



SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills

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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association Community Meeting

September 20, 2010 7:15 pm

Presenter: **Graywolf**, Chumash Indian Museum Curator and Leader

Graywolf and Alfred Panther are curators of the Chumash Indian Museum, 3290 Lang Ranch Pkwy, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Graywolf is dedicated to the historical site and living history center, restoring and preserving Chumash historical, cultural, and the natural environment. As curator he has dedicated his life to conducting educational programs including school field trips, building historical-cultural exhibits for the museum and creating handcrafted artifacts and crafts.

In addition to his partnership with Alfred Panther as Museum Curators, they have the only native owned company that does casting, wardrobe and props for TV and Motion Pictures. Graywolf made the bone hair pin for Johnny Depp's role in Pirates of the Caribbean! And, just to fill every minute in a significant way, Graywolf and Panther have a Blues Band, Graywolf is lead guitar and Panther plays Native American drums.

Graywolf will discuss the history, culture and current events of the Chumash Indians and will demonstrate using tools and toys.

Note: Chumash Indian Museum in Thousand Oaks will be hosting the Third Tribal Gathering on Sept. 18 and 19 - information on their website; www.chumashcenter.org

SSMPA Community Meetings take place every 3rd Monday. September through November and January through May (or June) at the Rockpointe Clubhouse, 22300 Devonshire Street. Chatsworth, CA 91311, on the south side, 1 block before the entrance of Chatsworth Park South. Our Program meetings start at 7:00pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

SAVE THESE DATES - UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

October 18 - Presenter: Jerry England, Author of "Rendezvous at Boulder Pass: Hollywood's Fantasyland" and "Reel Cowboys of the Santa Susanas"

November 15 - Presenter: Boeing and NASA: Rocket History at the Santa Susana Field Lab

December - no community meeting

January 17, 2011: Photo Night: SSMPA Members share photos taken in the Santa Susana Mtns. And Simi Hills

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

EQUESTRIAN FAMILY PLAY DAY

Sunday, Sept. 26 8 am - all day
21126 Chatsworth St.
(Between Canoga & Variel)

PIONEER DAY

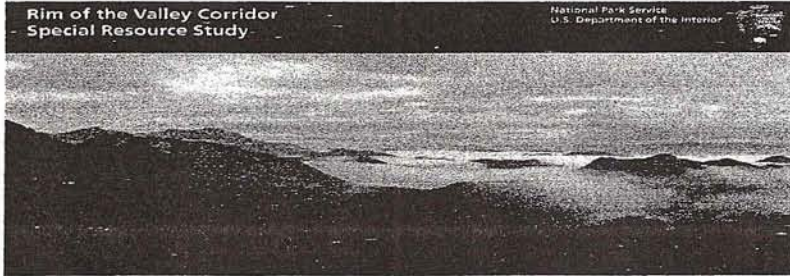
Sunday, October 3
Homestead Acre
10385 Shadow Oak Dr
(In Chatsworth Park South -

end of Devonshire)

For more details/updates: See website: www.ssmpa.com
much more!

Chili Cook off for prizes and

OUR VISION: *The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association envisions a future in which we preserve and protect the historic Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills. We seek to realize a vision where the community values and we are actively engaged with the protection of Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills as urban wilderness of ethnological, archaeological and historical interest. The future is one in which the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills are accessible to all to enjoy throughout the greater Los Angeles region. OUR MISSION:* *The mission of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) is to serve as stewards of the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park (SSPSHP) and surrounding areas, and to continue to preserve and protect habitats for plants and animals native to the location, unique geological formations, and sites of ethnological, archaeological, and historic interest. We also seek to provide passive recreational and environmental education opportunities, support the acquisition of new public parks, open space and conservation easements, expand existing natural parks, and to participate in the planning of park infrastructure and programs.*



Greetings!

This summer, the National Park Service initiated a new "special resource study" of the **Rim of the Valley Corridor** surrounding the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties of southern California. The Rim of the Valley Corridor study's purpose is to determine whether any portion of the study area is eligible to be designated as a unit of the national park system or added to an existing national park such as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The study will also explore other ways that private or governmental entities can protect resources and provide more outdoor recreation opportunities.

As we begin the study, we are building an email list of people who are interested in the study process or in the outcome of the study. To that end we would like to invite you to **register for email alerts on our website**. People on our e-mail list will receive notices of **upcoming meetings** and **current newsletters** summarizing the **study process** and draft findings when they are available. Once you opt-in to our email list, you can easily opt-out if you decide that you are no longer interested. We will not share our email list with any other entity. For more information, please visit the study website: <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley/> Please note that the public comment period has opened and will extend through **October 29, 2010**.

