

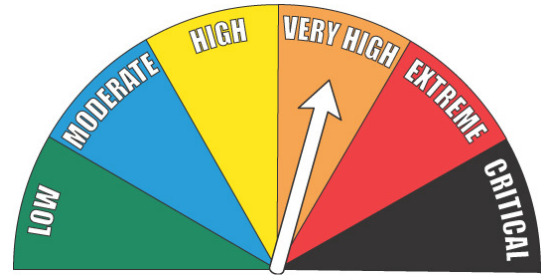
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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Feb 2017

A FOREST VISITOR ASKS?



WHAT IS ALLOWED IN THE 6 FIRE LEVELS?

LOW

- No Fireworks
- No shooting of tracer, armor piercing, steel core, or Teflon ammunition.
- Welding, grinding, cutting and use of explosives only with proper permit.
- Spark arrestors are required on off-highway vehicles, chainsaws and other equipment.
- Wood and charcoal fires in designated sites only, in agency-provided campfire rings and stoves.
- Gas and petroleum jelly stoves only outside of designated sites with a valid California Campfire Permit.
- Smoking in enclosed vehicles, developed recreation sites or areas cleared 3-foot in diameter.

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**DON'T LOOK BACK!
YOUR NOT GOING THAT WAY!**

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

WHAT IS ALLOWED? (cont)

MODERATE

- All previous restrictions apply.
- Certain geographic areas may be closed due to special circumstances.

HIGH

- All previous restrictions apply.
- Additional geographic areas may be closed due to special circumstances.

VERY HIGH

- All previous restrictions apply.
- Additional geographic areas may be closed due to special circumstances.

EXTREME

- All previous restrictions apply.
- Smoking only in enclosed vehicles or buildings
- Entry into the National Forest is restricted to certain developed sites. Those sites will typically be within 1/4 mile of state or county highways.
- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire is prohibited.
- Forest Supervisor may designate locations with special circumstances where dispersed recreation and/or day use can be allowed. Contact the District Office for more information.

CRITICAL

- Entry into the Angeles National Forest is restricted to state and county highways .
- All Forest Service sites are closed during these times, EXCEPT ranger stations, fire stations and the supervisors office.
- The Forest Supervisor may designate areas or certain developed sites to be open.

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times May 17, 2013 email: tundra@tundracomics.com



Blast from the Past

An ad in the 1934 SUMMER EDITION OF THE TRAILS MAGAZINE.

VACATION.....

AT THIS WORLD FAMOUS RESORT



THIS SUMMER take an *unusual* vacation... one you will never forget... a vacation you can enjoy nowhere except at the world-famous mile-high Mt. Lowe Resort—ideal for rest, relaxation, recreation. Here *everything* is different... a thrilling Incline Ride... a 3½ mile mountain Trolley Trip... marvelous panoramas of 2,000 square miles of Southland... spectacular nightly electrical displays of 56 cities ablaze with millions of lights far below! You'll like hospitable Mt. Lowe Tavern, its metropolitan cuisine and comforts, its cozy cabin homes among the pines, its unusual diversions, sports and entertainments—a mile above the sea, yet only 2 hours away!

TRY AN OVER-NIGHT OUTING

at these unusually low all-expense rates which include roundtrip fare, dinner, room in Tavern or Bungalow and breakfast... one-party all-expense ticket \$5; two-party ticket \$8.50; child's ticket \$2.75 (under 12 years). For cabin accommodations deduct 50c per adult, 25c per child. Choice wines and liquors available for guests who desire them.

\$1.50
only roundtrip
from Los Angeles
and
\$1.25 from Pasadena

4 TRAINS DAILY from LOS ANGELES leave 6th & Main St. Station at 9:15, 10:30 a. m. and 1:40, 4:30 p. m. Extra trains on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Also "The Mountaineer", a special thru train on Sundays only at 8 a.m. For further details, folders, special reduced rates for any vacation period and reservations inquire 6th & Main St. information bureau, phone TUCKER 7272 or write

MT. LOWE

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

H. O. MARLER, *Passenger Traffic Manager*

BLAST FLASH FORWARD!

Although Professor Lowe's "temple" was a wildly popular weekend getaway and renowned worldwide, financial profits eluded him. He was forced to sell the railway property in 1899, and he died penniless in 1913 in his daughter's Pasadena home. Disaster steadily followed over the years as fires destroyed the White City and the Tavern, and floods wrecked the rails and the Rubio Pavilion. The Mount Lowe Railway was officially abandoned in 1939, and today the ruins are a popular hiking destination.

