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## Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Volunteer Newsletter June 2017

### Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests

#### A Guide for Volunteers

#### Chapter 2 Part 2

Alan Coles

#### Pruning Tools

Experienced trail crew members usually have a favorite pruning tool. The best tool is one that is light, simple and doesn't become tedious using it all day. The most common pruning tool are long handle loppers. Hand pruners can be useful in some cases but they lack the power and usefulness of a good lopper.

There are 2 types of blades. "Anvil" loppers have a straight or slightly curved cutting blade that cuts the branch on the matching anvil. Sometimes there is a small groove on the anvil for the blade to sink a little deeper for a better cut. "Bypass" loppers have a curved blade which passes slightly beyond a matching curved holder. Bypass loppers are usually preferred because they are easier to use and can cut larger branches. Care should be taken to cut a branch as close to a right angle as possible. Sometimes a twig can become stuck between the blade and holder which may damage the tool.

Compound bypass loppers have a lever or gear that allows greater cutting force. A good compound lopper can cut branches up to 2". The disadvantage of compound loppers is that they can be heavy and may require the operator to open the handles very wide. Corona and Fiskars are 2 of the most popular brands of loppers and both offer many difference sizes and varieties. The Fiskars 32" PowerGear bypass lopper is a favorite of many crews due to its light weight, simple gear compound action and ability to cut large branches although some find it difficult to use due to the need to open the handles very wide.

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Alan B. Shepard's Prayer

"O Lord, please don't let me Screw up"

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## Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests (cont)



Bypass loppers. Simple (bottom), compound lever-action (center), compound gear-action (top)

For pruning poison oak and plants with many small branches, long handle hedge shears work very well.

When a branch is too large for loppers, a pruning saw is needed. There are many fine brands of pruning saws with both Corona and Fiskars making the most popular ones. Among the best are Japanese brands such as Silky and Samurai Saws which are more expensive but highly efficient. Japanese style saws cut on the pull with one hand pulling and the other hand pressing down on the blade. The blade is gently pushed back and the pulling stroke repeated. These blades are made of very hard steel with extremely

sharp teeth. Care must be taken as the teeth can easily rip into skin. The Silky Saw 350 mm BigBoy and 500 mm Katanaboy are popular with many trail crews. Saws that are 20 inches or longer can be an effective alternative to a small chain saw.

Pruning live branches should be done where one branch is joined to a larger one. It is undesirable to cut branches in the middle but there may be cases where that is necessary. When cutting live branches, do an undercut first then finish the cut from the top down. This prevents the bark from tearing which may injure the plant. Cutting any branch where there is a risk of injury should only be performed by trained sawyers.

It is strongly recommended to avoid low cost or store brand pruning tools. Rarely does the cost savings recover itself especially when the tool breaks after a few outings.



Long handle hedge shears. Ideal tool for poison oak and soft branches.



Japanese style pruning saws made by Corona (top) and Silky (bottom 2). The Japanese made saws are among the best available but the Corona is effective and cost much less.

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### **Memorial Plaque Placed on 'Sam Merrill's Trail'**

**For 13 years the late Samuel Merrill worked diligently to maintain the trail from Altadena to the summit of Echo Mountain.**

**A retired Superior Court clerk here, it was his hobby until his death last September at the age of 80 to spend one or two days each week on the 2½-mile-long trail.**

**The lookout point atop the mountain, which once was the upper terminal for the old Mt. Lowe inclined railway, was Merrill's favorite spot.**

**An enthusiastic member of the Sierra Club, he spent much of his time in conservation projects and in the extension and improvement of mountain trails.**

### **Signs Erected**

**In recognition of his work, members of the Sierra Club have erected signs designating the scenic Echo Mountain ascent as "Sam Merrill's Trail" and planted 100 trees in the area of the lookout point.**

**And now the club has placed a bronze plaque in a mountain rock monument honoring the memory of the pioneer conservationist and his efforts to beautify the Southland high country.**

**Fifty-five members of the club participated in the simple ceremony under the leadership of John W. Banks, chairman of the memorial project. The plaque was made by Kasper Casperson and the monument, materials for which were carried up the trail by club members, was completed by Augustine Hamilton. Wilbur Cunningham is chairman of the club here.**

## **Blast Flash Forward!**

**Vandals took the plaque and broke off the top.**

**Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the monument was restored to its original beauty!**

**Go to the VOLUNTEER RESTORATION WORK page to read about the work done!**

# Fund Raiser



MOUNT WILSON  
OBSERVATORY

presents

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS IN THE DOME

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Performances at 2pm and 4pm  
Post-concert reception with the artists



Cécilia Tsan, Cello



Ben Powell, Violin



Zach Dellinger, Viola

June 11/String Trio

-Bach  
-Beethoven  
-Dohnanyi  
-Schubert

The acoustics of the telescope dome make  
this an extraordinary place for chamber music.

**TICKETS \$50**

All proceeds go to the support of Mount Wilson Institute.

For information and to reserve seating, go to:

[mtwilson.edu/concerts](http://mtwilson.edu/concerts)

# Fund Raiser



MOUNT WILSON  
OBSERVATORY

presents

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS IN THE DOME

July 9

Performances at 3pm and 5pm  
Post-concert reception with the artists



Cécilia Tsan, Cello



Ben Powell, Violin

-Haendel-Halvorsen  
-Gliere  
-Kodaly

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# VOLUNTEER RESTORATION WORK



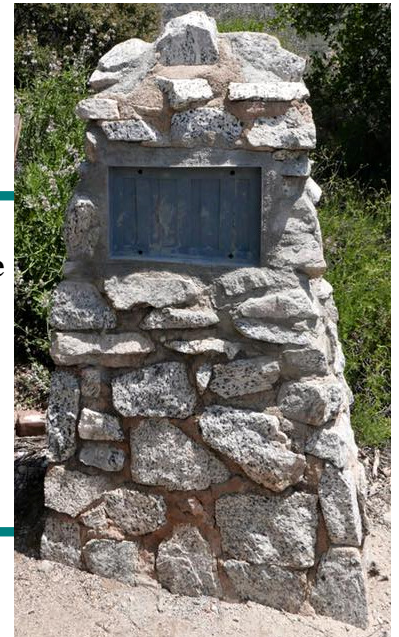
The picture to the left is how the Sam Merrill Monument stood for years.

