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

### Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests

#### A Guide for Volunteers

#### Chapter 2 Part 1

Alan Coles

The first chapter dealt with understanding fire recovery in a chaparral forest and methods to do trail maintenance that is effective, attractive and durable. This chapter will discuss some of the issues volunteers encounter and some suggestions on how to deal with them.

#### Organizing Volunteers

The job of being a trail boss can be difficult. Giving too much information leads to confusion. Not enough information and the work doesn't get performed correctly. Some volunteers work in groups and others take off on their own. At the end of the day, you want everyone to feel satisfied that significant work was accomplished and hopefully the crew will be motivated to return.

There is abundant information and training available for trail bosses to obtain the skills to become effective leaders. The key issue is how to pass on your knowledge to your crew in a way that can be effectively retained and implemented.

Sometimes it is helpful to frame a story about the area. If the area recently burned, the skeletons of trees can be referenced to show what the area was like before the fire and how the area is recovering. Point out a few of the more important species and how they recover from fire. Then explain how your method to maintain the trail works with the recovery and how it will lead to less work when good pruning methods are used.

Arranging volunteers to work in small groups is highly desirable especially when those with high skill levels work with less experienced ones. One can be pruning and explaining the method to another who is swamping (clearing) the cut branches. They can take turns and refine their techniques as they work. Some workers are so efficient that they may need 2 or more people swamping. It is surprising how much more efficient a team approach can be as opposed to allowing each individual to cut and swamp alone.

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## Trail Maintenance in Chaparral Forests (cont)

### Disposal of Cuttings

It is a difficult balance getting as much work done as possible and leaving the trail in an attractive state. A good pruning job will create a lot of cuttings and they have to go somewhere not far away. The most desirable place is a bare piece of land. Spreading the cuttings over a bare area allows water to be retained in the soil longer and promotes seeds to germinate. Using the cuttings to discourage people from cutting the trail is also desirable. Place the cuttings with the cut end pointing away from the trail so that the open branches form a more natural barrier.

In some cases the wall of brush on both sides is so high that there is no practical place to put cuttings. It may be necessary to cut an opening on the downhill side of the trail to stash the cuttings under the brush. The cut end should be pointed away from the trail and the pile kept as inconspicuous as possible.

The least desirable and most unsightly method is to put them on top of other bushes. This should be avoided.

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## GOODBYE LOU DERY



**Pictured is Lou Dery along with Ben White, working at Rincon Fire Station, on a San Gabriel Wilderness Boundary sign that will be installed along Lower Bear Creek Trail on the West Fork of the San Gabriel River.**

**After 30 years of volunteering his services with the SGMTB (San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders) Lou is pulling up stakes and moving to Portland, Oregon. Lou started volunteering with the SGMTB in 1982 and has been instrumental in every aspect of keeping the trails clear since that time. One particular characteristic that stands out is his ability with engineering rock walls throughout the SGRD. It is a safe bet to say that the majority of rock retaining walls seen along the many trails surrounding the Crystal Lake Recreation Area was built by Lou. We wish Lou happiness in his new surroundings but his vast knowledge and numerous contributions will be greatly missed.**

## Blast from the Past

**Date: Feb 25, 1995**

**Metro; PART-B; Metro Desk**

**Torrents of Humanity Display of Nature's Power Draws Hordes of Hikers.**

**By: Richard Lee Colvin**

Lately, Southern Californians have had more reminders than necessary of the power of nature to destroy. But every spring-at least when this desert is blessed by winter rains-the remarkably untamed waterfalls in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains send a different message: the power of nature to renew.

This past week, on one of those seemingly impossible winter days in Southern California when the mercury tops 90 in the basin and Mt. Baldy is covered with snow, a parade of families, Boy Scouts, joggers, teen-agers in love and tattooed gang members headed toward those cascades.

The result was an onslaught that was anything but natural.