For more information check out the SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY website at:

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

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Volunteer Meeting Minutes By Kathie Reilly

January 18, 2017 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia

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

Reminder for each group to send their reports to Guy at guykuhn@sbcglobal.net to go into the next newsletter. These minutes contain items shared at the meeting that are considered of interest by everyone at the meeting. All are welcome to the bi-monthly meeting.

Robin presented Hal with a small cake for finishing his 35th 50-mile Catalina Race at the age of 85. He is in the top 10 for his age group nationally.

Robin presented Dennis a small cake for his upcoming birthday.

Thank you Robin, for making homemade cookies for the rest of us!

Group reports and Questions:

- **Alan (Bear Canyon Group):** suggested a forum for exchanging experiences in brushing techniques with different types of plants, since there will be lots more to cut after the rains. Could do a video, article for newsletter, demos. Send your ideas and show of interest to colesalanr@gmail.com
- **Mitch (Mt Wilson Bicycling Association, MWBA):** working Sunset Ridge Trail, many large boulders to remove, wondered if there is a potable jack hammer available to use. Friends of Angeles has a supply cache, and Dennis said there may be one in District tool cache.
- **Steve (CORBA)** taking care of trees down on Strawberry Peak Trail and West Fork road. There are still down trees - 1 before Valley Forge, 6 on road to West Fork, 1 on Zion Trail. LA Conservation Corps (LACC) did 3 weeks of work on Gabriellino Trail. National Environmental Policies Act (NEPA) assessment will be done in May and they can start work on the dam bypass.
- **Brian (Scenic Mt Lowe Committee):** there will be a work day Jan 28 on Mt Lowe fire road removing large boulders and down trees
- **Chilao Visitor Center:** need a campaign educating snow players who come up and leave trash, also in Wrightwood. Dennis is working on an agreement between Recreation and Firefighters to help clean up. More Woodsy "Don't Pollute" signs would help. Need more patrols. Dennis said handing out trash bags to large groups helps. There is a "Leave No Trace" class for volunteers. Checking if there will be funding this year for student buses to come up, like last year.
- **Dick Weatherby:** CTUC and CORBA are meeting with Congressman Adam Schiff, then Forest Supervisor Jeffrey Vail to get more money into the Forest base budget, what the Adventure Pass cannot cover. Adventure Pass needs clarification as to what areas it covers. Write to your representatives to put more money into the forest budget.

Volunteer Meeting Minutes (CONT)

- **Jim Lesh, horse patrol:** request for a listing of fire danger level differences. Dennis will send out Project Activity Level (PAL) designation system, or can go to calfire.org.
- **Dave (Chantry Flats):** on radios, use A-net. Warning: the clamshell radios power is not lasting, take plenty of batteries. He will show a new video on how to use the radio after next meeting. Bring a thumb drive if you would like a copy of the video.

National Monument Jamie Uyehara (Forest resources, planning, dirt and living beings)

- There are 1500 seasonal hire jobs in California advertised on usajobs.gov. Applications must be done between Jan 17-24. Meanwhile, there is now a hiring freeze on regular jobs until more funding is available.
- Trying to get local cities to fund the successful shuttle program from REI to Chantry that was funded last year by the Forest Service. Transportation grants are needed.
- In meetings with several entities, learning that we have more in common with Santa Monica's Conservancy rather than National Parks due to the close physical proximity of the public to the recreation areas.

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

Folks,

I have scheduled the following training classes for 2017:

All classes are open to volunteers and employees

Maximum of 10 students per class for CPR/AED/1st Aid

CPR/AED/1st Aid

April 21, 2017

0900 to 1600

Arcadia Training Center

Basic Radio Training

April 25, 2017

0900 to 1100

Arcadia Training Center Pavilion)

I would be happy to arrange classes on your district. Let me know what you need. Remember, I can only take 10 students per class for CPR/AED/1st Aid.

