

**SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER**  
*The ORANGE PEAL*  
*Newsletter*  
*Orange County Sierrans Section*  
**MARCH - APRIL 2018**

Established: 1977

Members: +600



**Coming Down the Mountain**

**Photo by Donna Specht**

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**<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>**

## TRAVEL ADVENTURES

### **Sunday, August 12 - 26, 2018      ANGELES CHAPTER, OCSS O: Hiking England's South West Coast Path Section Two**

Possibly two spots remaining, or sign up for the Wait List. Contact the Leader for more information.

After our successful completion of the first Angeles hiking trip in June of 2017, please join us for another 100+ miles of England's stunning South West Coast Path National Trail and discover its beauty and hidden treasures on this 15 day adventure.. Reserve this trip by requesting an application package from leader, Deirdre Butler, deirdrebutler2@gmail.com 303-823-8649 MST Assistant Leader: Linda Ledger.

### **Saturday to Sunday , September 29 - 30, 2018 O: Harwood Lodge Fall Festival**

Enjoy clear mountain air, hiking, music, relaxation, blue skies and beautiful mountain views and celebrate the beginning of Fall at Harwood Lodge. Musicians bring your instruments. Newcomers welcome. Includes hikes to the Waterfall and a special Geology hike with Jay Schneider. Includes Saturday and Sunday hikes, Happy Hour, lodge fees, Saturday night dinner. Sunday breakfast, hike, shared chores and check out by 3pm. [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/harwood\\_lodge](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/harwood_lodge). Send 1 self addressed stamped envelope OR e mail address, phones, address, carpool info, \$60 with Sierra Club# or \$75 non-member (check payable OCSS to Reservationist/ Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. donnaspecht@juno.com Co Leaders: Richard Boothe, Jay Schneider, Karen Belville, Joel Kenyon, Julie Garner



**Harwood Lodge**

**Photo by Donna Specht**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Saturday, March 24, 11:00 - 3:00 PM OCSS, SAGE, OCG**

**O: Leader Training Day and Hike, Irvine:** Leadership Training candidates come and join experienced leaders on this easy pace 4-5 mile, 500' gain hike in the hills of Irvine. Prior to the hike, we will have an introduction about Angeles Chapter Leadership Training. When the hike begins, we'll discuss trailhead talk, group management issues, Leave No Trace, safety, ten essentials, etc. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions. After the hike, more Q and A. how to pick your provisional hike, assistant leader, participants. If you have already attended Leadership Training and just don't know how to complete the requirements, come join us, we can help. You can also sign up for the April 14, Leadership Training Seminar at this event. Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar registration is March 31. Meet 11am at Turtle Rock Community Park picnic tables, Not at the Tennis Courts. Directions: 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Bring snacks or lunch, hiking boots, water, hat for the hike. Leaders: Donna Specht 714-963-6345 [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com), Todd Clark Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 [msylvie@hotmail.com](mailto:msylvie@hotmail.com), Dennis Loya, Sherri Sisson.

### **DARE TO LEAD!**

Take That First Step and Become a Qualified Sierra Club Leader!

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR**

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Eaton Canyon Nature Center,

1750 N Altadena Drive, Pasadena, 91107

If you're a Sierra Club member interested in the future of our local outings Program, want to lead your own outings, keep the program healthy, strong, and ensure that participants are safe, happy and inspired, please sign up for leadership training. If you are already a leader, please encourage and mentor a candidate. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios.

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from easy hikes to backpacks to worldwide travel and mountaineering expeditions. From experienced volunteer leaders you will learn how to plan a trip, handle problems on the trail and make sure that everyone has a great time. You'll gain knowledge about good conservation and safety practices, along with tips for getting your Chapter rating quickly. Then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The requirements for becoming a leader at the basic "O" level are: Current Sierra Club membership, participation on five Sierra club trips/hikes, passing an open book pre-seminar exam from the Leader Reference Book, attendance at an all day Leadership Training seminar, completion of first aid and CPR training and satisfactory completion of a provisional outing.

Call the OCSS Outings Chair, Donna Specht ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)) for assistance.