We look forward to staying in touch with you throughout the process!

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Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
Mason Recreation Center
10500 Mason Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 W. Avenue 26
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 7-9pm
George A. Carvalho Santa Clarita Sports
Complex-Activities Center Building
20880 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
Conejo Recreation and Parks District
Community Room
403 W. Hillcrest Dr.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Monday, October 4, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
King Gillette Ranch
26800 West Mulholland Highway
Calabasas, CA 91302

Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
Northeast Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA 91042

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
Charles S. Farnsworth Park
Davies Building
568 East Mount Curve Ave.
Altadena, Ca 91001

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Hikes in the Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park and the Local Area
Hikes are canceled if it rains. There are no hikes on holidays. Bring water, snack, lug soles shoes, hat, and sunscreen. No hiking in the summer-early fall due to hot weather.

**Welcome Walks are organized
and led by SSMPA.**

**Please confirm, when requested,
with the leaders indicated.**

**"WELCOME WALKS"
AT SANTA SUSANA PASS
STATE HISTORIC PARK**

John Luker, SSMPA Vice President, is in the park most weekends. Give him a call and he will help you to get the most out of our park.

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Get to know your park - get to know your history.



STAGECOACH TRAIL

Stagecoach Trail: Meet 9:00 am. 3rd Sunday of each Month, months November through June. No hiking in the summer-early fall due to hot weather. Interpretative hike into history of Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. Hike is a 3 to 4-1/2 mile loop (400' gain) up the historic Stagecoach Trail. Directions: From Topanga Cyn. Blvd., turn west on Devonshire St., to Larwin Avenue about 200 feet south of Devonshire on right. Meet at park entrance on Larwin Avenue . Park on street. Leader: Lee Baum (818-341-1850/ Sierra Club-Santa Susana Mtns. Task Force Outing.)



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Invites you to **JOIN/NEW** (circle 1). Investing in the future of our Communities and its resources is probably one of the best expenditures of our time and effort. Return this cut off with your contribution and your support. **AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 THE NEW YEARLY DUES ARE:** ()\$15.00 for Individuals ()\$20.00 for a Family ()\$30.00 for a Business or Organization ()\$150.00 for an Individual Life Membership ()\$200.00 for a Family Membership. Make your check payable to SSMPA and mail it to our Post Office Box Address (see last page). Please be sure to include your Name, Mailing Address, Phone and E-Mail Address. Please tell us about any special interests, special skills or special expertise that you have.

NAME _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
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Making it Happen - SSMPA follows our Vision and Mission with great results!

Your membership and contributions help SSMPA preserve and protect the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park and surrounding open space. State budget cuts earmarked our Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park for closure. SSMPA Board Members, with the active support and assistance of local state park officials, set up a call to action and enlisted over 60 volunteers! We learned from California State Parks that there were 38 very active volunteers that logged 1,433 hours between January - June, 2010! Fourteen of these volunteers have earned District passes. There are two volunteers who contributed more than 100 hours! SSMPA achieved our goal beyond our own expectations! More to come in future months!

SSMPA is currently working on these projects:

- The Chatsworth Nature Preserve remains an open space preserve to protect cultural & historical assets, keep the area a vital Canada Goose migratory sanctuary, as well as a wildlife preserve for hundreds of other birds and wildlife.
- We are working with Boeing/NASA/DOE as SSFL is cleaned up to standards set by CA State TOWARD THE GOAL that one day the area becomes an open space park -(crucial to the Rim of the Valley Wildlife Corridor)- Rim of the Valley Wildlife Corridor (ROV) is another project that we will partner with other community leaders to make happen, which includes a related objective to set aside open space in this area so wildlife will have a connecting trail between all the surrounding mountain ranges to ensure their survival. People, too, will have places to hike, ride horses and bikes, and be able to enjoy our beautiful foothills and mountains for generations to come.
- State Park Visitor Center: The Visitor Center is in place and display cabinets are moved in - it is located between the Chatsworth Historical Society and the Recreation Center in Chatsworth Park South. It will be months before electrical hook up and displays are set up but there has been great progress!

Time for SSMPA Membership Renewal!

We thank you for your continued support through your membership and contributions! We appreciate your membership and support of SSMPA. Last year we changed membership renewal to September of each year rather than the month you joined to make renewal management easier. *Membership for 2010/2011 is due September, 2010 so we thank you in advance for sending in your renewal.* Some of you joined or renewed during the summer months and your membership renewal is set for September, 2011
MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ON PAGE 3

Thank you!



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