Tracy McGuff

Training Officer

Forest Service

Angeles National Forest

p: 661-912-6889

tmcguff@fs.fed.us

701 N. Santa Anita Avenue

Arcadia, CA 91006

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Caring for the land and serving people

FOREST VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHRISTOPHER FABBRO

What a great winter we are finally having...just like old times. With the potential for drought conditions to finally ease up, keep an eye on safety with changing weather (including emergency kits/communication), rockfalls/loose soils, and overall slick conditions. February and March are historically our wettest months, so more precip may be on the way. When the forecast calls for adverse conditions, all field personnel (paid staff and volunteers) are discouraged from field work, particularly in vulnerable areas. Sometimes access will be suspended altogether. Rainy days are a great time to catch up on logging volunteer hours and revising your group's manual or by-laws if you're bored with the book you're trying to finish.

I am back from my temporary assignment as Urban Forester in Downtown LA at the LA Center for Urban Natural Resources Sustainability. It was a great learning opportunity, particularly from a standpoint of meeting additional land management partners, starting projects with Park Service, assisting with urban waterways initiatives, and supporting other non-profits such as Audubon in their similar missions. In case you haven't heard, there has been a recent federal hiring freeze, which comes on the heels of the untimely passing of our Safety Officer, Ron Ashdale, the retirement of our Public Affairs Officer, Sherry Rollman, and several other vacant management and coordinator positions. There may be a need to rely increasingly on volunteers to meet agency mission, not knowing how long we may be thin on staffing. It could be a long time, so if you are invited to engage in additional volunteer activity, please do so with an eye on sustainability. Do not overextend yourself.

Some of the trainings Ron has traditionally led (CPR, radio, driving) will need to be delegated. In the short term, we have scheduled a few free CPR/1st Aid refresher trainings led by the Dwyers. Priority will be given to those whose certs are expiring and who need it for other trainings/certifications (such as saw use). There are four refresher dates: February 4, February 5, March 4, and March 5. (That last date, 3/5, may be converted to a first-time CPR training if there is demand. Please let me know your training needs.) RSVP with me at cfabbro@fs.fed.us with your preferred date and a backup date, as well as any quals/certs that require you maintain currency in CPR/1st Aid.

I will be working more closely with the Consortium crews (YCC, SGVCC, Generation Green, etc) this summer and have started to assist with a program of work for the crews. There may be opportunities for other volunteers to help with mentoring or logistical support, particularly when the crews "spike out" overnight in the field. If you have any interest in helping out with support work, Trail Boss, or working alongside some of our projects (mostly trail work, but some Resources work such as invasive species removal, or campground rehabilitation), please let me know. The more the merrier, and I am always looking to connect new volunteers with more experienced ones in order to facilitate sharing good habits and corporate knowledge.

Related to that, we are implementing a pilot program for volunteer vacations. The forest is interested in providing a logistically-supported "work vacation" opportunity for volunteers of all abilities to assist with backlogged projects (including Sheep Mountain Wilderness trail maintenance, Sawmill/Liebre campground restoration work, remote/backcountry trail work) that may sometimes be more than a day's drive/hike to the work site. More info will come in the March newsletter. Some events will be weekend-long, at least one will be a week long. These will be conducted like Amish barn-raising, in which a crew will spike out for a couple nights and really dig into a remote project. All are welcome, and any current volunteers who are interested in helping with logistics would get extra helpings of chow come dinnertime!

The Artist in Residence program starts its third year in 2017. Registration and call for submissions is open through early spring at www.angelescrest.org/artist. Currently, pieces from the Class of 2015 (our first year) are on an Artist in Residence Road Show around the forest. About ten pieces will be on display at Mt. Baldy Visitor Center through the end of March, at which time the display will head to Chilao Visitor Center for their seasonal opening. A couple months after that, the display will hit another visitor center, and so on. As more pieces are collected, we will be able to rotate them with greater frequency before they permanently find homes at various public spaces. The annual Artist in Residence Group Show (Class of 2016) will be held at Heritage Square Museum on April 1-2, with a free reception and wine tasting from 4-8pm on Saturday April 1 (presentation at 6pm). Flyer to follow.

I'm glad to be back and am looking forward to working with you this coming season! Thanks for your ongoing support of the Angeles and for being a key part of the effort to protect the forest.

LEARN TO LEAD



TRAIL BOSS Training 2017 Become a USFS approved Trail Boss Supervise Trail Maintenance for 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 2017 are: March 4-5. Apr. 22-23. May. 6-7.

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**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

- ☞ Do you love the forest?
- ☞ Do you love to teach children?

If so, here is a great volunteer opportunity!!!

