



Conejo Open Space Newsletter

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Grand Prize Winning Letters from Trails Education Days

Following their trip into the Conejo Open Space for Trails Education Days, fifth graders throughout the Conejo Valley Unified School District write a letter to one of their favorite hike or workshop leaders, telling us what they learned and liked about their field trip. A committee reads all the papers and selects a few for their excellent papers.



Click [here](#) to access their Grand Prize letters. Way to go kids!

Fire Update

All trails in the burn area are open, except for Olympia Farms Trail in Rancho Potrero. The remainder of Rancho Potrero is open. Trail users, please stay on trails. Please stay off burn areas, they are fragile and dangerous. It is critical that burned areas remain undisturbed. Thank you!

Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency Strategic Plan -Beyond 2013-

On June 5th, the COSCA Board of Directors adopted COSCA's first Strategic Plan to:

- Assess the present state of agency operations and resources
- Develop a Mission statement
- Articulate a Vision for COSCA's future
- Identify short-term and long-term goals for COSCA
- Describe realistic strategies and actions to achieve COSCA's Mission, Vision and goals

For the full document [click here](#)

Non-Native Plant Removal

If you are interested in reducing the spread of non-native plants in our local open space, join our fennel fighting team on Friday, June 21st at 8:30 a.m to help us remove this invasive plant

from the Western Plateau. The native plants and animals will be very appreciative!

Must be 18+ years of age to participate. No experience necessary. Tools and instructions will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Julie Osborn at (805) 492-6000 or via email at volunteer@cosf.org

For more information [click here](#)



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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