The jumping-off point for a lovely, shaded two-mile hike along and over a stream to Sturtevant Falls is at Chantry Flats above Arcadia, at the top of Santa Anita Canyon Road. Cars were parked on both shoulders of the narrow road for nearly a mile. The trail was about as crowded as a stroll along Broadway in Downtown Los Angeles on a Saturday morning. And at the falls, more than 100 people at times sat on rocks and picnicked, videotaped one another and jumped fully clothed into the churning, ice-cold pool.

Even so, the thrilling power of tons of water plunging from a notch in the decomposing granite 50 feet above overwhelmed the hubbub. Half an hour's drive from Downtown's skyscrapers, in a canyon occupied by numerous concrete check dams, amid a crowd of urbanites who rarely venture more than a few miles from a McDonald's restaurant, nature was asserting itself.

In 1970, Congress made a portion of the walk to the falls part of a 28-mile mountainous loop known as the Gabrielino Trail. The legislation to do so stated that "this trail has been created for you-the city dweller-so that you might exchange, for a short time, the hectic scene of your urban life for the rugged beauty and freedom of adventure in the solitary wonderland of nature."

But on this day, as on many weekend days when the water is running, the experience was more like a melding of the urban and the wild, rather than a departure from one realm for the other. So, beneath an alder and sycamore canopy, among blossoming wild violets and new ferns and surrounded by the music of rushing water, the "hectic scene" of multiple human dramas played out. A grandmother slipped and broke her leg and was rescued by a crew of volunteers from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. A 3-year-old boy soaked up his father's praises for having made the sometimes steep hike unassisted while a much older boy cried because he could not keep up. And a troop of hormonal Boy Scouts, their feet too large for their bodies, learned an important ethical lesson about how to relate to the natural environment.

The trail starts out wide and asphalt-topped and drops quickly off the canyon's shoulder to its floor. In wet seasons, such as this, tiny creeks trickle from the canyon walls. And in places, sheets of the surprisingly fragile granite have sloughed off, providing clear evidence that the canyon continues to be shaped by erosion despite human efforts to make it stable and predictable.

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## **Blast from the Past (cont)**

We first encountered Boy Scout Troop 511 and Cub Scout Troop 564, both of Rosemead, as they negotiated a crossing of the swollen stream, tentatively hopping from rock to slippery rock with the help of a human chain of adult chaperons. It was a slow process, requiring some coaxing for a reluctant few, and created a human traffic jam of hikers on both sides of the creek.

Suddenly, there was a no-nonsense command from up-canyon to "Stand aside!" Coming down the trail was a crew of helmeted, bearded mountaineers pushing a wilderness stretcher—a bed-shaped metal basket on a single large rubber wheel. The unfortunate white-haired woman inside was distraught, sobbing, in pain and fear.

The rescuers deftly maneuvered her across the creek, her companion trailing behind. Then they were gone. And the Scouts continued on, even more carefully than before.

As benign and accessible as this canyon seems, crossing a rushing creek can be tricky. And many inexperienced hikers put themselves in even more danger by trying to climb steep rock faces. They are taken by surprise when the rock they think is so solid gives way, causing them to slide uncontrollably into boulders below.

When the Scouts arrived at the falls, they spread out over the rocks, grabbing sodas and bags of potato chips from their backpacks. The enormous volume of falling water created a cool, misty wind that blew in the faces of those who had come just to sit there awhile. After the troops had rested, the Scoutmasters, shouting to be heard over the roar, told their charges to begin policing the area.

### **Chant**

Don't leave a scrap, they were told. Pick up everything that doesn't belong. Peanut shell or cigarette butt. Candy wrapper or soda can. The Scouts began dutifully clambering over the rocks, collecting the detritus of previous visitors.

"Wherever we go, we try to leave it a little cleaner than it was when we came," said assistant Scoutmaster Bill Mak, who is a county welfare eligibility worker. "If everybody did this, this world would be a little bit nicer."

The hike out was easier, largely downhill, until the last half mile. New visitors—a gaggle of youths carrying coolers, a mother in a spring dress pushing a baby stroller, a couple of young men trying to swim upstream—were still trying to reach the falls.

