a number of really awesome websites dedicated to getting women in the outdoors, like She-Explores.com," Cox says. "All these women are creating these sort of grassroots networks and communities around them and I think people's interest is only peaking."

While women come on these trips for a variety of reasons, Cox says most leave with a greater sense of confidence and empowerment. "The way that people find fulfillment in life in general is presenting themselves with a series of challenges and overcoming them..." Cox says. "I think that going into the wilderness provides such a delightfully ripe opportunity for this because there are challenges that are inherent to it, you have to do things in a different way than in the comfort of your own home."

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### AC100

<http://www.ac100.com>

- **Help needed! Please look in the VOLUNTEERS NEEDED section**

- **June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 AM Trail Work:**

**Again restricted to the 1st 30 who RSVP to Hal.** Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00 AM  
Carpool to work site Trail work on Wintercreek Trail. (High clearance vehicles best, down Mt. Wilson Toll Road to Harvard Saddle parking)

- **June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8 AM Training Run:**

**(Daytime Run) to the finish area. (This training run may not have aid during the run):**

Meet at the AC100 finish area Loma Alta Park (Parking lot above the north side of the Park ) at 7 AM.

Carpool to Chantry Flats, need carpool drivers. (Start together after short briefing please.)

Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to Loma Alta Park.

Please be completely self-contained:

Water accessibility at Chantry Flats ONLY, streams dry

- **June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 AM Trail Work Day:**

**Location TBD, Again restricted to 1st 30 who RSVP Hal**

### 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.

### ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

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

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **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

Great news! Thanks to our wonderful community of supporters we have met and surpassed our community fundraising goal to secure Cottonwood Canyon and its extended wildlife corridors. Our community has stepped up in a big way:

\$300,000 goal      \$364,057 contributed

We're not there yet. We continue working to raise \$1,300,000 from government sources to buy the land. But we now can demonstrate to potential funders that our community is a true partner in our initiative to save Cottonwood Canyon. We are leveraging our community support to encourage agencies to use public funds to pay for the land.

We expect primary funding to come through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("DFW"). After a lengthy wait, DFW recently authorized AFC to prepare a study (a "CAPP") on its behalf that is a prerequisite to obtain funding.

More good news is that we just signed a contract with a skilled consultant to do the study, funded by you and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

It's a bold study: it will encompass 20,000 acres (10,000 already conserved and 10,000 yet to be conserved), including 'our' 11 acres in Cottonwood Canyon. When done, potential government funders will be able to evaluate these 11 acres in the context of the vast sweep of land being studied. And when they do, the immense value of Cottonwood Canyon for wildlife protection and conservation will be evident -

We knew when we first visited Cottonwood Canyon that it had great value as a wildlife corridor between the San Gabriel Mountains and the San Rafael Hills. But it has become clear that Cottonwood is an essential element of a wildlife corridor that could potentially continue through the Verdugo Mountains to the San Gabriel Mountains 10 miles to the west. AFC's and DFW's desire is to re-establish this entire route for animals - Hahamongna through the San Rafael's through the Verdugo's to Big Tujunga.

Modest development in Cottonwood Canyon could cut off wildlife passage and smother any hopes for this corridor. That's why we have to save it.

We thank you for helping to improve habitat, foraging, passage, and breeding for genetic diversity -- and for your continuing interest and support for the work of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy.



**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>**

- **May 31<sup>st</sup> outing**  
Please look in the **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** section

**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/>**

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> National Trails Day.**  
Please look in the **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** section

**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/>**

- **June 13<sup>th</sup> SUPER CANYON SWEEP**  
Please look in the **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** section

- **June 17<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)

**CITY OF GLENDALE <http://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org>****Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept 818-548-2000****JUNE CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-6/-cury-2015>**

- **June 13<sup>th</sup> Riverwalk Workday**  
Please look in the **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** section
- **June 20<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Workday**  
Please look in the **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** section

**Community Hiking Club**  
[communityhikingclub.org](http://communityhikingclub.org)  
661-259-2743  
Dianne Erskine Hellrigel  
email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com)

• **June 6<sup>th</sup> - CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY at Dagger Flat!**

Get that special feeling of accomplishment as you work with other volunteers and hikers completing several manageable projects on the Dagger Flat Trail. Then enjoy some BBQ and swap stories with CHC Hike leaders and others!