Then on 2001 the SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY volunteer crew found the top piece, hauled it back uphill laid to rest next to the monument base.



Then the top piece was cemented back in place then a new plaque was installed into the monument

The plaque was created using photographs of the original plaque.



Then on May 20, 2017 the restored Sam Merrill's monument was rededicated by the SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY volunteers.



# The last words from the volunteer coordinator

**Hello Angeles Volunteers,**

The time has come for me to make the leap from Angeles Volunteer Coordinator to Angeles Volunteer, as I was starting back in 1991. I'm grateful for the time I was able to spend with you working on as many projects as we could. I'll continue to be relatively local and will still enjoy recreating and volunteering around the Angeles. I am available for any lingering volunteer program questions but let's always follow the proper chain of command (i.e. please make sure your first stop is your volunteer group leader or ANF staff liaison). Save the date—there will be a farewell lunch at Villa Catrina next the SO from 1130 to 1300 on Thursday 5/18. Flyer for the event is forthcoming, but you can RSVP with Lisa Lugo at [llugo@fs.fed.us](mailto:llugo@fs.fed.us)

The next step for me is with Tejon Ranch Conservancy, an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit land trust encompassing 90% of the Tejon Ranch's 270,000 acres in and around the western half of the Tehachapi Mountains. Their mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the native biodiversity and ecosystem values of Tejon Ranch, which is the largest single piece of private land in California. The position I occupy is Public Access Manager, overseeing the Conservancy's volunteer program, outdoor education, community events/tours, and memberships. One of their most intriguing long-term projects for me is the anticipated reroute of the Tejon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, currently on the desert floor north of Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve. I am looking forward to being one of many who will eventually help find the PCT a new home near the crest of the Tehachapis--about 36 miles of new trail that will climb up into Incense Cedar country. Who can say no to that?

The south side of Tejon Ranch borders the Angeles National Forest around Sandberg and Three Points. It also borders the Los Padres around the I-5 corridor and the Grapevine, and edges north into the foothills of the southern Sierra Nevada close to Sequoia National Forest. Visit [www.tejonconservancy.org](http://www.tejonconservancy.org) to learn more about the multiple projects and opportunities the Conservancy offers. When my new email is active, I will be sure to include it in an upcoming newsletter. Come on up and check us out—I will be leading tours for anyone interested. And since Tejon Ranch borders the northwest boundary of the Angeles, I will be sure to include updates in the ANF volunteer newsletter.

And now comes the final sign-off. While it's easy for many folks to simply say thanks, it's another thing to show it. It takes years in the saddle together, showing up for each other regardless of time or convenience, finding resources out of thin air for projects, making events and trainings happen with little funding or resources, going to bat for each other when everyone else seems absorbed in the latest crisis. Through it all, your commitment to volunteering on the Angeles has always deeply impressed and motivated me. No matter what gets thrown your way, you take a swing at it. I can't forget your passion, your trust, your expertise, your humor (especially that gallows humor), your patience, your adaptability, and most importantly, your integrity. In the end, you will be remembered most by your integrity. Years from now, after your last day as a volunteer, when you put your shovel away for the last time, or make your last public contact, or eat your final Crystal Lake brownie or Louis Newcomb burger, will you have left this place better than you found it after all these years? The answer is yes, you will leave it in great shape, because that's just who you are. You can't help it. Thank you—always.

**CHRIS FABBRO**

JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> WILL BE.....



## Volunteer Fun

### 2017 Live Music Events

<http://adamspackstation.com/season/2017/>

**Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music**

06/04/2017  
12:00-05:00 Grit

06/11/2017  
12:00-05:00 Terry Okey

06/18/2017  
12:00-01:30 Ocho-X  
01:45-03:15 Wild Mountain Mystics  
03:30-05:00 Wumbloozo

06/25/2017  
12:00-01:30 Homegrown  
01:45-03:45 Vissitunes  
03:30-05:00 Vin Fiz Flyer

07/02/2017  
12:00-05:00 Grit

07/09/2017  
12:00-05:00 Terry Okey

07/16/2017  
12:00-01:30 Genevieve La Court &  
Blind Embers  
01:45-03:15 Still Moving Project  
03:30-05:00 Echo Mountain String  
Band

07/23/2017  
12:00-01:30 Tim Tedrow  
01:45-03:45 Wild Mountain Mystics  
03:30-05:00 Vin Fiz Flyer

07/23/2017  
12:00-01:30 Open  
01:45-03:45 Tom Renaud  
03:30-05:00 Open



## In Memory of Hal Winton by George Aumann



**Hal Winton, a long time US Forest Service Volunteer, passed away in May 2017 at age 86. Those of us who worked with him appreciated his “no-nonsense” and “can do” attitude. He sometime referred to himself as “tough old Swede”. He will be missed.**

**Hal Winton on National Trails Day 12 April 2014**

**Hal Winton backpacking his chainsaw to another downed tree on the trail.**

**Good bye Hal.**

**Photo by  
George Aumann**



**The following short essay from September 2009 by Mary Forgiione, Los Angeles Times staff writer, perfectly captures the essence of Hal Winton.**

“I met Hal Winton from Harbor City in September 2008 near the top of Mt. San Geronio on Saturday. We got to chatting, and he told me that on Aug. 9 2008 he had finished the Mt. Disappointment 50K Endurance Run, which travels the rugged canyons and trails of the San Gabriel Mountains. And he had bagged at least one peak since then before tackling the 10 tough miles from South Fork to the 11,500-foot summit of Geronio. Then, almost as an afterthought, he told me something else: He's 77. Oh c'mon, that can't be right. In talking to him, I learned that he was an accomplished endurance athlete for many years who still really loves being out on the trails. When I Googled his name, I learned a lot more about him -- lots of tough runs, lots of miles. Winton in January ran the Avalon Benefit 50-Mile Run on Catalina Island (at age 76) and serves as co-race director of the Angeles Crest 100-Mile Endurance Run, a punishing trail course that starts in Wrightwood and finishes in Pasadena. The 22nd annual run starts at 5 a.m. Saturday (the event is full; no last-minute sign-ups). He told me that at this time last year (2008) he was laid up with heart problems. But a pacemaker and a bit of healing later, and here he was, laughing and talking about this hike, his next hike, his trail building work and more. And at that moment, I realized that I wanted to be just like Winton -- always thinking about the thrill of the trail challenges that lie ahead.”

# Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Volunteer Meeting Minutes

**May 17, 2017 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia**

**By Kathie Reilly**

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

Reminder for each group to send their reports to Guy at [guykuhn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:guykuhn@sbcglobal.net) for the next newsletter. These minutes contain items shared at the meeting that are considered to be of interest to everyone at the meeting. All are welcome to the bi-monthly meeting.

## **Farewell to Chris Fabbro, Volunteer Coordinator for last 2 years:**

As of May 19, Chris Fabbro, our Volunteer Coordinator for the last 2 years, and a previous time before that, will no longer be with the Forest Service. June 1 he starts at Tejon Ranch Conservancy as Public Access and Education Manager, where he is particularly excited about coordinating a reroute of the Pacific Crest Trail. Did you know that 20% of all plants are in the Conservancy? His email there will be [cfabbro@tejonconservancy.org](mailto:cfabbro@tejonconservancy.org). The web site is [tejonconservancy.org](http://tejonconservancy.org). Everyone must come up and see.

He gave us a little history. In 2001 he started as a volunteer on fire lookout in San Bernadino, decided he liked it so attended Fire Academy in Colorado. Spent 5 years in Chilao, then Trails Coordinator, Special Uses in San Bernadino, and back to us.

With his Forest Service hat, he made announcements. Make sure your volunteer agreement is up to date and JHA signed so that all your group is covered. Also make sure your training records are on file, will have upcoming training announcements in the next newsletter. There was an accident involving a volunteer and their agreement was so old, their coverage was unsure. Jeffrey Vail wants trails surveyed and recorded.

Robin baked a lovely cake. Kathie passed around a card for all to sign. We also took pictures of everyone at the meeting with Chris to make a remembrance book for him. If you were not at the meeting or want more pictures included with your group, please send them to Kathie Reilly at [outrspcklr@att.net](mailto:outrspcklr@att.net).



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## Volunteer Meeting Minutes (cont)

### Dennis Merkel, Forest Service

- Lots of safety items to be aware – rattlesnakes, mosquitoes, heat exhaustion.
- National Trails Day is June 3 at Crystal Lake.
- Gearing up for Memorial Day weekend.
- Two seasonal employees are starting in Recreation.
- Limited duty firefighters are helping with trails.
- Engineers Without Borders worked at Hidden Springs
- We had 2 California Trails Days, one at Vogel Flats and the other at Charlton, both successful.
- There will be 3 Agents of Discovery sites in Angeles Forest. To quote the web site “As a part of the federal government’s Every Kid in a Park initiative, the U.S. Forest Service is excited to announce their partnership with the American Recreation Coalition to bring Discovery Agents to 60 National Forests across the country.”
- Amgen bike race is expected at Clear Creek this Saturday around 1 -2 pm. Angeles Crest will be closed between 10 am and 2 pm.
- San Gabriel Valley Youth Corps needs training. Let Dennis know if you are interested.
- Department of Transportation is looking at the shuttle program to make recommendations and search for funding based upon the successful pilot last month. Possible shuttles could be San Gabriel Canyon, Chantry Flats, Cobb Estate.
- We have a new Acting Safety Officer.

### Reports from Groups

**CORBA – Concerned Outdoor Recreation Bicycle Association, Robin, Mike and Steve:** Vetter Mountain Trail that was worked on California Trails Day has now been completed and reopened. There was a special reopening of the Ken Burton Trail, his daughter attended. This trail was named for a Forest Ranger who was killed by a drunk driver on the Angeles Crest Highway. CORBA will be helping Amgen at Clear Creek, and will be in the Memorial Day parade in La Canada.

Steve is starting to cut downed trees on the Gabriellino Trail down to Oak Wilde. The rebuilding of the wash-out has been on hold due to 2 endangered species. Switzers to Red Box needs clearing. Gary’s group, Mt Disappointment Race, has cleared the trail to Clear Creek from Switzers.

**Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run (AC100), Hal:** Hal reported having some health issues (we are sad to say he passed away May 24). The race is August 4-5. He was pleased to announce that the Red Box Rincon Road should be cleared by the weekend. It was so clogged by the stuff brought down by the rains that volunteers could not get down to work on the trails for the race. He was assured that the endangered toad near DeVore will not be an issue for the race.



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## Volunteer Meeting Minutes (cont)

**Sierra Club, Don:** Next Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center is a talk on Day Hikes in the San Gabriels.

**Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps, Tom Walsh:** the group has been together since 1994. At Chantry, they monitor 3 watersheds. Have been in 200 stream patrols, at San Bernardino, Mojave and East Fork. Their web site is Frvc.net

**Scenic Mt Lowe Committee, Brian:** This Saturday, May 20, a new plaque is being installed at Mt Echo to replace the one stolen. The plaque is to honor the volunteer work of Sam Merrill. It had been placed on a monument by the Sierra Club in 1949.

**Bear Canyon Trail Crew, Allen :** Mt Lowe fire road is good to where the Bear Canyon trail starts at the heliport but need to carefully drive past 2 different huge boulders in the road. Brian said people are slowly chipping away at them.

**ADV Moto Trail Crew, Joel:** trained 14 motorcyclists. Had camping rally fund raiser at Santa Clarita Divide.

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Today our hearts are filled with joy. As we hiked up the Arroyo Seco / Gabrielino Trail to install the Ken Burton Trailhead sign.

What made it so very special was we had Heather Burton Bolender & Tonya , Ken Burton 's beautiful daughters & 2 dear friends Greg O'Sullivan & Tim Vanderveen that worked with Ken Burton on the Angeles National Forest. Thank you! Hugs ..What a wonderful & Special day. Thank you! Everyone. . ♡ ANF

Photo by  
Robin McGuire

# National Trails Days - Crystal Lake Volunteer Day



**WHEN:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Crystal Lake Recreation Area in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

**REGISTRATION:** <https://nff.wildapricot.org/event-2544351/Registration>

**Event Details:** Join us for a purpose-powered challenge to rebuild some of America's greatest Trails. Popular Mechanics' "Geared: Trail Edition" is hosting a National Trails Day® event, Saturday, June 3 at Crystal Lake in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. This event is in partnership with the National Forest Foundation, American Hiking Society, GO Rving, STIHL, the US Forest Service, and REI Co-Op. Trail volunteers will be provided with the tools, gear, and instruction needed, before setting out for 2-4 hours of trail maintenance. Lunch will be provided to pre-registered volunteers at noon, followed by a series of demos and activities, with free product provided by event sponsors.

