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STARGAZING AT MISSION TRAILS

Living in the city does have its advantages, enjoying live cultural and sporting events among them. For viewing the night time sky, however, buildings and lighting that surround us create problems. Thankfully, we need not go very far for an unobstructed view of the night sky. Mission Trails Regional Park sponsors the popular Star Party with volunteer George Varga, and, starting this year, Stars at Mission Trails with the San Diego Astronomy Association.

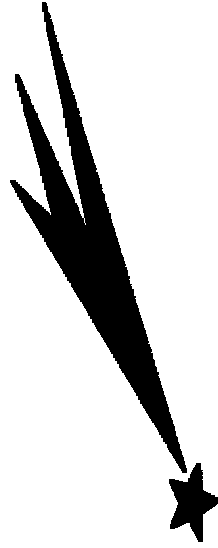
George Varga has been wowing his evening visitors for years with his telescope. Having started his astronomy program at the Visitor Center, he moved it to the Kumeyaay Lake Campground as soon as it opened two years ago.

Upcoming "Star Parties" will be held on Saturdays, Feb 8th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Gibbous, waxing moon), March 8th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., April 5th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., and May 10th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This year the San Diego Astronomy Association will also be joining in on the celestial fun with their own program. They are moving their operations from Balboa Park where they formerly held their meetings and stargazing events.

The "Stars at Mission Trails" program starts around sunset and will be held on the 2nd Friday of the month beginning February 14th.

All programs are free, will be held in the Kumeyaay Lake day use parking lot and will be cancelled in the event of rain.



The Vernal Equinox

Most people know that Winter ends and Spring starts on the 21st of March. Some even know that the day is called the Vernal, or Spring Equinox. Do you know the reason for this? It turns out that on the day of the Vernal Equinox the Sun, in its apparent path as viewed from Earth, crosses the Celestial Equator (and therefore the Earth Equator) as it travels from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere. This event marks the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. In many New and Old World cultures around the globe, this day was one of celebration because it marked the beginning of Spring and a warming trend.

The Vernal Equinox will take place this year at about 5 p.m. (PST) on March 20. From that day on, the Sun will reach a higher elevation by noon each day until it reaches the highest point in the sky on the 21st of June; the day of the Summer Solstice. At noon on that day your shadow will be the shortest. On the day of the Vernal Equinox, the times of day and night are very close to equal, while on the day of the Summer Solstice, we experience the longest period of daylight. In San Diego this amounts to 14 hours and 19 minutes from sunrise to sunset.

Note: During the months of January, February and March that very bright "star" in the Southeastern sky before sunrise is not a star at all. It is the planet Venus. During these three months and into May and June Venus will get lower and lower in the morning sky and finally will not be visible again until September very low in the Western sky.

George Varga



A Message From Councilmember Jim Madaffer

Expanding the boundaries of Mission Trails Regional Park is major goal of mine as well as the MTRP Task Force and many others. We were pleased to learn recently that the City was awarded a \$1.72 million federal grant to assist in the acquisition of regional open space in the East Elliott area. Acquisition of East Elliott property will help to expand the park, which is a unique and valuable regional recreational and biological resource. The grant will help the City in continuing to expand Mission Trails Regional Park. I am enthusiastic about the joint land acquisitions that are occurring and eagerly look forward to future cooperative efforts.

More good news for the park: The Zoological Society of San Diego and San Diego State University deserve to be commended for an agreement that directly benefits the park. The Zoo will acquire three parcels of land, owned by the university, that totals 266 acres on Fortuna Mountain. This land will be deeded directly to the City and the Zoo will provide an endowment of \$69,000 to the Park and Recreation Department to manage the property as part of Mission Trails Regional Park. The sale of this land increases the acreage of Mission Trails Regional Park, is compliant with the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), and it helps the university with their mitigation needs.

On December 7th we held our annual MTRP Arbor Day. The event began with an interpretive wagon ride at the campground and then volunteers planted Coast Live Oak trees and numerous native shrubs. Supporters helped by paying for the cost of purchasing a tree or shrub. Don't forget to mark your calendar now for the first Saturday in December for next year's Arbor Day.

As always, I welcome hearing your comments about Mission Trails Regional Park or any other issue. Call me at (619) 236-6677 or send an e-mail to jmadaffer@sandiego.gov I invite you to visit my Web site at JimMadaffer.com.

When exploring the East and West Fortuna areas of the park, remember, if you find a piece of unexploded ordnance, don't touch it; mark its location; call the Fire Department at 911 and wait for their arrival!