**THIS IS NOT A HIKE**, but you will hike about 4 miles round trip, through the most spectacular scenery near SCV. All this, while helping Dianne and CHC bring this trail back to life.

**CHC is restoring a trail that has been unused for about 30 years.** PLEASE only RSVP "Yes" if you can make it. Dianne will bring tools according to the RSVPs. PLUS this time, Chef Steve also wants to plan food (contact [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com) or RSVP via this Meetup posting).

**Directions to Meeting Spot** (White Gate for 3N17): Take the I-5 to the SR-14 North. Exit at Sand Canyon, turn right (South/East). Go all the way past all the houses, Placerita Canyon etc., going straight. Enter the Angeles National Forest and continue up!up!up! Sand Canyon Road until you see a memorial at a bad corner (on the right side). Shortly after this you will see a small brown sign "Santa Clara Divide Road". Park in one of the turnouts to the left, right, or above this sign but not blocking the white gate .

Google Latitude/Longitude coordinates for the Meeting Spot (at Sand Canyon Road and 3N17) are 34.360833, -118.392028.

**Meeting Time:** We will meet PROMPTLY at 7:00AM. We will make up carpools and leave no later than 7:10AM SHARP. We carpool through a locked gate for 4 miles on forest road 3N17 to reach the trail head, due to limited parking there. PLEASE BE PROMPT as we must relock the gate.

**As this is National Trails Day**, a camera crew will be along to videotape our volunteer efforts, as we work on the trail. You may get to be featured in a news story or a video magazine piece - who knows?

**BBQ Lunch:** 12:00 - 12:30PM. Enjoy Lunch with us - Hot dogs with all the fixings including chips, chili etc. followed by Dianne's legendary cookies!

**Quitting Time:** 2:00PM. We should be back at the gate by 2:30PM.

**Bring:** Water, snacks, camera, bandaids, TP (there are no bathrooms), hand wipes, strong garden gloves (suede leather type recommended) , sunscreen, electrolytes, sun hat, and anything else you can think of to make you more comfortable and happy on the trail!

**Do Not Bring:** Dogs, as they will get bored, plus we do not want to risk tripping over or hurting them as we work. Also, it would not be safe to bring young children (we use heavy tools and the trail is narrow). Leave your garden tools at home, as we could damage them.

**Thank you for helping us bring back this trail, so we can all enjoy it.**

**Leader:** Dianne/ Steve

**Rated:** Moderate ++

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**• June 13<sup>th</sup> - Devil's Punchbowl to the Devil's Chair****Distance:** ~7 Miles total (out and back)**Gain:** ~1000'**Hiking Time:** 3-4 hours**Difficulty:** Moderate + (for gain at start and altitude of 4740 ft.)

**Description:** The Devil's Punch Bowl (below) is a gorgeous site with protruding rocks and sheer rock faces. On the northern slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains, near Littlerock, California and Pearblossom, California, this 7 miler is a round trip, out and back hike. It includes some altitude and a mild climb in the first mile. After that first mile, the trail is fairly flat winding in and out of the canyons and trees, providing great views up the mountains behind and out over the desert below. It is one of the most scenic forest hikes in our area. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil's\\_Punchbowl\\_\(California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil's_Punchbowl_(California)) .

We will head around the Devil's Punchbowl and out to the Devil's Chair.

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita:****Meet** at Towsley Canyon , 24489 The Old Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91381 GPS: 34.358431, -118.555237**Meet** at 6:45AM for a 7:00AM SHARP departure to caravan out to the trail head (directions below).

Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

**Or,** go straight to the trail head located at: 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Rd., Pearblossom CA 93553

Meet your leader in the corner of the trailhead/ nature center Parking lot (near the porta potty). There are also other bathrooms behind the nature center. We will arrive at ~ 8:00AM for a 8:15AM SHARP departure up the trail.