The San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association (SGMHA) is seeking volunteer educators for our school-based field trip program. This established program serves schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley at facilities at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center and the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center. Volunteer educators are trained to teach various hands-on programs for school classes that range from K - 12 and include subjects such as Native American studies, Geology, California Gold Rush, Plant ID, Water Ecology, Local History, Environmental Conservation, and the forest's flora and fauna.



Prior teaching experience is not required. Volunteer commitment is flexible but we are looking for volunteers who are willing to learn the program and participate throughout the school year.

***Volunteer and make a difference
for our children and for our forest!!***

If interested please contact:

Dave Baumgartner

Program Manager

909 982-2879 or 626 241-6407

email: info@sgmha.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

February Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ WHEN:

Sat. Feb. 4, 2017
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:

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

◆ WANT MORE

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 February workday as we weed and maintain the landscaped areas along the L.A. 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, gloves, water bottle and hand clippers. Families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students needing service hours are encouraged to attend.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Trail Maintenance Workday (on the Rim of the Valley Trail)

◆ WHEN:

Sat., Feb. 11, 2017
8:00 a.m. - noon

◆ WHERE:

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

Fifteen spaces are available for this program (you must be at least High School age)

Call us at:
(818) 548-3795
to save your spot

Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt, bring water, sunscreen and a hat

It is time for a little touch up on the "Rim of the Valley Trail" located in Deukmejian Wilderness Park.



Join us for a morning of trail maintenance as we focus on sprucing up the existing trail.

We will be led by Karen Buehler. She received her training from the Pacific Crest Trails Association. Karen has led trail maintenance and construction projects at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, Brand Park and in the Angeles Forest.

Don't worry if you are new to trail work, you will learn about : Trail Terminology; Tread Conditions; Tool Use and Safety; and Maintenance Techniques.

Space is limited for this program, so you must call (818) 548-3795 to reserve your place.



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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Born to Be Wild (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)

We are at the park every month to remove non-native invasive plants and to water the trees (Oaks and Big Cones) planted in the past few years.

This work will help in the restoration and creation of a habitat that is better suited for the native plants and animals.



Black sage (*Salvia melifera*)



Brittlebush (*Encelia farinosa*)

Come join us as we spend the morning working in the Great Outdoors. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities. Students needing Community Service Hours are encouraged to attend.

We don't care what city, state, or country you were born in... it is time to "be wild!"

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat. Feb. 18, 2017
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, a hat, and protective clothing

Bring your water bottle, sun screen, and gloves

◆ **MORE:**

Call (818) 548-3795

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mount Wilson Race

It looks like the Mount Wilson Trail will need a lot of help to be ready for race day on May 27.

We will need more volunteers on maintenance days this year.

Contact: Pete Siberell at psiberell@santaanita.com



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

A typical outing for Hal Winton ANV Vol 32 ,AC100 Co-RD

Charlton flats roadside SST'S no T.P. (replaced it) and bear proof boxes full. 3 Ps toilets bear proof boxes full to overflowing

On to Sulfur Sprg's C.G. road at PCT. Inspect PCT around north side of Mt. Pacifico. Break off Poodle Dog bushes en-route. Stumble onto large amounts of abandoned Food &a new Dial 16 oz Men only container of scrub soap and a "sorry" note. Pack it all out back to my car.

Located 2 each 1 ft dia. Burnt deadfalls across the PCT on the west side trail towards Mt Pacifico C.G. access Rd.

Fairly new PC 20000 sign PCT emblem pried out and stolen.

On 3N17 a large FS front loader tractor had plowed road surface one side only So far, down the road about half way to Alder Saddle. Exposed boulders in some places.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

The Mcguire lovebirds not only looking for love in the Angeles Forest but looking for downed trees to remove

Photo by Robin Mcguire



Matt lay carrying a rock to reinforce the trail.

Photo by Erik Hillard



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Before and after views of a portion of the Dawn Mine trail thanks to hare work by Thurman, Lauren and Brenda.

Photo by Brenda Beck



Dave moving a bolder off the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**MWBA Volunteers
removing a couple of trees
from the El Prieto Trail .**

Photo by Robin Mcguire



**MWBA Volunteers rolling
a tree from the El Prieto
Trail .**

Photo by Robin Mcguire



AC100

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

- getting ready for the next race on August 5, 2017

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

m.rmccuire@hotmail.com

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

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **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

- Feb 5th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Feb 11th Rosemount Preserve Restoration
- Feb 12th Cottonwood Canyon Guided Meditation
- Feb 19th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Feb 25th Rosemont Preserve docent led tour featuring Jim Adams
- Feb 26th Cottonwood Canyon Guided Meditation

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREWbearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

The Bear Canyon Trail Crew is resuming work during the cooler weather period.

