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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Apr 2016

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22nd

Founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, Earth Day is now a globally celebrated holiday that is sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green awareness. The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson and inspired by the antiwar protests of the late 1960s, Earth Day was originally aimed at creating a mass environmental movement. It began as a “national teach-in on the environment” and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness of air and water pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

EARTH DAY HISTORY

By the early 1960s Americans were becoming aware of the effects of pollution on the environment. Rachel Carson’s 1962 bestseller “Silent Spring” raised the specter of the dangerous effects of pesticides on America’s countrysides. Later in the decade, a 1969 fire on Cleveland’s Cuyahoga River shed light on the problem of chemical waste disposal. Until that time, protecting the planet’s natural resources was not part of the national political agenda, and the number of activists devoted to large-scale issues such as industrial pollution was minimal. Factories pumped pollutants into the air, lakes and rivers with few legal consequences. Big, gas-guzzling cars were considered a sign of prosperity. Only a small portion of the American population was familiar with—let alone practiced—recycling.

Did You Know?

A highlight of the United Nations' Earth Day celebration in New York City is the ringing of the Peace Bell, a gift from Japan, at the exact moment of the vernal equinox.

Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, Senator Gaylord Nelson, a Democrat from Wisconsin, was determined to convince the federal government that the planet was at risk. In 1969, Nelson, considered one of the leaders of the modern environmental movement, developed the idea for Earth Day after being inspired by the anti-Vietnam War “teach-ins” that were taking place on college campuses around the United States. According to Nelson, he envisioned a large-scale, grassroots environmental demonstration “to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda.”

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is the ability to change**

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Earth Day cont.

Nelson announced the Earth Day concept at a conference in Seattle in the fall of 1969 and invited the entire nation to get involved. He later recalled, “The wire services carried the story from coast to coast. The response was electric. It took off like gangbusters. Telegrams, letters and telephone inquiries poured in from all across the country. The American people finally had a forum to express its concern about what was happening to the land, rivers, lakes and air—and they did so with spectacular exuberance.” Dennis Hayes, a young activist who had served as student president at Stanford University, was selected as Earth Day’s national coordinator, and he worked with an army of student volunteers and several staff members from Nelson’s Senate office to organize the project. According to Nelson, “Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself.”

On April 22, rallies were held in Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles and most other American cities, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In New York City, Mayor John Lindsay closed off a portion of Fifth Avenue to traffic for several hours and spoke at a rally in Union Square with actors Paul Newman and Ali McGraw. In Washington, D.C., thousands of people listened to speeches and performances by singer Pete Seeger and others, and Congress went into recess so its members could speak to their constituents at Earth Day events.

The first Earth Day was effective at raising awareness about environmental issues and transforming public attitudes. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “Public opinion polls indicate that a permanent change in national priorities followed Earth Day 1970. When polled in May 1971, 25 percent of the U.S. public declared protecting the environment to be an important goal, a 2,500 percent increase over 1969.” Earth Day kicked off the “Environmental decade with a bang,” as Senator Nelson later put it. During the 1970s, a number of important pieces of environmental legislation were passed, among them the Clean Air Act, the Water Quality Improvement Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Another key development was the establishment in December 1970 of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was tasked with protecting human health and safeguarding the natural environment—air, water and land.

Since 1970, Earth Day celebrations have grown. In 1990, Earth Day went global, with 200 million people in over 140 nations participating, according to the Earth Day Network (EDN), a nonprofit organization that coordinates Earth Day activities. In 2000, Earth Day focused on clean energy and involved hundreds of millions of people in 184 countries and 5,000 environmental groups, according to EDN. Activities ranged from a traveling, talking drum chain in Gabon, Africa, to a gathering of hundreds of thousands of people at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Today, the Earth Day Network collaborates with more than 17,000 partners and organizations in 174 countries. According to EDN, more than 1 billion people are involved in Earth Day activities, making it “the largest secular civic event in the world.”

Date: Oct 24, 2000

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Pages: B2

President Signs Bill to Repair Popular Chantry Flats Road.

By: Mozingo, Joe.

After months of bureaucratic wrangling over who should pay to repair the Chantry Flats road, this gateway into the San Gabriel Mountains may finally be reopened permanently for thousands of hikers and bikers.

President Clinton signed a transportation bill Monday that included \$600,000 to repair the road, which was damaged by fires and floods and closed in January. It was temporarily reopened just before Labor Day, but will have to be closed again for the rainy season, officials said.

The new money should be enough to eventually open the road for good by cleaning up tons of debris from last year's rains, as well as replacing damaged metal culverts beneath the road with much larger concrete ones, officials said.

It is not clear when the repairs will be completed, though work should begin after the proper permits are obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Fish and Game, they said.

"I find it difficult to believe all these agencies will come together and get this done in a few months," said Sierra Madre City Councilman Bart Doyle, who predicts that the road probably will be ready by next summer.

The two-lane road wends its way from Sierra Madre through Arcadia and county land into a lush canyon of the Angeles National Forest. With CalTrans also involved, five government agencies have potential jurisdiction over the Depression-era route. The county and city will do the repair work and be reimbursed by the federal government.

Much of the damage occurred on a 100-yard stretch in an uninhabited part of Sierra Madre, a city of 10,767 people with a small general fund. City officials said the repairs were a regional concern because thousands of outdoor enthusiasts come from all over the county to the scenic spot, drawn by its waterfall, deep pools and trails into the back country. Rangers say that as many as 3,000 people use the road on pleasant spring and fall weekends.

But for months, no agency would step up to pay for the roadwork. U.S. Forest Service officials said they could not fund a project outside their boundaries, even if it was on a road used only for access to the forest.

Finally, at the end of summer, Sierra Madre did about \$5,000 in cosmetic repairs to the road, said Doyle. But because of a fire above the road last December and the threat of floods of debris during the winter, it will have to be closed during the rainy season, he said.

The funding in this year's federal transportation bill was inserted by Rep. David Dreier (R-San Dimas), who visited the road earlier this year. "It's the result of hard work of local, state and federal officials determined to restore access to the Angeles Forest," said Dreier in a statement.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

In 2015 the Los Angeles County has taken over the repair/maintenance of the Chantry Flats Road.