**Directions to trail head:**

Take the SR-14 North to the Angeles Forest Hwy exit, Exit 30, and go towards Pear Blossom Highway, keeping on left of the ramp toward Pearblossom Hwy/Littlerock/Victorville. Merge onto Sierra Hwy. Stay straight to go onto Pearblossom Hwy. At the light, turn right onto Pearblossom Hwy/CA-138. Turn right onto 87th St E. Take the 2nd left onto Fort Tejon Rd. Turn right onto Longview Rd. Turn left onto Tumbleweed Rd. Turn slight right on to Devil's Punchbowl Road.

28000 Devil's PunchBowl Road is a cul de sac parking lot, at the end of the road.

**Bring:** A snack/lunch, water (3 liters is recommended), electrolytes if it is a hot day, sunscreen, hat, hiking poles if you have them, and your camera. Wear layered clothing in case it gets hot, cold or windy and good boots with tread. No poison oak expected on this trail.

**Adventure Pass:** Not required.**Dogs:** OK , if on leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles.**Leader:** Steve**(Cont P25)**

**• June 20<sup>th</sup> - Buckhorn Camp Ground to Cloudburst Summit****Distance:** ~8 Miles Roundtrip**Loss/ Gain:** -1300' loss / +800' gain**Hiking Time:** 3-4 hours**Difficulty:** Moderate ++ (for gain and distance)**Description:** This is an incredibly beautiful hike, and part of it will be on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).**Meet your Leader:** For those wishing to carpool we will meet at Towsley Canyon SCV (directions below) at 7:00AM for a 7:15 AM SHARP Departure .

Alternately, you can meet at the trailhead at 08:30 AM for an 8:45AM SHARP departure up the trail.

**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 the Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita,** Carpool meeting spot: From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there.**Directions from Towsley to the Buckhorn Trailhead:** From Santa Clarita, take the 5 south to the 210 east (direction Pasadena). Exit the 2 (Angeles Crest Highway), and turn left over the 210 freeway. Take the Angeles Crest Highway to the turnoff to the campground, which will be about 34.3 miles. The road to the campground does not have a name. All you will see is a gate (that will be open) that has a sign on the right side of it that says, "No Parking Anytime."**Make sure you watch for the mile marker signs.** The road to the campground is located between mile marker 58.19 and 58.25, on the left side of the road. **If you see mile marker 58.25, you have gone too far.** The GPS coordinates for the turnoff are 34°20.601N and 117°55.273W.

In between these signs, you will see a gate on your left, and a sign on the right indicating that this is the road to Buckhorn Campground. Go slowly or you will miss this and have to turn around. Once you are in the campground, follow signs to the Burkehart Trail/Day use parking. There is a small lot at the trail head. Park here. We will meet at the trail head. There is a bathroom at the trail head. Use it before we leave as there are no others on the trail. (Note, DO NOT TURN INTO THE DAY USE AREA which is before the campground turn off. You will be in the wrong spot). Your total drive time will be about an hour and a half.

**Dogs:** OK, on leash and if well behaved around people / other dogs. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself to the trailhead.**Adventure Pass:** Required, and MUST be displayed to avoid a ticket. Day passes are available at any ranger station, and most sports stores (e.g. Sport Chalet in Stevenson Ranch, SCV) - \$5 for a day pass, \$30 for an annual pass. Tickets cost \$5. if you don't have a pass.**BRING:** Hiking Poles, lunch/snacks, boots with good tread, lots of water and electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen. A bug net and some bug spray may be useful also.**Leader:** Dianne

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**• June 27<sup>th</sup> - Bear Divide up to Camp 9 / Over to Wilson Saddle and down the Los Pinetos trail to Walker Ranch****Distance:** 8 Miles**Gain:** 1068'**Hiking Time:** ~4 hours**Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate (all the gain is in the first 2 mile section)

**Description:** This hike is one of our favorites. The 2 mile uphill hike from the Bear Divide parking area, along a shady pine forest single track to Camp 9 Wildland Firefighting camp is beautiful in itself. We'll take a short break as we check out the camp. We then follow service road 3N17, which offers great views of the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, etc. If it is clear you may be able to see the ocean and Catalina, so bring your camera.