Halfway up the last ascent, a father knelt next to his young son and pointed back into the canyon. "Look, down there, that's where you hiked to, son," he said. "I'm so proud of you."

Another turn in the trail, and the young boy's triumph provided a contrast to an older boy's defeat. Perhaps overconfident, or in trying to keep up with his peers, he had overexerted himself and his panting alternated with sobs. Adults comforted him, until he was ready to go on.

In the picnic area next to the parking lot, the Scout troops gathered to wait for their rides. The afternoon was still hot, especially so in contrast to the cool, misty canyon.

To the southwest, the towers of Downtown stood, their eastern faces now darkened by shadows. Beyond, the ocean seemed to be aflame beneath the sun.



# Blast Flash Forward!



20 years later, Chantry Flats stills draws the crowds !

A survey was made of the parking in Chantry Flats at the time/date noted to the right!



Lower Parking lot Is filled

Road into Chantry Flats is Filled



Further down the road into Chantry and every spot that can be filled with a car is filled.





# Fund Raiser



**MOUNT WILSON**  
OBSERVATORY

Presents

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS IN THE DOME

May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>

Performances at 2pm and 4pm



Cécilia Tsan, Cello



Ben Powell, Violin



Zach Dellinger, Viola

May 7/ String Trio

-Bach  
-Beethoven  
-Dohnanyi  
-Schubert

June 11/ Cello & Violin

-Haendel-Halvorsen  
-Giere  
-Kodaly

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 More Details goto: <https://www.mtwilson.edu/concerts/>

# A word from volunteer coordinator

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR UPDATE

After a “real” winter, we are looking at an abundance of life in the forest. Most are benign, but there is more Poison Oak, there are more ticks, and of course the risk of wildfire will be higher as summer lingers on. Please review your safety protocol and make sure your JHAs are up to date and signed. If you need any, each District Office has a binder filled with blank ones you can copy. They cover everything from trail work to tool maintenance to safe driving, etc. I cannot stress the safety message enough—it is imperative we follow established protocol each day.

This is also a time for making sure you know where to locate your Volunteer Agreement as well as copies of your current certifications. Your group leader or FS contact can help you in case you have lost your copy, whether it’s making a duplicate at the District Office or signing a new agreement. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at [cfabbro@fs.fed.us](mailto:cfabbro@fs.fed.us) if your existing FS or point of contact (group leader) is unavailable.

Save the date—Saturday June 3 is National Trails Day, held at Crystal Lake. There has been considerable growth on the trail system and some erosion. We will work from 9-12, and lunch will be provided by REI. More on the event will be posted in May. In the meantime, thanks for supporting the Charlton event commemorating California Trails Day on 4/29! If there is one message I’d like to emphasize as much as “Safety First,” it’s one of gratitude for giving your time to take care of the forest.

Here are links to updated radio information, courtesy of Dave Gollihugh:

Calling in procedures: [http://angelescrest.org/radio/Calling\\_in\\_Service\\_ANF.pdf](http://angelescrest.org/radio/Calling_in_Service_ANF.pdf)

Repeater Map: [http://angelescrest.org/radio/Radio-repeater\\_USFS\\_ANF.pdf](http://angelescrest.org/radio/Radio-repeater_USFS_ANF.pdf)

**CHRIS FABBRO**

**DON'T FORGET!**

**LARRD Volunteer Meeting**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> , 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**701 N Santa Anita Ave.**  
**Arcadia, CA 91006**

**Volunteer Fun**

**2017 Live Music Events**

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

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

05/14/2017  
12:00-05:00 Terry Okey

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

05/21/2017  
12:00-01:30 Ocho-X  
01:45-03:15 Bryan Chan  
03:30-05:00 Cheeky Few

05/28/17  
12:00-01:30 Sandy Ross  
01:45-03:15 Jeannie Willets  
03:30-05:00 Paul Inman's Delivery

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

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

06/18/2017  
**12:00-01:30 Open**  
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



# 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 day is 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](mailto:bigaub@sbcglobal.net)**

# LEARN TO LEAD

## Trail Boss Training-Spring 2017

The USDA-Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, and the Greater Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team invite you to attend the next of the on-going series of Trail Boss Training sessions.