Our trips are scheduled for:

- Feb. 25
- Mar. 25
- Apr. 22
- May 20

Questions? Contact: bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

Thank you

Alan Coles

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

- Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.
- The road is gated and the gate is locked at night. Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.
- The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.
- Adams Pack Station Contact: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America

Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)

<http://glaac-hat.org>

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

Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>

- Feb 8th CTUC National Forest Association Angeles Meeting
Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 6:00 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
- Feb 15 CTUC National Forest Association Angeles 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) 548-3795

CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-02/-cury-2017>

- Feb 4th - February Riverwalk Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- Feb 11th - Trail Maintenance Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- Feb 18th - Born to be Wild(Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)
(Check the Volunteers Needed pages)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: zuliebear@aol.com phone: 661-259-2743

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• Feb 4th - NEW HIKE - Sulphur Mountain, Casita Springs, Ventura County

Mileage: 10 Miles RT (out and back)

Gain: 2200' (tough for first 2 miles and 1500' gain, but then fairly gradual on the rest of the way out/ and then down hill on the way back)

Rated: Moderate ++ (for good distance and some very reasonable gain)

Hiking time: ~ 4.5 hours

Description: This is the ultimate Social Winter hike - the trail is one long wide curving dirt service road that can accommodate a ton of hikers (or the Rockettes), 6 abreast - yacking and joking for 5 mile! We are hiking this in winter because there are many stretches with minimal shade.

The hike starts quickly with some heavy cardio, climbing rapidly from the trailhead up through shady oak woodlands. After a mile or so, we break into open space, rolling hills and oak dotted ranch land with views of the Conejo Valley.

The trail continues around many curves with ever changing views, always ascending and moving through alternating patches of trees and ranch land.

At about 5 miles, we reach the highest point in the hike where we can enjoy great views of Ventura and two of the Channel islands beyond. Near here we stop for lunch / snack in a very pleasant leafy grove of oaks, where we can also take in views of the Ojai area far below and Lake Casitas in the distance.

Then it is back the same way to the cars - downhill for most of the way.

Bring/ Wear: Shoes with good tread, camera, hiking poles, lunch/ snacks, LOTS of water/ electrolytes (2 - 3 Liters), a HAT and sunscreen. Bring an extra outer layer in case it is chilly first thing in the morning or in case it gets windy later.

Adventure Pass: Not required

Dogs: OK, if kept on a leash and well behaved around other dogs, people with poles, mountain bikers, and horses. Bear in mind the distance, gain and limited shade, as dogs can get tired/ too hot. If you bring a dog, please drive yourself.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley to the trail head: Meet at Walmart parking lot on Kelly Johnson PKWY in Valencia in the Southwest corner at 6:45 AM for a 7:00 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. We prefer that you carpool / caravan due to the distance and finding the trailhead may be difficult for some. 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

If you wish, you can drive to the trail head, following the directions below.

Directions to trail head (try to use directions, as Google can be misleading):

From LA / Valencia - Take the I-5 North to the 126 West (Direction = Ventura). Continue all the way to Ventura, (~ 1 hour) eventually merging into the Hwy 101, heading North. Continue on the 101 North toward Santa Barbara but staying in the right lane. Exit on to Hwy 33 to Ojai. Go 7.5 miles, passing just through Casita Springs, until you see the small green Sulphur Mountain Road sign on the right. If you reach downtown Oakview, you have gone too far.

Continue up Sulphur Mountain Road about 0.7 mile until it deadends and you see the trailhead / white gate. Read and obey the various parking signs!

Leader's Note: There are no bathrooms at the trailhead! I did not see anything between Ventura and the trailhead. , therefore, I recommend you stay on Hwy 33 and go beyond the Sulphur Mountain Road turnoff to find facilities in nearby Oakview.

Trail head: 155 Sulphur Mountain Road, Ventura, CA 93001

Meet your leader at the Sulphur Mountain trail head at 8:15 AM for an 8:30AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Leader: Steve I.

