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### Calendar of Upcoming Events 2014

Sat, Jan 11 or 25, 8:30am – 1pm	Winter Service Project	Sun, May 25, 10am – 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat, Febr 15, 4 – 8pm	Full Moon Equestrian Ride	Thurs, May 29, 5:30 – 11pm	Sunset GlampOut held at Camp Pollock
Sat, Febr 22, 9am – 2pm	Geology & Gold History Hike of DCH	Sat, June 28, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sun, Febr 23, 9am – 1pm	Upland Winter Birding	Sat, July 26, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sun, Febr 23, 10am – 2pm	Equestrian Ride	Sat, Aug 16, 6:30 – 11pm	Summer Trifecta of Fun ( <i>Sunset Hike - Bat Monitoring - Star Party</i> )
Sat, Mar 1, 3:30 – 8pm	Equestrian Sunset Ride & Star Gazing	Sat, Aug 23, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Mar 15, 9am – 1pm	FREE Green for No Green St. Patrick's Flower Hike	Sat, Sept 27, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Mar 15, 9am – 1pm	FREE Green for No Green St. Patrick's Hike	Thurs, Oct 2, 5:30 – 8pm	Treasures of the Valley Silent Auction
Sun, Mar 16, 7 – 11am	FREE Green for No Green St Patrick's Birding ( <i>Lewis' Woodpecker</i> )	Sat, Oct 18, 8:30am – 1pm	Autumn Service Project
Sun, Mar 16, 10am - 2pm	FREE Green for No Green St. Patrick's Equestrian Ride	Sat, Oct 25, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Mar 22, 9am – 2pm	Native American at DCH History Hike	Sat, Nov 29, 10am – 2pm	Thanksgiving Weekend Equestrian Ride
Sat, Mar 22, 9am – 1pm	Wildflower Hike		
Sun, Mar 23, 7 – 11am	Blue Oak Woodland Birding		
Sun, Mar 23, 10am – 2pm	Equestrian Ride		
Sat, Mar 29, 4:30 – 9:30pm	Equestrian Sunset Ride & Star Gazing		
Sat, Apr 12, 8:30am – 1pm	Spring Service Project		
Sat, Apr. 26, 9am – 1pm	Wildflowers of DCH		
Sat, Apr. 26, 9am – 2pm	Early Settlers at DCH History Hike		
Sat, Apr. 26, 7pm – 11pm	Owl Night Hike		
Sun, Apr. 27, 10am – 2pm	Equestrian Ride		
Sat, May 3, 9am – 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast-Hike & Equestrian Ride		
Sat, May 10, 4:30 – 9pm	Sunset Equestrian Ride		
Sat, May 17, 8pm – 12am	Double the FunWith Bat Monitoring & Full Moon Hike		
Sat, May 24, 9am – 2pm	Grinding Holes to Cattle Brands History Hike		
Sun, May 25, 7 – 11am	Riparian Birding at Deer Creek Expansion		

Hikers/Riders/Bikers should meet at Latrobe Rd and Stone House Rds (north of Highway 16 or Jackson Rd. and west of Rancho Murietta). Both roads can be accessed off of Jackson 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. Heavy rain and/or wind will cancel hike and equestrian outings. There is active cattle grazing at Deer Creek Hills, and the conditions of hiking routes vary and may include streams and uneven terrain.

#### Three ways to Register

- 1) [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp)
- 2) Contact Gina Silvernale, Outreach Coordinator at 916/612-3719
- 3) [outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](mailto:outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org)

Tour size is limited for your enjoyment.

#### Season Passes

Deer Creek Hills Season Passes and SVC Gift Memberships are available at [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org), click on "How to Help" scroll to "Giving Ideas" or call 916/731-8798.

## Camp Pollock Lodge Capital Campaign

\$130,000 raised – \$170,000 to go!

You can help youth experience the American River, many for the first time, five minutes from downtown Sacramento on the North Sacramento side of the River. The Camp Pollock property contains 11 acres fronting on the American River open dawn to dusk free every day, with a 4,000 square foot lodge containing a two-story stone fireplace built in 1924 by the Lion's Club.

When children arrive at Camp Pollock, the only safe place to enjoy the River on the economically depressed North Sacramento side, wild turkeys, deer, hawks, herons, egrets, beavers and salmon greet them. The State Lands Commission purchased the property in January 2013 from the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America, and leased the property to Sacramento Valley Conservancy for 25 years. The Conservancy is committed to using the property for youth camping and day programs, public river access and public and private events. However, the lodge and grounds require upgrades to serve families, youth and the community for generations to come, including Americans With Disabilities Act improvements, kitchen renovation, air conditioning and structural upgrades and repairs.