- When: May 6, 2016; 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below, after April 21, for the location of this event and directions for getting there.

The objective of this High Adventure training is to train and qualify adult volunteers to organize and supervise conservation projects by sponsored groups, such as a Scout Unit. Interested persons may begin this field training whenever a session is offered and proceed through it at the convenience of their schedule and interest. Only adults may take this training, which is offered free to anyone who is interested in doing conservation work in the Angeles National Forest. Registration is not required; just show up at the indicated time and place. Persons already certified as Trail Bosses are encouraged to attend, to assist with the training and to upgrade their skills. The next session of Trail Boss Training is scheduled for September 2, 2017. National Trails Day, June 3, will also provide some training opportunities. An Administrative Pass, valid for this date, will be provided for vehicles that lack an Adventure Pass.



If this is your initial session, you will be given a Trail Boss training card and a syllabus, "Trail Boss-Program and Practices". A companion syllabus, "Forest Conservation", is available for those who are interested in doing conservation projects of that type. You may also be given an USDA-FS brochure, "Volunteer Applicant Packet", which briefly describes the Forest Service's volunteer program and contains an application form.

Hike Aide 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-3566 (C); e-mail, [agreen.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:agreen.bsa@gmail.com)

### Clothing and Equipment

Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a full day of trail work. The fashion-conscious volunteer wears long pants, long sleeve shirt, work boots, gloves, and a broad-brimmed hat. These are supplemented with sunscreen/sun block, dark glasses, insect repellent, and lots of water. Sneakers/sport shoes are not appropriate wear when swinging a Pulaski and moving large rocks. Conservation project sites tend to be hot, sunny, dusty, and lunchrooms for insects. Bring your lunch and whatever snacks you need to get through the day – these training sessions are usually at remote sites in the Angeles.

### Additional Information

- USDA-Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Station, (Daytime): Dennis Merkel, Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 X229  
email: [dmerkel@fs.fed.us](mailto:dmerkel@fs.fed.us).
- Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111  
email: [gdledford@verizon.net](mailto:gdledford@verizon.net)

## Training Bulletin

# Trail Skills College

## West Cascades 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 West Cascades 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?** May 5-7, 2017

**Where is it?** [White Branch Camp](#) near McKenzie Bridge, Oregon

**How do I register?** Registration is open at the <http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/index.html>

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

## North Cascades Trail Skills College

You're invited to the second annual North Cascades Trail Skills College in Darrington, Washington. This a free weekend event open to local volunteers who would like to learn more about maintaining their local trails. Beginners and experts alike can benefit from Trail Skills College courses like [Basic Saw Crew training](#), [Drainage Design & Drain Dips](#), [Crew Leadership: Project Management](#) and [Tread Re-Construction](#).

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.

**When is it?** May 19 – 21, 2017

**Where is it?** The fairgrounds in [Darrington, Washington](#)

**Are meals and lodging provided?** Free car/tent camping will be available to all participants on Friday and Saturday. Meals will be provided at no cost, starting with dinner 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, but we expect to offer around three classes per day on Saturday and Sunday. There are no classes offered on Friday. Students can register for one class per day. Check back soon for more information.

