

## Trail Boss Training-Spring 2024



- PURPOSE:** Train and qualify adult volunteers to organize and supervise conservation projects by sponsored groups, such as a Scout Unit.
- DATE:** Saturday 4 May 2024
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to no later than 3:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)
- LOCATION:** Location of the training and directions can be found by contacting Dave Ledford (see QUESTIONS) **after April 21.**
- COST:** No charge
- REGISTRATION:** Although there is no fee for this training, it is important that you contact Dave Ledford (see QUESTIONS) to let him know how many people are coming so he can make sure to have sufficient tools and equipment available.
- EQUIPMENT:** Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a full day of trail work. In particular, they need the proper personal protection equipment, hard hat (see contact below if you don't have one to arrange for one to be made available is possible), long pants, long sleeve shirt, work boots and gloves. These should be supplemented with sunscreen/sun block, dark glasses, insect repellent, and lots of water. Sneakers/sport shoes are not acceptable wear. **Anyone not properly equipped will not be allowed to work on the project.** 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.
- OVERVIEW:** The day will include instruction on a variety of topics which may include how to properly build and maintain trail features such as switchbacks, brush clearing, tread building and repair and other parts of trail building and repair. Along with the instruction there will be ample opportunity to put the training in practice using the tools such as Pulaski's, Rhinos, shovels, loppers etc. Be prepared for a full day of good exercise in the outdoors.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Adults only.  
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** None
- QUESTIONS:** Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training  
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Interested persons may begin this field training whenever a session is offered and proceed through it at the convenience of their schedule and interest. This training is offered free to any adult who is interested in doing conservation work in the Angeles National Forest. Persons already certified as Trail Bosses are encouraged to attend, to 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 a USDA-FS brochure, "Volunteer Applicant Packet", which briefly describes the Forest Service's volunteer program and contains an application form.

A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

Hike Aid 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 Michael Schlaifer; Vice Chair Training: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, [michael@schlaifer.com](mailto:michael@schlaifer.com).