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Astronomy Day

The SDAA and Mission Trails are participating in Astronomy Day, a national event held by astronomy organizations across the nation to promote astronomy and space sciences awareness. The public is invited to the all-day event at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center. There will be various demonstrations, solar viewing during the day, and an evening star party. Meet at the Visitor Center for Astronomy Day on April 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects at Mission Trails

Trails Eagle Scouts are young men, age 10 to 17 years old, who have earned a total of 24 merit badges and are committed to their community and the environment.

Each Eagle Scout candidate is required to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or town.

Eagle Scout candidates frequently come to Mission Trails Regional Park and meet with Ranger Mel Naidas where they receive an orientation to a variety of service projects that are available. These projects vary from fencing off voluntary trails (200 feet minimum), scarifying and brushing off voluntary trails, building and renovating kiosks and building a portable puppet stage. In addition the scouts prevent erosion from filling storm drain inlets and brow ditches throughout the park.

During the month of June 2002, a total of 20 Leadership Service Projects by Eagle Scout candidates, totaling 2400 man hours at a savings of \$36,000 to the City of San Diego, were conducted and completed in coastal sage, chaparral and riparian areas throughout Mission Trails Regional Park, under the guidance of Park Ranger Mel Naidas.

Mel's primary role was as facilitator in assisting these Eagle Scout candidates in overcoming barriers or obstacles in their projects. For Ranger Naidas, it was an honor and a pleasure to work with and assist these candidates, who now understand the importance of their stewardship in ensuring the biological, cultural and historical values of working with sensitive habitat and open space. The commitment of the scouts makes a difference in protecting the unique biodiversity of the park and in enhancing the region's quality of life.

Kumeyaay Lake Campground



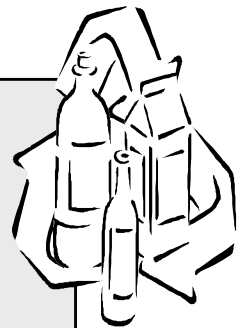
Spring. Just the word evokes a pleasant sigh, a gentle calming of winterworn nerves. In this time of renewal, our minds are filled with images of green grasses, bright blooming flowers and the anticipation of glimpses of baby birds and critters in the trees and on the trails.

What better place to enjoy the awakening earth than Mission Trails Regional Park and Kumeyaay Lake Campground! Hike, bike and explore San Diego's premier Open Space Park during the day and sleep under the stars at night. Enjoy horse shoes, nature videos, bird watching, exciting and informative classes. We also have great programs for little or no cost such as Full Moon Hikes, Trail Guide led walks, walks for dogs or to learn about tracking or the Kumeyaay. Spend time learning about the stars or enjoy a campfire program or Kid's Night Out - there's something for everyone!

Join us soon and celebrate Spring in all it's glory!

Ranger Luanne Barrett

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



NEW BMX SITE NOW OPEN

Motor-cross bicycling opportunities are now available at an abandoned quarry site in the park, north of the Deerfield pump Station on Mission Gorge Rd. just west of the Jackson Dr. staging area. Numerous truckloads of dirt have been donated and dumped by Superior Ready Mix giving the BMX community an opportunity to design and build a new course for themselves! The site is open to the public seven days a week and has parking for up to forty cars.

Thank you to our many Mission Trails contributors in the year 2003

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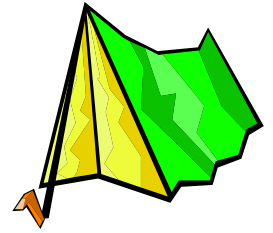
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Walks, Talks & Other Events at the Campground

*Park at the Day Use Parking Lot.
For outdoor activities bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes.
Canceled if raining.*



Boots and Paws

People and pets can socialize as we learn about your dogs care when out in the park and the effects dogs have on the surrounding habitats. Dogs must be on a leash. Bring water for you and your dog and a bag to pick up after them.

Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station.

Saturdays, Feb. 1st, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.,

April 5th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Who's Been Here?

All ages are invited to join Ranger Barrett for a beginning wildlife tracking walk. Play detective and discover the mystery of the critters that lead active lives while we sleep.

Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground shade structure.

Saturdays, March 1st and May 3rd, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Kumeyaay Lake Campground Campfire Programs

Join campground staff and special guests for a campfire show! Dress warm and bring a flashlight.

For more information check the park web site or call (619) 668-2748.

Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Saturdays, Feb. 22nd, 6:00 p.m., March 29th, 6:15 p.m.

April 26th, 7:00 p.m., May 5th, 7:30 p.m.



Arts & Activities

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

Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground shade structure.

Saturdays, Feb. 22nd, March 8th, April 12th, and May 10th at 10:00 a.m.