**How do I register?** line registration online now!

<https://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/north-cascades-trail-skills-college/north-cascades-trail-skills-college-registration/>

**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

## 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:**

<b>June 9</b>	103 Basic Saw Crew Training
<b>June 10</b>	101 Brushing & Scouting 201 Drainage Design & Drain Dips Chainsaw and/or Crosscut Saw Training and Certification
<b>June 11</b>	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).**

# Volunteer Training

## Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

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

### New Volunteer Training

Your first step in becoming a Fire Lookout with ANFFLA is reading the “What to Expect” letter from our President and Vice President. [Download the letter here.](#)

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

**Returning volunteers, please scroll down for Reconnect Class information.**

#### Class 1: Orientation

- Saturday, May 6  
10:00 am — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 11  
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

#### Class 2: Interpretation – Natural History

- Saturday, May 6  
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- Thursday, May 18  
6:30 pm — 9:30 pm

#### Class 3: Operations

- Saturday, May 20  
9:00 am — 4:00 pm  
(bring a lunch)

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

If you are not able to sign up ahead of time, please just show up to one of the Orientation classes to

get started. Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

### New Volunteer Training Location

All new volunteer classes will be held at:  
Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office  
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91006

### Reconnect (for returning volunteers):

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND THIS CLASSES, we offer it at two different times.

You need to attend only one of the classes.

#### Reconnect

- Saturday, May 13, 10:00am– 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 6:30pm — 9:30pm
- Any questions? Please use our contact form at: <http://www.anffla.org/contact/>

RSVP or advanced sign-up is not required but strongly encouraged. Go to

<http://www.anffla.org/training/> and use the "Returning Volunteer Training Sign Up" button to get started.

### Reconnect Location

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

# 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.

## MOUNT WILSON RACE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



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

We will need more volunteers on maintenance days this year.

Contact:

Pete Siberell at [psiberell@santaanita.com](mailto:psiberell@santaanita.com)



## 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

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

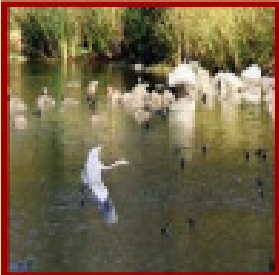
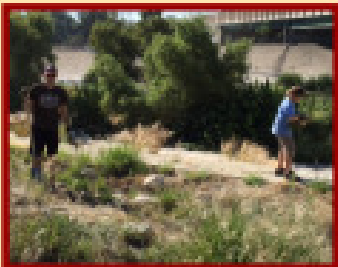
◆ **WHEN:**  
Sat. May 13, 2017  
8:00 a.m. - Noon

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

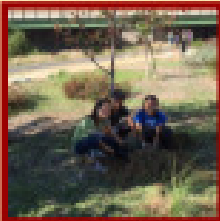
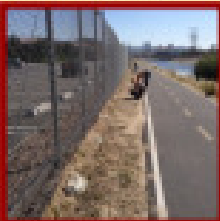
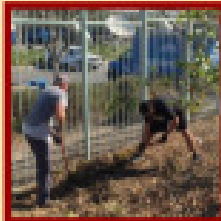
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Call us at  
(818) 548-3795

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

Join our May 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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հեռուկալ հեռախոսահամարով (818) 548-2000

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

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



# Volunteers Needed



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

## **Bliss in the Wilderness** **(Third Saturday Wilderness Workday)**

People are always looking for joy and great happiness. We believe that you can find this (bliss) in nature. As a service to our fellow man, we are offering a morning in our special place "Deukmejian Wilderness Park".



**"Sunset over Sea of Bliss"**  
L.C. Armstrong 2001

Join us as we free the park from the invasive weeds that are trying to claim a foothold. Help us to quench the thirst of the trees that yearn for a cool drink of water. We will have tasks for all ages and abilities, so that you too can find bliss in the maddening world that is all around. Your attendance is the only thanks we need.