To Register, check the LTC Website: [https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc\\_leadership\\_seminar](https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar)

The all-day class costs \$30.

Registration Deadline with Fee: MARCH 31, 2018

# GENERAL AND NEWCOMER MEETINGS

## PROGRAMS

**Monday, March 12, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**OCSS**

### **Program: National Geographic Expedition, Antarctica**

Join us for a photo presentation of Sierra Club members Steve and Linda Velasco's National Geographic expedition to the Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula aboard the National Geographic Explorer. They met the ship at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands and sailed to South Georgia Island, the Antarctic Peninsula and returned through the seas of the notoriously rough Drake Passage back to Cape Horn and the final port of Ushuaia, Argentina. South Georgia is the ultimate destination for beautiful scenery, wildlife and the captivating history of whaling and the journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton who sacrificed the success of his expedition to save the crew of his ship. Antarctica is the home for numerous species of penguin, seals, seabirds and whales. The scenery and ice formations of the Antarctic Peninsula are otherworldly, as far away from anything familiar as you can get. Bring a Friend. Join the Sierra Club Special Offer \$15. Hike on over to the Community Room, REI Tustin Marketplace, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782 Charles Geller [eduright@aol.com](mailto:eduright@aol.com), Donna Specht [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com), or Program Chair, Pamela Barton-Erdahl [barton2erdahl@gmail.com](mailto:barton2erdahl@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM**

**OCSS**

### **OCSS Management Committee Meeting**

Open to all Orange County Sierrans or new members. Come and find out all about Volunteer Opportunities, Leader Candidate/outings information. We want to hear your ideas! Guests must request to be on the agenda one week in advance if they wish to make a presentation. Then stay for general section business. For directions to the meeting, Contact Donna Specht ([donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com))

**Monday, April 9, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

### **Program: New Zealand's Flora And Fauna**

Sierra Club member, Tom Getz will present a digital slide show featuring the culture, native art and music, flora, wildlife and scenery of New Zealand's North Island from the capital Wellington to the North Cape. . Still further north was a Kauri forest, the North Cape's meeting of the Tasmanian Sea and Pacific Ocean and sand dunes of the 90-mile beach. On our journey south of Auckland in Rotorua we attend a Maori cultural show, tour a carving school and visit the geologically active geyser area before reaching Wellington. For nature features we see Stewart Island, a railroad excursion from Dunedin to a gorge, tours of penguin colonies, bird watching sites, and botanical gardens. Tom's show will be accompanied by classical, contemporary, folk and native music, and includes video clips of shows and nature. Tom will briefly discuss the invasive species and destruction of native forests in New Zealand. Come Join us, Newcomers Welcome, Bring a Friend. Join the Sierra Club, special \$15. Meet REI Tustin Marketplace, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin CA 92782 Contact: Charles Geller [eduright@aol.com](mailto:eduright@aol.com), Donna Specht [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com), or Program Chair, Pamela Barton-Erdahl [barton2erdahl@gmail.com](mailto:barton2erdahl@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 PM**

**OCSS**

### **OCSS Management Committee Meeting**

**Please March 21 write-up above for details.**

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### TUE & THU 6:30-8:00 PM IRVINE CONDITIONING HIKES

**O: Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes**, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Ldrs: John La Rue, Joel Kenyon, Fran Penn, Jim Palmer, Donna Specht, Maura Van Strien, Karim Khoshab, Norman Montgomery, Shaune Hand, Michael Mavrovouniotis, and Mike Winfield.