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Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes

By Kathie Reilly

March 16, 2016 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia

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

Robin opened the meeting in Brian's absence reminding each group to send their usual report to Guy at guykuhn@sbcglobal.net, or fill out a form at the meeting. Both will go into the next newsletter. This enables the meeting to focus on events that affect everyone, and have some time for training or other short events from the Forest Service. Fill out an index card if you have an agenda item.

USFS Dennis:

- Only required roads will be plowed, like 3N17 near Magic Mountain, or roads needed during a fire. Allen, of Bear Canyon group, said there was still a big boulder on Mt Lowe Fire Road between the campground and the helicopter pad, and could use some help. Dave of MWBA will help.
- Recent welcome rain has caused erosion issues.
- Upcoming training, contact Chris Fabbro cfabbro@fs.fed.us if interested
 - March 19-20 Volunteer Saw Training, must have current CPR/First Aid certification
 - April 2 Annual Safety Refresher and New Volunteer Orientation
 - April 23/24 and April 30/May 1 Trail Boss Training
 - April 30/May 1 Cross Cut Training
 - May CPR/First Aid Refresher Training
 - April 30 Incident Reporting Training at SO
 - May 21/22 and Nov Leave No Trace Training at Buckhorn which includes 'Train the Trainers'
 - TBD Rigging Training, with Los Padres/San Gabriel
- Monte Cristo Campground clean-up by AmeriCorps volunteers will be this month, campground will open end of March after issues with water system resolved. Scenic Byway project, including renovation of Jarvi Vista Memorial, has been put on hold indefinitely
- All campgrounds in LAARD, with exception of Little Pines Loop, will reopen April 1
- PAL, Project Activity Level, handout, is used by contractors and volunteers and says when we can work based upon fire danger. A PDF of the handout will be sent out.
- 15 new radios were issued with some training after the meeting

USFS Chris: working on getting consistency in training

- This Saturday is the Artist in Residence at Heritage Square
- April 16 California Trails Day in the Pyramid Lake area per the Supervisor's request. Fire Lookout will provide lunch.
- National Trails Day is June 4
- Every Kid in Pak program – every 4th grader gets a free park pass for them and their family. We have a grant to bring 4th graders into the Forest with some programs. Let Chris know if you are interested in volunteering.
- Our Volunteer Agreements are being centralized. They need to be updated if you are doing different things than what is stated on your Agreement. Groups only need 1 Agreement and everyone is covered each time they sign in on official sign-in sheets.
- Fire Lookout Training is coming in May
- Working on Volunteer web site – send Chris pictures of your projects
- Working on a central calendar of all volunteer events
- Monument Plan update – the plan has been submitted to the Region. There will be 2 Districts in the Monument. No Personnel changes
- Adopt-a-Trail for OHV groups could expand to fire roads
- Let Chris know if you need other training

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

Organization Reports per agenda request

- Robin introduced Keith as the new campground host at Millard
- Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (CORBA), Mike, Robin and Steve: Ken Burton Trail has been cut through, cause for celebration. With MWBA, there has been 1279 volunteer hours so far. Working with LACC to apply for a grant to REI for using contractors on Gabriellino Trail to build some retaining walls.
- Mt Disappointment 50 K and 25 K Races, Gary and Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run, Hal: removing down trees on both race routes. Facebook page of sawyers
- Friends of Echo Mountain, Mike and Mt Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA), Matt: Worked Strawberry Peak on Wednesday between Red Box and Colby Canyon
- Chantry Flats: April 23 cleanup at Hermit Falls
- PCTA, newcomer from San Francisco area

Quick radio training by Dave of Chantry Flats using handout and Repeater Locations map

A more detailed training day will be announced shortly

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm 18

VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association AND Mount Wilson Bicycle Association

KEN BURTON TRAIL RESTORATION UPDATE SO FAR:

- 1279 VOLUNTEER HOURS
- 13 GROUP DAYS
- 9 PREP DAYS
- 2.1 MILES COMPLETED
- 69 UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

WE ARE ALMOST COMPLETE

FOR UPDATES ON PROGRESS GOTO: <http://www.corbamtb.com/NEWS/>

Mt. Disappointment Endurance

In preparation for the annual Mt. Disappointment Endurance , a group of volunteers led by Race Director Gary Hilliard have been putting in hours of time working on various trails in the ANF on which the race will be held.

On Saturday, March 16th the volunteer crew worked on Kenyon Devore Trail, and according to Gary the work, "Went incredibly well!" The crew was comprised of eight people, but per Gary's description they worked like twice that many. They removed all the trees from the top of the trail at Shortcut Canyon all the way to the crossing of the West Fork of the San Gabriel River. They also removed one big tree they knew was located about 50 yards down the river. When Gary climbed back to the top, the crew had brushed and re-treaded EVERYTHING he had asked them to try and get, and again, according to Gary, "It was an awesome day!"

The crew will finish Kenyon Devore Trail to the bottom of the canyon on Saturday, June 11th.

Just so they don't overlap with other volunteer trail maintenance work around Red Box Saddle, they are coordinating activities with volunteer trail crew leaders Kathy Reilly (JPL Group), Steve Messer (CORBA Group), Robin and Mike McGuire (Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol), and Matt Lay (Mt. Wilson Bicycle Association).

The Mt. Disappointment 50K Trail Maintenance Crew's motto is "Be Safe...Always."

VOLUNTEER FUN

ADAMS' PACK STATION 2016 Live Music Events

www.adamspackstation.com

Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music

04/17/2016 80th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

12:00-01:15 Pat Nason

01:30-02:45 Susan T. Blue & Friends

03:30-05:00 Bullfish

04/24/2016

12:00-01:30 Wild Mountain Mystics

01:45-03:15 Vin Fiz Flyer

03:30-05:00 Six String Picker (Alex Finazzo)

05/01/2016

12:00-05:00 BARNYARD JAMBOREE

05/08/2016

12:00-05:00 CACTUS JAM

05/15/2016

12:00-01:30 Sandy Ross

01:45-03:15 Petrella

03:30-05:00 Vin Fiz Flyer

05/22/2016

12:00-01:30

01:45-03:15 Bryan Chan

03:30-05:00 Wumbloozo

05/29/2016

12:00-01:30 Darren Longman

01:45-05:00 Bryan Chan and Friends

Sturtevant Camp great events

You are welcome to email me at: dburgess@sturtevantcamp.com

or call at 626.447.7356

- **Apr 16th** Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Get-Together

2015 into 2016 has been an exciting time for Sturtevant Camp. Over 100 people provided donations to allow for a change in ownership and management. In addition, over 200 people spent hours of effort to provide improvements to the Camp. All due to people who understood the importance of this historic resort / trail camp. To honor our donors and volunteers, we are having a luncheon party at Sturtevant Camp on April 16th (at the tail-end of appreciation week). If you have donated your time or hard earned pennies, in any capacity, please join us.