**When we reach Wilson Saddle,** we'll take a break for lunch before heading down the beautifully wooded Los Pinetos Trail and back to our cars parked at Walker Ranch. We then will shuttle the carpool drivers back to Bear Divide.

**Meet At Walker Ranch:** Please do not go directly to Bear Divide. Meet at 7:30AM to organize the carpool for a 7:45AM departure over to Bear Divide. We need most of the cars to remain at Walker Ranch. We will sign in at Walker Ranch.

**Directions to Walker Ranch Meeting Spot:**

From the I-5 Freeway, take the SR-14 to Placerita Canyon Exit. Exit, turn right and go approximately 4 miles on this road. (At about 2 miles you will pass Placerita Nature Center on your right). Approximately 2 miles after passing the Nature Center, you will see a wooden sign at a gate on your right that says, "Walker Ranch/Placerita Canyon Natural Area". Turn into this turn out and park, but do not block the gate.

**Dogs:** OK, must be on a leash and if well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles. If we carpool and you bring a dog, please drive yourself to the trailhead.

**Adventure Pass:** Not required.

**BRING:** Hiking Poles, lunch/snacks, at least 2 - 3L of water and some electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen.

**Wear** hiking shoes/boots with good tread - No flip-flops.**Leader:** Steve**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: [pjgwfoster@aol.com](mailto:pjgwfoster@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)**

- June 6<sup>th</sup> National Trails day
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Outing

**DESCRIPTION: WHAT HAPPENED March and April**

These outings were not our usual. March 28 we did our annual maintenance on Muir Peak Trail, in preparation for the Sierra Club's annual convergence hikes commemorating John Muir's birthday. The trail was in pretty good shape, and we made it better, especially at the trail head.

April 25, because it was due to rain in the afternoon, we opted to work a trail close to the car, so we worked Valley Forge Trail down from Eaton Saddle. It was in major need of tread clearing since there had been a lot of tree sawing, with trunk pieces everywhere (makes good trail edge). The rain started dripping at noon, so we ate our lunches up at Mt Wilson pavilion, with welcome hot cider from the Cosmic Café.

On California Trails Day at Vogel Flats, leader David Ledford had 70 volunteers spread out over several trails. We worked the trail towards Grizzly Flats, clearing an area with a down tree that hikers had to walk around, and removed a lot of graffiti on about every rock. We had to leave one area alone when we stepped towards it and heard a rattle snake inside. The National Forest Foundation for provided lunch.

**SAD NEWS:** We were saddened to lose one of our dear volunteers, Patty Eddy. She peacefully passed away at 94 ½. Patty, and her husband Elmer, started with us 11/19/1988. Over the years, she accumulated 606 volunteer hours, her last official outing with us on April 16, 2005 for California Trails Day at Wildwood. We miss her hard work, rapid conversation, and sparkling laughter. Happy Trails to you.

**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)

- June 21<sup>st</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/>

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

☺ On May 23<sup>rd</sup> The Mount Wilson Race was completed.

306 completed the race

top 5 leaders:

Alan Reynolds 01:05:09

Ben Ward 01:06:55

Mark Butala 01:08:13

Rene Dorantes 01:08:23

Simon Cooper 01:09:00



## Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

Liz Bergeron [lbergeron@pcta.org](mailto:lbergeron@pcta.org)

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

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Allingham Trail Skills College ( Check out Trail Skills College section)

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

**Ben White: 626-303-1078** [ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org](mailto:ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org)

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains 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

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

For more calendar details go to [www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/)

- **June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 Pasadena Group Monthly Program** In observance of Water Awareness Month, program will feature JPL Climatologist Bill Patzert, presenting "California's Extended Drought: Climate Change or Part of a Long-Term Natural Cycle?"

Information on the Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities will be available at the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome! Doors open at 7 pm; Program starts at 7:30 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For more information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy, 626-791-7660.