### TUE 6:30 PM FULLERTON CONDITIONING HIKE, OCSS, RIO HONDO

**O: Fullerton Conditioning Hike:** Hike with our social group on this regular weekly easy conditioning hike of 4-5 miles in the gentle hills of Fullerton. Slow to medium pace is great for beginners. Each week we rotate through numerous trails in the area to provide new experiences. Last Tuesday of each month, we have a potluck dinner. **Hike scheduled during daylight savings time, i.e. March through October.** Meet at the east end of Laguna Lake in Fullerton (from Harbor Blvd, W on Hermosa Dr, L on Lakeside Dr for ½ block and park on the street). Look for hikers on east side of Lakeside Dr. Wear sturdy boots, bring water, flashlight. Leaders: Martin Kluck, Joel Ortmann, Margee Hills, Houria Hall, Alan Daniels, Ed Khatch. Host: Sanford Opperman

### WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM RIO HONDO, OCSS

**O: STEVE FELD Puente Hills Conditioning Hike** This weekly Wednesday evening conditioning hike has been going on for more than 20 years, come out and be part of the continuing tradition. Moderately paced 5-6-mile hike in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Enjoy this Emerald City Hike as the sun sets in the west. You will get a spectacular 360 view of LA and Orange County lights. 700' gain up along switchbacks and trails with varying routes. Wear hiking boots and bring water. Meet at south end of 7th Avenue where street ends and turn right on Orange Grove to park on street. Use 7th Ave. exit off (60 Fwy) Pomona Fwy, go south to Orange Grove. Leaders: Marty Kluck, Sandy Viernes, Jerry Johnson (hiker626@hotmail.com), Tom Mitchell. Rain cancels.

### THURSDAYS 5:30 PM RIO HONDO, OCSS

**O: Fullerton East Coyote Hills Hike:** Join us for a cool evening 3-4 mile hike in the gentle East Coyote Hills in Fullerton. We alternate a couple routes. One is the Panorama Trail through Panorama Nature Preserve with great views of San Gabriel Mtns. Once we reach Brea Blvd, we follow the East Coyote Hills Trail back to Vista Park. Or we cross State College and hike at Craig Park, making a loop up to Brea Dam and enjoy the lake, ducks, egrets, squirrels, and more. Slow to medium pace is great for beginners. Meet at the lower Vista Park / Summit House parking lot (entrance on west side of State College Blvd. just south of intersection with Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton). Wear sturdy shoes; bring water, flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Alan Daniels, Sandy Viernes, Margee Hills 714-356-4031 [margeehills@gmail.com](mailto:margeehills@gmail.com), Houria Hall.

**For complete up to date listings of Orange County Sierra Singles events go to:**<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss>

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## MARCH- APRIL ACTIVITIES

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### **Before you go, be prepared: Some General Information**

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#### **Liability Waivers**

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before attending the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>

#### **California Seller of Travel**

CST #2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

#### **Trip Reservation And Refund Policy**

When two costs are shown for a trip, the lower cost is for Sierra Club members who must include their SC membership number (SC#) with the reservation. Make checks payable to Orange County Sierrans Section (OCSS) unless otherwise indicated. On OCSS events, if cancellation is received 35 days prior to event (some exceptions), there is no charge. Thereafter, refunds (less 10%) will be made if trip is full and space is resold to suitable replacement. Some trips have unique cancellation policies, please refer to trip write-up. Other groups may have a different policy.

#### **Rideshare Meeting Points:**

**Orange County, North:** Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Ave just S of Lincoln Av, Orange off SR55.

**Orange County, South:** Ortega Business Center parking lot, 1/4 mi E of 5 Fwy on SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo in San Juan Capistrano.

Go to the chapter website for additional rideshare points:

[http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get\\_outdoors/know\\_you\\_go/rideshare\\_meeting\\_places](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places)

In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks of this travel. Please share the cost of gas.

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#### **Get Involved, Get Outdoors:**

**The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities Now Online**  
Whether you're looking for an outdoor adventure, an opportunity to meet people, a chance to influence elected officials or just something to do on a Saturday afternoon, the **Online Schedule of Activities** is your guide to hundreds of events sponsored by Regional Groups, Activity Sections, Committees and Conservation Task Forces throughout the Angeles Chapter. **Check it out at:**

<https://angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities>

For events in South Orange County check out the website for Sierra Sage Group <http://sierrasage.org>

