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Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2015

April 2015

Thur, Apr 2, 6pm - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Apr 11, 4 - 8pm Sunset 7:39pm	Sunset Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 25, 9am - 1pm	Wildflowers of DCH
Sat, Apr 25, 9am - 1pm	DCH History Hike Early Settlers of DCH
Sat, Apr 25, 7:30 - 11pm Sunset 7:52pm	Night Shift Hike (bats, birds and other mammals)

May 2015

Sat, May 2, 9am - 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast Hike, Birding & Equestrian Ride
Thur, May 7, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, May 9, 9 - 11am	Spring Bird Migration at Camp Pollock w/John Robinson
Sat, May 23, 9am - 1pm	DCH History Hike Grinding Holes to Cattle Brands
Sat, May 23, 7 - 11am	Pond Birding at Deer Creek
Sat, May 23, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride

June 2015

Mon, Jun 1, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Jun 4, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jun 8, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jun 15, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jun 22, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

Sat, Jun 27, All Day	Great American Backyard Campout Free camping for families
Sat, Jun 27, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jun 29, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

July 2015

Mon, Jul 6, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Jul 2, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jul 11, 5:30 - 11pm	GlampOut
Mon, Jul 13, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jul 20, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jul 25, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jul 27, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

August 2015

Mon, Aug 3, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Aug 6, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Mon, Aug 10, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 15, 7:30pm - 1am	Summer Trifecta of Fun (Twilight Hike-Story Telling Meteor Shower)
Mon, Aug 17, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 22, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Mon, Aug 24, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

September 2015

Thur, Sep 3, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 7, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Mon, Sep 14, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 19, 8am - 12pm	Great American River Clean-Up at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 21, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 26, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Mon, Sep 28, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

Save the Date!

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - 5:30 - 11pm
GlampOut & Overnight Family Camping at Camp Pollock

- Enjoy summer on the River and support SVC!
- Paddle at sunset with FLOW Stand Up Paddle, enjoy the stars with SVC docents.
- Special local brews and dinner included with Family and Friends.
- You can camp overnight for free and enjoy pancakes and the perfect cup of Joe with REI the next morning!

\$50 per person, children (16 & under) are FREE

Register at

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Two Wheels Move the Soul . . . Along Scott Road

Join the 5th Annual Great Scott! Walk & Bike Event on May 3

Take in the beauty of SVC's future open-space corridor in Eastern Sacramento County by bike on Sunday May 3rd from 8am-4pm.

To promote Bike Month in May, three cities (Rancho Cordova, El Dorado Hills and Folsom) and two counties (Sacramento & El Dorado) are making arrangements where cyclists, runners and walkers can enjoy the open road without vehicular traffic.

Scott Road the main connector between Folsom and Rancho Murietta runs through stunning rolling blue oak woodland in Eastern Sacramento County. More importantly, this stretch of road acts as a guide to the SVC's future open-space corridor, planned to connect to the American River Parkway.

Come join the bike ride and visit Deer Creek Hills Preserve, found along Scott Road. Deer Creek Hills Preserve can act as a rest stop or destination to relax, learn and meet other like-minded people. Especially great for families, start your ride from Latrobe & Scott Road access point and pedal at your own pace to Deer Creek Hills, approximately 3.5 miles round trip. Make a day of it! You'll find parking, port-a-lets and food trucks will be located at the access points to multiple closed roads. In addition to Scott Road being closed, a section of Placerville Road in Folsom and White Rock Road between Rancho Cordova and El Dorado Hills will also be available to discover by bike. For more information go to Folsom's Facebook page.



Ride and walk on Scott Rd and rest among the oak woodlands at Deer Creek Hills on May 3.

Deer Creek Hills Inholding Property Purchase

101 acres Protected from Development

SVC is just about to purchase a new 101-acre property almost completely surrounded by the Deer Creek Hills Preserve with a grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The property is zoned to allow a house and related outbuildings – it has access through the preserve from Scott Road.

Now, it will remain forever open with vistas from the North Pond Trail at Deer Creek Hills, permanently preserved. The property adds a gorgeous ridge to the Preserve, two stock ponds, intermittent wetlands and blue oak woodlands. It completes the connection between Deer Creek Hills and the recent expansion property (Deer Creek Hills North).

"It's a very special view from the ridge. When a herd of deer prances by with a buck in the lead at sunset you feel like you are in

a very wild place, and you are," said Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director. "All you can see is blue oak woodlands and the rugged canyon where Deer Creek flows."

Come out and enjoy Deer Creek Hills North and preview the Scott Road corridor and trail on Sunday, May 3. Ride your bike car-free on Scott Road as the County closes it down to vehicle traffic on May 3 in honor of bike month. Enjoy a rest stop at Deer Creek Hills North. Staff will be on-sight to welcome you with water refills and the passion for open space. See article in this newsletter and go to www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org for a link to the event.

