



HORIZONS

sacramento valley conservancy

Sacramento Prairie Vernal Pool Preserve - More Management Resources

SVC worked with AKT Development to create better management resources at SVC's Sacramento Prairie Vernal Pool Preserve. Over the last 20 years, SVC has protected over 5,000 acres of vernal pools in southeastern Sacramento County with the partnership of mining companies, developers, resources agencies and organizations, including US Fish and Wildlife, the US Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento County, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the California State Water Resources Control Board and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Ron Bertolina, Vice President of AKT



Investments Inc., commented, "AKT values its continuing relationship with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy and the Conservancy's commitment to providing permanent protection of vernal pool landscapes throughout the Sacramento Region."

The partnership with AKT provides funds to install a new well, trough and fencing to better manage cattle grazing and funds to monitor the habitat resources and endangered plants and invertebrates in the Sacramento Prairie Vernal Pool Preserve. Located off Jackson Highway 16, thousands of acres of protected vernal pools and rolling grasslands get weed protection from local ranchers' cattle. Enjoy the yellow, white, pink and purple rings of flowers that bloom every spring with the help of native bee pollinators as the grasslands and vernal pools gradually dry out. Hardy fairy and tadpole shrimp hatch and reproduce during the wet season.

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Stewardship loses most critical tool

One minute driving down Jackson Highway towards Deer Creek Hills Preserve, slowing for a cyclist on the shoulder, and the next minute BAM! Rear-ended by another vehicle! Thankfully everyone involved in the accident is okay, but our poor work truck sustained significant frame damage and was deemed totaled.

Generously donated by Teichert in 2009, this single vehicle annually supported over 125 outdoor events, another 100 monitoring and repair visits and hauled to the dump more than 12 tons of illegally



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Big Day of Giving May 3, 2018

This annual event is a 24-hour online giving challenge that brings together the Sacramento region's community to help raise much needed funds for local nonprofits. It also shines a spotlight on the amazing work these organizations do every single day to make our local region the place we call home. SVC is one of more than 600 nonprofits participating in the Big Day of Giving.

New this year, supporters can schedule their donations beforehand, which is great if you're busy and may forget to donate on a specific date. Starting April 18th and extending through May 3rd, go to bigdayofgiving.org/sacramentovalleyconservancy and pledge your contribution ahead of time.

In addition to our online campaign, the Sacramento Valley Conservancy will be hosting a Big Day of Giving celebration concert at Camp Pollock. This year, we are featuring other nonprofits whose missions align with our Youth Education & Stewardship (YES) program. Getting kids and their families outdoors not only means healthier communities, but it can inspire the next generation of scientists and conservationists. So grab your camp chair or picnic blanket, bring some snacks and head on down to the river to enjoy live music, learn about local nonprofits,

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Spring 2018

Cosumnes River Preserve
Swainson's Hawk Foraging Added

SVC recently worked with the Pellandini Family, The Nature Conservancy and Sacramento County to protect Swainson's hawk foraging area next to the Cosumnes River Preserve. The 34 acres now under the protection of a permanent conservation easement held by SVC adds to thousands of protected acres at the Preserve surrounding the Cosumnes River.

"We are glad to add to the large, protected area along the Cosumnes and to create a legacy for future generations," said Gary Pellandini, who has been involved in the family farm his entire life. "We protected resources for wildlife and obtained resources to help us with our family farm at the same time."

The Cosumnes remains the last, main undammed river on the western slope of the Sierra (except for some smaller diversions). Rare riparian Valley Oak woodlands still surround the Cosumnes thanks to the work of many conservation partners. The River still spreads out over its floodplain in wet times of year.

The Cosumnes floodplain system allows Valley Oaks (who like "wet feet") to thrive, along with spawning salmon and many birds who rely on the forest and floodplain for nesting and resting sites and for food. Sandhill cranes use the farmlands to rest and forage in the winter on their migration route. Swainson's hawks nest in the tall trees and forage in the surrounding farmland and grasslands.

New Camping Opportunities

Every week, the SVC office receives multiple phone calls and emails from people wanting to camp overnight at Camp Pollock. While we love the fact that people want to spend time at this beautiful 11-acre gem, unfortunately most of the time we have to say no. The American River Parkway Plan - the guiding document that outlines what activities are allowed on the parkway to conserve this special region - only allows overnight camping for organized educational groups and/or youth groups, who have an educational or interpretive interest in the parkway and its resources. The average family wanting to come out and pitch a tent for the night does not qualify, nor is RV camping allowed.

But since our community wants to camp, we decided to add five opportunities to our calendar. So pack your camping gear, your family and come pitch a tent under the stars close to home:

April 21 - 22 Earth Day Clean Up & Camp Out
May 12 - 13 Mother's Day Family Camp Out
June 16 - 17 Father's Day Family Camp Out
June 30 - July 1 GlampOut (special ticket required)
Sept 8 - 9 Grandparents Day Family Camp Out

Pre-register on our website. Tickets for the May, June and September camp outs are \$20 per adult (pre-sale for \$15 online) and free for children age 16 and under.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. GlampOut tickets are \$60 per adult (\$50 online pre-sale) and children 16 and under are always free with a paid adult. GlampOut registration includes catered food, drinks, alcohol and family-friendly activities.



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Big Day of Giving Please Join Us at Camp Pollock May 3rd!

and show your support for open space! Better yet, bring your whole crew!