***** RAIN FALLING CANCELS ALL HIKES *****

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• **Feb 11th - Figure of 8 - Musch trail from Topanga S.P. to Eagle Rock and Hub junction**

Distance: ~7 Miles total

Gain: ~ 1300'

Hiking Time: ~3.5 hours

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

Description: This weekend we hope to escape the August heat of the low desert by heading- closer to the ocean. We have been in this area before, however, this time we start from Trippet Ranch and travel NE along the shady and winding single track Musch trail, until we meet a portion of the Back Bone trail at Eagle junction. From here, we travel along the Eagle Rock fire road and make a stop at Eagle Rock. Here, in addition to the views, and a chance to catch our breath and snap selfies, we will visit the Keystone 7, Memorial bench. Then it is on to Hub Junction, where we hope to catch up on the latest Hollywood gossip and catch a little shade.

From here, we turn around but return to Eagle junction via another route. Then, after the junction, we head down hill and past "the meadows" on the fire road to complete our figure of 8 and we should be back at the parking lot.

Carpool from Santa Clarita Valley: Meet at Towsley Canyon, outside the Towsley gate at 7.30 AM. We will organize carpools and leave at 7:45AM 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, ~45 mins): Merge onto I-5 South. Keep right to continue on the I-405 S/San Diego Fwy, following signs for Santa Monica. After 9.0 miles, take the exit to US101 N, towards Ventura, drive 8.2 miles on the 101 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 Entrada through the hilly neighborhood for 1 mile, following signs for Topanga State Park / Trippet Ranch, until you see cars parked on the left side of the road. Right after these cars on the left is the entrance to the State Park parking lot.

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 8:30 AM so the group can start up the trail at 8:45 AM 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 (3L), electrolytes such as Gatorade, a snack, and shoes with good tread. Poles would be helpful as trail is hilly and sandy in parts.

Hike portion is ~ 3.5 hours, so we should be back at Towsley by 1:30PM approx.

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

Adventure Pass: Not Required.

Leader: Steve I.

• **Feb 18th Mugu Peak via the Chumash Trail; La Jolla Valley Grasslands and the Ray Miller trails**

Distance: ~10 mile loop

Gain: About 1500', mainly in the first mile and again 1 hour before end of hike

Rated: Moderate +++ (significant gain at start and overall hike length)

Time: ~ 5 hours hike time

Description: This 10 mile hike will take us to Mugu Peak (moist air, sea breezes and temperatures should be ~20 degrees cooler than back in Santa Clarita!). One of my favorite hikes and depending on the time of day, we may be immersed in sea fog (yum!), sunshine, or a mixture of both as it burns off.

We start on the Chumash trail and head straight up, up, up, to Mugu peak because the usual route, La Jolla Canyon, was badly damaged by floods and is now closed. After enjoying the highest point in the hike and completing most of the gain, we then head down a bit and turn East into the La Jolla Valley. We traverse a large grassland area, with views of the Boney Mountains (check out that spine below), the highest peaks in the Santa Monica Range.

Finally, we arrive at a burned out "Hike-In" campground. We will stop near here to snack and rest up a little. Then it is some more gain as we head back West and up on the Overlook fire road to meet the Ray Miller trail. This trail drops us back at the La Jolla Canyon parking area where we will have staged a few cars for a shuttle earlier. Then it is a short distance back North on PCH to where we left most of our cars in the Chumash Trail parking lot.

Meet in Santa Clarita to Carpool: Meet us at the WALMART parking lot (NOTE: this is not Towsley Canyon!!!!). Address is 27931 Kelly Johnson Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

The store is on the corner of the intersection of Copper Hill and Newhall Ranch Road. Meet there at 7:00AM in the Southwest corner of the parking lot. After we organize the carpools, we leave at 7:15AM SHARP and caravan to the Chumash Trail parking lot off Hwy 1 (PCH).

Directions to the trailhead are below, if you prefer to go directly.

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.

Meet your leader at the Trailhead: Meet at the Chumash Trail parking lot trail head between 8:30 AM and 8:45AM. Wear bug spray!! We will depart up the trail at 9:00 AM SHARP (after we have put some cars on PCH, near the La Jolla Canyon trailhead, about 2 miles south).

Directions from Santa Clarita to the Chumash Trail parking lot:

Take Newhall Ranch road for 2 miles West from the Walmart meeting place over the 5 Freeway, where it becomes CA-126, heading West toward Ventura.

Follow CA-126 W, 34.9 miles until Exit 5 from CA-126 W to merge on to CA-118 East, toward Saticoy. Continue until the road T's . Turn right on to Santa Clara Ave, which becomes Rice Ave and eventually merges into Route 1 (PCH) turning South.

