



# Mission Trails Regional Park News

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## New Equestrian Staging Area Near Completion in Mission Trails Regional Park

The new 12-acre multi-use staging area in the East Fortuna Region of Mission Trails is nearing completion. This facility will provide improved access to trails along with multi-use parking facilities and picnic areas for hikers, bikers and equestrians. It is anticipated this new staging area will be open to the public with a festive grand opening event by the end of 2004, marking a major milestone for the park since the devastating Cedar Fire.

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation wishes to acknowledge Senator Dede Alpert's efforts to fund this project resulting in a \$1 million State of California grant in 2001. This project has also been made possible by a donation of approximately 7 acres of land from Allied Waste Industries.

But your help and support is still needed! Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation has a continuing need for funds for picnic tables, horse corrals and the multi-purpose and pony ride rings.

Opportunities to support this exciting project include the following:

- Sponsorships of new picnic tables entitles the donor to a name recognition plaque on the table for a \$3,000 donation
- Sponsorships are available at \$1,000 for each of the eight horse corrals (10'x10')
- A large multi-purpose ring (100' x 150') and smaller pony ride ring (50' x 100') are also in need of funds

All donors of \$1,000 or more are recognized on the donor recognition board at the Visitor and Interpretive Center as well as on the Mission Trails web site ([www.mtrp.org](http://www.mtrp.org)) and in the Mission Trails newsletter.

The second phase of the project for future construction upon funding, will include a building with space for park staff offices and park maintenance facilities as well as an information area, restroom, large covered picnic area, and small kitchen to be available on a rental basis for public use. A smaller maintenance building with restrooms and an area for collecting money for periodic horse and pony ride rentals is also planned.

For more information on this project and sponsorship opportunities please contact the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation at (619) 668-3280 or [mtrp@mtrp.org](mailto:mtrp@mtrp.org).

## Puppet Theater



Jasmin Schlunegger, a Patrick Henry High School student and Girl Scout from Troop 3618, did an incredible job designing and developing a mobile puppet theater for her Girl Scout Gold Project. She built this engineering marvel, almost a year in the making, wrote two engaging environmentally themed puppet shows, and made all the beautiful puppets. After performing her shows for local schoolchildren, Jasmin donated everything to Mission Trails Regional Park education programs. Children and adults alike will receive many years of fun and learning because of Jasmin's ingenuity and hard work. We appreciate and applaud her efforts and generosity.

*Ranger Luanne Barrett*

## Opportunities For Youth

Mission Trails Regional Park has numerous opportunities for young people, whether individuals or groups, to contribute their time and energy. Over the years dedicated and talented youth have spent numerous hours helping the Ranger staff maintain and improve the park. Duties range from clerical and administrative at the Visitor Center to building fencing and trails throughout the park. Or, if you have a special project you wish to pursue pertaining to nature or ecology, Mission Trails may be the place to do it. For more information, contact Center Director Debbie Waddell at 619-668-3278.



## A Message From Councilmember Jim Madaffer

Things are never at a standstill at Mission Trails Regional Park. I'm pleased to tell you about some of the activities taking place. We're planning a joyful – and I do mean joyful as in “at last” --- celebration later this year for the East Fortuna Staging Area, which can accommodate equestrian use, off of Highway 52 at Mast Boulevard. In fact, we just selected the name for that street – Mission Trails Equestrian Circle. Construction began earlier this year for the first phase of the project that includes parking areas and landscaping. When the first phase is completed in the fall, it will provide a 48-space parking lot, 15 parking spaces for vehicles with horse trailers and picnic areas. There will also be space for horse rentals and pony rides.

The park now has another automated external defibrillator or AED. As you know, AEDs are portable devices about the size of a laptop computer and are used to restore the heartbeat of someone undergoing sudden cardiac arrest. They are simple to operate and designed for the public to use. Without an AED, a person has a 5 percent survival rate. With an AED, their survival rate skyrockets to 90 percent. A big thank you to Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser generously donated the new AED which was recently installed at Lake Murray. Kaiser Permanente deserves credit for recognizing the need for one at the lake since so many people enjoy that facility.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 12th Annual Photography Contest. The judges must have had a tough time deciding among all the talented entries submitted. The amateur photographers who participated were honored at a reception in June.

The park was the place to be on May 22nd when the annual Explore Mission Trails Day was held. Thousands took part in the daylong activities such as guided nature walks, crafts, music, story telling, mountain bike demonstrations and other attractions. I was pleased to join the MTRP Foundation and the City of San Diego in sponsoring this great event.