This activity is open to all volunteers. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar at the meeting site so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. For those volunteers that pre-register, lunch and snacks will be provided.

Additional National Trail Day® activities will take place from 10am – 4pm for everyone to enjoy.

## **VOLUNTEER CHECK IN:**

Sign-in between 8:00 and 9:00am, volunteer trail event scheduled from 9:00am – 1pm.

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT TO WEAR WHILE WORKING:** Long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves, and boots are required. **ANYONE NOT WEARING REQUIRED CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK** (Anyone wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate.) Sun protection hat, hard-hat (if available – can be provided if needed), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), water (2 Quarts), snacks, etc. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until noon.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the 210 Freeway in Azusa, go north on Azusa Avenue CA Hwy 39 to Crystal Lake Recreation Area (25 miles). Allow 50 minutes driving time from the 210 Freeway. Please carpool if possible.

## **For Additional Information, Contact:**

Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation

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# VOLUNTEER TRAINING



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

## “Know Your Natives”

**Native Plant Hike/Program rescheduled from January**

◆ **WHEN:**

**Sat., June 3, 2017**  
**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**

**Has this ever happened to you?**

**You are hiking, riding, or running on a trail and  
you start to wonder about the vegetation all  
around you.**

**What is it? Where did it come from? How has  
it survived in this environment?**



California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*)



Laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*)

**Join us for a hike through the Park as we try  
to answer these questions and more.**

**The hike will take place on moderately steep  
trails (Mummy Rock Trail, Vineyard Trail).**

**There will be a number of stops to identify  
plants and discuss the impacts of man, fire,  
and climate on the native plant communities.**

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

# Trail Skills College

## Allingham Trail Skills College

You're invited! Please join the Pacific Crest Trail Association, High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the staff from the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests at the annual Allingham Trail Skills College. This training weekend is designed to train new and returning volunteers in a variety of topics regarding trail maintenance and stewardship. Come meet like-minded community members who are committed to maintaining and providing quality recreation experiences in central Oregon.

This training event is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of our trails. Camping and meals are also provided at no cost throughout the weekend. In exchange, we ask participants to donate at least 16 hours volunteering in the coming year on the many projects hosted by the High Cascades Forest Volunteers and the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

**When is it?** June 1-4, 2017

**Where is it?** Near Sisters, Oregon

**How do I register?** Registration on line at : <http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>

**Where can I learn more?** All the details for Allingham Trail Skills College are at :  
<http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>

## Big Bend Trail Skills College

The Pacific Crest Trail Association and [Bureau of Land Management](#) invite you to the annual Big Bend Trail Skills College at Hyatt Lake. This a free weekend event for local volunteers to learn about trail maintenance and stewardship. Beginners and experts alike can benefit from Trail Skills College courses like [Brushing & Scouting](#), [Basic Saw Crew Training](#), [Waterbars & Checks](#), and crosscut saw & chainsaw training.

Trail Skills College is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of trails. In exchange for attending the training, we encourage you to volunteer at least 16 hours of work on trail projects in the coming year.

The 2017 Big Bend Trail Skills College is possible thanks to [the Bureau of Land Management](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), [Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon](#), and [Hydro Flask](#).

**When is it?** June 9-11, 2017

**Where is it?** Near Oregon

**Are meals and lodging provided?** Free tent/car/RV camping is available to all participants on Friday and Saturday. Meals will be provided at no cost courtesy of [Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon](#). Meals will start with breakfast on Saturday and end with lunch on Sunday.

**What's the fitness level of Trail Skills College?** The fitness level will vary depending on the classes you select during registration. However, all participants should be prepared to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. Participants should also be prepared for the hands on learning opportunities in many of these classes, resulting in 6-8 hours of active trail maintenance per day. **What classes are being offered?** Students can register for one class per day. Written curriculum for most of the courses is [available online](#).

**Schedule:** **June 9** 103 Basic Saw Crew Training

**June 10** 101 Brushing & Scouting 201 Drainage Design & Drain Dips  
Chainsaw and/or Crosscut Saw Training and Certification

**June 11** 102 Tread & Drainage 203 Waterbars & Checks  
Chainsaw and/or Crosscut Saw Training and Certification

**How do I register?** [Sign up for 101, 102, 103, 201, and 203 here.](#)

[Sign up for Chainsaw and/or Crosscut Saw Training and Certification here.](#)

**Can't wait?** Don't forget, you can learn new trail maintenance skills by volunteering on a PCTA trail crew any time. Most crews do not require any previous trail maintenance experience. Knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders are on site to teach you the necessary skills. Visit the [online project schedule](#), [PCTA's Southern Oregon Rockers](#) or [PCTA's NorCal Trail Crew](#) on Face book to find trail projects near you.

**If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org).**

# Trail Skills College

## Tahoe Trail Skills College

You're invited to the annual Tahoe Trail Skills College near Truckee! This a free weekend event for local volunteers to learn about trail maintenance and stewardship. Beginners and experts alike can benefit from Trail Skills College courses like Introduction to Trail Maintenance, Waterbars & Checks, and Drainage Design & Drain Dips.

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The 2017 Tahoe Trail Skills College is possible thanks to the U.S. Forest Service, California Alpine Club, and Hydro Flask.

**When is it?** July 21 – 23, 2017

**Where is it?** Near Truckee, California

**Are meals and lodging provided?** Car/tent camping will be available at no cost to all participants on Friday and Saturday. Meals will also be provided at no cost starting with breakfast on Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday.

**What's the fitness level of Trail Skills College?** The fitness level will vary depending on the classes you select during registration. However, all participants should be prepared to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. Participants should also be prepared for the hands on learning opportunities in many of these classes, resulting in 6-8 hours of active trail maintenance per day.

