



# Conejo Open Space Newsletter

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## **COSCA's 23rd Annual Trail Work Day**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 - Rain date  
October 26th**

Activities include a morning of trail building and projects for families & scout groups. Work will be followed by the volunteer thank you lunch where volunteers will be treated to burgers & hot dogs barbecued and served by COSCA Rangers and there will be a drawing where great door prizes will be awarded to some lucky volunteers.



**All volunteers are welcome! No experience necessary!**

### **Location**

This year's volunteer trail work will be in the Conejo Canyons area of the Conejo Open Space. Meet up at the Conejo Canyons Bridge

### **Schedule**

#### **7:30 a.m.**

- Meet at the Conejo Canyons Bridge in Hill Canyon
- Check-in at the registration table at bridge
- Complete and sign a Liability Release form
- Receive your breakfast bag

#### **8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

- Trail Work Orientation and safety instructions
- Tools distributed
- Trail Crew Leaders will direct you to your work site

**12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

- Volunteers will be treated to a Thank You Lunch.
- Door prizes will be awarded to some lucky Trail Work Day participants.

**Grand Prize is a new mountain bike!**

(Winners must be present at the drawing)

**Information**

- There will be a variety of projects, ranging from a trail building site where workers will hike as much as 2 miles in & 2 miles out with 400 ⬠ gain/loss, to projects near the meeting place for families & scout groups.
- Water will be available at the sign-in area. Be sure to bring a water bottle and fill up before going to your work site.
- Toilets will be available at Santa Rosa Park (adjacent to meeting-place) and not at the work sites. Please use the facilities before proceeding to your project area.
- Wear protective clothing & eyewear, sturdy shoes, gloves, hat and sunscreen. Do not bring your own tools ⬠ tools will be provided.
- No experience is necessary. Instructions on trail building, and the safe and proper use of tools/ equipment will be given.
- Beware of poison oak, ticks and rattlesnakes. Check with a ranger or trail crew leader if you need assistance with identification.
- Follow the directions of the park rangers and trail crew leaders at all times. They are trained for trail projects.
- If you or someone in your work group needs medical attention, contact a ranger or your trail crew leader.
- For any updates or additional information - Rangers Office: 805-381-2741

**THANKS TO ALL TRAIL WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS AND TO TRAIL WORK DAY CONTRIBUTORS & SUPPORTERS:**

- Conejo Recreation & Park District
- Conejo Open Space Foundation
- City of Thousand Oaks Community Enhancement Grant Program
- Donors of Goods, Services & Door Prizes

- Grand Prize donor Giant Bicycle

## Santa Rosa Park

On Saturday, October 12th, there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Barbecue at Santa Rosa Valley Park from 10am - 2pm. [Click here](#) for the schedule of events.

Also, free parking is now available year round!!!

## Submit your Open Space Photos

We are interested in seeing some of the amazing photos that trail users shoot while in the open space. Please send your photos to [news@cosf.org](mailto:news@cosf.org) for a chance to be recognized in the upcoming newsletter.

This month's photo is from Nancy. This is a photo of Fararie and Ginger, Trail Patrol Horse Volunteers. Thanks for your photo Nancy!

We also encourage you to share your photos and experiences on our [facebook page](#) so you can connect with other trail advocates.

Happy 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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