"Saturday at the Movies"

Join us for nature videos and a chance to learn more about our environment.

Meet at the Campground shade structure.

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Star Party

Come out to the park and check out the stars with George Varga. A telescope will be available to view the stars!

Meet at Kumeyaay Lake Campground day use parking lot.

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March 8th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., April 5th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.,
May 10th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

Stars at Mission Trails

A monthly gathering of San Diego Astronomy Association for public viewing through the members' telescopes.

Meet at Kumeyaay Lake Campground day use parking lot.

Second Friday of the month from sunset to 10:00 p.m.

For ages 6-12 years. Cost \$10.00 each or all three for \$25.00

Hali Day Camps at the Vistor Center

Wild Cats of the World. How long do lions sleep? Why do tigers have stripes? How can Cheetas run so fast? Join us as we solve some of the mysteries behind wild cats around the world. You'll discover how they are (and are not) like your pet cat at home. **April 17th**

Nature Photography for Kids. Learn to see nature with a new "eye" in this workshop. Then venture out with camera in hand on a photo safari right here in San Diego's back yard. (Film provided; please bring your own camera.) **April 17th**

Practical, Peculiar and Pettable Pets. Why were cats domesticated? How similar are wolves and dogs? What's the best way to keep a reptile happy? Learn how to be an awesome pet owner. **April 17th**

BIRD WALKS

With David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood and Jay Rourke

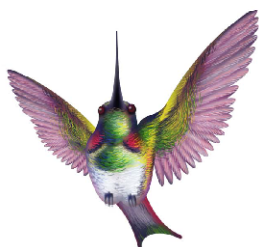
All walks are the third Saturday of the month 8:00-10:30 a.m.

February 15th - Kumeyaay Lake from Campground parking lot

March 15th - Cowles Mountain trail from Barker Way

April 19th - Old Mission Dam

May 17th - Mast Blvd. restoration site from Mast Staging area.



WORK CREWS

Habitat Protection Team

(Ranger Paul Seiley)

Meet at the Visitor Center 8:00 a.m.
Second Saturday of the month

Trail Improvement Team

(Ranger Rick Thompson)

Meet at the Visitor Center 8:00 a.m.
Third Saturday of the month



Park Beautification Team

(Ranger Paul Seiley)

Meet at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground 8:30
Fourth Saturday of the month

Land of the Kumeyaay

Walk the same grounds as the Kumeyaay did hundreds of years ago. Ranger Casey Smith will lead an interpretive walk starting at the Old Mission Dam parking lot.

**Sundays, February 16th, March 16th,
April 13th, and May 18th, 2:00 p.m.**

Native Plant Walks

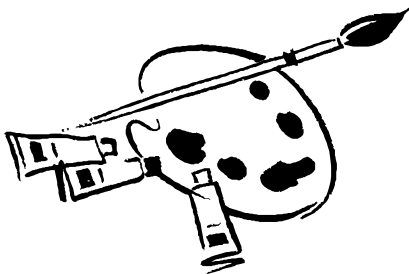
Ranger led walks will introduce you to the remarkable plant world of Mission Trails Regional Park. If interested, contact Ranger Paul Seiley at (619) 668-2747.

Meet at Visitor & Interpretive Center.

(Wheelchair accessible)

Saturday, Feb. 1st, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Group Art Show

The water colors and oils of four local area women:

**Betty Blount
Sandra Hayden
Doris Regan
Grace Schlesier
Nancy Tschopp**

will be on display from
January 25 to March 7, 2003

Shopping at the Gift Shop

Lots of fun and practical items are for sale in our gift shop. The Matilija Poppy and Flowering Plants t-shirts are now available in red in addition to many other colors.

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

Terrarium

A World in Miniature

With Anne Carver

Co-sponsored with the Natural History Museum

Plant a beautiful bubble bowl with long lasting houseplants.

This is not a typical terrarium, but more of a tiny Chinese-inspired landscape with a garden path, twig trees, and hills for a centerpiece of Zen!

Cost \$40 includes a \$20 materials fee.

Meet at the Mission Trails Visitor Center.

Saturday, February 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kids Night Out

Hey Kids! Join us at the Visitor Center for an evening of fun and adventure. Activities may include a cookout, movie, campfire, hike, craft and much more. Registration begins two weeks prior at the Visitor Center (Space is limited so sign up early).

**Drop off and pick up at Visitor Center.
Ages 6 - 12 years, Cost \$15.00 per child.
3rd Saturday of the month beginning in
March from 5:00-10:00 p.m.**

For information, call (619) 668-3275.



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