



Conejo Open Space Newsletter

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News

COSCA Strategic Plan Overview

The Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency will conduct a public review of the *Draft Strategic Plan - Beyond 2013*. The Agency will solicit your comments before finalizing the plan to take to the COSCA Board of Directors for adoption.

Your participation is encouraged.

[Click here for your copy of the plan](#)

For more information, please contact Shelly Austin at saustin@toaks.org or (805) 449-2339.



We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, March 13, from 7-9 pm at the Thousand Oaks City Hall in the Oak & Park rooms on the 3rd floor.

Conejo Open Space Challenge

Interested in fun photography and hiking/riding in our local open spaces? Well this is for you! Through May 1, 2013, you can compete for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. All you have to do is take artistic photos on ten specified trails and submit them! [Click here](#) for more information on how to participate.

Arbor/Earth Day

Plan ahead and join us on April 13th for the annual celebration of Arbor/Earth Day at the Thousand Oaks Library, Conejo Creek Park North. Here, lovers of nature can spend time being acquainted with local organizations that serve to better the environment. Featuring live entertainment, animal shows, children's activities, the cause for kids art-a-thon, food vendors, compost workshops, free plants, and much more. With over 100 vendors, there will be plenty of activities for the whole family. For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Trail Work Day

If you are interested in building new local trails, join us on Saturday March 23rd, in our Conejo Canyons Open Space. The rewards are endless! We are offering the creation of new trails along with a delicious lunch of hamburgers or veggieburgers, chips, fruits, drinks, and the camaraderie of other fellow trail enthusiasts! What more could you ask for?

Must be 18+ years of age to participate. No experience necessary. Tools and instructions will be provided. Wear protective clothing. Beware of poison oak, ticks & rattlesnakes.

[Click here for more information](#)

Trails Education Days

The annual open space event for Conejo Valley Unified School District fifth-graders, is scheduled for the week of April 8-12, 2013. Volunteers are needed to lead hikers through a portion of the Oak Creek Canyon loop trail, to work with the "Safety and Courtesy" workshops, and to help with logistics and organization throughout the week. If you are available and would like to help, [click here](#) for details and contact information.

Like the new format? Then, like us on facebook and submit your open space photos for a chance to have them in the upcoming newsletters.

This months photo is by Georg Winkler on the Dos Vientos trails.

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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, [here](#).

- [Adopt-a-Trail Program](#)
- [Trail Watch Program](#)
- [Trail Ambassador Program](#)



- [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 [web site](#) illustrates ongoing Conejo Open Space programs supported by the Foundation that help preserve and protect our precious open space.

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