## MARCH- APRIL ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, March 3, 8:00 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Santa Rosa Plateau:** Join us for a 10 mi. 800' gain hike in the grasslands and oaklands of this beautiful preserve. Meet 8 am North Orange County Rideshare (Park-N-Ride, on the east side of Tustin Ave, just south of Lincoln Ave in Orange) or 9 am Santa Rosa Preserve Visitors Center, 39400 Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta 92562 (5 mi west of I-15 on Clinton Keith Rd). Bring 2 qts water, 10 essentials, hiking boots, hat, lunch, \$4 for conservancy entrance fee. Rain cancels. Leader: Karen Belville, Asst: Julie Garner

**Wednesday, March 7, 9:00 AM**

**OCG, SAGE, OCSS,**

**O: Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy hike:** 5 mi, 200' gain. This is your chance to explore one of the most beautiful wild flower regions of So Orange County. Children 5 years old with parents welcome. Rain cancels. Donation to DONLC: \$10 adults, \$5 children, to support the work of the Conservancy. Special instructions to come on this hike: Go to the Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo's website, go to the calendar Page: <http://mvreserve.org/calendar/> and scroll down the Sierra Sage Hike of March 7, 2018, fill out the registration form, click the waiver box. The site will send them a confirmation email with links to the waiver form which they should print and bring with them.: We will meet at the South Orange County rideshare point and move as a group, carpooling to meet with the Reserve Staff as directed.. NOTE!! If rain cancels, the hike will be changed to Thursday, March 15th . Leaders: Michael Sappingfield 949-633-6993 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), Linda Ledger

**Sunday, March 11, 9:00 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: Colinas Bluffs Trail:** Moderately Difficult, 6.5 miles about 1300 foot gain. Meet on the Starbucks patio at the corner of Golden Lantern and Marina Hills in Laguna Niguel. We will then hike south along the Colinas Bluffs dirt trail, up and down in roller coaster fashion. At the top of the biggest hill, we have great views overlooking San Juan Capistrano down to the Pacific Ocean. We continue along the ridge with the beautiful homes of Bear Brand on the west side and huge, jaw-dropping mansions on the East side, for a total of 3.25 miles, where we turn around. Bring water, hat, snack, light hiking boots. Well-behaved dogs are okay. Rain cancels. Leaders: Bart and Shilo Bartlett and Harry and Jan Forry.

**Sunday, March 11, 9:00 AM**

**OCSS**

**O: M\*A\*S\*H TV site trail hike:** Round trip 6 miles, 600 ft. gain. free parking at Reagan Ranch area in Calabasas, Cornell & Mulholland intersection, Malibu Creek State Park. We meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. hike to the TV site to have break to see what is left over from the site. Then hike back. Lunch at Jack in the Box after hike (option). 48 hours rain cancels. Driving direction: From Fwy 101 exit at Kanan Road go south 3 miles, past Paramount Ranch to paved entrance for dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy in Calabasas. Bring: Snack, water, hiking boots and cash for lunch. Leader: Cherry Postic [cherwiski@hotmail.com](mailto:cherwiski@hotmail.com), 714-588-4958 or Frank Lai [rfranklai@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rfranklai@sbcglobal.net).

## MARCH- APRIL ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, March 17, 5:30 PM** OCSS

**Outings Planning Happy Hour and Corned Beef:** Wearing of the Green. Join Orange County leaders and volunteers, everyone welcome. Come help plan, schedule an event, find a co-leader and coordinate events for the coming months. Bring your ideas. Meet the leaders. Learn how to plan your own event or how to become a leader. Remember you don't have to be a leader to host a social event. Volunteers welcome, lots of opportunities. Bring your laptops, we can sign on to the Chapter website and navigate online scheduling and post your event. How cool is that? We will provide the BBQ . Bring a side dish and your favorite drink or Green Beer. RSVP to Donna Specht 714-963-6345 (donnaspecht@juno.com) Location and directions provided. Leaders: Karen Belville,, Joel Kenyon, Jay Schneider, Pamela Barton Erdhahl

**Sunday, March 18, 8:30 AM** OCSS

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:**

Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Karen Belville, Dorothy Gutierrez, Donna Specht , Sandy Burnside



