



VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

Theme:

Volunteer Associations: Partners in Stewardship

Midpines/Mariposa, California
September 16-17, 2005

Hosted by:

California Wilderness Legacy Project

In partnership with

*High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, Stanislaus Wilderness Volunteers and Sierra Club
Service Trips*

With support from

Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Region

WHO: Volunteer Associations, Board Directors and members, Interpretative Associations, Friends Group, Foundations, new start-ups, and Forest Service employees with volunteer management and related duties. Also, NPS and BLM staff and associations are encouraged and invited to participate.

PURPOSE: To provide a forum for wilderness and trail stewards and volunteer association members to share and exchange successful stewardship efforts and lessons learned along the way.

OBJECTIVES:

- Share and steal ideas.
- Network with other volunteer association members.
- To identify what is needed from the FS to make associations more effective and successful.
- Collaboration on projects in FY06 to be more effective and share resources.
- To potentially create a statewide coalition or network of volunteer organizations.

TUITION: No tuition cost for this Workshop.

Note: Tables will be provided at the workshop to exhibit brochures, products and projects.

REGISTRATION: - Contact Peter Keller to register at pckeller@fs.fed.us or 707-562-8837. Please provide your name, organization and contact information.

LODGING & MEETING: - Yosemite Bug Hostel, Midpines. <http://www.yosemitebug.com/index.html>
The hostel has private rooms with shared baths or private paths, tent cabins, tent sites and dorms. We have a building reserved with 22 dorm beds and conference room space. For \$15 total, you'll get two nights in the dorm and all meals included. The first 22 people to register with Peter Keller and reserve these dorm beds will get the great deal. Otherwise, the lodging needs to be reserved through the hostel (1-866-826-7108) at listed prices. Also, the following link, has hotels/motels in the Mariposa area.
<http://www.yosemite.com/tripplan/SearchResults.asp?fw=1>

WHAT TO BRING (optional):

- ✓ Your association brochures
- ✓ Table-top display
- ✓ Hand-outs
- ✓ Swim suit for river.
- ✓ Examples of new products

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

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| 9:00 – 9:30 AM | Welcome | Tom Tidwell Deputy Regional Forester Region 5, California |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | Overview: Introductions History and purpose of meeting | Peter Keller, Forest Service Wilderness Program Leader, CA |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break | |
| 10:15 – 10:40 AM | Work Plans and Identifying Needs Incorporating Forest Service Business Plans | Sierra National Forest staff |
| 10:40 – 11:20 AM | Line Officer's Perspective: Volunteers – the difference they make | District Ranger, Sierra NF |
| 11:20- 11:50 AM | Volunteer Motivation and Incentives: Why people volunteer | Joan Chaplick, Consultant Moore Iacofano Goltsman Inc. |
| 11:50- 1:00 PM | Lunch | |
| 1:00 – 1:30 PM | How to keep all legal and safe Reporting volunteer hours Resources such as partnership guide | Regional Office Rep. |
| 1:30 – 3:00 PM | Panel: Volunteer Associations Variety of Panelists - How organized, inner workings - Use of Volunteers as educators - Working with Volunteers, agency perspective - What volunteers are provided – food, lodging? How fund? | Brent Pettey, member Stanislaus Wilderness Volunteers |
| 3:00 – 3:15 PM | Break | |
| 3:15– 5:00 PM | Managing volunteers: Recruiting and Training | Joan Chaplick, Consultant Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. |
| 5:00 – 6:00 PM | Optional: Video showing American Values, American Wilderness | |
| 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Campfire chat and smores | Hosted by Gordon Johnson California Wilderness Legacy Pr. |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

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| 8:30 – 8:45 AM | Welcome Agenda Update | Peter Keller, Forest Service Wilderness Program Leader, CA |
| 8:45 – 9:45 AM | Capacity Building How to start an organization & keep it healthy (e.g. foundations, friends group, volunteer association Organizational Development, Incorporation questions, Board development, Fiscal Sponsorship.) | Joan Chaplick, Consultant Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. |
| 9:45- 10:00 AM | Break | |
| 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Grant Writing: Part I Finding Funds for your projects Researching funds, grant writing and proposal development. Bring an idea and we'll help develop your project and ID funding sources. | Joan Chaplick, Consultant Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. |
| 11:30 –1:00 PM | Lunch | |
| 1:00 –2:45 PM | Grant writing: Part II How to research grant opportunities Community Foundations | Joan Chaplick, Consultant Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. |
| 2:45 –3:00 PM | Break | |
| 3:00 – 4:00 PM | Close Out: Review workshop and recommend further actions: Consider a structure for sustaining a network throughout the year. Facilitator: | Group Peter Keller, Forest Service Joan Chaplick, Consultant |

ACCESSABILITY: The workshop location will be fully accessible for individuals with disabilities and wheelchair needs. Please contact Peter Keller if you have specific requirements or concerns.

