

Mission Trails Regional Park News

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San Diego River Clean-Up Project 2010

On November 17, 2010, fifteen volunteers from San Diego River Park and KFMB staff assisted Mission Trails staff and Rangers in the removal of debris along the San Diego River from SR 125 to Kumeyaay Lake. With smiles and the grimaces of hard work, the volunteers removed over 250 fifty-five gallon trash bags of debris in a period three hours.

The volunteers had an amazing time working alongside the Mission Trails staff and Rangers. The San Diego River Park Foundation and Mission Trails took on a cleaner look after this service project. With the partnership of Mission Trails Rangers, staff, San Diego River Park volunteers and KFMB staff, the San Diego River will be a cleaner river for all of us.

Want to Participate in keeping the park clean?

Groups: Contact Ranger Mel Naidas at 619-668-3277 or mnaidas@mtrp.org.

Individuals: Join our Saturday work crews. Information can be found on our events calendar mtrp.org/events.asp.

Other volunteer opportunities: mtrp.org/volunteer.asp





A Message From Executive Director Jay Wilson

Mission Trails continues to provide an outstanding recreational and educational experience for our ever increasing number of visitors. This is a tribute to our dedicated Park Rangers, Grounds Maintenance staff, and our invaluable volunteers: Trail Guides, Volunteer Patrol, Tracking Team, Trail Crews, Habitat Improvement Teams, Park Beautification Teams, and those who (week in and week out) volunteer at the front desk and gift shop in the Visitor Center. In addition, we have our Center Directors at the Visitor Center and Kumeyaay Campground and the staff of the MTRP Foundation. All are dedicated to maintaining and improving the park and enhancing your experience at Mission Trails.

Nearly 74,000 people enjoyed touring the Visitor Center in 2010. That is a 17% increase over 2009, which speaks very well for Mission Trails, given that virtually every other visitor area and attraction was down in attendance in 2010. The facts that ten square miles of dedicated open space located in the center of a large population, and that the award winning Visitor Center are free stand as strong assets for us.

We also finished 2010 with very good news for the MTRP Foundation; we received a \$2,500 grant from the Beckman-Coulter Foundation to provide funding for the Trail Guide

“Discovery Stations”. Kumeyaay Indian Games will be featured at the “Discovery Station” in the Visitor Center on Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We also received \$8,000 from AT&T, and \$2,000 from the Southern California Metropolitan Water District to complete the funding for our new “Where Our Water Comes From” exhibit in the Visitor Center scheduled to open in April. In addition, we were granted an additional \$15,000 from the Sempra Energy Foundation to extend the MTRP Foundation’s educational outreach program Sempra funded last year, and, to produce several three to five-minute Internet-based educational videos to support the program.

Musical entertainment returns to the Visitor Center Theater in January and will run through June. All concerts are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm. The Pomerado Brass Quintet returns on Sunday, January 16, to begin our 2010 concert series.

We are confident 2011 will be an exciting and successful year for Mission Trails and the Foundation. With 10 square miles of park and 40 miles of trails, there is always something new to discover at Mission Trails. Please become a Friend of Mission Trails on Facebook.

Dates to Remember

Explore Mission Trails Day

May 21, 2011

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Nineteenth Annual Amateur Photography Contest

Deadline for submitting photos

April 16, 2011

All entries will be on display

April 24 to May 30, 2011

Reception and Awards Ceremony

May 22, 2011

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STAR PARTY

With George Varga

January 15, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

February 19, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

March 12, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground day use lot. Canceled if skies are overcast.

Arbor Day, *continued from back page*

Linda Odening, in memory of Walter R. Odening
Bob Scarano, in honor of Beverly & Ralph Scarano

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Our 2009 Arbor Day in Mission Trails was sponsored by City of San Diego Councilmember Marti Emerald, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department, Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee and Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation.

Art exhibits

Nature Interpreted: Seven Eclectic Approaches

Vicky De Long, Ceramics
Marji Huntington, Colored Pencil
Mark Wade, Photography
Nicholas Chill, Photography
Madeline Logan-Davis, Photography
Richard Powers, Oil
Jerry Vande Berg, Oil
January 2 - 28, 2011

Abigail Kurtz Migala Photography

January 29-February 25, 2011
Reception: February 6, 2011

**David Mooney, Acrylic and
Kathleen Thomson, Oil**
February 26-March 25, 2011

NATURE CLUB

Nature Club is a FREE program designed to provide children ages 8 to 12 with the opportunity to spend time outdoors, connecting with nature. Each Nature Club will offer hiking and various fun-filled nature related activities! Children will be immersed with the sights and sounds of nature as they build friendships and share memorable experiences.

Children should wear closed-toe shoes, weather-appropriate clothing in layers, hat and sunscreen. Also, be sure to bring drinking water and a backpack.

Space is limited to 10 participants and advance reservations are required. Contact Ranger Mika at (619) 668-2746, or at: mshimadacirelli@sanidiego.gov.

For details of each Saturday's event, check out our on-line calendar.
mtrp.org/events.asp



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Notable Donations

October 1 – December 31, 2010

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MTRP FOUNDATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Working in cooperation with the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Education Programs

The Foundation continued its summer week-long children's classes under the direction of Alicia Berg for children ages 6-12.

Linda Hawley oversees our Nature Adventure program one week each month from September through June, which targets children ages 2-5.

In November, 2009, the MTRP Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Sempra Energy Foundation to develop a new and expanded educational program for children K-12.

Visitor and Interpretive Center

The Foundation maintains a computer server and ten computers at the Visitor Center, for use by City and Foundation staff and volunteers, while one in the library is for the use of park visitors. Cox Communications continues to donate high-speed Internet service at the Visitor Center. The Foundation continues to sponsor monthly art shows in the gallery and an annual amateur photographic contest. The Foundation is supporting the city's efforts to upgrade the Visitor Center to become energy efficient as a "Lead" building.

