



# Mission Trails Regional Park News Update - February 2003

## Volunteer of the Year Honored

The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation honored outstanding volunteers at an awards ceremony held Saturday evening, February 1, 2003 in the theatre at the Visitor and Interpretive Center.

Greg Chiles was selected as Volunteer of the Year for 2002. If anyone deserves an award for being the volunteer of the year, it is Greg Chiles! He is an amazing young man who makes time to volunteer at Mission Trails, while also volunteering at Project Wildlife, working with County Parks, attending college and assisting elderly neighbors with home repairs.

Greg assists with the planning, implementation, and supervision of the park's very successful Kids' Night Out program. He is a graduate of the Mission Trails Trail Guide program and now leads nature walks and talks in the park. Greg also helps the staff at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground with a variety of duties. He assists with camping reservations, data entry, customer service, minor maintenance, locking park gates, briefing campers, setting up for special campground programs and events. In addition Greg is on the bike and foot patrol teams, habitat protection team, and goes on patrol with the night ranger. Congratulations Greg!

*(To view a list of other volunteers honored, visit [mtrp.org](http://mtrp.org).)*



*Volunteer of the Year  
Greg Chiles*

**To become a volunteer you may use our online volunteer application  
(at our home page [mtrp.org](http://mtrp.org) click the volunteer link) or call 668-3278.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 14, sunset - Stars at Mission Trails** - Meet at the campground parking lot.

**February 15, 8 a.m. - Bird Walk** - Kumeyaay Lake from campground parking lot.

**February 15, 8 a.m. - Trail Improvement Team** - Meet at the Visitor Center.

**February 16, 2 p.m. - Land of the Kumeyaay** - An interpretive walk featuring Kumeyaay culture as it relates to the flora and fauna of Mission Trails.

**February 22, 8:30 a.m. - Park Beautification Team** - Meet at the campground.

**February 22, 6 p.m. - Campfire Program** - Meet at the campground amphitheater.

**March 8, 6 p.m. - Star Party** - Meet at the campground parking lot.

**For more information** on these and other upcoming events check out our web site at [mtrp.org](http://mtrp.org), the latest Mission Trails Newsletter, or call The Visitor Center at 619-668-3275.

## ART EXHIBITS

**Now until March 7**

Group Art Show

*Five local area women*

Betty Blount

Sandra Hayden

Doris Regan

Grace Schlesier

Nancy Tschopp

**Starting March 8**

Two person show

Louie Ortiz - Bird sketches in pencil

Marie Dexter - Oil & watercolor