You can help us raise our goal of \$300,000 this year and next to complete the design, permitting and construction of the lodge and grounds renovation. We have lead funds of \$130,000, including funds from the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Wells Fargo, Teichert Construction and Sierra Health Foun-



*SVC YES (Youth, Education and Stewardship) kids get inspired their first time birding at the Camp Pollock Lodge. Photo Credit: SVC*

*(See Camp Pollock . . . page 2)*

## First Annual Ride and Try Mountain Bike Demo Day

Check out our 2014 Outings and Season Passes

Our first annual Ride and Try Mountain Bike Demo Day at Deer Creek Hills on Saturday, October 12th was a great success! With over 4000 acres and 30 miles of single track to explore, 50 riders and their volunteer guides had a great time trying out the Trek bike of their dreams.

The day started with guided interpretive rides around the property, included some amazing demo bikes from Trek Bikes, and

finished with some delicious BBQ. The event was the brainchild of some local volunteers involved with both FATRAC and SVC and they did a great job educating visitors about a proposed 13-mile planned extension of the American River Parkway and wildlife corridor connecting Deer Creek Hills to the American River Parkway near Folsom and Lake Natoma.

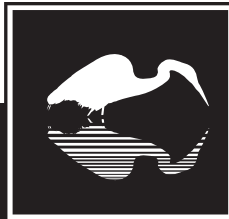
Everyone is looking forward to next year's Ride and Try Demo Day at Deer Creek Hills! Huge thanks to Trek Bicycles and all of the volunteers who helped make this event happen!

Mountain biking is available at Deer Creek Hills from June to October (when the cows are not home). Docent-led rides are available every 4th Saturday morning of each month. Set your own pace at MondayNite Rides 4:30pm – dusk. New routes are set every week!

*(See Bike Demo Day . . . page 2)*



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dation, but we are seeking additional lead funders and significant pledges of in-kind assistance for the campaign by the end of 2013 to assist with needed financing approvals to start the project.

Without upgrades, compliance with our lease terms and laws cannot be met and the lodge may need to be closed to all those it is intended to benefit. In any event, lack of a renovated lodge will result in a degraded recreational and educational experience for youth and families, rather than the maximization of its recreation and community value on the downtown and North Sacramento section of the American River Parkway. With a clear vision, the Conservancy has directed a design team to prepare renderings of a renovated lodge (on display in the lodge),



*Kids clean up Camp Pollock.*

and aims to complete design and permitting and start construction in 2014.

In the North Sacramento Area, 56% of household incomes are below \$30,000 per year, with another 37% below \$75,000 per year; over 35% of households have children under 18 and half of those are single-parent families; over 30% of the total population is under 19; 65% of households rent and 70% of rents are below \$600 per month, with another 29% being under \$1,000 per month. The Conservancy hopes to fulfill this population's need for an unprecedented urban open space sanctuary, as well as fulfill the needs of the regional citizenry for urban open space.

Please help us with the most generous gift possible. We cannot do it without you. Thanks!



*Scouts honor tradition at Camp Pollock.*

**Bike Demo Day ...** *(continued from page 1)*

Check out all of our 2014 hikes, birding, bat, star gazing, history, sunset, moonlight, service, equestrian and bike outings on the back page and sign up now on our website [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org). Due to popular demand, a second bat night has been scheduled for May. Sign-up now for very popular events: Cowboy Breakfast, Full Moon Equestrian Rides and Trifecta of Fun.

Season Passes are available for \$40 if you purchase before December 31, 2013 and includes two tickets to Treasures of the Valley 2014. Beginning January 1, 2014 the Passes will be \$50. The Passes allow you to participate all year in all activities at Deer Creek Hills. They make great holiday gifts!

*Ride & Try with Trek and FATRAC Deer Creek Hills*



**This Year's Treasures of the Valley a Huge Success . . . Again!**

Many thanks to all our sponsors for our annual event Treasures of the Valley held on October 24 at the CSUS Alumni Center. We had a fun, wonderful evening where over 150 SVC supporters and elected officials enjoyed jazz, wine, beer and food and bid it up at our silent auction. We raised over \$65,000 to protect Open Space for All of Us!

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*Assemblymember Roger Dickinson chats with Aimee Rutledge, SVC Executive Director.*



*Councilmember Kevin McCarty, Randy Sater stand up for SVC.*



*Former Mayors Phil Isenberg and Heather Fargo enjoy Treasures of the Valley.*



*SVC Founder and Camp Pollock Campaign Chair Bob Slobe announces lodge renovation campaign. (See Page 1)*



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