



Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

April 2017

Early Schedule of 2nd Qtr. Events

Walks

Lusardi Canyon Flower Safari

Sat. April 1, 8:30 a.m.

Take a hike with a Ranger to search for wildflowers in beautiful Lusardi Canyon. On this intermediate 3 mile hike we will learn about plant communities and plant families and view evidence of recent storm damage. Meet at the parking area on the west side of Camino del Sur between Cerro del Sur and Paseo del Sur, San Diego, CA 92127. Leashed dogs are welcome on this hike. For more information call the Black Mtn. Ranger Office: (858) 538-8021.

Vernal Pool Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat., April 8, 9 – 11 a.m.

Vernal pools are our most endangered habitat. Learn about them and the *extremophile* plants and animals that live in them. Enjoy the endangered San Diego Mesa Mint and the *Downingia cuspidata* and other flowers and amphibians. Meet at 11125 Taloncrest Way, San Diego, 92121. Contact Mike Kelly at mkelly1@san.rr.com if you have any questions.

Nature and Lichens Walk with Les Braund in Eastern Peñasquitos Canyon

Sat., April 15, 8-10 a.m.

Join Les Braund, former president of the S.D. Mycological Society, to see a variety of lichens and other things of nature on this easy walk. Bring water and sun protection. This is the first walk in many years into the eastern Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Meet at the equestrian center at 12115 Black Mtn., S.D. 92129. After entering the center take the first right to park by the old Trailers.

Restoration Projects

Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors

Sun., April 9, 8:30 a.m. – noon.

Join Ranger John Garwood for trash cleanups and other types of projects. Meet at the Ranger Station, 12005 Black Mtn. Rd., SD 92129.

Black Mtn. Open Space Restoration

Sun., April 9, 1 - 4 p.m.

Join us for a restoration work party. We'll be planting native plants and watering plants put in the ground on earlier events. Community service credits available for students. Call Mike Kelly for more info at 858-342-8856 or email mkelly1@san.rr.com. Wear long pants and bring gloves if you have them. Meet in the northeast corner of Black Mtn. Community Park at 14700 Carmel Valley Rd./Black Mountain Park Way in Rancho Peñasquitos, CA 92129.

Ranger Melanie's Peñasquitos Canyon Restoration Project

Sat., April 15, 9-12.

Join City Ranger Melanie Fontana in restoring habitat sites. Get on the list for the meeting place at this URL at the City's volunteer portal to sign up: (<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicEnterprise/ef01a2-fd5d-40e9-a8d0-78324d817ec7>).



Some of the 57 Girl Scouts and their families helping us plant native March 26. Friends volunteers Beth Mather, Cindy Burrascano, Mike Kelly, Esther Hsueh, and Matt Urely worked with the scouts. The Total Raptor Experience (TRex) provided an intermission educational show with 4 live types of raptors. Photo by Mike Kelly.