

# VOLUNTEER TODAY

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## Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Jan. 2010

### GREETINGS

#### VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

“The Forest Service is about *sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.*”

Chief Abigail Kimbell, January 2008.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season and looking forward to a very productive and rewarding New Year.

We’ve got a full agenda planned. The following is a sample of activities:  
Station Fire Recovery – so far so good since the trails have survived the latest winter storms therefore we’re gearing up to start some trail surveys and work (Introduction to Trail Maintenance, Jan 30).

Cobb Estate – Pasadena Audubon Society, Outward Bound Los Angeles, Boy Scout Eagle Scout and Forest Service are working on improvements (rehabilitation of entrance, trail maintenance, signage etc.)

Big Santa Anita Canyon – Los Angeles Conservation Corp is conducting trail maintenance and Forest Service is working on Developed Recreation Site improvements.

Crest to Coast Trail project – City of Santa Clarita Parks & Recreation Department, corridor study stretching from the Pacific Crest Trail to the Ventura County line near the Santa Clara River.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following individuals for contributing 100 volunteer hours from January – December 2009, each individual received a complimentary Annual Pass. If you’ve contributed 100 volunteer hours and would like to join this group, please contact me.

Dwyer, Tom & Patricia	Bailey, Pam	Spree, Christine	Heltsley, Mark
Tanner, Terry	Degange, John	Stauth, Rod	Kuhn, Guy
Winton, Hal	Fithian, Henry	Treadway, Danny	Reilly, Kathie
Moore, Robert	Hillbrunner, Tony	Weideman, Kris	Hilliard, Gary
Hutton, Guy	Hoyer, Andy	Horton, John	Kozinc, Gabor
McGuire, Robin & Mike	Makshanoff, Mike	Hosley, Richard	Marcroft, Brian
Benam, Brad	Nyerges, Richard	Ledford, David	Mumper, Susan
Gage, Mark	Raymond, John	Chamley, Tina	Community Hiking Club
Jonasen, Dan	Sneed, Chris	Davidson, Don	Wednesday Hiking Club

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have, please contact me so that you can receive your Interagency – Annual Pass.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives.

If you’re interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229 or [hokamoto@fs.fed.us](mailto:hokamoto@fs.fed.us)

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

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# Los Angeles River Ranger District Jan 2010 Volunteer Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	2 <b>Community Hiking Club</b>
3	4	5	6 <b>Sierra Club</b>	7	8	9 <b>Habitat Works Winter Trails Day Bear Canyon Trail Crew JPL Trailbuilders Wednesday Hiking Club CORBA Community Hiking Club</b>
10 <b>Habitat Works</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>VHC WLACC BSA Trail Boss Training San Gabriel Trailbuilders Community Hiking Club</b>
17 <b>VHC WLACC BSA Trail Boss Training</b>	18 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING'S</b>	19	20 <b>CTUC Monthly Mtg LARRD Volunteer Mtg</b>	21	22	23 <b>Habitat Works Community Hiking Club</b>
24 <b>Habitat Works</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Trail Mtn 101 JPL Trailbuilders Community Hiking Club</b>
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copy of this Newsletter, go to:  
<http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>**

## Volunteers will be needed

Contact: [usfsangelesvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:usfsangelesvolunteer@gmail.com)

Please leave name, city of residence, contact information (phone number and email address) and Type of Volunteer Projects of Interest. When Station Fire restoration projects are scheduled, you will be contacted by phone and email.”

# VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

**AC100** <http://www.ac100.com>

**Time to register and plan for the race in August 28, 2010**

Contact:

Hal Winton AC100 Co-RD

Volunteer 12

[winton4Jesus@juno.com](mailto:winton4Jesus@juno.com)

**Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)**

[www.altadenatrails.org](http://www.altadenatrails.org) 626-797-7243

**Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)**

Mark Gage

[mrgy33@hotmail.com](mailto:mrgy33@hotmail.com)

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill and Castle Canyon.

**Antelope Valley Conservancy**

[www.avconservancy.org](http://www.avconservancy.org)

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

[avconservancy@yahoo.com](mailto:avconservancy@yahoo.com)

**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.P is here to serve and inform the public.

**Audubon Center at Debs Park**

[http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs\\_park.php](http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php)  
(323) 221-2255

- Jan 30 Family Nature Hike Come on an exploration hike in beautiful Debs Park! Meet in our entry courtyard. English and Spanish speakers welcome.

**Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council**

<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> VHC WLACC BSA Trail Boss Training contact Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss. 818-781-7465 [bigaub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigaub@sbcglobal.net)

**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION**

<http://www.anffla.org>

- Are you interested in assisting The Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association in rebuilding Vetter Mtn Lookout?
- How about help the funding with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5?

Please contact:

Pam Morey

Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

[pmorey@fs.fed.us](mailto:pmorey@fs.fed.us)



**Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council**

[cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net)

Looking for volunteers to assist in fuel hazard reduction, trail maintenance and visitor information in Big Santa Anita Canyon.

**BEYOND BASECAMP** [Beyondbasecamp.com](http://Beyondbasecamp.com)

323 896-0123

Due to Station Fire, no volunteer work will be needed until further notice.

**BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW (BCTC)**

Richard Nyerges [nyerges@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nyerges@sbcglobal.net)

626-285-0962

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Middle Merrill Trail Outing

If all goes according to plan, we will be joining forces with other groups and working on the Middle Merrill Trail. We will be working on the section from the Mt. Lowe Truck Trail near the camp ground to a location referred to as the "Rock". This is about 1.5 miles of trail that was damaged during the Station Fire. There are rock and debris slides that we will be working at cleaning up.

We will meeting on Chaney Trail above Altadena at the locked gate. If you need directions, please ask.

Thanks for your continued support.

**Blight Busters Trail Crew**

Danny Treadway

[dayhiker86@yahoo.com](mailto:dayhiker86@yahoo.com)

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

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## California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

[www.ctuc.info](http://www.ctuc.info)

### • Jan 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and hosting of trails; and to help enforce the rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.”

## City of Glendale

For the health and safety of our visitors, the Deukmejian Wilderness Park presently closed until further notice

• Volunteer opportunities during the fall/winter season will include filling sand bags as part of the general winter weather preparation efforts. In the spring, volunteer opportunities at the Deukmejian Wilderness Park will include the removal of exotic plants, trail rehabilitation, tree planting, and park clean up.

### SIGN UP AT:

[http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/DeukmejianPark\\_VolunteerOpportunities.asp](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/DeukmejianPark_VolunteerOpportunities.asp)

Jeff Weinstein

Trails and Open Space Specialist

818-548-2000 [jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us)

<http://cityofpasadena.org/publicworks/PNR/ArroyoSeco/annex.asp>

Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St., Pasadena, CA

## Concerned Of-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

(818) 773-3555 <http://www.corbamtb.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl>

### • Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Middle Merrill Trail Outing

## Community Hiking Club

[communityhikingclub.org](http://communityhikingclub.org) 661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: [zuliebear@aol.com](mailto:zuliebear@aol.com)

- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> -Happy New Year! Full Moon Hike in Griffith Park-Night hike to Mt Hollywood in Griffith Park
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Rocky Peak near Chatsworth.
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> -Sierra Pelona-This is a moderate 6mi hike with a 1200'gain and great views of Bouquet Cyn.
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> -Fish Canyon-This is one of our hidden treasures! This canyon is gorgeous!
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> -Slide Mountain-10-12 mile hike with substantial gain to the lookout tower.

**RAIN CANCELS ALL HIKES**

# VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

We will be closed until spring for public activities, but are welcoming volunteers to help with:

- clean-up
- garden recovery
- donations
- repairs
- improvements

[www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org)

Kat at 310-455-1588, [katcalls@aol.com](mailto:katcalls@aol.com)

## Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

## HABITATWORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons

818-353-4653

<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Untaming the American West Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Marijuana Farm -Camp Clean Up Los Padres National Forest

## High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack Trash, Rubbish, Equipment, Material and Supplies etc...to your Trail or worksite.

Glen Foster 760-868-8313

or 760-508-0344

second contact is:

Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

**JPL TRAILBUILDERS** <http://www.jplhiking.org/>

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) 626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Middle Merrill Trail Outing, Meet 8 am at the gate.
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Outing

**JAM** Time2JAM.com  
Josh@Time2JAM.com  
(818) 714-0634

**Matt Maxon** matt@mattmaxon.com

### Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

<http://www.mwoa.org>

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117-7076

- Mount Wilson Observatory and Skyline Park are closed to visitors for the Winter. Exceptions are for reserved tours and 60-inch telescope observing sessions. The closure will extend from December 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010. If you wish to visit Mount Wilson, come in the Spring when everything will again be open. The Observatory survived intact from the Station Fire and is now resuming scientific operations.

### Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

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

Gary Hilliard, Director

[gary@mtdisappointment50k.com](mailto:gary@mtdisappointment50k.com)

### Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

Ray Herrera ray@pmbc.

- April 24 Pancake Breakfast fund raiser  
MWBA was founded to be advocates of responsible trail use for mountain bikers in the San Gabriel mountains

### Monrovia Canyon Park

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Kathleen at 626-256-8282.

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/community-life/parks/342-monrovia-canyon-park>

### Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org> Phone: 626-564-0844

The mission of Outward Bound Los Angeles is to provide nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for low income, at-risk, and urban youth.

E-mail: [obainc.sbcglobal.net](mailto:obainc.sbcglobal.net)

### SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

[Emworks@verizon.net](mailto:Emworks@verizon.net)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

[www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org)

Your Donation goes a long way for the PCT!

- Even a national treasure as significant as the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail is under constant threat. Your donation to the PCTA will help us protect, preserve, and promote the trail. Your contributions benefit the PCT everyday - from Washington, D.C. to the Mexican and Canadian borders.

Make a donation online through our secure server at:

[http://www.pcta.org/help/donate\\_form.asp](http://www.pcta.org/help/donate_form.asp)

### Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting on a Quarterly basis at Carvalho Sports Complex Activity Center.

### San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.

Partner For Conservation, Education and Recreation

[www.sbnfa.org](http://www.sbnfa.org) 909-382-2790

- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for a 30-minute nature walk at the Big Bear Discovery Center to learn about the local plant and wild life and some very interesting historical facts. Great activity for families and individuals who want to gain a greater appreciation for our National Forest. Nature walks are not strenuous and designed for all levels of physical conditioning.  
Meets at the Big Bear Discovery Center



William S Hart UHSD crew ready for new year

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White [bwootenwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:bwootenwhite@hotmail.com)  
626-303-1078

• Jan 16<sup>th</sup> We will be doing rock removal at the large outcropping about 1 and 1/2 miles in from Heaton Flat.

### Tree People

<http://treepeople.org/>

Telephone (818) 753-4600

TreePeople's mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable and to share the process as a model for the world.

### William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita

ANF Crew 5130

In January 2010, William S Hart's Regional Occupation Training Program will continue offering "Basics in Forestry and Trail Construction" as a joint training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, the USFS, PCTA, and MRCA. In addition to high school credit, the student participants will be offered paid work experience while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to work in the great outdoors including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife identification and conservation; backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; wilderness first aid; and much more!

For more information, contact Kevin Sarkissian at:

[ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org)  
661.259.0033 X 525

### Sierra Club

[www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/)

• Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Meetings held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Drive in northeast Pasadena.

Information on the group's hikes, outings, conservation and other activities. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 626-791-7660

### Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net>

[grassyhollow@hotmail.com](mailto:grassyhollow@hotmail.com)

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

### Wednesday Hiking Club

• Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Outing

We're Korean-Americans, who love working in the National Forest. We work the 2nd Saturday of each month on maintaining the Sunset Ridge Trail, 12W18.

If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Ted Kim at [infocus804@yahoo.com](mailto:infocus804@yahoo.com)

### LARRD Bi Monthly Meeting Place

Mark Gage and the Pasadena School District has provided a new meeting site for our bimonthly volunteer meetings.

Our next meeting is January 20

740 W. Woodbury Rd. Pasadena. About a 1/4 mile west of Lincoln Ave. If you were to take the 210 freeway get off at the Arroyo/Windsor Aves. off ramp and head north to Woodbury Rd. turn right (east).



NEW VOLUNTEER MEETING  
PLACE ENTRANCE

# Yes! there will be Work!

In the next few months there will be mud flowing in the Angeles Forest after the Station Fire with every rainstorm.

Check out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV-xYNIL8nQ>

There you will see the muddy water flowing at Millard creek after a rainstorm.

Millard creek muddy water flow



Road Work



Already teams are entering certain areas with the permission of the Angeles National Forest.

Here is one team going to Mt. Lowe Campground to build Debris dams and had to do some road clearing just to get to the work site.

Debris dam assembly in progress.

Work in Progress



Ready for the rain



Dam is done!

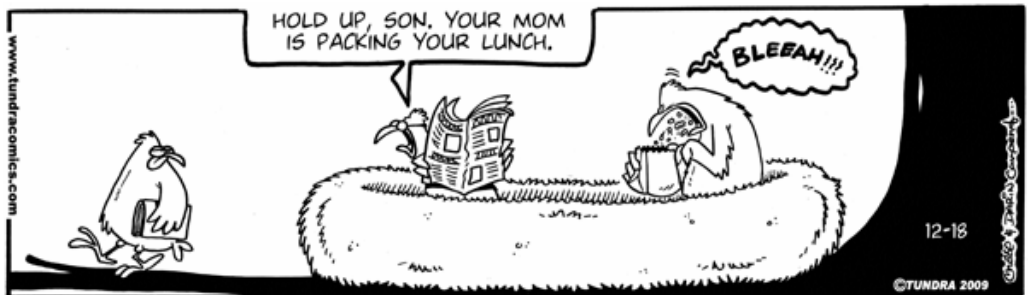
Dam filled in



The rain filled the dam with dirt and stone

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Dec 18, 2009 email: info@tundracomics.com



**Volunteer Today**

Send this in Right Away to  
Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd  
San Fernando, CA 91342

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Interests**

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

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

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