Thank you everyone for all your help in keeping Sturtevant Camp alive.

- **Apr 8th thru Apr 10th** Spring Music Jam Weekend

This weekend will set the stage for Adams' Pack Station 2016 Music Series that kicks off the following Sunday. This is for experienced musicians, musician wannabes, and those that just love to sit back and listen or join in with some percussion. Don't forget your washtub ;o)) Availability is going fast! Hurry! Register Now (

Training Opportunities!

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

For more information go to" <http://www.anffla.org/training/>

New Volunteer Training

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

Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.

Class 1: Orientation

- Saturday, May 7
10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 12
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Class 2: Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 7
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 19
6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

Class 3: Operations

- Saturday, May 21
9:00 am — 4:00 pm

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to <http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "New Volunteer Training Sign up" button to get started.

If you are not able to sign up ahead of time, please just show up to one of the Orientation classes to get started. Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

New Volunteer Training Location

All new volunteer classes will be held at:

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

Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

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

Reconnect

- Saturday, May 14, 10:00am– 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 17, 6:30pm — 9:30pm
- Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to <http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "Returning Volunteer Training Sign Up" button to get started.

Reconnect Location

Reconnect Training will be held at:
Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006

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: 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**

Training Opportunities!

From: Ashdale, Ronald L -FS

Subject: CPR/AED/1st Aid Training 2016

Will be offering CPR/AED/1st Aid Training on the dates shown below. The class will be held at the Angeles SO training center in Arcadia. They will start at 0900 and end at about 1500. The course criteria is based on the National Safety Council and the American Heart Association. You will receive a certificate when you pass the course. Each class will have a maximum of 15 students (no exceptions).

The class dates:

Monday, April 25, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 0900 Arcadia SO Training Center

Please RSVB by April 21, 2016

CONTACT:

Ronald Ashdale, RSHEP, OSHA Authorized Trainer

Forest Service Angeles National Forest

PHONE: 626-821-6722

FAX: 626-574-5371

E-MAIL: rashdale@fs.fed.us

TRAINING ADDRESS:

Arcadia SO Training Center

701 North Santa Anita Ave

Arcadia, CA 91006



Training Opportunities!

Wilderness First Aid

Imagine yourself on the trail with a group of friends, and answer the following truthfully: Do you know how to react if someone gets bit by a rattlesnake or has an allergic reaction to a bee sting? What if someone sprains an ankle or cuts their hand? Don't wait until it's too late to prepare yourself for an unexpected wilderness emergency!

Join us May 20-22 in the San Gabriel Mountains to learn the skills you need to care for others who may become ill or injured on a day hike, backpacking trip or whatever brings you outdoors. We will host a Wilderness First Aid Certification Course at historic Sturtevant Camp.

A 4-mile backpacking trip from Chantry Flat will bring you to Sturtevant Camp, located in Big Santa Anita Canyon of the Angeles National Forest and established in 1893 by Wilbur Sturtevant. Of the five resorts built here during the "Great Hiking Era" of the 1880's through the early 1930's, only Sturtevant still remains. Help us preserve this local treasure for future generations by spending the weekend with us!

Fast paced and hands-on, the 16-hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel and work in the outdoors. Classroom lectures are combined with realistic scenarios where mock patients will challenge you to apply your knowledge.

No previous first aid training or backpacking experience is required. Limited spots available for this potentially life-saving weekend.

ITINERARY

- Friday: Begin 4-mi hike to Chantry Flat by 9 a.m. Plan ahead to take a vacation day. Lunch will be served when you arrive at Sturtevant Camp. Day 1 of the Wilderness First Aid Course will run from 2pm to 6pm. After dinner, we'll enjoy s'mores and board games in the fireplace room.
- Saturday: After a hot breakfast, Day 2 of your WFA course runs from 8am to 6pm, with an hour break for lunch. After dinner, join us for an optional stargazing hike and night photography workshop.
- Sunday : Following breakfast, the final day of your WFA course runs from 8am to 12pm. After lunch and camp clean-up, you can hike 4-mi back the way you came, or continue the 10.6-mi loop via Mount Zion.

Total Distance: 8 (out-and-back) or 10.6 miles (Mt. Zion loop)

* Schedule subject to change due to weather, camper ability/injury, natural events or park restrictions. Shoestring Warriors should be in good physical shape, but we will hike at an easy pace and take breaks as needed.

COURSE INCLUDES:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 3-day/2-night accommodations at Sturtevant Camp
- Wilderness First Responder/CPR Certified Leader with 4 years of guide experience
- Guide assistant to help facilitate group hikes and meals
- S'mores and warm beverages

Please check back for ticket sales around mid-March at:

<https://shoestringadventures.com/2016/01/wilderness-first-aid-sturtevant-camp-may-20-22.html>

CONTACT IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION:

alyx@shoestringadventures.com

Training Opportunities!



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Herps of the San Gabriel Mountains

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat., April 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. - noon

◆ **WHERE:**

Deukmejian
Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, CA 91214

◆ **WHAT TO WEAR/
BRING:**

Sturdy shoes, long
pants, and a long
sleeved shirt,
sunscreen, and a hat

Space is limited
You must call us at
(818) 548-3795
to reserve your spot

Trail snacks and water
will be provided



Baja California Tree Frog



Western Fence Lizard



Gopher Snake



California Newt

Join us for an educational one hour presentation and a two hour hike with Chris DeGroof (and some of his "herp" friends) from the Southwestern Herpetologists Society. We start the morning with a discussion on the role that amphibians and reptiles play in the natural world. Chris will also talk about the "iNaturalist app" that allows you to record your field observations and share and discuss with others. We finish with a moderately difficult hike in search of local herps.