◆ **WHEN:**

**Sat. May 20, 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 AT WORK



**Mike McGuire & Steve Messer chain sawing down trees off the Silver Moccasin trail**

**Photo by Robin McGuire**

**The McGuire's getting their picture with Smokey Bear on the April 1<sup>st</sup> opening of visitor center.**

**Photo by Robin McGuire**



**Robin McGuire posing with the Horse Patrol on the Arroyo Seco / Gabrielino Trail, Also in photos is Jim Lesh**

**Photo by Robin McGuire**



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**Photo by Robin McGuire**



**Robin McGuire learning how to make a sling under the direction of volunteer Tom Dwyer, American Heart Instructor**

**Photo by Patty Dwyer**



**Steve Messer leaning how to do CPR under the direction of volunteer Tom Dwyer, American Heart Instructor**

**Photo by Patty Dwyer**





# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Dennis Merkel and David Ledford leading the volunteers on California Trails Day**

**Photo by George Aumann**

**Thurman removing Yuccas off the Dawn Mine Trail.**

**Photo by Brenda Beck**



**Lauren & Soyoung doing tread work on the Dawn Mine Trail**

**Photo by Brenda Beck**





## AC100

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

Contact Hal Winton at: (310) 534-1704

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>

- **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00AM Trail Work**  
(NOTICE: This trail work day also restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)  
Trail work will be on the Idlehour East Side trail.
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00AM Training Run**  
Run ~27 miles from Islip Saddle to Chilao Flats Visitor Center.  
Water/Aid at normal Checkpoints between Islip and Chilao Flats.
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM Trail Work**  
(NOTICE: This trail work day also restricted to the 1st 30 who call or e-mail Hal that they are coming)  
Trail work on Silver Moccasin trail, Shortcut Saddle to Vetter Lookout Rd.
- **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM Training Run**  
(Daytime Run) to the finish area. (This training run may not have aid during the run)  
Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to Loma Alta Park.  
**Please be completely self-contained: Water accessibility at Chantry Flats ONLY, streams dry**

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## 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 & 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)

Our trips are scheduled for: • May 20<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact: [bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com)

Want to see the Calendar and pictures of our outings?

Then Go to: <https://www.meetup.com/The-So-Cal-Hikers/>

Thank you

Alan Coles

**Big Santa Anita Canyon**

<http://www.bigsantaanitacanyon.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>

- May 6<sup>th</sup> Trail Boss (Check out the learn to be a leader page)

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

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

- May 12<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-05/-cury-2017>

- May 13<sup>th</sup> Riverwalk Workday (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Bliss in the Wilderness (Third Saturday Wilderness 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

### • May 6<sup>th</sup> - OCEAN BREEZES / Views - Mugu Peak via the Chumash Trail; La Jolla Valley Grasslands and the Ray Miller trail

**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!). 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, 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 WAL-MART 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 Wal-Mart 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.

**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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• **May 13<sup>th</sup> - Green Valley to Grass Mountain RT ; or add Spruce Draw and a loop back to Camp Cisquito / South Portal, for more distance**

**Distance/ Gain:**

1. Green Valley ranger station on PCT to summit Grass Mountain RT ~ 7 mile out and back/ 1400' of steep gain
2. Green Valley ranger station on PCT to summit Grass Mountain, then traversing to Spruce Draw on the PCT finally looping back down FS 7N02 to Camp Cisquito/ South Portal ~ 11 Mile loop/ same 1400' of steep gain (needs a shuttle).

**Hiking Time:** 1) 3 hours, 2) ~ 4.5 hours

**Rating:** Moderate ++ (for distance and lots of gain on the way out). Both hikes are not for beginners - you need to be in good physical condition.

**Description:** A great hike and only 25 minutes from the SCV! Pick your hike, based on ability, stamina and your schedule. This is a new combo hike and all specs are estimates at this time. If you enjoy expansive uninterrupted views, you will like the features of this hike. We first tested most of this hike last December but we are adding the Camp Cisquito/South Portal loop to mix it up for those who like to go further. Meet your Leader to Caravan / Carpool to the trailhead: **!!!! DO NOT GO TO TOWSLEY!!** Meet in the Albertson's Supermarket Parking lot ( 23850 Copper Hill Dr, Valencia, CA 91354) at 7:15AM for a 7:30AM SHARP departure.

**Directions from LA / SCV to Albertson's Parking Lot carpool/ meeting spot: 23850 Copper Hill Dr, Valencia, CA 91354** Take I-5 Freeway, North toward Castaic. Exit at Newhall Ranch Road (Route 126) and head to the top of the off ramp. Turn East (right) toward Valencia and drive for 1.5 miles East on Newhall Ranch Road to the next major intersection (Copper Hill Drive). Turn left at this light and travel 2.1 miles on Copper Hill Drive until you see a strip mall on the right with a large Albertson's. Turn into the lot at the light (Avenida Rancho Tesoro) and park in the NE corner of the lot, closest to the light/ intersection. At Albertson's, we will organize carpools and the shuttle for the longer hike. Then we will caravan to Green Valley Ranger station, up San Francisquito Canyon Road, about 25 minutes away. We need to do this to organize the shuttle for the longer hike. **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.**

**Dogs:** OK, must be on a leash and well behaved around other dogs and people with hiking poles. If you bring a dog, bear distance in mind and please plan to drive yourself.

Adventure pass: Not required.

**Leader's note:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no facilities between the meeting spot and the trailhead. Albertson's has a restroom at the back of the store.

**BRING:** Hiking Poles are very helpful for the uphill part. Snacks and at least 3L of water with some electrolytes, camera, hat and sunscreen. Hiking shoes/boots with good tread! Be prepared - pack an extra layer (e.g. windbreaker) as it will probably be windy on Grass Mountain.

**Leader:** Steve I.

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**• May 27<sup>th</sup> - Hondo Canyon (Topanga Canyon / Malibu area)****Distance:** 10.0 miles total (this is an Out and Back)**Gain:** 1900 ft (mainly in first hour, on the way out)**Hiking Time:** ~ 5 - 6 hours Approx.**Rating:** Moderate ++

**Description:** Another spectacular section of the Backbone Trail, this hike includes a lot of single track through shady hedgerows with snatches of ocean views and some cool air. We will hike through varied terrain - shaded live oaks; a sloping meadow; switch-backs up the steep south slope of Hondo Canyon through a lovely oak forest; and deep chaparral. At our turnaround spot, the foundation of an old fire lookout tower, we will snack and enjoy views of the inland areas - toward Malibu Creek Canyon Park to the NW and the Calabasas area to the NE.

**Meet your Leader:** Due to VERY LIMITED parking at the trailhead, we strongly encourage you to carpool.

**Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley:** Meet your leader at Towsley Canyon (24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA) outside the gate in the Parking lot at 7:00AM. We will leave at 7:15AM SHARP. Alternatively, you can meet the leader at the Hondo Canyon trailhead (directions below) at 8:15 AM for a 8:30 AM SHARP departure up the trail.

**Directions to Towsley Carpool carpooling spot:** From Valencia, take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon but immediately park OUTSIDE the gate (look for club members and leader near the gate).

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

**Directions to Hondo Canyon trailhead: Trailhead address: 381 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga Canyon, CA 90290.**

**Trailhead coordinates: Lat 34.092804, Lon -118.610122 (34° 05' 34.09"N 118° 36' 36.43"W)**

**From Santa Clarita,** take the I-5 South and merge right on to the 405 South. Then take 101 north and exit Topanga Canyon Road (US 27) South, cross Ventura Blvd and go about 7.5 miles. On a bend (at the Inn of the 7th Ray restaurant), turn right on to Old Topanga Road. Go approx 0.4 miles and park on the left side of the street at the trailhead, where most spaces are. You may have to drive beyond the trailhead (~1/4 mile) do a U-turn and come back to find a space. When parking, be very mindful of traffic, this is a very busy/ winding road for bikes and boy racers. Be at the trailhead by 8:15 AM for an 08:30 AM SHARP departure up the trail.

**BRING:** Hiking poles, if you have them, lunch/snack, water (2 - 3L) plus electrolytes, a camera, hat and sunscreen.

**Adventure Pass:** Not required.

**Dogs:** Sorry, NOT ALLOWED by park regulations.

**Leader:** Steve

# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



**Robin McGuire cleaning up trash in the Angeles Forest.**

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### 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

<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)**

- **May 20<sup>th</sup> Outing**

**WHAT'S PLANNED** Same as before: Depending upon the number of people showing up and the weather, we will 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 at 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, and hard to work at if weather is iffy.