**What classes are being offered?** We're still finalizing the 2017 class list. Check back soon for more information.

**How do I register?** In June Online registration will be available at this website:

<https://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/tahoe/>

**Can't wait?** Don't forget, you can learn new trail maintenance skills by volunteering on a PCTA trail crew any time. Most crews do not require any previous trail maintenance experience. Knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders are on site to teach you the necessary skills. Visit the online project schedule to find trail projects near you.

**If you have questions about Trail Skills College, contact the Volunteer Programs Assistant at 916-285-1838 or [volunteer@pcta.org](mailto:volunteer@pcta.org).**



# Volunteers Needed

## AC100 NEEDS 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
- ☛ 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 AC100 Medical Team, i.e.** Paramedics, Nurse, EMTs, First Aid. Everyone that volunteers with the AC100 Medical Team will be covered by professional medical liability insurance.

**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 weekends

If you are available on August 5/6, 2017 (Sat/Sun),

Goto: <http://www.ac100.com/raceVol.asp> and fill out the brief questionnaire.

Any help will be appreciated.

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Love birds  
Robin McGuire  
and  
Mike McGuire  
(married 47 years)  
getting ready for  
chainsaw work on  
strawberry & El Prieto  
trails

Photo by  
Robin McGuire

# 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](mailto:info@sgmha.org)

# Volunteers Needed



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

## June Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

### ◆ WHEN:

Sat. June 10, 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 June 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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Para información en español, llame a (818) 548-2000

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# Volunteers Needed



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

## Trail Maintenance Workday (on the Brand Lateral Trail)

**◆ WHEN:**  
Sat., June 24, 2017  
8:00 a.m. - noon

**◆ WHERE:**  
**Brand Park**  
1601 Mountain St.  
Glendale, CA 91201

**◆ MORE:**  
Drinks and snacks will be provided

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

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

It is time for a little touch up on the Brand Lateral Trail. The rain that we have received during the winter and spring months mean we need to address a few issues.



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.

Fifteen spaces are available for this program. Participants must be at least High School age to volunteer. You must call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your place.



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PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.

# Volunteers Needed



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

## World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)

The World Day to Combat Desertification has been observed since 1995 to promote public awareness relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought.



Our region went through several years of drought, but it was nothing compared to other parts of the World (particularly Africa).

We want to make you aware of this ongoing problem as we spend our morning in the Park watering our trees and removing invasive weeds.

Join us for a few hours of work as we volunteer our time and give back to Mother Earth. We have work for all ages and abilities. This is a great event for Students wanting to get a jump on their Community Service Hours.

◆ **WHEN:**

Sat. June 17, 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

◆ **Want More:**

Call (818) 548-3795

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# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

**Mike McGuire chain sawing  
downed trees off the upper  
Vetter trail on California  
trails day**

**Photo by  
Robin McGuire**



**What a proud thing, Steve Messer is  
here at Pat Phillips house setting up  
the signs for the Ken Burton trail that  
he is going to dedicate to the Burton  
family.**

**Photo by  
Joe E. Grueter**



**Trees being removed off  
the Gabriellino trail by  
MWBA crew.**

**Photo by Mitch Marich**



# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**B Chainsaw sawyers completing recertification class at little T with Angeles National Forest hot shots.**

**Photo by Robin McGuire**



**Volunteers getting recertified on their B Chainsaw class at little T with Angeles National Forest hot shots.**

**Photo by Robin McGuire**

**Brenda doing tread work on the Dawn Mine Trail**

**Photo by Brenda Beck**



## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### **AC100**

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

Contact Hal at: e-mail at [halwinton4jesus3@gmail.com](mailto:halwinton4jesus3@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed (Check out the Volunteers Needed Page)**

**For Schedules details go to : <http://www.ac100.com/#trailTraining>**

- **June 17<sup>th</sup> , 7:AM (Saturday) Trail Work** Again restricted to the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 who RSVP to Gary  
Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00 AM  
Carpool to work site  
Trail work on Silver Moccasin Trail - 3 Points to Bandido CG
- **JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> , 8 AM (Sunday) Training Run:**  
Meet at Islip Saddle at 8 AM . Carpool to Wrightwood Community Center  
Water, aid at Vincent Gap Ckpoint, Spring water at Little Jimmy Springs (signed just down off trail)  
Run 26 miles from Wrightwood Visitor Center to Islip Saddle

**ADventure Riders Moto Trail Crew**Joel Paez [basecamp4adv@gmail.com](mailto:basecamp4adv@gmail.com)

The Adventure Riders had their 2017 annual camping rally last March 29th - April 1st at Panamint Springs, CA (Death Valley) with 240 participants. Part of our objective is to raise money and donate them to various charitable organizations focused on recreating in public lands and responsible use. In the past, all the money \$4K - \$5.5K are donated to groups outside of Los Angeles, however, last year we were able to put aside a small amount for use in the Angeles National Forest, primarily to purchase 2 professional quality chain saw. There are 6 members trained as Chain Saw Operators, though only 2 has current valid certificate.

After Supervisor Jeff Vail announced in the March 2017 volunteer's meeting to open the Santa Clara Divide (3N17) this year, we saw the opportunity to divert a bigger portions which is about 50 % of the collected funds to volunteer projects in Angeles National Forest. We will continue to appropriate additional funds for the local forest whenever we see a need for more forest road maintenance.

Having access to Santa Clara Divide Road and other forest roads will encourage more people to volunteer and donate money to the cause.

Also last March, we completed a 1-day training following the Motorcycle Safety Foundation curriculum for 14 riders in basic dirt riding skills, trail etiquette and safe riding. Additionally, 12 more riders attended a 2-day professional riding school which is a more comprehensive version of the 1-day training

Regards,  
Joel Paez

**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION**<http://www.anffla.org>Pam Morey [pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us)

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT! (CHECK OUT THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SECTION.)**

For more information about becoming a fire lookout: [pammorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pammorey@fs.fed.us) or 909-744-9510 ext. 125

- **Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!**

Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

**Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol**[m.rmeguire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rmeguire@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

**Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy**<http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>John Howell, (626) 796-0782 [johnrhowell@earthlink.net](mailto:johnrhowell@earthlink.net)

Face book: Arroyos &amp; Foothills Conservancy

- May 6<sup>th</sup> Old Marengo Park Volunteer Day
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Rosemount Preserve Restoration
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Rosemont Preserve docent led tour featuring Roger Klemm



## BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

The Bear Canyon Trail Crew will be taking the summer off to enjoy the Angeles Forest . Will be back to work on October!