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



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

Training Opportunities!



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Medicinal Plants of the West

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

◆ WHEN:

Sat. April 23, 2016
9:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:

Deukmejian
Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, CA 91214

◆ WHAT:

Wear sturdy shoes
and protective
clothing. Bring water,
sunscreen, and a hat

◆ WANT MORE:

Call (818) 548-3795

Topics to be discussed on the trail:

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



Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)

This will be a fast paced hike on a moderately steep trail with many stops to discuss the plants and their uses

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Training Opportunities!

The North Cascades Trail Skills College

What is it?

The North Cascades 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 the fundamentals of trail maintenance to advanced drainage systems. Trail Skills College is free to all participants! Camping and meals are provided throughout the weekend. Whether you are new to trail work or a seasoned veteran, we have a class that will enhance your trail maintenance skills.

When and where is it?

April 30 – May 1, 2016 in Concrete, WA

What will I learn?

Class selection will include (click on blue links to goto website):

Saturday, April 30

- [102 Tread and Drainage](#)
- [103 Basic Saw Crew Training](#)
- [Power Brushing with Bigfoot Jim](#)

Sunday, May 1

- [201 Drainage Design & Drain Dips](#)
- [205 Tread Re-Construction](#)

What is the fitness level of Trail Skills College?

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

How do I register?

Click on: [Register now.](#)

Classes are filling quickly! Sign up now and secure a place on a waiting list.

Online registration will be open until Friday, April 8.

Questions?

Learn more about [Trail Skills Colleges](#) on our website, or by contacting the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or volunteer@pcta.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

The Great Los Angeles River CleanUp - La Gran Limpieza

Sponsored by Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR)
and

A Riverwalk Park Maintenance Volunteer Workday

Sponsored by the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation

◆ WHEN:

Sat. April 16, 2016

The City of Glendale
Riverwalk Workday
starts promptly
at 8:00 a.m.

The River CleanUp
starts at 9:00 a.m.

Both events end
at 12:00 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk

300 Paula Ave.

Glendale, CA 91201
corner of Paula Ave at
Garden St

Questions? Call us at
(818) 548-3795

Join us for a special morning on the river as
the City of Glendale plays host for
the Friends of the Los Angeles River's
27th Annual Great Los Angeles River CleanUp



The Glendale Narrows Riverwalk is a half mile
of landscaped recreational trail along the
north bank of the Los Angeles River across
from Griffith Park.

Site check-in for the River CleanUp is on
Garden Street at Paula Avenue.

- You must go to the www.folar.org website to register for the April 16th river cleanup event at this site
- All volunteers must sign a FoLAR or a Riverwalk Liability Waiver at sign-in
- Youth under 18 must have guardian signature and adult supervision
- Wear work clothes, sturdy shoes, long pants, hat, and sun protection
- Also handy to bring are grabber arm tool, waders/rubber boots
- We provide: gloves, trash bags, water, snacks, fun, and giveaways!
- Zero waste options: bring your own water bottle, and bring an old plastic bag or reusable bucket for trash collection

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• AC100 <http://www.ac100.com>

VOLUNTEERS

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:

1) 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.

2) help staffing our kitchen at the Finish Line at Loma Alta Park in Altadena.

3) 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.

4) help trail marking

5) help trail sweeping (preferably with HAM radio).

6) 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 6/7, 2016 (Sat/Sun),

Please contact: Ken.hamada@gmail.com

Any help will be appreciated.

• INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Volunteers are needed to help pull invasive plants in the sandy ground and ash left from the Station Fire in the Vogel Flat Picnic Area. The roots come out easily. We have an entire field where we are building a nature trail with very few or no native plants. We need to plant Scarlet Bugler, California Fuchsia and Monkey Flower. The invasives, including Mustard, Star Thistle, Foxtail, and Spanish Broome all easily pull from ground along with their roots.

Anyone who can pull is needed - it's not difficult but it needs to be cleared now before they sprout...some are already blooming but then they die quickly. We don't want birds nesting in it. It's dense and 2' tall in places already. We want to get it this year. Volunteers can come anytime and pull what they can and leave in pile. They will easily see other piles and know what to do.

We also need people to help place rocks to delineate the nature trail path.

Dennis Merkel, CPRP
District Recreation Officer

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Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles River Ranger District
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• A request from program coordinator Chris Fabbro

The **California Trails Day on 4/16**. Our Forest Supervisor asked us to give some attention to the west side of the forest, so on 4/16 we will meet for a morning of trail work on Slide Mountain Fire Lookout Trail. Lunch will be provided. Info is on the flyer, please write me with any questions.

Also, please let your volunteers know that in the next few days I will be able to follow up with their reservations for upcoming trainings.

Feel free to pass along photos/write ups of your projects for publication on the ANF web site...our Forest Leadership Team is eager to know what's been going on in the field with volunteers and are looking forward to seeing the great things you have been up to.

Chris Fabbro

cfabbro@fs.fed.us

APRIL 16, '16

California Trails Day

Slide Mountain Fire Lookout - Meet at Frenchman's Flat - 0800

What to Bring / What to Expect

- 0800 Meet at Frenchman's Flat
- 0815 Carpool to Slide LO trailhead
- 0830 Safety + logistics orientation
- 0900 Trail work begins
- 1300 Lunch (provided)
- 1400 Return to Frenchman's Flat

Wear sunscreen, gloves, boots, trousers
Refreshments provided
Bring a tool (shovel, loppers) if able

Please RSVP to Volunteer Coordinator:
Chris Fabbro, cfabbro@fs.fed.us

From Castaic, take I-5 N, 10.5 miles to Templin Hwy. Turn left (W) under I-5, then immediately right (N) onto Golden State Hwy. Travel 5.2 miles to Frenchman's Flat.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Just What the Doctor Ordered (Second Saturday Wilderness Workday)

Wilderness to the people of America is a spiritual necessity, an antidote to the high pressure of modern life, a means of regaining serenity and equilibrium.

