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GONE GROUP OUTDOOR NATURE EXPERIENCE February – April Schedule

Sunday, February 5th - Sue's Parker Mesa Overlook Hike

Distance: 5 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 8:30am at CCY for carpooling or 9:30am at Trailhead

The Parker Mesa Overlook from Paseo Miramar features beautiful ocean and mountain/canyon views. The trail is wide and well kept. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,200 feet. There will be an option for lunch afterwards at the Reel Inn.

Directions: From Santa Monica—take PCH heading north to Sunset Blvd. Turn right on Sunset and drive about 3 miles to Paseo Miramar. Turn Left and follow Paseo Miramar for about 1 mile. At the fork, stay right until it dead ends into fire road.

Contact person: Please RSVP to Sue Trautman - sue@centerfordevelopingkids.com

Sunday, February 19th - Anita's Hike to Smith Mountain

Distance: 7 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 9:00am at the trailhead, Adventure Pass required for parking.

The hike to Smith Mountain (5,111 ft) in the San Gabriel Wilderness will take about 4 hours and offers amazing views on the way and a panoramic view at the top. It's an enjoyable 3 mile hike to Smith Saddle and then gets challenging for the last 1/2 mile, steep and rocky; similarly tricky for the 1/2 mile descent until you reach the saddle, then it's pleasantly all downhill. Bring plenty of water and a good snack. Hiking poles are optional.

Directions: Fwy 210 east, exit Asuza Ave and go north for 18 miles. Most of the drive is along San Gabriel Canyon Rd, notice turnoff for East Fork Rd, but keep straight for another 5.5 miles until you reach parking lot on left.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Anita Fisher—anita.m.fisher@jpl.nasa.gov

Tuesday, February 28th - Chris' Whiting Woods Night Hike

Distance: 6 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 6:00pm at the Whiting Woods Trailhead

Join us on this ever-popular hike as we go up the Whiting Woods Motorway to the radio towers on top of the Verdugos. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,600 feet. Bring water, snacks, flashlight or headlamp, jacket, hat and/or gloves.

Directions: The hike will begin at the top of Whiting Woods Road. Head south on Pennsylvania and as it turns into Honolulu Ave. make a right on Whiting Woods Road. Go straight and stay left at all Y's. Park on either side and chock your wheels.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Chris at ChrisWFO@aol.com or 818-522-2433.

Sunday, March 4th - Jacklene's Switzer Falls Hike

Distance: 4.5 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 7:30am at CCY for carpooling or 8:15am at Trailhead

This easy to moderate hike will take us through waterfalls, small cascades, wooded steam side trail and deep canyons.

Directions: From 210 Fwy in La Canada, take Angeles Crest Hwy 2, north and drive 10 miles to Switzer picnic area at mile marker 34.2 on right. Descend the narrow road to the parking area and park in the lot, or along highway if lot is full. National Forest Pass required. Bring sun block, water and snack.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Jacklene Murran—jacklenemurran@gmail.com

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Saturday, March 17th - Claus' St. Patrick's Day Mt. Lukens Hike

Distance: 11 mile loop - Very Strenuous Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 9:00am at Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Mount Lukens stands majestically above the Crescenta Valley as the western most peak of the San Gabriel Mountains front range and is the highest point within Los Angeles city limits. It's western flank drops over 3,000 feet affording terrific views of the San Fernando Valley, Angeles Forest, Verdugo Mountains and the LA Basin.

Directions: From 210 Fwy, exit Pennsylvania Ave heading north up the hill 4/10th's of a mile. Turn left on Foothill Blvd., and then turn right on New York Ave. Head north for one mile until it ends and turns left onto Markridge Ave. Immediately start looking for a right turn into Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Parking is free, no pass needed. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sunscreen, food and water.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Claus Boettger - clausboettger@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, March 31st - Mike's Pt. Magu State Park Hike

Distance: 7.3 Miles One-Way - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 8:30am at Sycamore Canyon Trailhead

We will start out at Thornhill Broome Beach; the Ray Miller Trailhead. Then hike through La Jolla Canyon and the La Jolla National Preserve, cut across the Wood Canyon Vista Trail to Big Sycamore Canyon. Spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Lunch afterwards at Neptune's Nest.

Directions: Take PCH North—from Santa Monica it would be about 32 miles north on PCH. Turn Right on Sycamore Canyon Rd to Trailhead.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Mike Grubb - mjhgrubb@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 4th - Rosanne's Beaudry Hike

Distance: 5.8 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 6 pm at trailhead.

Join us on an evening hike in the Verdugos with 1500' of elevation gain/loss. Loop up to Tonga Peak and Mt. Thom and then back down to the cars. Please bring water, snacks, jacket and a headlamp or flashlight.

Directions: From La Crescenta Ave. just below La Crescenta Nursery, turn right on Oakmont view. Turn left on Country Club Drive and then right on Beaudry. Go to the top of Beaudry and park on the street.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Rosanne M. at rosanne@ymcafoothills.org

Sunday, April 15th - Chris' Two, Three or Four Peak Adventure

Distance: 10+ miles RT - Strenuous Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 7:00am at CCY or 7:30am as detailed below. Hiking at 7:45am.

We will be hiking San Gabriel Peak, 6,161' and Mt. Disappointment, 5,960' from the Mt. Wilson Road above Red Box in the Angeles National Forest. We will also try to summit Mt. Deception, 5,796' and Mt. Markham, 5,742' depending on the conditions. This will be a strenuous hike with some bushwhacking and some off trail sections. Make sure you have food, snacks, drinks, clothing layers and even waterproof gear (depending on weather) for a full day on trail.

Directions: The hike will begin up Angeles Crest to Mt. Wilson Rd. Turn right at the Mt. Wilson Road and pull into parking lot on left for Red Box. Adventure Pass is required.

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Chris - chirswfo@aol.com or 818-522-2433

Saturday, April 28th - Mark and Jess's Mount Hillyer Hike

Distance: 6 miles RT - Moderate Hike

Meeting Time & Place: 8:00am at CCY or 9:00am at Trailhead.

This is an enjoyable hike from Chilao to Horse Flats and then up to Mt. Hillyer. There are lots of interesting boulders and rock formations and from the top you can get spectacular views of some of the mountains around Mt. Hillyer, eg. Mt. Pacifico, Mt. Watterman, Mt. Vetter. It's 3 miles up and 3 miles down.

Directions: Take the Angeles Crest up to Chilao, turn into Chilao at the second driveway (not the first), and park at the Chilao campground just west of the Visitor's Center. There's a small parking area on the north side. You should see the trailhead to the right of the parking area. Adventure pass required. Lunch afterwards at Newcomb's Ranch!

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Mark - makro@sbcglobal.net

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