Patzert is an oceanographer and climatologist at Jet Propulsion Laboratories; he is considered the foremost expert on the interaction between the ocean and weather patterns. Having studied Southern California's climate for more than 40 years, he has accurately predicted major droughts and heavy rainfall events resulting from the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (commonly known as the El Niño/La Niña cycle) for decades.

- **June 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Greene and Greene Southeast Pasadena Walking Tour**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Chilioa to Horse Flats, Mt Hillyer (6162')**
- **June 17<sup>th</sup> Evenings in the Arroyo**
- **June 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter Newcomer/Member Special Event-Eaton Canyon Nature Center**
- **June 28<sup>th</sup> West Waterman Wildflower Hike**

## 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

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2015&month=06>

- **June 6<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> Intro to Geocaching**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> Build a Birdhouse**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> Story Time**

**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** June 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup>/ 14<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Citizen Forester Workshop:**
  - **How to Organize a Community Tree Planting** June 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk** June 6<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration** June 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Moonlight Hike** June 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Native Plants and Turf Reduction Workshop** June 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Park Work Day** Jun 4<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup>/ 11<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Park Tree Care** June 13<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Rainwater Harvesting Workshop** June 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Santa Monica Mountain Restoration** June 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup>/ 14<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Tree Mapping** June 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Volunteer Supervisor Training** June 20<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**

**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)

Building on the success of previous years, we again plan to hire a crew of 14 students for a two week, 60 hour paid work opportunity during the weeks of June 8th and 15th. Depending on funding sources, the opportunity will either be open only to special education students or both general education and special education applicants. For the time being, I'm going to assume that the opportunity will be unrestricted and will consider all applicants. Please note, competition for these crew positions is traditionally high. Students are encouraged to submit early. No extensions will be granted.

Students applying will need the following days / times of availability:

**Week of June 8th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):**

- 6/8 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation
- 6/9 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / NFF
- 6/10 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / NFF
- 6/11 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / NFF

**Week of June 15th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):**

- 6/16 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / NFF
- 6/17 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - Oak Springs / Upper Winter Creek Trail - US Forest Service / NFF
- 6/18 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD
- 6/19 8-430 pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD

Students hired will be maintaining trails managed by four different agencies (actual project sites will be determined once funding sources are finalized): LA County Parks and Rec, the MRCA, the USFS/PCTA, and the City of Santa Clarita.

If the students want to get an idea of what a typical work day will look like, please direct them to the following link, and feel free to contact me directly with questions or concerns: <http://scvttv.com/?p=16542>

Thanks for your consideration and continued support,

Kevin

Kevin Sarkissian

Lead Instructor

W S Hart Union High School District

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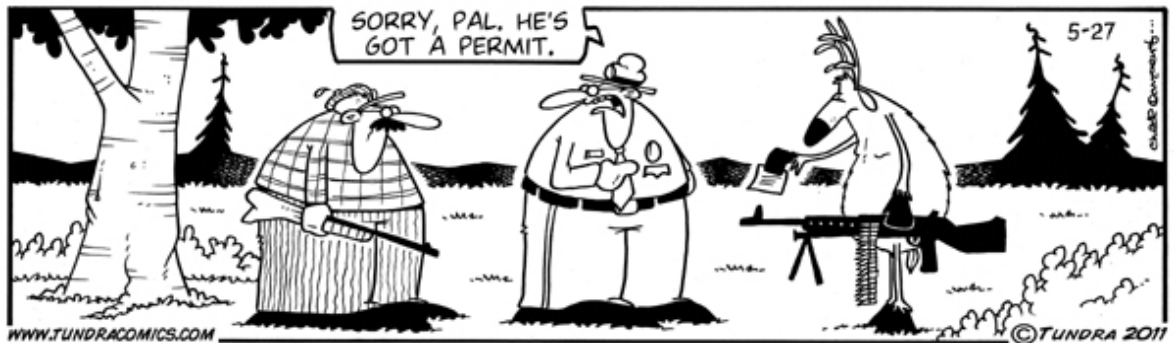
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Los Angeles River Ranger District  
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road  
San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times May 27, 2011 email: 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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