Thank you  
Alan Coles

### Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- Check out the music at Adams Pack Station (Check out the Volunteer Fun Page)
- 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](mailto: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>

- June 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

(818) 548-3795

CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-06/-cury-2017>

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Know you natives (Check the Volunteer Training pages)
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Riverwalk Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- June 17<sup>th</sup> World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (Third Saturday Wilderness Workday) (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Trail Maintenance Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)

## Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com) phone: 661-259-2743

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### • June 3<sup>rd</sup> - OCEAN BREEZES / Views - Mugu Peak via the Chumash Trail; La Jolla Valley Grasslands and the Ray Miller trail

\*\*\* NOTE: For safety reasons, Rain or Extreme Heat will cancel hikes \*\*\*

**Distance:** ~ 10 mile loop with short shuttle

**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:** Let's cool off by the ocean! 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!). On 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, 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 6:45AM in the Southwest corner of the parking lot. After we organize the carpools, we leave at 7:00AM 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 8:15 AM and 8:30AM. Wear bug spray!! We will depart up the trail at 8:45 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 - WATCH IT! - the parking lot is on the left. Turn left into the "Chumash Trail" parking lot if there is room or do a U and park just beyond it, on the left - 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 plus electrolytes. 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 are often bad mosquitos 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 them.

Adventure Pass: Not required .

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

**Leader:** Steve I.

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**• June 10<sup>th</sup> - Santa Paula Cyn, along the creek to the Waterfall and the Punch bowls**

**Distance:** ~8 miles roundtrip - out and back hike

**Gain:** 1000' max

**Hiking Time:** 4 hours approx.

**Rating:** Moderate ++

**Description:** This hike will lead you into a peaceful world of waterfalls, swimming holes, tranquil pools, and shaded woodlands but does see heavy use on weekends. The area is on the way to Ventura so we can expect temperatures to be lower than Santa Clarita.

Although the address is the actual college, we will begin the hike outside on the road at the old gate to St. Thomas Aquinas College. Then we follow the signs for the trail, staying on the road and off the school grounds. After 0.5 miles we begin our hike on the Santa Paula Canyon Trail. The trail takes us along the river, by Big Cone and Cross Camp. We will see several swimming holes and enjoy some great views into the gorge. The Punch Bowls are a lot of fun and should have some water. **Bring a pair of water shoes if you have them and prepare to get wet. Unfortunately the area now has a lot of graffiti and some trash left by irresponsible people. Please bring a plastic bag to help remove some trash, on our way out.**

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita:** If you wish to form carpools from Santa Clarita with other club members, we recommend you meet at Towsley Canyon (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) at 6:45AM for a 7:00AM SHARP departure. I am sure by now that someone familiar with our "Carpool drill" will help get you organized. 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.

**Meet your leader at the trailhead:** George will meet you at the old gate outside the entrance to St. Thomas Aquinas College, 10000 N. Ojai Road (CA-150) , Santa Paula, CA, at 7:45AM to start up the trail at 8:00AM SHARP.

**Directions to trail head from Santa Clarita:** Take the I-5 north and exit at Newhall Ranch Rd (exit 172), left at top of ramp, on to CA-126. Drive 28 miles and exit in Santa Paula at 10th/CA-150 (For Ojai). Turn right on to 10th St. and go 0.5 miles until making a slight right on to Ojai Rd/CA-150. Follow this road about 5 more miles until you see the gates of St. Thomas College (on the right). It is best to park off the road in a turnout just before the bridge / gates, on the left. Leave nothing valuable showing in your car.

**Bring:** Plenty of water (3 - 4 L, if it is very hot), 1 L electrolytes, a snack, shoes with good tread, a hat, sunscreen and your camera.

**Dogs:** OK, if well behaved around other dogs and hikers with poles. If bringing one, please drive yourself to the trail head.

**Notice:** There is probably a good deal of Poison oak, so please bring appropriate clothing (long poly pants).

**Adventure Pass:** Not Required.

**Leader:** George

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• **June 18<sup>th</sup> - "Figure of 8" Hike: Elsmere Canyon, the Waterfall, Refinery Grapevine and New Elsmere**

**Distance:** ~ 8.5 miles (or 10 miles, if doing the waterfall)

**Gain:** 1000 - 1200 ft.

**Rating:** Moderate ++ /Somewhat difficult in places (due to total mileage and reasonable gain) This is not one for Beginners, you need to be in good condition to enjoy this hike.

**Description:** This hike, right here in Santa Clarita Valley, can be done in a number of ways. This route takes us in a big Figure 8 and is another fun way to explore the Elsmere Canyon area. We will go up the center of the canyon and pause for a snack/ lunch break in New Elsmere on a grassy flat area. Then it is back through this high meadowed area, back down nice shady country laneway, to a point we visited earlier. You will see the entire Canyon, some rocky areas with old oil drilling relics, the new Elsmere purchase, and the waterfall trail. (However, there may not be any water in the waterfall unless we've had recent rain).

**Directions:**

**From Valencia** , take I-5 south to the SR-14 North toward Palmdale.

**From San Fernando Valley**, take the I-5 North until it splits in a Y (5 North and 14 North), stay to the right for the 14 North (Palmdale).

**Both:** Once on the 14, take the FIRST exit, which is Newhall Avenue. The exit ramp splits left and right. Take the right lane and when you get to the stop sign, turn right. That will take you into the Park and Ride, where you will park. Parking is free here and if it is full, go through the gate at the end/ left into an adjacent parking lot down the hill. We will meet at the green gate between the Park and Ride and this parking lot.

**Meet:** At the Park and Ride at the end of Newhall Avenue, just east of the SR-14 freeway at 8:00AM for an 8:15AM SHARP departure. Please be prompt!

**Bring:** A minimum of 2 liters water, preferably 3 including 1 liter of electrolytes, lunch/snacks, hiking poles if you have them, hat and Sunscreen and wear good boots with lots of tread.