A new high-tech screen was purchased for the theater to fit the new blu-ray format of "Mission Trails Regional Park, A Natural Beauty." There was a renovation of the seismic exhibit in our Exhibit Hall in cooperation with SDSU and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The entire face of the display was covered with a rock patterned Formica surface greatly enhancing the appearance of the exhibit. This display was also modified for two 28-inch high resolution monitors; one for seismic activity information and the other for educational videos (in progress).

Park Promotion

The Foundation Board of Directors continues to contract with a public relations/marketing consultant to generate publicity for the park and the annual Explore Mission Trails Day. The Executive Director contributes an article each month for the Mission Times Courier and the Tierra Times, highlighting specific park events and generally promoting all on-going activities in the park.

A concerted effort to obtain email addresses of visitors and interested individuals was initiated in March. E-news updates are sent to our email subscribers to promote events on a monthly basis.

Our quarterly newsletter has recently undergone a face lift when it was determined we could print our newsletter in four color for nearly the same cost as the single color price.

An outreach program was initiated by the Foundation in cooperation with the Trail Guides. The Foundation purchased a pop-up canopy with Mission Trails and the logo printed on all four sides of the canopy, to be used to promote the park at local events.

Explore Mission Trails Day

The eighth annual Explore Mission Trails Day, presented by the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald was held on May 15, 2010. Activities were staged at the Visitor Center, the Equestrian Staging Area and the Kumeyaay Campground.

Corporate sponsorships included the following: Title Sponsors – County of San Diego, San Diego Landfill Sys-

tems; Community Sponsors – Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Superior Ready Mix, AT&T; Pony Ride Sponsor – Kaiser Permanente; Photo Contest Sponsor – San Diego Fire Fighters Local 145.

Kumeyaay Lake Campground

The Foundation maintains the campground Internet and Intranet websites, which were developed by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. The Foundation purchases and maintains all computer equipment at the campground for use by staff and volunteers. The Foundation co-sponsors with the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department programs for children and adults at the Campground.

Volunteer Program

The Foundation provides on-going support for the volunteer program sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department. Support for FY2010 included the following: subsidized the cost of polo shirts worn by park volunteers; provided badges for volunteers; paid for snacks for work crews, trail guide trainings, and other volunteer events, as well as lunch and snacks for volunteer trainings; sponsored the annual Trail Guide training classes; funded a monthly Trail Guide Newsletter; supported the annual volunteer awards event by providing plaques, gift certificates, and door prizes in addition to food, beverages and paper products for the potluck dinner held in conjunction with the awards and program.

Want More Information

This is only a partial, edited list of Foundation Accomplishments. For the complete document, call 619-688-3280 or e-mail mtrp@mtrp.org.

Mission Trails Regional Park Donor Opportunities

By donating to Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, you are preserving the past and investing in the future.

Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation provides opportunities for individuals, businesses, community organizations, and foundations to support a variety of programs and projects within the park. Community support is important to ensure adequate funding to maintain the award winning Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center and the multiple amenities the park has to offer.

Special event and project sponsorship are also available. Sponsorship for Explore Mission Trails Day, an annual event held each May, range from \$500 to \$5,000. Exhibit sponsorships begin at \$2,500. Bench and table sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 depending upon the item and its location in the park. Contact Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation at 619-668-3280 or mtrp@mtrp.org for additional information.

Names of contributors of \$1,000 or more will be engraved on the donor board displayed at the Visitor and Interpretive Center. Yearly donations of \$100 or more are accumulated from year-to-year for donor recognition purposes.

Become a Business Friend of Mission Trails

Business Donors making contributions of \$100 to \$500 are eligible for a web site link from the Mission Trails web site for a period of six months. Business Donors making contributions of \$500 and above are eligible for a period of one year.

Our Funds ... You may designate your donation for one or more of the following funds.

Friends of Mission Trails - General support for all Park programs.

Trail Maintenance

Tree and Habitat Maintenance

Education Programs

Library Books and Supplies

Lake Murray

Endowment Funds

General Endowment Fund

Library Endowment Fund

Other ways you may donate ...

Memorial or In Honor Of gifts - Honor a friend or family member with a donation.

Matching funds - Identify Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) Foundation for a matching funds contribution if your employer has a policy of matching charitable gifts.

Gifts of Securities - To allow donors to realize full tax deductions for appreciated stock, MTRP Foundation accepts gifts of stock. Contact 619-668-3280 or mtrp@mtrp.org for further details.

Wills - Remember MTRP Foundation in your will.

Charitable Remainder Trusts - With a CRT, highly appreciated assets are placed in an irrevocable trust. Those asset proceeds provide income to the donor and/or the donor's beneficiaries for life. Contact your financial advisor for information.

Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, Inc.

One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119-1008

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Another Successful Arbor Day at MTRP

This year's Mission Trails Regional Park Arbor Day was celebrated on Saturday, December 4th at the Equestrian Staging Area. Joe Morse, President of the MTRP Foundation, welcomed and thanked everyone for their interest, contribution and support. MTRP Staff member Carmelo Esquer gave everyone instructions on how to properly plant twelve Engelmann oak and cottonwood trees. Members of Cub Scout Pack 975 and Boy Scout Troop 950 assisted with planting the trees and shrubs. Drew Potocki, the City's Arborist and Urban Forrester also assisted with the tree plantings.

Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation thanks the following donors for their support of our 2009 Arbor Day. Several families came to plant trees in honor or memory of a special person in their life.

Susan and Richard Braun
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