



Giving Tuesday, November 27 is Upon Us *Give to Save Our Oaks*

Your gift will help us educate the public about the threat of Gold Spotted Oak Borer to our majestic Coast Live Oaks.



Dead Coast live oak in Peñasquitos Preserve

Our goal is to raise \$2,500

Your gift of \$10, 20 or more can provide the funding we need to develop educational displays for Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Gold Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB) has already killed dozens of our oldest, most majestic Coast live oaks. With your help we'll educate the public about the ways to prevent the spread of this Borer infestation. Did you know that this beetle is spread mainly by the movement of infested firewood? Did you know this beetle has killed tens of thousands of the oldest oaks in Julian? And hit Marian Bear and Daley Ranch too?

Although we've lost dozens of our oldest, most majestic Coast live oaks to this insect, through our Friends' surveys and cooperation with the City contractor's spray crews we've managed to save many infested trees and to prevent further infestations. We're committed to continue this volunteer effort.

Besides our GSOB campaign the Friends will continue our wildlife habitat restoration plantings in Black Mtn. Open Space Park, our free interpretive hikes for the public in Peñasquitos and Black Mtn. Parks, and our public advocacy to preserve our endangered vernal pools and other rare habitats. Any gift is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Les Braund
President

Mike Kelly
Conservation Chair

Make a Donation today by donating on our website:
www.penasquitos.org or by sending a check to:

Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon, POB 26523, San Diego, CA 92196



Friends of los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

December 2018

A Reminder of Remaining Events for December



Showy Penstemon (*Penstemon spectabilis*) in bloom this summer at one of the sites we'll be working in this coming Sunday.

Contact Us

Visit www.penasquitos.org for lots of information on hikes, volunteer activities, meetings, and decades of newsletters, videos, and more.

Reach Mike Kelly at kelly.mike8388@gmail.com or call 858-863-7393 for questions or more information.

Volunteer Projects

Restoration Projects in Black Mountain Park

Sunday, December 2, January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17: 1 – 4 p.m.
Planting parties. Help plant natives. No experience needed. Join us at Black Mtn. Ranch Community Park at the northeast corner, 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129.

Walks

Birding with all Your Senses w Jeanie Anderson

Sat., Dec. 1, meet 7:45 a.m., Hike 8-10 am.

Join Ornithologist Jeanie Anderson on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars and cover-ups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the west end of Canyonside Park Driveway, 1 block west of Black Mtn. Rd. at the Preserve sign at the beginning of the white ranch house fence. 12350 Black Mtn. Rd. Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129.

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund

Sat., Dec. 8, 8 – 10 a.m.

Join naturalist Les Braund for a new hike location, leaving from Camino Ruiz Park. Most of the hike is in the shade of tall Chaparral vegetation and follows a switch-back trail from the rim of the canyon down to the valley floor and stream side. See uncommon native plants such as the Summer holly shrub and others. Les says this is one of the most beautiful walks he's knows. The park is located at the junction of Camino Ruiz and Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa.

History Nature Hike w Mike Kelly

Sat., Dec. 15, 9 - 11 a.m.

Join Mike Kelly for a history and nature hike in Peñasquitos Canyon. Stand on the site of the old Immigrant Road into San Diego, the site of the first Transcontinental Mail and passenger delivery, and the Kit Carson crossing from the battle of San Pasqual. Learn about the local nature as well. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129.

Vision Quest Hike

Sun., Dec. 16, 3 – 5 p.m.

Join Anthropologist Dr. Will Bowen for this Vision Quest hike to a power spot where we will explore shamanic methods that can induce trance, visions, and insights – leading to self healing and oneness with nature. Includes saging, breathing techniques, drumming, invocation, opening to energies, reading the book of nature, story telling, healing, and shamanic art. Bring a blanket to sit on. Meet at the West End Parking Staging Lot at 4300 Sorrento Valley Rd., San Diego.