There is no way that MTRP could run so smoothly without the help of outstanding volunteers. Many of these individuals have donated their time and expertise for years. They are knowledgeable, reliable and wonderful. Certainly the City of San Diego and all who use the park are indebted to them. On behalf of the city and park visitors I want to say thank you to these great volunteers.

As always, I welcome hearing your comments regarding Mission Trails Regional Park or any other issue. Call me at (619) 236-6677 or send an email to [jmadaffer@sanidiego.gov](mailto:jmadaffer@sanidiego.gov). I invite you to visit my Web site at [JimMadaffer.com](http://JimMadaffer.com).

## People's Choice



### Aaron Spears - Abandoned House?

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## Kumeyaay Lake Campground

Time seems to go by so very quickly today, doesn't it? As we race through the summer and toward another school year looming just ahead, it becomes ever more important to remember to take some time to slow down and smell the proverbial flowers. Demands on our time never seem to decrease, so it falls to us to make that time available for ourselves and our loved ones. It is that time that will be remembered with fondness, not the chores and the jobs and the "have to's."

Mission Trails and Kumeyaay Lake Campground are perfect places to take those all important breathers. The park is ever changing with new things to discover and enjoy with every dawning day, and night brings special surprises not noticed in the sun's light. The campground is now open from Friday through Monday nights for camping and our programs are still top-notch. Remember us when you find yourself searching for a way to unwind and forget about it all for awhile. Your connection to nature is just around the corner and you won't have to spend much on gas!

**Recycle your glass, plastic and aluminum at Kumeyaay Lake Campground. Containers are located in the day-use parking lot. Proceeds go to MTRP Foundation.**

## First Place - Youth Division



**Jonathan Raney - Old Mission Dam**

## Recycling Helps Improve City Recreation Facilities

Five City of San Diego recreation sites in the east San Diego area received a \$7,569 check from the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) to help improve the facilities. The donation, presented May 3, 2004 at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center, represents one year of revenue generated from the sale of recyclable materials collected at the San Diego Park and Recreation locations.

Visitors deposited 214,226 pounds of recyclables! Collected were plastic and glass beverage containers along with aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, office paper, catalogs, magazines and mixed paper during the twelve month period at the Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Tierrasanta, and Colina Del Sol recreation centers and Mission Trails Regional Park. The facilities are among the 43 drop-off sites within the Park and Recreation system currently participating in ESD recycling programs.

Since 1992, the program has diverted approximately 14,000 tons of recyclables from disposal at the Miramar Landfill and earned \$667,000 in revenue from the sale of recyclables. The donations have helped purchase items at the Park and Recreation facilities such as jerseys and trophies for youth leagues, gymnastics mats, tennis court nets, table tennis equipment, benches for basketball courts, brochures, and funded special events such as spring egg hunts and Halloween carnivals.

For information about the City's recycling programs, please call the Environmental Services Department at 858- 694-7000 or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

For general information about Park and Recreation centers, call the Park and Recreation Department's Public Information office at (619) 525-8219, or go to <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/index.shtml>.



City of San Diego employees and recreation council advisors hold a \$7,569 check presented May 3, 2004 from the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) to help improve Park and Recreation facilities located in the eastern City of San Diego area. From left, Manny Aranda, City Park and Recreation area manager; Stephen Grealy, ESD recycling program manager; Dorothy Leonard, Mission Trails Citizen's Advisory Committee; Don Giaquinto, City Council District 7 representative (for Councilmember Jim Madaffer); Keith Selby, center director for Colina Del Sol Recreation Center; John Chandler, chairperson of Allied Gardens Recreation Council; and Carlos Cordova, director of Allied Gardens Recreation Center.



*Photos, continued from rear cover*

The annual amateur photography contest is sponsored by Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation in cooperation with the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department.

All contest entries will be on display at the Visitor & Interpretive Center through July. This year's winning photographs as well as those of previous contests can be viewed by going to [mtrp.org/photo\\_contest.asp](http://mtrp.org/photo_contest.asp) on the web.

The deadline for photos for the 2005 photography contest will be May 19. The reception to honor all photographers and announce the winners is scheduled for June 26, 2004.

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### **First Place - Color (Scenic Views)**



## **California Conservation Corps**



*built for erosion control*

Employment Grant, Mission Trails Regional Park has been fortunate to acquire the assistance of the California Conservation Corps (CCC). The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation and Park staff would like to applaud the dedicated crew of the CCC for the tremendous work they have done in post fire restoration. With the co-ordination of Bill Lawrence, Erosion Control Consultant and the ranger staff, and under the leadership of Victor Avila, Crew Administrator and Robert Eichwald, Crew Supervisor, these industrious men and women have spent months diligently building retaining walls, erosion control check dams, rock armoring of gullies and trail reconstruction and rehabilitation. Thank you to the CCC crew for all your







# ART EXHIBIT

Three Person Show  
**Joanne England**  
**Dorothy Dundore**  
**Carol Finney**

*August 8th through September 18th*  
*Reception August 8th, 2004*  
*from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.*

## **Kids Night Out**

Hey Kids! Join us at the Visitor Center for an evening of fun and adventure. Activities may include games, movies, crafts, and much more. Registration begins two weeks prior at the Visitor Center.