Stay on PCH passing Point Mugu Naval base on the right, until you are by the ocean and see a SEABEES firing range in the sand dunes on the right - the parking lot is on the left. Turn left into the "Chumash Trail" parking lot - WATCH FOR CARS AND MOTORCYCLES AS YOU TURN ACROSS PCH INTO THE LOT.

Bring: Poles if you have them, lunch/ snacks, at least 3 liters of water. SUN SCREEN/ lip balm as this trail has very little shade. If haze is low, the views can be spectacular, so bring your camera.

BUG ALERT!! There were very bad mosquitos last year in the Chumash parking lot, at the start of the hike (the lot is next to a marshland and is shaded in the morning). I recommend you keep covered up and do a quick bug spray as you exit your car. Once we get up the trail a bit and into some sun, we will lose some coverup. Just in case, pack a bug screen for your face (I have extras at \$5) and some bug spray.

Adventure Pass: Not required .

Dogs: Sorry, dogs are not allowed on this trail (I don't make up the rules).

Leader: Steve I.

• Feb 25th - Chumash Trail to Fossil Ridge**Distance:** ~8.0 miles (out and back style)**Gain:** At least 1100' on the way out**Rating:** Moderate

Description: The Chumash Trail is located in the Rocky Peak Park in the Santa Susana Mountains, East of Simi Valley. Although relatively short, there is a fair amount of gain in a short period. Once you reach Fossil Ridge you will see Paleocene marine fossils that were deposited 60-64 million years ago. Most of the fossils are mollusks (think Shell Oil shape). Please do not take any of the fossils. Leave them behind for others to enjoy. We are doing this hike at this time of year as it can get very hot in Summer.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley (Advisable, see "READ" below): If you wish to carpool, meet at Towsley Cyn (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) outside the entrance gate at 7:45AM for an 8:00 AM SHARP departure to the trail head. 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 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 group of hikers/ leader.

!!!!!!READ !!!! Directions to the trail head: Take the I-5 South to merge into the 405 South. Get off at the 118 freeway towards Simi. Exit at exit 29, Yosemite Avenue. Drive 0.4 miles North on Flanagan Drive and turn right. Continue 0.8 miles to the trailhead at the end of the road.

Meet your leader at the trailhead (closest address: 3191 Flanagan Dr, Simi Valley, CA 93063):

Meet at approx. 8:30AM for a 8:45AM SHARP departure up the trail.

Bring: Lots of water, a hat, sunscreen, a snack and hiking poles if you have them. Camera. Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please. Likely the day will be cool and windy, so bring an extra layer to avoid a chill at the top.

Adventure Pass: Not required

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

Leader: Lise M

**Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association
(CORBA)**

PHONE: (818) 773-3555

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<http://corbamt.com/>

For schedule goto: <http://corbamt.com/Calendar/index.shtml>

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association was founded in 1987 to serve the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. CORBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to gaining and maintaining public trail access for mountain cyclists and the public at-large. CORBA encourages and promotes the safe and environmentally responsible use of unpaved roads and trails for bicycling and to educate the public about all aspects of off-road cycling and trails.

HABITAT WORKS

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

<http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

For more information call or e-mail to: wildlife@habitatwork.org

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

<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. contact@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 lorosco@haramokngna.org

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: schultzelectric@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

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

• Feb 11th Outing

WHAT'S PLANNED Depending upon the number of people showing up and the weather, we can do trail maintenance of tread widening and cutting back brush on any of our usual trails: 1) Mt Lowe West Trail from near the top of Mt Lowe where we left off on down until we meet our work from the bottom up. 2) Mt Lowe East Trail the mid-section that is from the junction to the summit of Mt Lowe down towards Inspiration Point. 3) Colby Canyon Trail from where we left off from Josephine Saddle down to where we left off coming up from Angeles Crest Highway. As you can see, all of the work is around the halfway points of the trails, which means more hiking.

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.

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- **Planning for the July 8, 2017 Race!**

Mount Wilson Institute

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

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- **Cosmic Cafe is now closed.**

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

- **Feb 19th Outing**

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

- **February 26 Outing**
- **March 26 Outing**
- **April 30 Outing**
- **May 14 Outing**
- **May 21 Outing**
- **May 27 Mt. Wilson Trail Race**

We meet at Lizzie's Trail in in Sierra Madre at 7:00A. Bring gloves, water and sun protection. Workers must RSVP to Pete Siberell at psiberell@santaanita.com so we have enough tools for all.