**Monday, March 19, 9:00 AM**

OCG, OCSS

**O: Dog Hike in Weir Canyon and Santiago Oaks Regional Park** (Humans without dogs are also welcomed), Weir Canyon and Santiago Oaks Regional Park: Join us for a DOG HIKE in Weir Canyon and then over to the Deer Trail in Santiago Oaks Regional Park. Total distance will be 7.5 miles with a gain/loss of around 1600 feet. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots, hat and sun block. Trails can be steep in areas so you may want to bring poles. Non-aggressive dogs are welcomed. Contact leader Kathy Fisher if you have any questions. Directions to the Trailhead: Going north on the 55 Freeway get off on Katella and go east. In two miles, turn left onto Cannon Street. In a half a mile, turn right onto Serrano Ave. In 3.2, miles turn right onto South Hidden Canyon Road. Take that road to the end. The trailhead will be on your left. There is parking at the trailhead but no restrooms. Leaders: Kathy Fisher [fisher.k@mac.com](mailto:fisher.k@mac.com), Sandy Burnside, kburnsides@aol.com

**Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 AM**

OCG, OCSS

**O: Santa Rosa Plateau:** 6.5 mi, 300' gain. Enjoy the glorious springtime in this ecological preserve, and a leisurely hike along streams, through rolling grasslands and 100-year-old Englemann oak woodlands. Lavish wildflowers should be in bloom, as spring runoff collects in vernal pools, which beckon wildlife. \$4 entrance fee supports reserve upkeep. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County rideshare point 1 blk east of I-5 at the corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd in front of Ball Park Pizza, or 9:00 am at the Preserve on Clinton Keith Rd, 2 miles west of I-15 near Rancho Murietta. Bring hat, water, lunch/snack, camera, hiking boots, binocs, field guides. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels. Ldr: Mike Sappingfield , Asst: Sylvia Stevenson



## MARCH- APRIL ACTIVITIES

**Friday, March 23 - 25,**

**NSS, Wilderness Adv, OCSS**

**O: Stanislaus National Forest Tree Planting and Exploration:** Drive up Friday to spend Friday and Saturday nights car camping in a nice campground near Groveland. Saturday, meeting at 9am at Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland, participate in a Tree Planting project in Stanislaus National Forest under the direction of Tuolumne River Trust and AmeriCorps volunteers. Sunday participate in a morning birding outing followed by a hike. This trip satisfies up to two days for the Environmental Awareness requirement for prospective Angeles Chapter I-rated leaders. Parking at the campsites is limited so participants are encouraged to arrange carpools to keep the cost down. To register for the trip and campsites send \$25 deposit made out to Natural Science Section to leader Keith Martin, P.O. Box 336, Groveland CA 95321. Include 2 self-addressed stamped envelopes or one envelope and email address, home and work phones and recent hiking experience. Email: keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net. Phone: 310-683-9224. No refund of deposit for cancellations after March 16.

**Sunday, March 25, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**OCSS**

**O: Puddingstone Lake Hike and Classical Concert:** Moderately paced 6 mile, 500 feet gain hike. We will start near the LA County Fairgrounds and circumnavigate Puddingstone Lake in beautiful Bonelli Regional Park on service roads and trails. Bring the 10 essentials, hiking boots and a change of footwear and top for the concert. Back to the cars around 1:00 pm. Quick clean up, then drive 5 miles and meet at Memorial Park (south side at picnic tables) around 1:30 pm for picnic/happy hour (bring some snacks to share and your favorite beverages). Then we drive a few blocks to Little Bridges Hall of Music/Pomona College to hear a magnificent C.B. Fisk pipe organ played by the chair of the Julliard Schools organ department at 3 pm. Back to cars at 4:00pm. Group size limited, contact leader for meeting place, time and additional details or if you have questions. Leader: Joe Bouchard (ejbouchard@sbcglobal.net), Assistant Leaders: Joel Kenyon, Julie Garner, Fran Penn