**Adventure Pass:** Not needed

**Dogs:** OK, if on a leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with poles.

**Leader:** Dianne

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## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Robin McGuire  
making a batch of  
cookies for the next  
volunteer meeting.**

**Thank You Robin!**

**Photo by  
Robin McGuire**

**• June 24<sup>th</sup> - Dawson Saddle to the summit of Mount Baden Powell**

**Distance/ Gain:** 9 1/2 miles; 2,000' gain, Out and Back style

**Rating:** Moderate +/- Strenuous (remember we will be at higher altitude where the air is thinner)

**Description:** From Dawson Saddle (7900') we hike a single track trail through an open forest of Jeffrey pine, white fir and lodgepole pine enjoying panoramic views and crisp high mountain air all the way. First we arrive at the base of Throop Peak (9138'), before joining the Pacific Crest Trail. Then it is onward to Mt. Baden-Powell (9400') where we will stop for lunch, a little R&R and enjoy some amazing views.

After lunch, we will hike back the same way to Dawson Saddle.

**Carpool Meeting Spot - in NORTH Santa Clarita Valley (SCV):** !!!! DO NOT GO TO TOWSLEY CANYON (our usual spot)!!! If you would like to car pool from SCV, meet at the Sand Canyon / Soledad Canyon Road junction strip mall parking area, off the 14 Hwy, at the Starbucks (by the Vons Supermarket) at 6:30AM for a 6:45AM SHARP departure to the trailhead. Final carpool content arrangements will be made there, at that time.

**Directions to Trailhead:**

(Use these, do not use Google maps unless you want to get lost on backroads)

**From Pasadena/Sylmar** - Take 210 Freeway to 2 Angeles Crest Hwy. Once on the 2, it is 45.9 miles and about 90 mins to the Dawson Saddle Parking turnout. It will be on your left on a wide part of the road on a curve. There should be cars parked there. Sorry, no Restrooms here.

**From North end of Santa Clarita Valley** - Take the 14 Fwy North to the Pearblossom Hwy turn off. Go 22.6 miles East on 138 through Littlerock and Pearblossom until you pass 195th St E and see Largo Vista Rd (N4) on the right. Make a right turn and continue all the way on Largo Vista up toward the mountains until you come to the first stop sign at Big Pines Road, and make a hard left. Continue on curvy Big Pines Rd about 7 miles until the next stop sign which is at Hwy 2 - Angeles Crest Hwy. Turn hard RIGHT, passing Vincent Gap (at 5 miles) until you have gone 10.4 miles West. You are now at the Dawson Saddle turnout (a wide part of the road on a curve, there should be cars parked on the right). Sorry, no Restrooms here.

**Meeting your leader at trailhead:** We will meet at Dawson Saddle at 8:30AM for an 8:45AM departure up the trail.

**Bring:** Lots of water (3+ L), Electrolytes like Gatorade, a hat, sunscreen, a lunch/ snack and hiking poles. Watch the weather forecast, but it is always a good idea to pack another layer (in case it gets cold up there above 9000' ). Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please!

**Adventure Pass:** No.

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

**We do not recommend bringing our doggie friends if weather forecast says it will be HOT.**

**Leader:** Jim Hazard

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)**

- **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Outing**
- **June 24<sup>th</sup> Outing**

**WHAT'S PLANNED** Gary Hilliard of Mt Disappointment 50K race has asked us to make sure the North and South San Gabriel Peak Trails are in good order for his race July 8th, so May 20 and June 24 we will work those trails. The North trail should be in pretty good shape, but we haven't worked the South since March 2014..

**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.

**Mt. Disappointment Endurance**

[www.mtdisappointment50k.com](http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com)

Gary Hilliard, Director

- Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> Lower Kenyon Devore Trail
- Jun 24<sup>th</sup> Trail make up day
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Race!

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](mailto:gary@mtdisappointment50k.com) during the week before the trail-work day so we have enough tools!!**

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

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909  
(404) 413-5484

- Cosmic Cafe is now open, so come enjoy friendly smiles and a bite to eat!
  - June 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Afternoon Concerts in the Dome (Check the Fund Raiser pages)
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday Afternoon Concerts in the Dome (Check the Fund Raiser pages)
- We Need Your Help** - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage.
- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
  - **Contribute** to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.

**Mount Wilson Bicycling Association** <http://mwba.org/>

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

- June 18<sup>th</sup> 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

- Top 5 racers of 289 racers in the May 27<sup>th</sup> race.

Rank	Athlete	bib	Time
1	James Timphony	6	01:01:38
2	Jon Clark	3	01:03:53
3	Michael Eastburn	130	01:04:18
4	Evan Hone	4	01:04:58
5	Dominic Grossman	371	01:05:58

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The start of the Mount Wilson Race



### Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

Liz Bergeron [LBERGERON@PCTA.ORG](mailto:LBERGERON@PCTA.ORG)

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

- June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Allingham Trail Skills College near Sisters, Oregon  
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Big Bend Trail Skills college near Ashland, Oregon  
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- July 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Tahoe Skills college in Truckee, California  
(Check the Training Opportunities pages)
- Southern California Trail Skills college

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](mailto: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](mailto:benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org)

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group Contact The Baldy Group: [bbtbs.ysh@live.com](mailto:bbtbs.ysh@live.com)

### SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

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

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts)

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

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

- **June 7<sup>th</sup>/ 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program:**

**Pasadena Group Monthly Program: Mountaineer Jim Vanderaa presents an illustrated program "Peak climbing in the Ecuadoran Andes"** about his recent adventures summiting several peaks in that mountain range. Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome!

Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair Bill Joyce, 909-596-6280, [bill@rollingtherock.com](mailto:bill@rollingtherock.com).