**This program is very popular and space is limited so sign up early.**

**Drop off and pick up at Visitor Center.**

**Ages 6 - 12 years, Cost \$15.00 per child.**

**Saturdays, August 21st, September 18th, and October 16th from 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

**For information, call (619) 668-3278.**



## **Shopping at the Gift Shop**

Numerous new items, including a line of plush animal puppets, have recently arrived.

The Gift Shop continues to carry a fine collection of Native American baskets, pots and painted gourds.

**Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**seven days a week**

## **Notable Donations**

April - June 2004

### ***Sponsor - \$10,000-\$25,000***

City of San Diego Special Promotional Programs

### ***Patron - \$2,500-\$5,000***

Gary and Nancy Krueger  
Mission Gorge Development  
San Diego Landfill Systems

### ***Founder - \$1,000-\$2,500***

The Corky McMillin Companies  
Genzyme Diagnostics - San Diego  
Councilmember Jim Madaffer

Friends and Family

*In memory of Fred Nagel*

Rotary Club of La Mesa  
San Diego Firefighters, Local 145  
Helen E. Welbourn

### ***Trailblazer - \$500-\$1,000***

Automobile Club of Southern California  
Sherie Buttermann

Ben and Nikki Clay

In loving memory of Dorothy Denton  
from the Denton Family

*Robert Denton, Barbara, Bill and Brian  
Kellison, Nancy and Dennis Wilson*

GEOCON Incorporated

Lawrence and Suzanne Hess

Richard and Carol Johnson

Waste Management of San Diego

### ***Path Finder - \$100-\$500***

Joe and Nancy Acevedo

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole

Erik and Aimee Faucett

Capt and Mrs. Robert Gillett, Ret.

Mary Ann Glatt

*In memory of Dorothy Ward Denton*

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayes

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San Diego State University Women's

Association

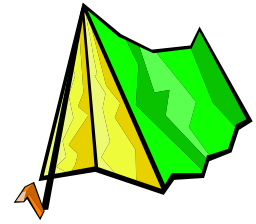
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## Walks, Talks & Other Events at Mission Trails

*For activities at the campground, park at the day use parking lot.  
For outdoor activities, bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes.  
Canceled if raining.*



### Arts & Activities

We will be making simple crafts for the upcoming winter and spring seasons. These are crafts that any child, aged 3 and up, will be able to do.

*Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground shade structure.*

**First Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m.**

### Native Plant Walks

Ranger led walks will introduce you to the remarkable plant world of Mission Trails Regional Park. Walks from the campground may include Oak Canyon. If interested, contact Ranger Paul Seiley at (619) 668-2747.

*Meet at Visitor & Interpretive Center.*

*(Wheelchair accessible)*

**First Saturday of each month, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

### Birding Basics

A sixty minute class to learn five simple techniques for identifying birds at a glance. We will also learn how to use a field guide, so if you have one, bring it with you.

*Meet at the Visitor Center.*

**Fourth Saturday of each month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

### Twilight Walks

Join us for a walk through the park under the moon's light. We may even get a chance to see some of the nocturnal animals that are active at night in the park. To maximize enjoyment, group size will be limited. *Reservations required.*

**For more information and reservations, please call**

**Kumeyaay Lake Campground at (619) 668-2748.**



### Rat Race

Learn about the secret world of rodents as you work hands-on with rats. You will experience their intelligence while teaching them to successfully navigate a maze. It will be fun for you and the rats. *At the Visitor Center. Ages 6-10 years, registration required..Cost: \$30.00*

**August 16, 17 and 18th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

## Star Gazing

*Meet at Kumeyaay Lake Campground day use parking lot*

### Star Party

Join our resident amateur astronomer George Varga and his telescope for an evening of star gazing.

**Saturday, August 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

### Stars at Mission Trails

The public is invited to view the night sky through the San Diego Astronomy Assoc members' telescopes.