Thanks.

Pete Siberell

Pacific Crest Trail Association

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• Feb 16th thru 19th ANZA 217

Sign up now for this annual Trail Gorillas trail maintenance weekend. Join for a day, the weekend, or whatever works for your schedule. Volunteers will be brushing and working on tread repairs Thursday-Sunday. The exact work location is still to be determined.

Contact Don Line at donline41@gmail.com. Let Don know if you'll be camping and what meals you'd like to join.

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

The San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders (SGMTB) is an all-volunteer public service organization dedicated to constructing and maintaining hiking trails in the San Gabriel Mountains' Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

If you would like to volunteer your time,

Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078

Or E-Mail: benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group

Contact The Baldy Group: bbtbs.vsh@live.com

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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/

• Feb 1st 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program:

Pasadena Monthly Program: "On Thin Ice" This evening's program will feature a program on melting of the world's glaciers due to global warming and the impacts of this melting on farmers and others dependent on these glaciers for their water supply, as well as on food prices in the U.S. The program will feature an Award-winning film "On Thin Ice", narrated by David Brancaccio and environmental Conrad Anker, followed by remarks and discussion by JPL Climate Scientist Ian Fenty, who is currently participating in a major NOAA-funded study of Greenland's melting icecap. Information on the Pasadena Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities precedes the program. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and refreshments. Program starts 7:30 PM, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. Newcomers always welcome! For information contact Group Membership Chair, Bill Joyce

• **Full moon hike and potluck dinner in Verdugo Mt. Feb 11th**

• **Geology Hike from Stunt Road to Red Rock Canyon Park Feb 25th**

• **Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike Feb 2nd/16th/23rd**

• **Presidents Day Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona Feb 17th - to - Feb 20th**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

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For more calendar details go to

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- Animal Tracking Feb 11th/25th
- Bald Eagle Celebration Feb 11th
- Bald Eagle Volunteer Count Feb 11th
- Guided Snowshoe EcoTour Feb 4th/5th/11th/12th/18th/19th/25th/26th
- Nature Craft Feb 4th/11th/25th
- Nature Walk Feb 4th/5th/11th/12th/18th/19th/25th/26th
- Story Time Feb 18th

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Tree People

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Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar>

- Citizen Forester Workshop: How to Organize a community Tree Planting Feb 4th
- Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Feb 4th
- Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration Feb 25th
- Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop Feb 11th
- Generation Earth Water Wise Campus Workshop Feb 11th
- Park work day Feb 2nd/ 9th/ 11th / 16th/ 23rd/ 25th
- Pruning workshop Feb 4th
- Rainwater harvesting workshop Feb 4th
- Shade Tree Adoption Feb 4th

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

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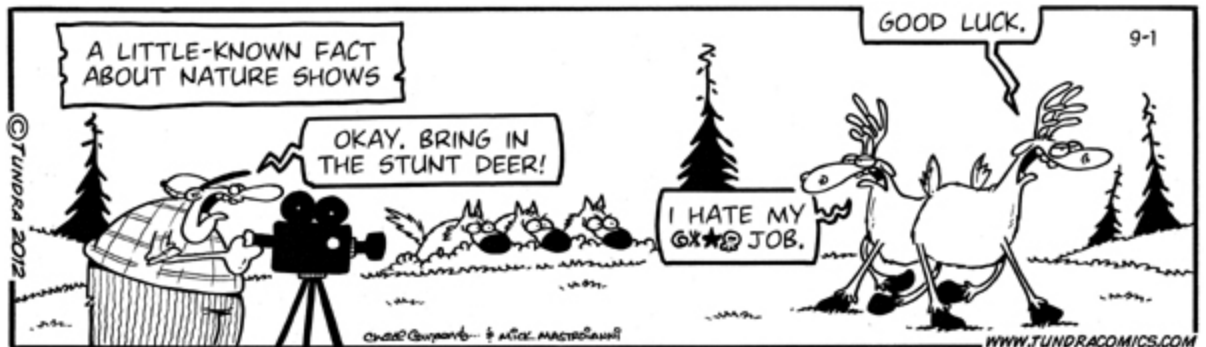
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San Fernando, CA 91342

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Sept 1, 2012 email: tundra@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

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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: _____
