



## Hikes, Events, Volunteer Opportunities

### July

#### **Wildlife Survey Volunteer Training–Free**

Sat. July 9, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This FREE class prepares you to participate on surveys that monitor the wildlife in major open space preserves and other critical areas. You will learn about basic track and scat identification, animal gaits, habitat fragmentation, survey transects, data collection protocols, and conservation. At the end of the class, you can sign up to join experienced trackers on some of SDTT's wildlife surveys throughout the San Diego area. Dress prepared to spend time outdoors and bring a sack lunch. Please pre-register at [sdttinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sdttinfo@gmail.com) or call 760-715-4102 and leave your email address. More information at [www.sdtt.org](http://www.sdtt.org). The ranch house is located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.

#### **Volunteer Habitat Weeding Event**

Sat. July 16, 9-12.

Join City Ranger Melanie Fontana in weeding habitat restoration sites. Visit this URL to sign up:

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp2387009.jsp>.



*Troop 3115 Brownies at habitat site in Santa Luz grasslands*

#### **Night Walk with Mike Kelly**

Sat. July 23, 7:00 p.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the Preserve at night. Possibly see Mule deer, other critters. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson made his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129.

#### **Night Walk with Will Bowen**

Sat., July 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

A walk in the canyon at night. It's an eerie, unusual, and peaceful place filled with many wonders. The senses are enriched at night and are our guides. We will also contemplate the moon, stars, and constellations above. Bring a flashlight, water, and insect repellent. Meet in the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Sorrento Valley.

### August

#### **Tracker Intensive Dirt Time**

Sat. Aug. 20, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Enhance your tracking skills with an experienced SDTT tracker. This free-form dirt-time will focus on advanced tracker/naturalist concepts with topics depending on what type of sign is found. Topics we hope to cover: small mammals like mice, voles, shrews; reptile or amphibian sign; gaits; various bird species; skull identification; and possibly some trailing. This dirt-

time session is for new trackers, apprentice trackers (counts toward continuing education requirement), and seasoned trackers alike, and should help anyone who is planning to take a CyberTracker Track & Sign evaluation. End time is approximate, so bring a lunch and be prepared to spend the day outside. Attendees are encouraged to use the SDTT Facebook Group to coordinate ride sharing. Please RSVP to [sdttinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sdttinfo@gmail.com) so you can receive up-to-date information on location. Cost: \$10.

### **Full Moon Walk with Will Bowen**

Sat. August 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

A walk in the canyon under the eerie light of the full moon. Moonlight's photoelectric effects on plants and animals, including ourselves. Discover it! Bring a flashlight, water, and insect repellent. Meet in the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Sorrento Valley.

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### **Night Walk with Mike Kelly**

Sat. August 27, 6:45-9:00 p.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the Preserve at night. Possibly see Mule deer, other critters. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson made his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129.

## **September**

### **Beginning Tracker/Naturalist Class— Part 1**

Wed., Sept. 14, 7 p.m.– 9 p.m.

The Tracker/Naturalist series of classes provides you with information and skills to identify tracks, scat, and other signs from wildlife that inhabit our local nature preserves. Classes involve one weekday evening of classroom instruction and a weekend day in the field for “dirt time” instruction. The field day for this class is Saturday, September 17.

Beginning Class topics include: levels of tracking, the six arts of tracking, sensory awareness, journaling, the process of track identification, common species encountered locally, and introduction to gaits.

Cost: \$50 (\$10 discount for SDTT members). Pre-registration required. More information at [www.sdtt.org](http://www.sdtt.org). E-mail [sdttinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sdttinfo@gmail.com) or call 760-715-4102 to register.

### **Volunteer Habitat Weeding Event**

Sat. Sept. 17, 9-12.

Join City Ranger Melanie Fontana in weeding habitat restoration sites. Visit this URL to sign up: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp2387009.jsp>.

### **Full Moon Spider Walk with Will Bowen**

Sat. Sept. 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

In late summer and early fall in the early hours of the evening. Orb spiders build huge beautiful webs across the trail. We might see Black and Brown Widow spiders as well. Bring a flashlight, water, and insect repellent. Meet in the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Sorrento Valley.

For more information about Friends' activities or to ask about an activity for your group please visit [www.penasquitos.org](http://www.penasquitos.org), call 858-484-3219 or email [mkelly1@san.rr.com](mailto:mkelly1@san.rr.com). Friends' activities are free.



*Troop 3115 Brownies after  
planting cactus in our  
restoration site near Black Mtn.  
Community Ranch Park.*

### **Birding with all Your Senses**

Sat. September 24, 8 a.m.

Join ornithologist Jeanie Anderson on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars, and cover-ups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the west end of Canyonside Park Driveway, 12350 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego, 92129, then 1 block west up the drive to the sign at the beginning of the white ranch house fence.

### **Night Walk with Mike Kelly**

Sat. Sept. 24, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the Preserve at night. Possibly see Mule deer, other critters. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson made his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129.

## **Every Saturday & Sunday**

### **Historic Adobe Ranch Tour**

Saturdays at 11 a.m, Sundays at 1 p.m.

San Diego County Park docents lead a free guided tour of San Diego's second oldest standing residence, Rancho Santa Maria de los Peñasquitos. See an historic Mexican rancho with three foot thick adobe walls, settler and Indian artifacts and tour the grounds. The ranch house is located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.

## **Every Two Months**

### **Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Board of Directors Meeting**

Tues., Sept. 6, Nov. 1, 2016

Friends's members are welcome to attend these planning meetings for our varied activities. At the ranch house at Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego 92129.

### **Black Mountain Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee**

Thurs., July 14, Sept. 8, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Public is welcome to attend these planning meetings which advise Park officials on park matters. Meet in the Canyonside Recreation Center located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego 92129.

### **Peñasquitos Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee**

Thurs., July. 21, Sept. 15, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Public is welcome to attend these planning meetings which advise Park officials on park matters. Meet in the Canyonside Recreation Center located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego 92129.