**Second Friday of each month, sunset to 10:00 p.m.**



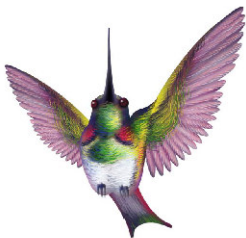
## MTRP.ORG

**For the most up-to-date information concerning events at Mission Trails visit our web site. Access the "Events" link near the top of the page then click a date on the calendar.**

**Or, use our search function to perform a search for a specific event.**

**For those without internet access call 619-668-3275**

## BIRD WALKS



**With David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood and Jay Rourke.**

**All walks are the third Saturday of the month  
8:00-10:30 a.m.**

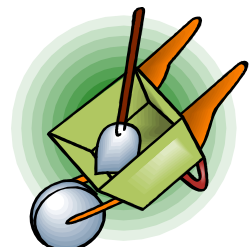
**For the location of the next walk, check our website or call  
(619) 668-3275**

## WORK CREWS

**Cancelled for August**

**Habitat Protection Team  
(Ranger Casey Smith)  
Meet at the Visitor Center 8:00 a.m.  
Second Saturday of the month**

**Trail Improvement Team  
(Ranger Casey Smith)  
Meet at the Visitor Center 8:00 a.m.  
Third Saturday of the month**





# Support Mission Trails Regional Park

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available.  
No prior experience needed. We provide any training necessary.

### At the Visitor Center

Front Desk  
Gift Shop

### Within the park

Trail Guide  
Park Patrol  
Work Crews



The easiest way yet to support  
Mission Trails

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Simply go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)  
access the "sign up" link near  
the top of the page  
and follow the simple instructions.  
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## Ways you can donate to Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to our many donors. It is because of your continuing support that we are able to fulfill our Mission – *In partnership with the City of San Diego, to preserve and protect the natural environment of Mission Trails Regional Park and to provide and promote educational and recreational opportunities.*

In addition to traditional cash donations, there are other ways you can provide short- and long-term financial support for park programs and projects.

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

**Matching Funds** – Identify Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation for a matching funds contribution if your employer has a policy of matching charitable gifts.

**Wills** – Remember Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation in your will.

**Gifts of securities** – In order to allow donors to realize full tax deductions for appreciated stock, Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation accepts gifts of stock. Please call (619) 668-3280 for further details.

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

The Foundation's *Special Funds* include education and library funds, trail and tree/habitat maintenance funds, education and library endowment funds. Call (619) 668-3280 for further information. – *MTRP Foundation Federal Tax ID – 33-028509.*

## Mission Trails Regional Park Donor Opportunities

Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation provides opportunities for individuals, businesses, community organizations and foundations to support a variety of programs and projects within Mission Trails Regional Park. Thank you to our many friends who make annual contributions to Friends of Mission Trails Regional Park. A variety of donor opportunities are available as indicated below. All contributions are tax deductible. Persons donating \$100 or more will be given a certificate of contribution. Names of contributors of \$1,000 or more will be engraved on a plaque permanently displayed at the park Visitor and Interpretive Center. Donations of \$100 and above will accumulate from year-to-year for contributor recognition purposes.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Donor Level

\$25 Individual _____	\$1,000 Founder _____	\$25,000 Benefactor _____
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\$500 Trailblazer _____	\$10,000 Sponsor _____	Other _____

### Special Funds

Please check fund(s) for which you wish your donation to be used.

General Park Support	_____
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Tree & Habitat Maintenance	_____
Trail Maintenance	_____
Lake Murray	_____

Make check payable to MTRP Foundation and send to:  
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# Twelfth Annual Photo Contest Winners

Awards for the Twelfth Annual Mission Trails Regional Park Photography contest were presented at a reception held at the park's Visitor & Interpretive Center on Sunday, June 27th. The Leonard Buttermann Best of Show Award was presented to Rick Wiley for his "Frozen Leaf" photograph. Aaron Spears received the People's Choice Award for "Abandoned House?".

Other winners include -

Black and White: Bill Howell, 1st place; Stuart Allison, 2nd place; Paul Williamson, 3rd place; Chad Jenkins, Honorable Mention.

Youth: Jonathan Raney, 1st place; , Aaron Spears 2nd and 3rd place and Honorable Mention.

Color - People, flora and fauna: Rick Wiley, 1st place; Ed Stalder 2nd place; Nancy Varga, 3rd place and Honorable Mention.

Color - Scenic Views: Brian Wright, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; Roger Scott, Honorable Mention

The photography contest and reception are an annual event sponsored by Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation.

Thank you to our Photography Contest Committee members: Betty Ogilvie, chair; Gene Hatton, Richard Johnson, Johnnie Perkins, Bill Sperling, Rick Wiley and Roland Roberge.

Thanks to Hometown Buffett for donating cookies for the photo contest reception.

*Photos, continued on, p. 6*

## Best in Show and 1st Place Color (People, Flora & Fauna)



**Rick Wiley - Frozen Leaf**