**Wednesday, March 28, 8:30 AM**

**OCG, OCSS, Sierra Sage**

**O: San Clemente Loop:** 9 mi, 1720' cum. gain/loss. For much of this hike we'll have civilization on one side and wilderness on the other as we follow the Christianitos, Talega and Prima Deschecha trails in a loop around the eastern end of San Clemente. Look for lupine and other wildflowers. Meet 8:30 am at the eastern end of Avenida Pico, where it intersects Camino la Pedriza. Parking on the R at the intersection or on the street. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Linda Ledger and Helen Maurer.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 11:00 - 3:00 PM**

**OCSS, SAGE, OCG**

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### **Sunday, April 8, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM** OCSS

**O: Hike to Stoddard Peak and Classical Concert:** Moderately paced 6.2 mile, 1400 ft hike thru Barrett Canyon along a fire road and use trails (a little brushy) to summit Stoddard Peak. We will enjoy a wonderful front row view of Pomona Valley below us. Bring the 10 essentials and hiking boots. Back to the cars around 1:00 pm, we will drive to Claremont Memorial Park and give ourselves a quick clean up (bring a washcloth and a change of top/footwear) and enjoy a picnic/happy hour (bring some snacks to share and your favorite beverage). Then we drive a few blocks to Little Bridges Hall of Music at Pomona College to attend PC Orchestra concert at 3pm (casual attire is fine), then back to cars at 4:00pm. Group size limited, contact leader for meeting place, time and additional details or if you have questions. Leader: Joe Bouchard (714) 505-4502 [jbouchard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbouchard@sbcglobal.net), Asst: Julie Garner (714) 335-1579 [avtrix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avtrix@sbcglobal.net)

### **Sunday, April 8, 3:00 PM** OCSS

**O: Urban Park Wildflower Hike:** Moderate paced 6 mile hike in **Costa Mesa**. Approximately 2 hours, as we burn some calories enjoying the wildflowers along the way. We will hike through Fairview and Canyon Park via single track and wide trails. A few tiny hills to climb. Good walking shoes, water, well behaved dogs welcome. You can bail and sign out before we continue into Canyon Park. 2 brief restroom stops along the way. Canyon park is partly shady, many trees and flowers, a little used gem at the edge of Costa Mesa. Rain cancels. Park in Trader Joes lot, meet at back of gas station corner of Brookhurst and Hamilton. Leaders: Jan Nemmert, Harry Forry [janmargaret007@gmail.com](mailto:janmargaret007@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday, April 11, 8:30 AM** OCG, OCSS, Sierra Sage

**O: Bear Canyon loop:** 7 mi, 1300' gain up from the Candy Store through chaparral and oaks and wildflowers, then up the ridge to 4 corners and back by shady Pigeon Springs. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare point 1 blk east of I-5 at the corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd, in front of Ball Park Pizza,, or 9:00 am at the Candy Store on Ortega Hwy parking lot with Forest Service Pass. Bring 2 qts water, hat, snack/lunch, hiking shoes/lugsoles. Ldr: Mike Sappingfield. Asst: Sharon Kirk.

### **Sunday, April 15, 8:30 AM** OCSS

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Dorothy Gutierrez, Donna Specht, Julie Garner, Richard Boothe.



## MARCH- APRIL ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, April 15, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** OCSS

**O: Sunset Peak Hike and Concert:** Moderately paced 7 miles with 1,500 ft gain hike to summit Sunset Peak near Mt Baldy Village. Bring the 10 essentials, and hiking boots. Back to the cars around 1:00 pm, we will drive to Claremont Memorial Park and give ourselves a quick clean up (bring a washcloth and a change of top/footwear) then enjoy a picnic/happy hour (bring some snacks to share and your favorite beverage). Then we will drive a few blocks to Little Bridges Hall of Music at Pomona College to attend PC Orchestra concert at 3pm, then back to cars at 4:00pm. Group size limited, contact leader for meeting place, time and additional details or if you have questions Leader: Joe Bouchard (714) 505-4502 [ejbouchard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ejbouchard@sbcglobal.net), Assistants: Fran Penn and Karen Belville

**Wednesday, April 18, 8:30 AM** OCG, OCSS

**O: Bedford Peak:** 7 mi, 2200' gain/loss on a steady climb to the peak with rewarding views of the surrounding canyons and peaks. Meet 8:30 am in the small parking lot at the end of Silverado Cyn Rd, off Santiago Cyn Rd. Bring Forest Service Pass or park nearby along the road. Bring 2 liters water, snack, hiking boots/lugsoles, optional poles. Ldr: Sharon Kirk. Asst: Linda Ledger.