- **Evenings in the Arroyo June 14<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Greene and Greene Southeast Pasadena Walking Tour June 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike June 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Newcomers Potluck June 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Red Box to Strawberry Meadow to Angeles Crest Hwy June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins [smiggins@fs.fed.us](mailto:smiggins@fs.fed.us) 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar>

- **Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve June 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/**
- **Build a Birdhouse June 10<sup>th</sup>/**
- **Big Bear Greenthumbs June 17<sup>th</sup>/**
- **Gold Panning June 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/**
- **Nature Craft June 3<sup>rd</sup>/**
- **Nature Walk June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/**

**Tree People**

<https://www.treepeople.org/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePeople1/?fref=ts>

12601 Mulholland Drive

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

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

- **Angeles Forest Restoration June 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk June 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Moonlight Hike June 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration June 25<sup>th</sup>**
- **Park Tree Care June 17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Park work day June 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Rain Barrel Distribution June 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Shade Tree Adoption June 3<sup>rd</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Santa Monica mountain Restoration June 18<sup>th</sup>**

## Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA

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

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737

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

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

### GRASSY HOLLOW SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

#### 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\*\*"Summer Program Schedule available at [grassyhollow.net](http://grassyhollow.net)" & you can email us at [grassyhollow@hotmail.com](mailto:grassyhollow@hotmail.com) for further info/details

• **June 3<sup>rd</sup> @10:30AM \*KIDS ACTIVITY – “PAINT A TINY BIRD HOUSE”**

Come out and paint your very own Tiny Bird House! Bird House for decorative purposes only.

**\*Ages: 5-13. Space is limited.** Please email [grassyhollow@hotmail.com](mailto:grassyhollow@hotmail.com) for Reservation.

**Time:** Approx 2 hours. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, Volunteer of the Angeles National Forest

• **June 3<sup>rd</sup> @1:30 pm \* PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**

Come join us for a 5 mile interpretive hike along the Pacific Crest Trail.

**Please bring** water and a snack. This hike considered moderate.

**Time:** Approx 3 ½ -4 hours. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, Volunteer of the Angeles National Forest

• **June 10<sup>th</sup> @1PM \* 1 AM FORECASTING EARTHQUAKES**

Can “anyone” forecast earthquakes? Come and hear an authority in the field discuss just what IS involved in forecasting earthquakes. She can give you a different perspective of what we live with every day, in Southern California.

**Time:** Approx. 1 hour **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Joan Fryxell, Ph.D., Prof. of Geology, Dept. of Geological Sciences, CSUSB

• **June 11<sup>th</sup> @1 pm NEW! BURKHARDT WATERFALL TRAIL**

Join us for an easy 1 mile hike to a waterfall. Please bring bug spray, water, a snack, wear proper shoes/clothing. Great for “beginner hikers” of any age.

**We will meet at Grassy Hollow and drive to trail head. Adventure Pass required.**

**Time:** Approx 2 ½ hours, not including drive time. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Sabrina Johnson, Volunteer of the Angeles National Forest

• **June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM PLANT IDENTIFICATION WALK**

Join two professionals who will share their knowledge of Biology and Botany, as they take you on a walk & teach you to identify our local plants & wildflowers. Learn from the experts!

**Time:** Approx 1-1 ½ hours. **\*One mile, easy hike.** **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leaders:** Kim Williams, Ph.D., Prof. of Biology, CSUSB

Naomi Fraga, Conservation Botanist, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

• **June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM NEW! ADULT ACTIVITY - PINE NEEDLE BASKET CLASS!**

Learn how to use Pine Needles to make a Basket. Great for the Adult that is looking for a new Hobby! **\*Reservation required due to limited space:** [grassyhollow@hotmail.com](mailto:grassyhollow@hotmail.com)

**\*\*SUPPLIES needed for craft:** Darning Needle, a small bucket & a small hand towel

**Time:** Approx. 3 Hrs. **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Tree Galey-Webb, Volunteer of the Angeles National Forest

• **June 24<sup>th</sup> @1PM NATIVE AMERICAN PLANTS & CULTURE**

Learn how Native Americans used local plants for food, medicine and more! You might even get to taste a sample of Nature’s Bounty!

**Time:** Approx 1-1 ½ hours **Location:** Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

**Leader:** Robin Cornett of Wrightwood Library

## **William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135**

Lead Instructor Kevin Sarkissian

W S Hart Union High School District

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation - ANF Crew 135

Regional Occupational Program

21380 Centre Pointe Parkway

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

661.250.0022 X 552

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

### **2017 Summer Trail Crew Angeles NF - Crew 135**

#### **Position Description**

#### **TRAIL CREW**

(TC 1) 6 Crew Positions. 1 Crew Leader Position.

(TC 2) 6 Crew Positions. 1 Crew Leader Position.

(TC 3) 6 Crew Positions. 1 Crew Leader Position.

Mature and physically fit individuals are needed for ANF Trail Crew 135. Applicant must like the outdoors and be able to work in a small group setting. Duties consist of moderate to strenuous physical exertion during long periods of standing, kneeling, bending, and walking over rough, uneven, slippery, or rocky grounds. Applicant must be able to hike 3 miles with a 10-pound backpack. Applicant must be reliable, punctual, and have at least a "C" average in school.

Applicants **MUST BE AVAILABLE** for all scheduled work days.

You will need to have the following items daily for work projects:

a. Two quarts of water (64 oz minimum!). Gatorade and juice is OK. No soft drinks.

b. Bag lunch – We will be eating in the field. A backpack is recommended but not required.

c. Basic uniform:

- Short sleeve T-shirt (no holes, no tank tops, no inappropriate content).
- Long pants
- Sturdy shoes, no slippers.
- Belt
- No face piercings including tongue rings. Earrings are ok (no gauges, no hoops).
- Tattoos are OK as long as appropriate.

d. Daily reporting requirements - you will need to report to Sequoia Charter by 8am on work days. If you are going to be late for any reason, call me at 661-877-7024 but we will not wait for you if we're ready to go.

Your work schedule for the next two weeks is as follows:

**Week of June 13th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break – all project sites subject to change):**

6/12 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (SCVTAC, City of Santa Clarita)

6/13 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service and National Forest Foundation)

6/14 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service and National Forest Foundation)

6/15 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service and National Forest Foundation)

**Week of June 20th (includes 1 hour, non paid lunch break – all project sites subject to change):**

6/20 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service and National Forest Foundation)

6/21 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (US Forest Service and National Forest Foundation)

6/22 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (SCVTAC, MRCA, PCTA)

6/23 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (SCVTAC, MRCA, PCTA)

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Nov 01,2012 email: [tundra@tundracomics.com](mailto:tundra@tundracomics.com)



**Volunteer Today**

Send this in Right Away to  
Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd  
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # (hm) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Interests**

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.  
Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/  
Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/  
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/  
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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