

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2010

Please join SVC at Deer Creek Hills for Hike, Bike & Equestrian Rides

Sat., Jan. 23, 9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Overlook Hike
Sat., Feb. 27, 9am - 1pm	Geology Hike
Sun., Feb. 28, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat., Mar. 13, 9am - 1pm	FREE Green for No Green St. Patrick's Hike
Sat., Mar. 27, 9am - 1pm	Wildflower Hike
Sun., Mar. 28, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat., April 24, 9am - 1pm	Birds & Wildflowers of DCH
Sun., April 25, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat., May 1, 9am - 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast
Sat., May 22, 9am - 1am	History/archeological interests of DCH
Sun., May 23, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat., Aug. 14 - 7pm - 11pm	Sunset Hike-Bat Night - Astronomy Night
Saturdays, 7:30am - 10am,	Mountain Biking
June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23,	

Hikers/Riders/Bikers should meet at Latrobe and Stone House Roads (north of Highway 16 or Jackson Rd. & west of Rancho Murieta). Both roads can be accessed off of Jackson Rd. Carpooling is strongly encouraged since parking is limited, and all vehicles should park on the dirt portion of Latrobe Rd.

Weather is unpredictable, so please bring layers of clothing for all weather types. Water, light snacks and a hat for warmth and shade are also suggested.

There is active cattle grazing at Deer Creek Hills, and the conditions of hiking routes vary and may include stream or fence crossings and uneven terrain. Heavy rain and/or wind cancel hike/rides.

Three ways to Register

www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar (Register On-Line)
Contact Gina Silvernale, Outreach Coordinator at 916/612-3719 or outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

Announcements SVC Staff Updates

Kathy Reynolds, currently an Administrative Assistant with SVC, will be now joining us as Stewardship Coordinator. She will be continuing to provide administrative support, but will be adding land stewardship duties, including monitoring SVC's conservation easements and fee owned properties, and coordinating with ranchers, farmers and ecological consultants on habitat restoration and land management issues. Kathy has past field experience with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and a BS in biology from the University of Nevada at Reno. She also has management experience with Sacramento State recycling programs and running her own organizing business. We welcome Kathy in her new role with SVC!

Tammy Mebane, SVC's former Stewardship Director, recently moved away from Sacramento, but continues to work with SVC as Grants Coordinator. We wish Tammy the best in her new home!

Thank you!



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Chance to Add to Deer Creek Hills Help SVC Protect Legacy Land and Water

Help SVC add more legacy land and water to the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. With your help, over 375-acres of rolling golden and emerald hills and oaks and over a linear mile of Deer Creek can become a legacy for your family and future generations of Sacramento area residents.

The new land connects the Deer Creek Hills Preserve to water to provide for the hawks, owls, eagles, bats, coyotes, salamanders, bobcats, deer, acorn woodpeckers and many other species that need this land and water to live. This special area enables visitors to enjoy new outing routes and vistas, and enhances youth outdoor experiences.



Deer Creek flows through this potential addition to the Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

"When youth on first-time overnight backpacking trips say things like, 'The moon looks bigger out here', and 'Sleeping in the tents was really cool; it was my first time', then I know why SVC works so hard to protect these special places close to people," said Aimee Rutledge, SVC Executive Director. "Seeing a burrowing owl or coyote peeking from the grass, a golden eagle soaring overhead or a pond turtle along side a trail fascinates and awes youth and adult visitors alike."

SVC must raise almost \$4 million in the next three years to protect this special site. The new land would increase Deer

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Have Fun and Volunteer for SVC! Use Your Furlough Time Well

Thinking about ways to volunteer your time in 2010? A great way to give back and have fun at the same time is to become a SVC volunteer docent.

If you haven't been out to Deer Creek Hills on one of our docent led tours lately, you may not be aware of our SVC volunteer docents. They play a vital role in our organization. They guide our hikes, bike and equestrian tours and even star gazing. Without their support and hard work we wouldn't have public access to our 4000-acre Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

Up to 60 active, trained docents with diverse backgrounds and interests work (and have lots of fun!) with SVC. Some lead tours, some

provide cultural, botanical, or habitat information, some help with checking guests in, some provide maintenance services, and others like to join group tours in case we need extra help. There really is a role for everyone and you meet and connect with others who support our mission and want to have fun volunteering and getting outdoors, doing what you love.

You can get involved now to be ready to help with the 2010 hike season, whether you are a first time volunteer or reconnecting with us after a few years off. We have the great opportunity to acquire an expansion to Deer Creek Hills and

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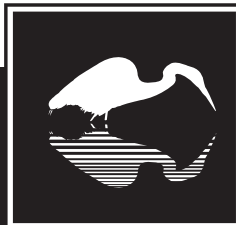
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Call Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director, at 916-492-0908 to join SVC and for the special level benefits, including website links and special property tours.

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Creek Hills by almost 10 percent in size. The land also adds to SVC's vision to connect Deer Creek Hills with the American River Parkway by expanding the preserve north towards Folsom and Lake Natoma.

You can help SVC protect this special place by supporting us with as generous a dona-

tion as possible. You empower SVC to do our work to protect local land and water. Without your support, SVC cannot take advantage of once in a lifetime opportunities to protect special places like Deer Creek Hills.

Thanks for your continued support!

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will be planning, scouting and learning new trail routes to help show folks how they can help preserve this new area. Help us with our 2010 events calendar. (See back page.)

Docent trainings for you are offered from November to January. If you have questions or would like more information about becoming a SVC docent, contact Gina Silvernale at (916) 612-3719 or outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org.

Not interested in being a docent, but have other talents to offer? We have opportunities to work in our office, coordinate or assist at events such as "Treasures of the Valley" or assist with preserve management tasks. Service projects on our various properties are a great way for your group to get involved and make a difference. Please contact Kathy Reynolds at kreynolds@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or (916) 731-8798.



County Supervisor Don Nottoli chats with SVC supporter at Treasures of the Valley.

Treasures of the Valley 2009

Jazz, food, wine and over 230 open-space enthusiasts attended this year's *Treasures of the Valley* event. Bidders generously purchased almost 100 auction items (paintings, prints, collector's art books and magnums of wine). The fiercest bidding was on the hot air balloon ride over Deer Creek Hills, a tour of Filoli Mansion and on two live native plant assortments from Cornflower Farms. Notably, an original silk scarf by Ann Ragland with SVC's hand-painted mission statement went for over the stated value.

Many dignitaries attended the event, including County Supervisor Don Nottoli, Councilmember Ray Tretheway, and former mayors Burnett Miller, Phil Isenberg and Heather Fargo. Thanks also go to Councilmembers Steve Cohn, Lauren Hammond and Bonnie Pannell and to Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters and Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza for their loyal support.

Many thanks go to our many generous sponsors. Please support them year round. See listing and photos at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org (TOV button).

Much credit for the success of the event goes to our volunteers; we had more than ever before, with many repeat folks. Thank you volunteers - TOV would not happen without you!

We hope to see you at next year's event on October 7, 2010.

Donations Form

YES!

I want to make a difference and help create a legacy for the future and preserve Sacramento's beautiful open space, natural habitat and agriculture.

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