



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 7:30PM  
Glendale Federal Savings  
21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

An updated slide presentation of our awesome Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills including some never-before-seen pictures of recently acquired parkland will be presented by our Founder, Janice Hinkston. Jan received rave reviews with this slide show at CSUN, where the SSMPA displays were on view throughout May.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED to be working with the Chatsworth, Simi and San Fernando Historical Societies on an AD HOC Committee to help create a Santa Susana Pass Historic District. We've been meeting at the Homestead Acre Museum gathering information needed to fill out the forms to apply for National Register of Historic Places designation.

WE WERE HONORED on April 29 when the new Director of California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Don Murphy, flew in from Sacramento to personally tour our mountains. Dan Preece, Regional Superintendent of the whole L.A. Basin, and Supervisors Susan Ross and Russ Guiney also joined us. Close to twenty guests included deputies from our City, County and State elected representatives.

OUR SINCERE THANKS to all of you who helped make this an exciting, successful event! Special thanks to Bill Schepler who showed slides of our historic places within the proposed District while we ate gourmet bag lunches prepared by Jackie O'Reilly.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to Supervisor Susan Ross and Ranger Russ Kimura who have been assigned to watch over our proposed SANTA SUSANA STATE HISTORIC PARK, which now extends, more or less, from the Santa Susana Pass Road, South to Oakwood Cemetery. Be sure and wave hello next time you see that familiar Ranger hat and patch.

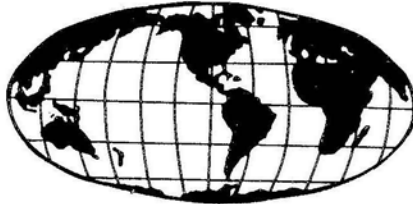


DUE TO THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS, the amount of patrol time given to any one park is limited. Don Murphy has been given the impossible job of cutting costs in the State Parks Dept., which gets less than 1/2 of 1% of the State budget. The jobs of 200 are in jeopardy. The only reason we have been given Ranger time is because in reorganizing the Dept., higher priority has been given to protecting the natural and cultural resources, but there is still a great need to maintain facilities, and to assure safety.

PROPOSED CUTS will clearly reduce staff below minimum acceptable levels. Attempts to bring in more revenue by raising user fees has unfortunately reduced the number of people using State Parks last year by one million. (Forinstance, just to take a walk on a state beach or picnic in a State Park costs \$5.) State Parks are a major source of tourist dollars. In many communities nearby, a State Park is a major source of revenue.

A CALL to your State Senator or Assembly-person to fight for more money for parks couldn't hurt.

REGARDLESS of your political affiliation or how you voted in the primary, we urge you, our dedicated members, to carefully review the environmental positions of each candidate in November. Our Planet Earth is pleading for your vote!!!



YOU, TOO, CAN BE A WATCH-DOG. Please record this number, and call without hesitation should you witness anyone doing damage to our precious resources in this park...(818) 784-4849.

THERE ARE NO general meetings planned for July and August. We look forward to seeing you again in Sept. when we will finish out our 22nd year of dedication to the Preservation of the SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS AND SIMI HILLS.

IF YOU HAVE TO GO downtown after October '92, consider taking the train when our commuter rail will roll into Chatsworth on its maiden ride. Construction is scheduled to begin on the historic replica of our old Chatsworth Park Depot in the Spring.

BEFORE WE GO into hibernation for the summer, we want you to know that because of your continued loyal support, the Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn. has been directly responsible for the preservation of over one thousand acres of parkland. You should be proud of this inspiring legacy all our children will inherit. CONGRATULATIONS!

We hope you enjoy a safe and happy summer!!!

"A joy shared is a joy doubled." - Goethe



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