Thursday, May 3rd, 5:30 to 8:00pm - Camp Pollock - 1501 Northgate Bl, Sacramento CA 95815

Admission is Free. The suggested \$10 donation helps cover event costs

We'll have a photo booth, kid-friendly activities, live music from The Taylor Chicks, and the Lil Dis Lil Dat food truck.

Participating organizations: California FFA Foundation, Girls in the Wilderness, PRO Youth and Families, Reading Partners, World of Powerful Youth, Sacramento Valley Conservancy, and WGS Homestylin's Lil Dis Lil Dat food truck

Big Day of Giving
May 3, 2018

Let us say
THANK YOU with Breakfast!

Breakfast in bed is great, but if you're like us, breakfast in nature can't be beat! Join us for the 10th annual member appreciation morning on May 19 at Deer Creek Hills Preserve, fondly known as Cowboy Breakfast. No spurs or ten-gallon hat required, and new supporters are always welcome.

Enjoy stacks of fluffy pancakes, hot off the grill with a steaming cup of coffee. This FREE event is our way to say THANK YOU to our dedicated docents, volunteers and supporters. Never been to Deer Creek Hills, come on out to say hello and see what SVC is all about. Meet and mingle with our community of open space enthusiasts for a hearty breakfast in nature, surrounded by colorful rolling foothills and blooming wildflowers. To complete your visit, top off breakfast with a Docent-led tour or self-guided hike, trail run or equestrian ride through open country over a variety of terrain.

Please register for breakfast and your choice of activity ahead of



time through our website. Space is limited and docent-guided hikes will reach capacity.

Cowboy Breakfast from 9 to 11am - Saturday, May 19 - Deer Creek Hills Preserve - Online registration is now open!



Camp Pollock - rent space for your next event

Need a place and some space?

Somewhere to rent, for an event?

Baby shower, wedding, meeting, or company retreat,

Camp Pollock is a venue that can't be beat!

Rates start at \$5 per person for the river deck and newly remodeled Myrtle Johnston lodge, and just \$3 for the courtyard. Learn more or book your reservation by clicking 'Camp Pollock' at the top of our website:

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dumped trash. It was driven by our stewardship staff to monitor our properties in the surrounding six county region. With more than 50 properties, the truck was a vital piece of our organization's ability to preserve open space. We are in desperate need of finding a replacement and are struggling to do so with our limited financial resources. The check from our insurance isn't enough to buy a replacement, and we are reaching out to local contacts hoping

someone is holding the keys to SVC's next work truck.

If you know anyone who can help . . . perhaps a contact at a dealership, a company looking to sell fleet vehicles, or a generous private truck owner willing to donate their vehicle to SVC, please let us know. Specifically, our work requires a heavy duty, full sized, 4-wheel-drive truck with a V8 engine, 8-foot bed, and preferably less than 40,000 miles.

DONATION 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.

Here is my tax deductible donation of:

\$1000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other

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May 2018 - October 2018 Calendar

Thur. May 3	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House	Sat. June 16	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Sat. Aug 11	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Thur. May 3	6pm - 8pm	BDOG Celebration Concert in the Parkway	Sat. June 16-17	3pm - 10am	Father's Day Camp Out	Mon. Aug 13	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 5	8:30am - 12pm	Deer Creek Hills Spring Service Day	Sat. June 23	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Sat Aug 18	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 5	9am - 1pm	Adventure Hike	Sat. June 30	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Mon. Aug 20	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 5	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes	Sat. June 30-July 14	9am - 9am	GlampOut	Sat. Aug 25	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 5	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Sat. June 30	8pm - 12am	Nighttime Photography with REI	Mon. Aug 27	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sun. May 6	8am - 3pm	Great Scott Bike & Walk Event	Mon. July 2	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Sept 1	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 12	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes	Thur. July 5	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House	Mon. Sep 3	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 12	9am - 1pm	Botany / Wildflower Hike	Thur. July 5	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway	Thur. Sept 6	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House
Sat. May 12	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Sat. July 7	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Thur. Sept 6	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway
Sat. May 12-13	3pm - 10am	Mother's Day Camp Out	Sat. July 7-8	9am - 6pm	REI & NOLS Wilderness First Aid	Sat. Sept 8	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 19	7am - 12pm	Pre-Cowboy Breakfast Birding	Mon. July 9	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Sept 8-9	3pm - 10am	Grandparent's Day Camp Out
Sat. May 19	9am - 11am	Cowboy Breakfast	Sat July 14	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Mon. Sep 10	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 19	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes	Mon. July 16	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Sept 15	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 19	10:30am - 2pm	Post Cowboy Breakfast History Hike	Sat. July 21	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Mon. Sep 17	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 19	11am - 2pm	Post Cowboy Breakfast EQ ride	Mon. July 23	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Sept 22	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. May 26	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Sat July 28	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Mon. Sep 24	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Sat. May 26	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes	Mon. July 30	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Sept 29	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. June 2	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Thur. Aug 2	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House	Mon. Oct 1	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides
Thur. June 7	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House	Thur. Aug 2	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway	Thur. Oct 4	5pm - 8pm	Camp Pollock Open House
Thur. June 7	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway	Sat Aug 4	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Thur. Oct 4	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway
Sat. June 9	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day	Mon. Aug 6	4pm - 8pm	Monday Mtn Bike Rides	Sat. Oct 6	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day

Check out all of SVC's events on our Online Calendar at
www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp