

THE TRAILHEAD

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TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

HAT Meeting	2 May
Trail Boss (Advanced)	6 May
Rock & Rope Field Experience	19-20 May
National Trails Day/Trail Boss	3 Jun
HAT Meeting	6 Jun
Philmont Provisional	24 Jun-7 Jul
Log Cabin Provisional	29 Jul-5 Aug
CANCELLED	
Trail Boss (Advanced)	2 Sep
HAT Meeting	5 Sep
Desert Camping Seminar	9 Sep
Desert Weekend Outing	TBD
HAT Meeting	3 Oct
Level I Climbing Instructor	13-15 Oct
Wilderness First Aid	28-30 Oct
Winter Camping/Ice Axe Seminar	4 Nov
HAT Meeting	7 Nov
Navigation & Orienteering	18 Nov
Level II Climbing Instructor	18-19 Nov
HAT Meeting	5 Dec

HAT WEB SITE/MAIL BAG

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HAT MEETING MARCH

Plans are advancing for a provisional trip to Northern Tier Canoe Base. We have not yet received confirmation of payment, so tentative dates are August 4-11, 2018. The number of spots available has not yet been determined. The cost is estimated to be in the \$1800 per person range including transportation. Look for updates on our website.

Rick Reeley from Troop 849 will be the new coordinator for the Philmont provisional scheduled for July 6-21, 2018.

Webmaster. Thorpe passed around the latest edition of *HAT Hi-Lites* for mark-up. Website traffic has been slow.

Equipment. Bower distributed REI product sheets covering bicycles. The handout covers bike categories, how to determine the right fit, and some bike basics so that you at least know

what to call that thingamajigger that the chain wraps around.

Training. The winter class completed their field experience February 4-5. Leaders almost outnumbered students as we had 5 instructors riding herd on 8 students. The winter storms provided a perfect background and everyone got plenty of experience walking in snowshoes and sleeping on snow.

The JLT Class was cancelled but may be rescheduled for April. Two troops expressed interest but had not signed up before the deadline.

The Wilderness First Aid Class scheduled for March 26 is full. The April 29 First Aid/CPR class will offer a wilderness portion as an add-on.

Forest & Conservation. Ledford reported that the trails are in bad shape after the winter storms. The streams are running high and there are numerous downfalls and obstructions. The Gabrielino Trail between Red Box and Valley Forge needs a lot of work.

California Trails Day will be held on April 8. Ledford will lead a crew at Vogel Flats. So far, there are two Eagle Projects in work this year. Water should be plentiful all year along the Silver Moccasin route.

Climbing. A level 2 Instructor Class is scheduled for April 1-2. We need volunteers to staff the climbing wall at the Rock Academy on April 1.

Districts. **Frontier** has scheduled their Camporee for April 28 at Firestone. The theme is Wilderness Survival. **Lucky Baldwin** has scheduled their Camporee for April 21 at Marshal Canyon. **Northstar** will be sharing Firestone on April 28 for their Camporee. **Pacifica** - Corwin is being transferred overseas in August so we will need a replacement rep. **Valle del Sol** will have their Camporee in April at Puddingstone. The **Cub Award** for

the month is the Mormon Battalion Trail Award.

Around the Horn. Matthew Halsig filled in some details on discontinuing the Tour Plan. National has no plans to replace it with anything. The primary reason is to lighten the workload on council staff who were responsible for checking, verifying, and approving the forms.

The Forest Service has declared the Log Cabin road a 4-wheel drive road and has no plans for repairs.

HAT MEETING APRIL

Webmaster. Thorpe reported the website has been fairly quiet the past few weeks. The next edition of HAT HiLites will include information on the provisional to Northern Tier.

Equipment. Bower distributed REI flyers on tents. The flyer covers the key features you need to consider when purchasing a tent.

Awards. Rose received a request for a waiver to drive around the detour on the Silver Moccasin Trail. No! It's a HIKE!

Training. The Wilderness First Aid Class was full with 45 students.

Behenna reviewed the comments from February's ALBT Class. We had 44 students representing 6 of the council's 10 districts plus Orange County and West LA County Councils.

We looked at a proposed schedule for a second ALBT class in the fall. We are looking at 2 Saturday sessions in September at Trask. Look for an announcement soon.

Glenn has rescheduled the March Junior Leader Backpack class for May. With the revised syllabus, the class has been renamed to Scout Backpack Training to reflect the new emphasis on backpacking skills.

The Rock & Rope Class will be held

with four students signed up so far. Indian Cove site #9 has been reserved for the field experience.

Forest & Conservation. California Trails Day will be held April 8 at a location TBD. National Trails Day is June 3. The combined trail work and Trailboss Training are planned for the Crystal Lake area.

The Forest Service has instituted a new Field Damage Assessment form. It is a streamlined method for you to report trail and campsite conditions that need attention. The forms are available from all rangers and volunteers.

Climbing. The Climbing Instructor class set for March 17 had only one person signed up. The class was cancelled: it needs 8 to run. Whitten has replaced all outdated ropes in the climbing kits. Due to the amount of maintenance that been required to keep the kits up to date, we may have to increase the usage fees.

Districts. Frontier has scheduled their Camporee for the weekend of April 14. **Northstar** conducted a Bear Aware Class. **Rose Bowl** had their district dinner in January and is planning a wilderness survival class at the next roundtable. **Lucky Baldwin** is having their Spring Camporee April 21 and is sponsoring a bike ride on May 5 for 25 and 50 miles.

INTERCOUNCIL MEETING

GLAAC HAT hosted the Quarterly Intercouncil meeting on March 11 at the Smiser Scout Center. Representatives from West LA, San Diego, Verdugo Hills, and Orange County attended. Verdugo Hills updated Item V from the December agenda; the council has approved the use of Camp Silver Fir as a High Adventure base camp. The next step

will be to establish a program and train leaders.

Steve Dodson led a discussion comparing individual council's award forms and requirements with the intention of improving commonality among teams.

Award Approvals and Pre-Approvals:

- GLAAC requires HAT pre-approval for long-term backpacks and approval for long-term, peak climbing and conservation awards

- SDIC specifies which long-term awards require pre-approval. HAT approval of awards is not required but award forms are submitted for review.

- WLACC requires pre-approval for certain awards and approval for all awards. An outing checklist (Form HA 3010) is used for trip planning but does not require HAT approval.

- VHC requires HAT pre-approval for long-term backpacks and Unit approval for all awards.

After some discussion it was agreed that all councils should amend their award forms and general requirements to specify that outing participants may not approve awards for that outing, including pre-approval.

Award Applications

- GLAAC has received word that as of April 1, the Tour Plan will no longer be required. As of now, no replacement document has been identified.

- Some councils have eliminated individual permission slips in favor of parent signatures on the BSA Medical Form (680-001)

- GLAAC distributed a spreadsheet summary of each council's requirements for HAT award applications. The individual requirements were reviewed and categorized as **REQUIRED** or **OPTIONAL**.

- Teams agreed to update their award applications to reflect the **REQUIRED**

information as necessary.

The Area HAT Teams have been invited to attend the So. Cal. Commissioner College to be held March 18 in Sherman Oaks. We will staff a single vendor table. WLACC is available. GLAAC may have a conflict. OCC, VHC, SDIC, and CIEC will not attend.

Council Reports

- **OCC:** Held their spring training class last weekend. They added a new section this year covering electronics.

- **SDIC:** Distributed flyers for their 2017/2018 Leader training. SDIC trained 598 leaders in 2016. They have also established a speaker's bureau to promote High Adventure activities.

- **WLACC:** Recently completed their Winter Backpack class for 5 students. They reported a low turnout (6 students) for the Outing Leader class. Their winter class was held at Mt. Pinos.

- **VHC:** completed the indoor portion of their Winter Class. They have established a Wilderness First Aid Class for units and a class for the Orienteering Merit Badge. They have scheduled a class in June for Leave No Trace Trainers.

- **GLAAC:** Distributed their Training Calendar for 2017. They also completed their Adult Leader Backpack Training indoor sessions in February for 44 students. The field experience sessions are ongoing. The March Wilderness First Aid Class is full and classes in Rock and Rope and Climbing Level I are scheduled.

The HAT Team has been asked to provide detailed budget estimates to the Camping Department. This is an outcome of some across-the-board belt tightening by the council.

The next meeting will be hosted by WLAAC on June 10. Location TBD.

GARY GUSTIN

April 25, 1939 – March 1, 2017



On March 1, our High Adventure Team lost a member, a friend, and a mentor.

Most recently, you would have seen Gary working in the kitchen at Adult Leader Backpack Training. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Gary for a longer period of time appreciated his irreverent sense of humor and his dedication to Scouting and our High Adventure Program in particular.

Gary volunteered his time as counselor and Climbing Instructor for the Quest Beyond Eagle program for 17 years. He volunteered his time with no compensation other than the satisfaction of witnessing the success of young men in their spiritual and physical growth. Gary's gruff demeanor and no-nonsense approach to climbing intimidated many of these Scouts. They also never forgot the safety rules he taught them.

I first met Gary in the early 90's. As a new Scoutmaster, I signed up for his Rock Climbing and Rope Rescue Class. On our field experience trip to Joshua Tree, I was unfortunately, able to answer the question, "WHO PUT A BIRDNEST IN MY ROPE?" That was the last time I ever allowed a climbing

rope to become tangled.

Gary worked with Scouts and leaders in basic backpack training and rock climbing. After his semi-retirement, Gary still supported these classes, mostly by keeping us well-fed and regaling us with stories from the old days about people who did not know how to keep a rope from getting tangled. We will miss him.

Gary is survived by his wife Nina, two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

PATCH OF THE MONTH



William T. Hornaday Award

Size: Approx. 1.5" x 3"

Recognize this? It is not a HAT award. It is not an advancement award. You don't see it very often even though it has been around since 1914. In fact, there are fewer Hornaday Award winners than there are Eagle Scouts.

Dr. William T. Hornaday was a life-long conservationist and founder of the National Zoo in Washington D.C.

The Boy Scouts began administering the award in 1937, after Dr. Hornaday's death. Since then, fewer than 1,100 medals have been awarded.

The award recognizes individuals and groups who have made a significant commitment to conservation and the environment. Different levels of the award are available for youth, adults, and groups.

Scouts may earn a badge, silver, or bronze medal. The badge consists of the top part of the medal. To qualify, they must earn merit badges from a designated list, and perform conservation projects under the direction of a counselor. The requirements for Venturers and adults are different. Venturers must also complete specified sections of the Ranger Award. Individual councils control some awards while some are only available through the national office.

Complete details are available here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Awards/HornadayAwards/Awards.aspx>

This is not an easy award to earn. It requires a commitment of at least several months and a significant investment in effort. But in the end, you will have not only a rare medal, but also the knowledge that you have indeed made a difference in preserving our environment.

TOUR PLAN



As of April 1 (no joke), the Tour Plan, BSA form 680-014 has been discontinued. The BSA has no plans to

replace it with a new or modified form. Check here to see the reasons for discontinuing the Tour Plan and some common questions concerning this change

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/h_ealthandsafety/tourplanfaq.aspx.

As a Scoutmaster of several years, I labored under the misconception that my troop's BSA insurance was only in force with a valid Tour Permit (there's that age thing again). Not true then - not true now!

Your unit's charter includes an insurance agreement. According to the Guide to Safe Scouting this policy includes "general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity, which is defined in the insurance policy as consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, the operations manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America." Note the reference to "official Scouting activity." You can check the guide for specifics on "unapproved activities"

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/H_ealthandSafety/GSS/gss08.aspx#e,

but I can tell you this; if you take your troop to a Renaissance Faire and somebody gets hurt sword fighting, you're not covered.

If your approved Scouting activity involves a facility or organization that requires a certificate of insurance, they are available by request from the council office.

What replaces the Tour Plan? That would be your common sense and responsibilities as a leader. What information from the tour plan do you

need? You're on your own for verifying driver's proof of insurance. Make your own pre-trip checklist. It should include; Current medical forms, parent permission slips, all required permits, driver information, and all the appropriate Scouting certifications such as hazardous weather, safe swim, etc. See Hike Aid 4 for a refresher on pre-trip planning. West LA County HAT uses a pre-trip checklist that is very thorough and helpful. Check it out here <http://highadventureawards.com/PDFs/HA3010.pdf>.

Be on the safe side; assign a troop committee member to record and track all of your leaders' pertinent information; Youth Protection dates, First Aid certifications, etc.

The national office discontinued the Tour Plan to ease the paperwork burden on local councils. It does not relieve us of our responsibilities as leaders to provide a safe and well-run Scouting program.

HIKE OF THE MONTH **Mt. Baden-Powell Day Hike**



Location:	Angeles National Forest
Trailhead:	Vincent Gap
Total Mileage:	8.0
Elevation Gain:	2800'
Campsites:	Not camping today
Map:	USGS Topographic Crystal Lake, 7.5

CONSERVATION

Guess who this mountain is named after! Yep, you guessed it: at the request of Boy Scouts of America, the peak was named after Lord Lieutenant-General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, First Baron of Gilwell (1857-1941), Hero of Mafeking (1900), Founder of the Boy Scouts (1907), author of Scouting for Boys (1908) and Chief Scout of the World (1920).

We visited Mt. Baden-Powell once before, in Trailhead #233 when we camped at Little Jimmy (see the patch requirements there also). This time, we'll do it as a day hike.

From downtown, drive the San Bernardino (I-10) Freeway to I-15, then north to Route 138 and through Wrightwood to Route 2 (the Angeles Crest Highway) and to Vincent Gap, the trailhead for the hike. Park here at 6593 feet elevation. There is a parking lot and a bathroom.

Begin the 4-mile (8 mile round trip) ascent to the summit at 9399 feet, a gain of 2800 feet. Figure on at least 4 hours for a day hike. Since the ascent is all uphill on a fairly steep climb with many switchbacks (go ahead and count them), allowing a bit more time would be prudent.

As you near the summit, go off trail to visit the old Limber Pine Forest. This is a rare tree in this area.

The trail is part of the Pacific Crest Trail. About 1/8 mile before the summit, you leave the PCT to go to the peak. There you will find the Baden-Powell monument placed on May 30, 1931. Make sure you get a group photo at the monument.

The trail is found on the Crystal Lake 7.5 minute topographic map.

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Congratulations are in order for David Ledford, our TrailBoss coordinator and Vice Chair for Forest and Conservation. David has been awarded the Hornaday Gold Badge, known officially as the William T. Hornaday Award for Distinguished Service to Conservation and Natural Resource Management.

The local council awards the Gold Badge to an adult Scouter who has had a major influence on youth and educational programs, with an emphasis on sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental improvement during a period of at least three years.

David has invested thousands of hours in trail maintenance, TrailBoss training, and supervising Eagle Projects in the local mountains. He was voted the Angeles National Forest/Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer of the Year for 2015. "David's tireless dedication is an inspiration to all," wrote Dennis Merkel, the District Recreation Officer.

ADULT LEADER BACKPACK TRAINING

With each of our High Adventure classes, we ask students to fill out comment sheets. Our classes are always evolving, many changes being driven by the comments we receive. So yes, we do read them.

This year we found some familiar

themes among the comments. Several people asked for more time in individual classes and less time for the overall course. When we figure that one out, you'll be the first to know.

Some comments we seem to get every year. People want either demonstrations or hands on practice primarily in packing a backpack or preparing a meal. Hey, we have to save something for the field experience trip.

Kitchen noise is always a problem. 'Tis the nature of the beast! Meal prep early and clean up late. Neither of these are silent endeavors. You should have heard the noise at our previous venue at Will J. Reid.

It seems we got more comments than usual this year regarding the "collective years of experience" of our "senior" instructors. We totally agree. HAT meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Cushman Watt Scout Center. See you there: we have your job waiting for you.

Thanks to all who took the time to share your thoughts.

TOAD ALERT!

Arroyo toads have been observed in the vicinity of West Fork and Devore campgrounds along the Gabrielino Trail. Until a survey of the toad population can be completed, road, trail and campground maintenance in this area will be severely limited. If you are planning any troop activities in the area of West Fork or Devore, be sure to check with the Forest Service ahead of time for conditions.

The restrictions so far are limited to maintenance activities such as brushing and treading. Restricted times are between March 1 and October 1 – peak hiking season. Make sure your weekend plans include

checking with the Forest Service for the latest updates.

**BEYOND BOIL-IN-A-BAG
ROUND TWO**

Round 2? What was Round 1? Way back in December 2013, *Trailhead #216* featured a comparison between some Mountain House freeze-dried entrées and what I put together as their grocery store counterparts. That particular article seemed to be pretty popular so a summary is now included as a handout in the ALBT Food & Cooking Class. So, like they say in Hollywood, "If it works, make a sequel!"

In Round 1 we looked at the Mountain House Stroganoff and Chicken & Rice. For Round 2, let's see what we can do with their Mexican Rice & Chicken and Chicken Teriyaki.

First we'll go south of the border and pick up a package of Knorr Fiesta Sides Mexican Rice. Right away we see that the Knorr mix doesn't include kidney beans like the MH, so we'll keep an eye on the protein balance. To this we'll add a 4.5 oz. can of Swanson chicken. We know to be wary of the serving size game but we'll take their word for it this time – just for the sake of comparison. So let's see how they stack up.

MH Mexican Rice & Chicken	
Servings per Pkg:	3
Servings Size:	1 C
Calories per srv	210
Cost	\$7.99
Cost per Serving	\$2.66
Cost for 4 servings	\$10.64
Dry Weight	5.4 oz.

Unfortunately, our serving number 4 comes out of a second package bumping our total cost up to \$15.98. But at least our four Scouts will be well fed.

Next come our grocery store items, Knorr Fiesta Sides Mexican Rice and 4.5 oz can of Swanson chicken. You choose your brand, I chose Swanson for it's arithmetic-friendly properties. If you want to add in the kidney beans separately, you're on your own.

MH Chicken Teriyaki & Rice	
Servings per Pkg:	2.5
Servings Size:	1 C
Calories per srv	270
Cost	\$6.99
Cost per Serving	\$2.33
Cost for 4 servings	\$15.98
Dry Weight	5.1 oz.

Now we make the magic switch from rice to noodles.

Knorr + Chicken Combined	
Servings per Pkg:	2.5
Servings Size:	3/4 C
Calories per srv	310
Cost	\$2.44
Cost per Serving	\$1.22
Cost for 4 servings	\$4.88
Dry Weight	12.5 oz.

Knorr Teriyaki Noodles + Chicken	
Servings per Pkg:	2
Servings Size:	3/4 C
Calories per srv	360
Cost	\$2.44
Cost per Serving	\$1.22
Cost for 4 servings	\$4.88
Dry Weight	12.8 oz.

We couldn't decide who got the extra 1/2 cup so we just rounded down. Where this really hits home is the cost for our cook group of 4: \$4.48 for grocery store vs. \$15.98 for freeze dried,

Next up let's take a look at Mountain House Chicken Teriyaki with Rice and see how it stacks up against Knorr's Asian Side of Teriyaki Noodles with our old standby can of chicken. I admit I may have cheated on this one a little. During meal prep, I had a few spare packets of soy sauce that I added to the chicken so it got an extra minute or two to marinate.

Remember, these are entrées only and whatever vegetables are included hardly move the needle at all on the fiber meter.

I told you we would stick with serving sizes for comparison but I can't help myself – take a look at the calories per serving: 210 for the Mountain House rice vs. 310 for the Knorr combination. Mountain House Teriyaki also comes up short with 270 calories vs. 360 for the Knorr combination. Add a vegetable side and we are well on our way to a 400 calorie meal.

The cost of saving money comes in the form of some additional weight but since I always made the Scouts carry the heavy stuff, it doesn't bother me at all.

Trail Boss Training-Spring 2016

MAY 6, 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, 2017 - 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 purpose of this program 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 and assist with the training and to upgrade their skills.

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.

Clothing and Equipment

Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a full day of trail work. This includes 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 snacks. 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.
- Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111
email: gdledford@verizon.net



HAT Training VHC 2017

Become a USFS approved Trail Boss

Supervise Trail Maintenance for the youth in your group.

(Great Eagle Projects!)

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose: To provide properly trained personal with the ability to supervise either “Trail Blazing” or “Forest Conservation” program projects at the unit level. All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older, and registered in the BSA.

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, Daypack, Work clothes.

Available training days in 2017 are: ~~March 4-5~~, ~~Apr. 22-23~~, **May. 6-7.**

Call to confirm training day for yourself. (Course cancels if no calls)

We Meet at the McDonald's at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. in Valencia at 8:00 AM

Contact:

Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.
818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net

National Trails Day 2017

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DATE: Saturday, June 3, 2017. Sign-in between 8:00 and 8:30 am,
Event scheduled from 8:30am to 1:00 pm

LOCATION: To be announced.

EVENT: Celebrate National Trails Day on June 3, 2017 in the Beautiful San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The celebration will include 3 hours of work on trails at a location to be announced. This event is co-sponsored by the National Forest Foundation, REI and the US Forest Service. We will break for lunch and a short ceremony about National Trails Day at noon. This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. 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 register, lunch and snacks will be provided.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT TO WEAR WHILE WORKING:

Long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves, and boots are required. ANYONE NOT WEARING APPROPRIATE CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK (Anyone wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate.) Sun protection hat, hard-hat (will 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.

Registration: Please register at this link: <http://nff.wildapricot.org/event-2215649>

For Additional Information, Contact One of the Following:

Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation
ebelden@nationalforests.org or 805-258-2500