— Sigurd F. Olsen

****Let us help you by writing a prescription to join us for a morning in the wilderness. Enjoy the peaceful task of tree watering, or the fulfilment found through invasive weed removal. We will have the right medicine for all ages and abilities.**



****Please note that we are not real doctors, but we do play one on television.**

◆ WHEN:

***Sat. April 9, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Noon**

***Please note we are meeting on the second Saturday this month**

◆ WHERE:

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

◆ WHAT:

**Snacks and drinks
will be provided**

**Wear sturdy shoes, a hat,
and protective clothing**

**Bring your water bottle, sun
screen, and gloves**

◆ Want More:

Call (818) 548-3795

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CHOW DOWN!**

**MAY 1st
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Coming up May 1st, 2016! MWBA Pancake Breakfast

Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association's Pancake Breakfast & Raffle is always a great time. Good food, great people, & awesome raffle prizes. Come all volunteers with your friends and family. Go on a hike or a ride before the event and show up hungry and ready to win some swag. The Pancake Breakfast is being held at Gould Mesa Campsite. **SAVE THE DATE!**

The MWBA Pancake Breakfast & Raffle is a fundraiser to help MWBA purchase tools, materials, and to cover all other expenses that go towards our mission of trail work, trail courtesy, and advocacy. Many local bike shops and companies donate time and items to the event and historically MWBA has had great involvement and support by the USFS and other agencies.

DONATIONS NEEDED

• Artist in Residence

Info on the program itself is at: <http://www.angelescrest.org/AiR/AiRWeb2015.pdf>

The Angeles Artist in Residence Program hosted ten artists in 2015 on the San Gabriel River District and the Los Angeles River District.

Participants spend a week in a forest service facility working on a project of their choosing.

Then donate a work to the forest, host a public workshop, and participate in a group show the following year. The program is looking for household items such as kitchen appliances, cookware, utensils and various furniture. If you have items to donate the Angeles Volunteer Association can accept items for use in the program.

For more info, contact Chris at: cfabbro@fs.fed.us



**Robin McGuire volunteer 111
working with Chris Fabbro on
the artist in residence program**

Photo by Robin McGuire



A new class of chainsaw operators certified Mar 20th

Photo by Steve Messer



**American Heart instructor
Tom Dwyer teaching first aid**

Photo by Patty Dwyer



Dave & Thurman working on the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck

Lauren breaking up rocks on the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



A member of CORBA & MWBA Volunteer crews bringing trail equipment to the Ken Burton Trail

Photo by Robin McGuire

- August 6th, 2016 race. (See the Volunteers Needed Page)
- April 2nd, 7:00AM : Trail work day restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)
Trail work will be on the Idlehour East Side trail.
- April 3rd 6:30 AM: Training Run: Run 22 miles from Chilao Flats to Chantry Flats Parking Lot
- April 30th, 7:00AM : Trail work day restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)
Up Mt Lowe Fire Road, to Sam Merrill Ckpoint)

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmccguire@hotmail.com

- Working with the Mount Wilson Biking Association restoring the Ken Burton trail, removing trees off the Arroyo Seco, Grizzly Flats, and Haines canyon trails.
 - We are continuing with the patrolling the Strawberry Trail loop.
- 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 mrqv33@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

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- The training Schedule is out, check out the Training Opportunities page!
- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT!** It's probably easier that you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. For more information about becoming a fire lookout pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- **Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!**
Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>

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

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

- **April 2nd, Rubio Canyon Open House!** As you may know, AFC preserved the bulk of the remaining private land in Rubio Canyon in 2011 -- a total of 41 acres. Now in 2016, we've really circled back around to do habitat restoration, community education, youth employment and other really great work at the preserve. Join us for a hike through Rubio Canyon and let us show you what we've been up to!
- **April 9th Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day** Come and join us for a morning of fun restoring the natural habitat at the Rosemont Preserve. We will be weeding and watering newly planted natives and doing some trail maintenance.
- **Apr 17th Rosemont Preserve Spring Equinox Celebration** Bring the whole family to the Rosemont Preserve to explore! There will be games and crafts for the kids and guided tours of the Preserve!
- **April 23rd Rosemont Preserve Docent-Led Tour with Tim Martinez** Join Tim Martinez on an exploration of the Rosemont Preserve and the native plants that call it home. Tim will point out the different native plants in the Preserve and talk about which are edible and how they were used as a food source by the Native Americans who lived here before settlers developed the area.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREWbearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

Andy Hoyer 213-675-0420

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

- Apr 23rd • May 21st

**** Hello All,**

Well, it's finally time for us to start work on the upper stretches of the Bear Canyon Trail. This area has been neglected since the Station Fire (that's not true, Alan has been clearing logs for some time now.) The fact is that the trail is difficult to find in several stretches along the creek and needs some serious work to restore it to it's fullest potential. The next two outings (April, May) will be focused solely on this portion of the trail. (And a loud cheer is heard from the trail runners!)

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

- 2016 Live Music Events (Check the Volunteers fun pages)
- 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

Blight Busters Trail CrewDanny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com**Boy Scouts of America Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)**<http://glaac-hat.org>

- Apr 9th CA Trails Day • May 7th Trail Boss Training .

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>

- Apr 20th MEETING

Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects

To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by contacting our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at:

<http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/contact-us/27-ctuc/9-terry-kaiser>**CITY OF GLENDALE**Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept
818-548-2000CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-04/-cury-2016>

- April 2nd Herps of the San Gabriel Mountains (Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- April 9th Just What the Doctor Ordered (Second Saturday Wilderness Workday)
(Check the Volunteers Needed Pages)
- April 16th The Great Los Angeles River Cleanup (Check the Volunteers Needed Pages)
- April 23rd Medicinal Plants of the West (Check the Training Opportunities pages)

• **April 2nd - (Bandido Country) Hike from the Chilao Campground area to Mt. Hillyer and the Silver Moccasin Trail**

Distance: 8 miles, Round trip

Gain: ~ 1000'

Rating: Moderate

Description: The trail head is located in the Chilao Picnic Area, across the street from the Chilao Visitor Center. We start on the Silver Moccasin Trail surrounded by a pine and cedar forest. At the Horse Flats fork we turn left passing the Horse Flats campgrounds. The well traveled trail climbs a gentle slope with just a few switchbacks to the top of Mt. Hillyer. A century ago this was bandido country (the notorious Tiburcio Vasquez and his gang of horse thieves utilized Chilao and Horse Flats when they were not hanging out at Vasquez rocks, near Acton). The great boulders we will pass served as a fortress for the bandits and today these same boulders serve as a great location for rock climbers. More about the bandido and his Chilao connection: http://explorehistoricalif.com/ehc_legacy/bandito2.html