**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!**
  - **There is water available at Mount Wilson at this time.**
  - **May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 11<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)• **May 21<sup>st</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

- **May 14<sup>th</sup> Outing (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)**
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> Outing (Check the Volunteers Needed pages)**
- **May 27<sup>th</sup> Mt. Wilson Trail Race**

We meet at Lizzie's Trail in Sierra Madre at 7:00A. Bring gloves, water and sun protection.

Workers must RSVP to Pete Siberell at [psiberell@santaanita.com](mailto:psiberell@santaanita.com) so we have enough tools for all.

**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

- **May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> West Cascades Trail Skills College near McKenzie Bridge, WA (Check the Training Opportunities pages)**
- **May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> North Cascades Trail Skills College in Darrington, Washington (Check the Training Opportunities pages)**
- **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**
- **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: [bttbs.vsh@live.com](mailto:bttbs.vsh@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/)

• May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program:

**Pasadena Group Monthly Program: "It Never Rains (Except when it Does!): Drought and Deluge in the Making of Southern California"** will be presented by Dr. Char Miller, Director and W.M. Keck Professor of the Environmental Analysis Program at Pomona College. The presentation will be based on his most recent book, "Not So Golden State: Sustainability vs. the California Dream" (2016). Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities will be provided at the meeting. Newcomers are 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).

- Chilao to Mt Hillyer May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Eaton Saddle to San Gabriel Peak May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Evenings in the Arroyo May 10<sup>th</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup>/
- Greene and Greene Southeast Pasadena Walking Tour May 7<sup>th</sup>/
- Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike May 4<sup>th</sup>/ 11<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup>/
- Memorial Day in Wawona Cabin Trip May 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- Shortcut Canyon to West Fork Campground May 20<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 May 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Build a Birdhouse May 13<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
- Big Bear Greenthumbs May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Pinecone Birdfeeders May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Story Time May 13<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### 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>

- Campus Planting May 13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>
- Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Group Dog Hike May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Moonlight Hike May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Park Tree Care Mar 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>
- Park work day May 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica mountain Restoration May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Street Planting May 6<sup>th</sup>/13<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)

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

## **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

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### **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)

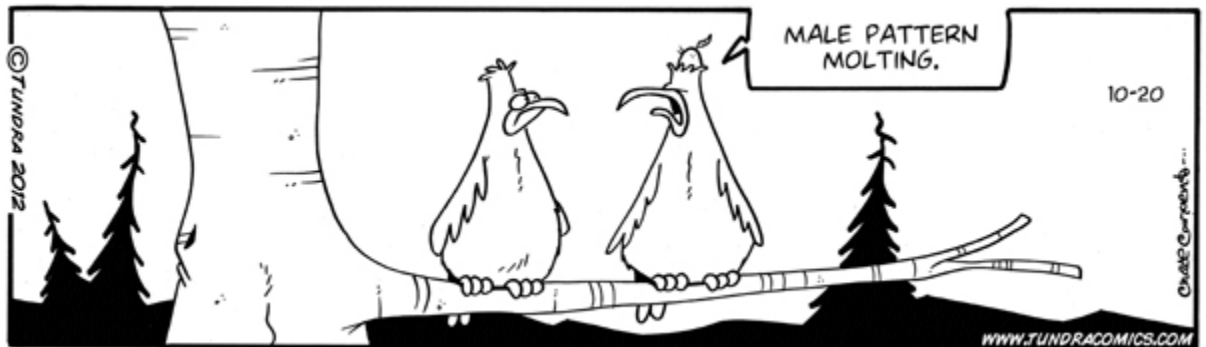
6/22 8-430pm (7.5 hrs) - TBD (SCVTAC, MRCA, PCTA)

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 Oct 20, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interests**

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

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