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Spring 2015

Cowboy Breakfast - Saturday, May 2nd at Eagle Camp Corral

Grab your hiking boots or cowboy boots, grab your day pack or horse and bring your appetite to the 8th annual Cowboy Breakfast at Deer Creek Hills Preserve. SVC Staff and volunteers will treat you to a traditional fresh pancake breakfast with bacon and eggs, smothered in morning sunshine!

A local favorite, Jeralynn Strong, Cowboy Poet will share her clever words with attendees. Please register on-line to reserve a spot for this delightful event! Free hiking and equestrian rides will take place after a hot



breakfast. The SVC will provide guided hikes and guided equestrian rides, but not horses. You must supply your own horse.

THE BIG DAY OF GIVING 5-5-2015 \$25 or \$250 or \$2,500 for our 25th

This Year is Sacramento Valley Conservancy's 25th anniversary!

So we're saying "\$25 for our 25th"!! (Or, \$250, or \$2,500, or . . .)

The BIG Day of Giving (May 5, 2015) is a local donor day hosted by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation as a way for donors to be part of a joint community big push for local folks to support their favorite non-profits.



Last year we made a little over \$5,000 . . . Our goal this year is to double our donations from last year! Help by giving "\$25 for our 25th" or multiples of the number 25 so we can reach that goal! Your donation leverages a percentage of matching funds from the Foundation for the monies you donate via the Big DoG website on May 5, 2015! More information will be forthcoming in our upcoming Spring Appeal and e-News mailings detailing possible prizes we can try for with donations, links, etc. between now and the Big Day! Check it all out and help us reach our 2015 goal!

Come enjoy hot summer bands on the cool banks of the American River at Camp Pollock!

Camp Pollock will be hosting local bands for a free concert series on the first Thursday of every month April - October. Local groups will be biking, boating and hiking to the camp and can enjoy music on the 10 acre lawn and in our shaded native plant courtyard in front of the 1922 lodge. Sierra Service Project will be hosting a S'mores roast after every concert and Front Street Animal Shelter will be in attendance with adoptable dogs!

Concerts start at 6pm and continue til 8pm. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket!

Upcoming Concerts

- April 2, 2015 Rivergate Band Americana and Folk; May 7, 2015 Sacramento Ukelele Orchestra & Room 52 Band Folk, Rock & Reggae; June 4, 2015 Papa Hip Jazz, Soul & Blues

Deer Creek (Continued from page 1)

SVC is celebrating 25 years of working to complete a 10,000-acre ranching, recreation and wildlife corridor with a 13-mile extension of the American River Parkway from Lake Natoma down to Deer Creek Hills. We are now only two properties away from linking the protected land needed to complete the trail. Help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary

of protecting special places for you and your family and friends by coming out and enjoying spring at Deer Creek Hills - our Cowboy Breakfast is May 2, and outings from birding, to bats to stars to yoga to wildflowers to history to horses are happening right now. Reserve a Saturday morning to hike the North Pond Trail. Sign up with friends and family today!

Meet A Docent! Featuring Camp Pollock Docent Leonard Damron

My favorite activity at Pollock is anything that involves working with others to make it a better place for everyone to enjoy.

How long have you lived in Sacramento?

I have lived in Sacramento off and on for 57 years. I lived in Hawaii three times before going to school and also lived in Florida while my father was working there one summer.

What groups and activities are you involved in?

I have been a coach for my kids (soccer, football, basketball, track and volleyball), I worked with Sacramento Mental Health Association as a Senior Peer counselor for two years before volunteering at Camp Pollock. I helped with Katrina Relief by working with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes. I was also Sports Club President and sat on the School Board when my kids were in grammar school.

What attracts you to the site and to SVC?

I was a Boy Scout and learned a lot while camping at Pollock. I have many fond memories of being a boy at Camp Pollock. It is where we always had our awards ceremonies and enjoyed potlucks. My favorite memory is receiving my Eagle Scout Rank at Pollock in 1971.



What is the coolest thing you've seen on the property?

The coolest thing I have seen at Pollock was when I was helping cover for Matt while he was on his honeymoon. I snuck around the bathrooms to get a great photo of a buck in the open field.

Beer Week Donation Thanks to Socal's!

The drink of choice and the donation of choice was local IPA's and the SVC at Socal's Tavern. Socal's Tavern participated in the popular Sacramento's Beer Week and donated 10% of their profits from Saturday, March 7th. Folks enjoyed IPA's from local Bike Dog, Auburn Brewing Company and Auburn Ale House. Bill Farrell, owner, donated \$250 from the bustling Saturday crowds. Thanks, Bill!



Why do you keep coming back?

I keep coming back because I want to continue seeing Camp Pollock become as special of a place for others as it has been for me.

Donation Form

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