

Conejo Open Space Newsletter

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Conejo Open Space Challenge

From March 1st through May 30th we are challenging mountain bikers, hikers, trail runners and equestrians of all ages to experience ten of the best and most beautiful multi-use trails in the Conejo Open Space. This is a "virtual event, where you take photos along trails and tweet or e-mail them in for validation to show you have completed trail segments. Alternatively, you can e-mail links to GPS tracks indicating completion. For more details on this years challenge or to see



more photos from last year, please go to cosf.org/openspacechallenge.

Spring Trail Work Day

Please join us on Saturday, March 22nd, at 8:30 a.m. for this year's <u>Spring Trail Work Day</u>. Volunteers are needed to help build a new trail in Wildwood Park called the Castillo Trail. Following the morning of trail work participants will be treated to hamburgers/vegi-burgers, chips, fruits and drinks, while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow trail enthusiasts. For more <u>information</u> or to sign-up for <u>Spring Trail Work Day</u> please contact the COSCA Rangers office at 805-381-2741. Must be 18+ years of age to participate. No experience necessary. Tools and instructions will be provided.

For photos from October Trail Work Day 2013, please go to cosf.org/trail-work-day-2013.

Trails Education Days

This year we will be leading 1,400 local fifth graders through our open space for Trails Education Days. This event will take place April 7th- 11th. If you haven't yet participated, this is a memorable experience for children where they are guided on an informational hike through our beautiful open space. We are always in need of volunteers, so please <u>click here</u> if you are interested in learning more. If you do happen to participate this year, you can share your photos and experiences on our <u>facebook page</u>.

Foundation Board Changes

We'd like to thank Burt Elliot and Nicole Tindell for their dedication and hard work while serving on the board of the Conejo Open Space Foundation. Craig Percy and Anna Huber will

be filling the new vacancies on the board. Their expertise in the open space will be a great asset to the foundation.

Happy Trails!

Donate

Volunteer

Want to Volunteer? Here's How!

The COSCA Volunteer Corps has many ways for residents to help maintain and preserve the open space that surrounds our beautiful Conejo Valley. By joining with others, we can make sure that the trails, canyons, and ridgelines will be enjoyed by visitors for generations to come. You can read about the specific volunteer opportunities below, and you can submit a request to volunteer, noting your specific interests, <u>here</u>.

- Adopt-a-Trail Program
- <u>Trail Watch Program</u>
- <u>Trail Ambassador Program</u>
- Trail Work Days
- Trails Education Days



The Conejo Open Space Foundation was formed in 1995 to promote and maintain the open space and trail system of the Conejo Valley and to educate residents as to their roles as custodians and protectors of the open space and the environment. Our <u>web site</u> illustrates ongoing Conejo Open Space programs supported by the Foundation that help preserve and protect our precious open space.

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