From the round top of Mt. Hillyer, we will be rewarded with nice views that I am sure the bandits used to their advantage. We will follow the ridge line to Rosenita Saddle where we turn right on a paved road and follow it to the turn off to Bandido group campsite. At the back of the campsite we will hook-up with the Silver Moccasin Trail again turning right and heading back to Chilao Picnic Area.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet at Towsley Canyon in the front parking lot at 7:15 AM for a 7:30AM SHARP departure, arrangements for carpooling will be made here. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Directions to trail head: From the 210 FRWY exit at Angeles Crest Highway 2 North. Follow the Angeles Crest Highway towards the mountains for 27 miles (est). Make a left turn at the Chilao Visitor Center that is just past the parking location for Devils Canyon trail head. Follow the signs to the picnic area parking lot.

Meet your Leader: By the first set of bathrooms at the trail head ~ 8:45AM. We will depart up the trail at 9:00AM SHARP.

Bring: Lots of water (2-3L), some Electrolytes like Gatorade, a hat, sunscreen, a snack and hiking poles if you have them. Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please.

Adventure Pass: Yes, 1/car. Available at Acton Ranger Station, the Little Tujunga station, REI Nothridge, Sport Chalet, Stevenson Ranch (\$5 a day/ \$30 a year) or any other Ranger Station.

Dogs: OK, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people carrying poles. If you bring your dog, please drive yourself.

Leader: Dave

• **April 9th - Quigley Canyon Open Space**

Distance: ~ 6.5 miles (4 loops combined and an in/ out 1.1 mile portion)

Gain: About 350 feet max, mainly on one hill that has a tough, steep descent.

Rating: Easy to Moderate (due to periodic hills) - so there is something for everyone on this one.

Description: This is a local and very convenient hike. The scenery is quite varied, with abundant birdlife and did we mention wildflowers..... We will see the ranches, incredible homes, an oil company, intermittent streams, and some pretty vistas. This set of trails is very private... when you consider how close it is to civilization. We will be combining 4 individual loops and a 1.1 mile new access trail in and out. There is one loop that includes a steep hill. If you would like to avoid this, you can sign out just before that portion or just take a break before we regroup for the remainder of the hike.

Map link: http://hikesantaclarita.com/files/2012/03/Quigley_Canyon_Trail.pdf

Meet your leader: At the trail head at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure up the trail. Park on Placerita Canyon Road, see detailed directions below.

Directions to the Trailhead (GPS 34.379641,-118.502622) Going North on the 14 freeway, exit at Placerita Cyn Road and turn left under the freeway (the opposite direction to the Placerita Nature center). Go straight through the light on Sierra Hwy and continue about 1/2 mile West on Placerita Cyn Rd, until you see a gated community barrier across the road ahead and a wooden split rail fence on the right. The parking lot on the right is the Trailhead - it is clearly marked "Quigley Canyon Open Space".

Bring: Water (2 - 3 L), snacks, hiking poles if you have them and a camera. Wear sunscreen, a hat, and long pants in case some of the trails are getting overgrown. Due to the steep uphill and downhill on one loop, poles are HIGHLY recommended and make sure your boots/ shoes have a good tread. No tennis shoes or flip flops please.

Dogs: OK, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people

Adventure Pass: Not required. **Leader:** Nikki

• **April 16th - Historical Hike along The Old Ridge Route - From Sandberg's Summit Hotel to the Tumble Inn**

Distance: ~ 7 miles total, out and back (not including some stumping around at each site).

Gain: Negligible

Rated: Easy + (distance)

Pace: This is a Historical Hike. We will stop at each site, listen to the historian explain the history of the area, show us some old photos, etc. Then we can stomp around for a short while, take some photos, and check out the surrounding views at our own pace, at each site. We will be hiking between each stop at a Moderate hiking pace. It is 7 miles, so this is not a beginners' first hike, you need to be reasonably fit for this hike.

Background: The Ridge Route, officially the Castaic-Tejon Route, was a two-lane highway between Los Angeles and Kern counties, California. Opened in 1915, much of the old road runs through the Angeles National Forest, and passes by many historical landmarks, including the National Forest Inn, Reservoir Summit, Kelly's Half Way Inn, Tumble Inn, and Sandberg's Summit Hotel. Tumble Inn and Sandberg's Summit Hotel have the only remaining ruins. The other establishments were completely bulldozed over the cliffs by the Forest Service.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the new route was "one of the most remarkable engineering feats accomplished by the State Highway Commission.

Hike Description: We will hike from the ruins of Sandberg's Summit Hotel, to Liebre Summit which is the highest point on the road (4,233ft), then to the Granite Gate, Horseshoe Bend, and finally to Tumble Inn. At Horseshoe Bend we will try to find the prints (human, animal and vehicle) in the original cement surface. There is also supposed to be a horseshoe embedded somewhere in the cement.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley: If you wish to carpool, meet at Towsley Cyn outside the entrance gate at 8:00AM for an 8:15 AM SHARP departure to the hike starting point. 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 Santa Clarita (Towsley Canyon) Carpooling spot: Exit the I-5 freeway in Santa Clarita Valley at Calgrove Blvd. Turn West and follow Calgrove around a curve and through one light. You will now see the gate to Towsley Canyon on your right. Park and look for a group of hikers.

Directions to hike starting point from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita: Take the I-5 North to Highway 138. Exit, going East. Turn Right at the Ridge Route and follow it South. Immediately after the intersection of Pine Canyon Road (on left) and the Ridge Route, you will see the following Angeles National Forest sign on your right side.

You might like to stop and take a photo of the sign before proceeding straight South (still on the Ridge Route) a short distance. Look for a wide part of the road with river rock boulder ruins of the Sandberg Inn on your right side (If you go too fast, you will miss it). Allow at least 1 hour to get there from Santa Clarita. We will park our vehicles at this wide spot (see photo above) and adventure around the Sandberg Ruins with our historian Alan Pollack before we begin hiking down the road.

Meet at the Sandberg Inn, ready to leave at 9:30 AM.

Sandberg's Summit Hotel http://socalregion.com/highways/ridge_route/rrt012/ This link takes you to a virtual tour of Sandberg's Summit Hotel with photos of the ruins as well as historical photos.

Bring: Lunch/ snacks, water (2 - 3 L), hat, sunscreen and of course your camera.

Wear: Comfortable shoes (you will be walking on a cement and asphalt road with some sections in poor repair). Hiking boots are not required, but would be acceptable, as would tennis shoes. No sandals or flip flops please. Comfortable layered clothing is recommended as it is often windy in this mountainous region. It will probably be cooler due to elevation, so be prepared with a fleece or a wind breaker or heavier jacket.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

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

Historian: Alan Pollack

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• **April 23rd** - Parker Mesa overlook from Trippet Ranch (Topanga Canyon State Park)

Distance: ~6.8 Miles total (out and back)

Gain: ~ 800'

Hiking Time: ~3 hours

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

Description: This weekend we will enjoy some woodlands, hill walking and cool blue ocean views.

Parker Mesa Overlook is one of the best vista points in the Santa Monica Mountains and has been one of our Summer favorites too. It serves 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 view 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.

Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet at Towsley Canyon, outside the Towsley gate at 7:15 AM. We will organize carpools and leave at 7:30 AM SHARP, for the Trippet Ranch trailhead. Please be respect-ful of your driver's sup-port by con-tribut-ing some-thing at the end of your car-pool to help defray the cost of gas — THX.

Directions to Carpool meeting spot in Santa Clarita Valley: Exit the I-5 freeway in Santa Clarita Valley at Calgrove Blvd. Turn West and follow Calgrove around a curve and through one light on to The Old Road. You will now see the gate to Towsley Canyon on your right. Park and look for a group of hikers/ leader.

Directions to the trailhead at Topanga State Park from Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley, (32 miles, ~40 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 freeway, 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 - this road is twisty, so be on the look out for it! Turn East (left) into Entrada Road and drive up the mountainous neighborhood for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park / Trippet Ranch, until 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 8:00AM to sunset. They have lots of spaces and immaculate modern bathrooms; so if you carpool and want to support their upkeep, go for it (I usually do) - IF SO, BRING \$10 in CASH FOR THE SELF-SERVE (i.e. ENVELOPE) PAY SYSTEM! Alternatively, a few hundred yards outside the park, there may be some free parking left along the road. Watch for No Parking signs and leave nothing showing in your car.

Meet the Hike Leader: At Towsley Canyon to carpool (see details above) or at the Trippet Ranch Trailhead, by the parking lot bathrooms. We plan to be at the trailhead by 8:15AM so the group can start up the trail at 8:30AM SHARP. **Note:** Only if you have already checked in at Towsley Canyon, and are delayed in traffic, can we plan to wait for you.

Bring: Plenty of water (2- 3L), electrolytes, a snack, and shoes with good tread. Poles are helpful.

Hike portion is ~ 3 hours, so we hope to be back to Towsley before 1:00PM.

Dogs: Unfortunately, dogs are not permitted on this trail by the park staff.

Adventure Pass: Not Required.

Leader: Steve I.

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• April 30th - ONE OF OUR BEST HIKES! - Fish Canyon to Piano Box Canyon, led by Dianne!**Distance:** ~ 8 Miles total (out and back)**Gain:** ~ 500'**Hiking Time:** ~ 4 hours**Rating:** Moderate

Description: This is an amazingly beautiful area containing 37 types of endangered species. It is prime yellow-legged frog and Arroyo Toad Habitat. Bring your camera. Not only is the area beautiful, but you might see some of the endangered species along the way. Please stay on the trails here, and watch where you step during the river crossings. This is an 8 mile total, out and back hike, to Piano Box .

The hike starts on the asphalt road, moves onto a dirt road at the north end of Castaic lake and follows Fish Canyon. The only major hill is the asphalt road coming back up to the cars. It is fairly level the rest of the way. The trail through Fish Canyon is interspersed with portions of the old cement road from the 1930s. Then we split off the main trail for the trail to Piano Box Canyon, a beautiful single track wooded trail. We will snack and rest in Piano box and have ample time to enjoy the canyon walls of reddish/orange rock (see above) before returning.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita: We will meet at the outside gate of Towsley Canyon at 7:15AM for a 7:30AM SHARP departure to the trail head (see below). We will be carpooling to the trailhead above Castaic on I-5, about 30 minutes away. Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas.

Meeting your leader at the trail head: Meet at the white gate at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure.

Bring: Lunch, lots of water (2 - 3 liters), snacks, camera, hiking poles to help at water crossings are recommended.

Wear: Layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, shoes with good tread, preferably water-proof.

It is currently looking unlikely but, if we expect water crossings due to conditions, we will update you on Meet Up. When there are crossings, water shoes are recommended due to algae build up (and 'cos there are 24 water crossings we may encounter, if the creek is running high). If you do not have water hikers, we suggest you wear boots or athletic shoes that can get wet and bring a change of shoes/socks in your car for the return trip home.

Adventure Pass: Not required.

Dogs: Ok, if on leash and well behaved around other dogs/ people with poles.

Directions to Trail head: Take the I-5 Freeway North from Santa Clarita. About 6 miles north of Lake Hughes/Castaic, exit at Templin Highway. Turn right at bottom of ramp. Follow this road all the way until it ends at a closed white gate/ concrete barrier. You can park along the road, leave nothing showing in your vehicle. We will meet at the white gate.

Leader: Dianne

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

<http://www.haramokngna.org/> (626) 449-8975.

- **Our Center is open seasonally**, from Spring-Fall. Our normal hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm. We are also available weekdays by appointment. Visitor Center hours may vary due to volunteer staffing. Please contact us by phone or email to confirm availability. center@haramokngna.org
- **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. If you are interested, please call us at 626-449-8975.
Or email us at center@haramokngna.org

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Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that packs

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Contacts: Jonathan Schultz phone: 951-830-3400 e-mail: 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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

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

- **April 16th California Trails Day**
JPL Trailbuilders please contact Kathie 626-379-8429 to carpool and I can RSVP to Chris.
Will need to leave Hahamongna Park at 6:30 am.
- **April 30th Outing**

WHAT'S PLANNED: With a large crew and good weather, we can go back to finish trail maintenance from near the top of Mt Lowe down the Mt Lowe West Trail to meet our work from the bottom. It needs tread widening and brushing. Otherwise, we can continue on working the mid-section of Mt Lowe East from the junction towards Inspiration Point, or Colby Canyon Trail. They both need lots of brushing. With iffy weather, we can continue on Dark Canyon Trail since it is closer to our vehicles. It needs lots of brushing.