## ADVANCE ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, May 5, 10:00 AM** OCSS

**Soka University International Festival, Aliso Viejo:** Newcomers Welcome! Enjoy international music, art, dance, and more. The event is free, but parking is \$10. To carpool, meet 10:00 am in front of the Barnes and Noble, ( 26751 Aliso Creek Rd in Aliso Viejo (about 2 mi. from Soka). Look for the Sierra Club sign on the red truck, departing 10:15 am. If you are not carpooling, meet 10:45 am at the main entrance to Founders Hall (1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo). Bring lunch or \$ to buy food. Rain does not cancel. Host: Joel Kenyon [jkenyon2002@excite.com](mailto:jkenyon2002@excite.com) 949-285-5909.

**Sunday, May 20, , 8:30 AM** OCSS

**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike:** Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5 mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers Welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater Road). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots, rain does not cancel. Ldrs: Dorothy Gutierrez, Donna Specht, Julie Garner, Richard Boothe.



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## ADVANCE ACTIVITIES

**Friday, May 25 - 28**

**Wilderness Adventures, OCSS**

**O: Memorial Day in Wawona Cabin Trip:** Rideshare Fri to stay in cabins near Yosemite's south entrance for moderately paced 8-12 mi, 1200'-3000' gain hikes each day. Not suitable for beginners or sightseers. Cost includes 3 nights lodging in modern cabin with all amenities (2-5 per bedroom with shared bathrooms and kitchen), 3 continental breakfasts, Sat Happy Hour (dinner on your own, most of us will be going to the BBQ at the hotel), Sun group dinner. Send \$285 (Wilderness Adventures - \$40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after 4/23 unless trip is full and suitable replacement found), 2 sase (or 1 sase and email), H&W phones, recent hiking experience to Ldr: Keith Martin, P.O. Box 336, Groveland CA 95321. Email: [keithmartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithmartin@sbcglobal.net). Asst: Beth Powis Martin. Second Cabin Leaders: Sherry Ross and Kent Schwitkis. Third Cabin Leaders: George and Fran Denny. If you are interested in going on this trip you need to have a check in the leader's hands by April 23 if you want a chance of getting a couple's room. Leaders: Keith Martin 209-962-7421 [keithmartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithmartin@sbcglobal.net), Beth Powis Martin

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 – 10**

**MULE PACK SECTION**

**O: Crown Lake Mule Pack:**

Trail head is Twin Lakes (7130') near Bridgeport. Hike in Sunday morning along Robinson Creek, approx. 8 mi, 2500' gain, with day pack only, to campsite at Crown Lake (9500') in the Hoover Wilderness. Packer led mules carry your gear (50 lb per person) to campsite. Enjoy 4 full layover days to hike, fish, photo, swim, and enjoy nature. We are hoping to have beautiful wildflowers again. This particular trip has only been led one other time by our section, and that was 11 years ago. Possible exploring may include Rock Island Pass, Mule Pass, Peeler Lake, Snow Lake, and Kerrick Meadow. Evenings we will be treated to a salad night and a quesadilla night, as well as tasty happy hour potlucks. Wine is provided by the leaders. Cost: \$465. Note the reservation/ cancel policy under the additional information link where you can find other info about mule packs. To apply, email with recent high altitude and distance condition and general health to Co-leader: Lori Delaney [loridelaney2013@gmail.com](mailto:loridelaney2013@gmail.com), Sandy Burnside, Yvonne Tsai.



# DIRECTORY

## A Note on Phone Etiquette...

When Calling a Team member, leader or host, please call between 9 AM and 9 PM only, **unless the write-up states otherwise.**

Remember E-mail, the silent call! Very Much appreciated by all! Thanks to our active OCSS leaders and hosts

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Aug 1	Sept/Oct
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