BRING: Dayhike gear(daypack, lunch, lots of water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, and work gloves. Please make sure you wear long sleeves, long pants and boots in order to be able to use tools. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply. We provide hard hats.

MEET: At 8:15 am at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park. Get off the 210 freeway at Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamongna Park. Once you turn into the Park, go down the driveway, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot. (If that is full, we park in the dirt lot directly at the bottom of the driveway) We sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning around 4 PM. The leaders take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time. Next tentative dates May 21 and June 25, National Trails Day June 4, 2016

Mt. Disappointment Endurancewww.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com/trailwork>

Preliminary Trail Work 2016 dates are:

- April 23rd - Kenyon Devore (upper half)
- May 21st – Strawberry Peak trail (park at Red Box)
- June 11th – Kenyon Devore (lower half)
- June 25th- Gabrielino Trail - Red Box to Switzers.

Car-pool meeting time is 7:00 am alongside Highway 2 in La Canada Flintridge.

People should bring work gloves, long-sleeve shirts and pants, sun-protection, and water.

Hardhats and tools will be provided.

You MUST e-mail Gary at gary@mtdisappointment50k.com during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools!!

Mount Wilson Institute<http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

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

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**What 2016 looks like for MWBA:**

- April 17th Ken Burton trail Restoration.
- May 1st Pancake Breakfast & Raffle (Check out the Volunteer Fund Raiser page)
- We will actively work to secure grants to fund our trailwork days and advocacy work.
- The 2015 momentum of our bell program will continue and MWBA will get many more bells out on the trails.
- The MWBA Bike Shop Collective will expand to include more shops, but to also unify our trail courtesy message, distribute more bells and spread awareness of all trail user needs.
- Stay tuned as MWBA discusses such issues as the wilderness debate Sustainable Trails Coalition is taking back to Congress and our stance on E-Bikes on our trails.

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

- Apr 24th @ 8:00 A.M. trail maintenance work
- May 15th @ 8:00 A.M. trail maintenance work
- May 28th The Race!

We will meet at Lizzie's Trail Inn just above Miramonte Road. People should bring work gloves, sun protection and water. **RSVP to Race Director Pete Siberell at psiberell@santaanita.com**

Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

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- Apr 22nd to 24th Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College in Cascade Locks, Oregon
- Apr 30th to May 1st North Cascades Trial Skills College in Concrete, WA
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- May 13th to 16th Santiam Trail Skills College near Detroit, Oregon
- June 2nd to 5th Allingham Trail Skills College near Sisters, Oregon
- June 10th to 12th Big Bend Trail Skills college in Ashland, Oregon
- July 15th to 17th Tahoe I Skills college in Truckee, California
- Southern California Trail Skills college

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Ben White: 626-303-1078

ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest. **Learn how to use all the Trail tools** to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to feedback@crystallake.name
I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

MEETING LOCATION :

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

WEB: <http://www.mtlowe.net/> FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

Our mission is to preserve the remnants (structures, trails, artifacts) of the Mount Lowe Railway in the Angeles National Forest. We work under the authority of the Angeles National Forest along with a cadre of many other volunteers who help with various projects to protect the Forest.

Sierra Club

1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/• **April 2nd Greene and Greene Southwest Pasadena Walking Tour**• **April 6th Pasadena Monthly Meeting:**

"Our Local Trails in the San Gabriel Mountains." Discover new hikes, and connections between familiar trails, in this illustrated presentation by two veteran Pasadena Group outings leaders, Ginny Heringer and Carole Scurlock.

Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome! Doors open at 7 pm; Program starts 7:30 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Bill Joyce

• **April 7th/14th /21st /28th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**• **April 9th Spring in the Arroyo**• **April 13th /27th Evening in the Arroyo**• **April 16th Introductory Botany Walk**• **April 17th Arroyo Seco to Paul Little Picnic Area and Brown Mountain Dam**• **April 23rd Muir Pk (4688') Rendezvous Hike, via Sunset Ridge trail and Mt. Lowe fire road**• **April 23rd Muir Pk (4688') Rendezvous Hike, via Echo Mtn and Castle Canyon**• **April 23rd Muir Pk (4688') Rendezvous Hike, via Mt Lowe Trail from Eaton Saddle****SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to <http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar?year=2016&month=04>• **April 1st Nature Night: Star Party!**• **April 2nd /9th Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve Guided Wildflower Walk,**• **April 16th Greenthumbs**• **April 2nd /16th Nature Craft**• **April 2nd Story Time**• **April 3rd /9th /10th /16th /17th Nature Walk****Tree People** <https://www.treepeople.org/>FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePeople1/?fref=ts>

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For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar>• **Campus Tree Care April 2nd**• **Campus Planting April 9th /16th /23rd /30th**• **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk April 2nd**• **Doggy Hikes April 9th**• **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration Apr 24th**• **Harvesting Rain and Earthworks with Clockshop at the Bowtie Project April 2nd**• **Moonlight Hike April 15th**• **Park Planting April 9th**• **Park Tree Care April 3rd /9th /10th /16th /30th**

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest Wrightwood, CA

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

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net

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

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc.

By Appointment



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Lead Instructor

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Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

Regional Occupational Program

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<http://pathwaytomfuture.org/students-parents/regional-occupational-programs>

<https://www.facebook.com/roptrails>

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 13th and 20th. 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 13th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

- **June 13th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD
- **June 14th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD
- **June 15th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD
- **June 16th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation/ TBD

Week of June 20th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break):

- **June 6/21st** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation / TBD
- **June 22nd** 6/22 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - US Forest Service / National Forest Foundation / TBD
- **June 23rd** 6/23 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD
- **June 24th** 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - USFS (PCTA) / City of Santa Clarita / MRCA / TBD

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Mar 17, 2012 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 _____

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: _____
