

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2013

Please join Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2013 Season at Deer Creek Hills

Special events listed below. The Preserve is always open February - October for hiking Every Saturday morning and starting in June Monday Nite Mountain Bike Rides. Check our website for open hours.

Sat.	June 22, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	July 27, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	Aug. 10, 7 – 11pm	Sunset Hike-Bat Night-Astronomy Night
Sat.	Aug. 24, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	Sep. 28, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Thur.	Oct. 24, 5:30 – 8pm	Treasures of the Valley Silent Auction
Sat.	Oct. 19, 8:30am – 1pm	Autumn Service Project
Sat.	Oct. 26, 7:30 – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	Nov. 30, 10am - 2pm	Thanksgiving Esquestrian Ride

Hikers/Riders/Bikers should meet at Latrobe and Stone House Rds (north of Hiway 16 or Jackson Rd. and west of Rancho Murieta). 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 stream or fence crossings and uneven terrain.

Three ways to Register

- 1) www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp
- 2) Contact Gina Silvernale, Outreach Coordinator at 916/612-3719
- 3) 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 or call 916/731-8798.

October 24, 2013 – 5:30 - 8pm HOLD THE DATE Treasures of the Valley

CSUS Alumni Center
Fun, Friends, Holiday Gifts, Jazz,
Local Food, Wine & Brews
\$50 tickets
Sponsorships of \$250-\$10,000
Call 916-731-8798
Volunteers Needed!

Wish List

SVC can use the following: rakes, shovels, Home Depot or, better yet, Cook's ACE Hardware gift cards, volunteers of all types, but especially with construction experience, including plumbing and electrical, decomposed granite, water trucks, road gravel, native plants, local bands to play at upcoming monthly concerts

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Corridor Linkage in East Sacramento County

Permanent Protection of Ranching and Habitat

The Barton-Mosher Ranch is located at the eastern edge of Sacramento County, just south of Folsom. The family-owned ranch produces beef cattle and has kept habitat a part of their range management plan - while running an active cattle ranch for over 150 years. Good land stewardship and range management have been a hallmark of this family-owned cattle ranch.

SVC is proud to work with the Barton-Mosher family in partnership with Easton Development Company, LLC Gencorp to permanently protect 320-acres of the ranch with a conservation easement protecting oak woodland and Swainson's hawk habitat. This project is truly an example of a "win-win-win". Easton Development Company Gencorp fulfilled part of their mitigation requirement from their future commercial and residential development for their Glenborough at Easton and Easton Place project at their Aerojet, along Highway 50. The Barton-Mosher Ranch conservation easement has helped their family cattle ranching operation for the future.

SVC completed protection of more acreage in our planned 10,000-acre corridor protecting agriculture, habitat and providing future recreation, where and when appropriate, in the East Sacramento County area. The corridor will connect the American River watershed (from Lake Natoma and Alder Creek in Folsom) to the Cosumnes River watershed (via connection to Deer and Crevis Creeks) and the Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

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Prestigious Valley Oak Society

Join Today and Help SVC Create a Lasting Legacy

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy has been a crusader protecting special places throughout the Valley since its inception in 1990. You can sustain SVC forever by planning an estate gift now.

One of SVC's crowning efforts to date is to both preserve over 4,400 acres of rangeland next to Rancho Murieta and the Cosumnes River, and also to work to connect it to the American River and Parkway, near Folsom at Lake Natoma. The massive Deer Creek Hills property spreads over acres of rolling foothills dotted with valley oaks. The rolling grassy hills are populated with babbling brooks

with salamanders, nesting killdeer, slithering garter snakes, native blue oaks and foraging endangered tri-colored black birds. Now these gently undulating hills are frequented by avid birdwatchers, intrepid hikers, gliding mountain bikers, chatting horsemen, and joyously crying children. Deer Creek Hills provides Sacramento community members from all walks of life a place to come together to discover and appreciate the wondrous beauties of nature – only 35 minutes from downtown Sacramento. Our planned 10,000-acre corridor will preserve local wildlife habitat, agriculture and provide future recreation – a 13-mile extension of the American River Parkway from Lake Natoma to Deer Creek Hills.

Deer Creek Hills and our new Camp Pollock acquisition on the American River only 5 minutes from downtown and many others like these are now cornerstones of the Sacramento community thanks to generous donations from people like you. Camp Pollock is a former Boy Scouts retreat just on the opposite bank

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Children frolicking at Deer Creek Hills.

Photo Credit: Gina Silvernale



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Summer 2013

SVC Executive Director Honored

Aimee Rutledge – A Woman Who Means Business



The Sacramento Business Journal has lauded Aimee Rutledge's successful career by awarding her the 2013 Women Who Mean Business Award.

Rutledge is the 17-year veteran Executive Director of Sacramento Valley Conservancy. When she started at SVC in October of 1996 Aimee was one of two employees working with a 10K annual budget. Aimee's invaluable real estate and fundraising skills and admirable leadership have provided a solid foundation for SVC's growth. Today, SVC has eight employees with a 600K operating budget, a 60 times increase. She has raised over 27 million dollars and partnered with a variety of private and public organizations to protect 15,910 acres of varying ecosystems throughout the Sacramento Valley. Under her guidance, SVC has won numerous commendations including the County of Sacramento's Environmental Recognition Award, the Valley Vision Environmental Stewardship Award, and the Metro Chamber of Commerce and Nonprofit Resource Center's

"Models of Success" Best Small Non-profit Award.

Rutledge grew up in the shady streets of East Sac where she cultivated her exemplary work ethic at Sacramento High School. She continued to develop her professional repertoire at Pomona College, one of the nation's top liberal arts colleges in Southern California. Luckily for the greater Sacramento Area, she brought her talents back to Sac and dedicate her time to improving our community while simultaneously raising a family in Land Park.

In addition to her efforts at SVC Rutledge previously co-founded Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway, a group that advocated for a continuous recreational trail along the river, and lobbied for the California Bicycle Coalition to implement "Safe Routes to School" legislation. In the last four years, in addition to her work at SVC, Rutledge has emerged on the statewide stage as the California Program Manager for Wilderness Land Trust, a nationwide non-profit that adds to federally designated Wilderness by acquiring private land inside Wilderness from willing sellers.

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of the Sacramento River from downtown Sacramento next to Discovery Park. Its riparian habitat houses nesting Swainson's hawks, endangered Chinook salmon, and exploring children (and adults). Camp Pollock is already a magnet for future generations to escape the rush of the city and appreciate the natural beauty of the Sacramento Valley. The 1924 lodge is the perfect place for you, your business, family or group to enjoy the river.

Please consider making a lasting donation by writing the Sacramento Valley Conservancy into your will, making us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or otherwise include SVC in your estate. Your donation will allow the SVC to continue fulfilling its mission for future generations: **"Our mission is to preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape..."** Help us do this forever for you, your family and future generations by joining the Valley Oak Legacy Society today. We have volunteer estate planners who can help. Call Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director at 916-425-5879 for more information.

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This corridor has the potential to include a 13-mile extension to the American River Parkway as the area develops in the future.

Join Us! Mountain Biking at Deer Creel Hills

It's that time of year again. The sun is out for 15 hours a day, its illuminating rays imbuing the natural terrain with deep hues. And most importantly, the rain is gone. It's time for mountain bikers to get out and enjoy Deer Creek Hills.

Monday Nite Rides are a different route every Monday, June through October, and every fourth Saturday join us for a docent-led ride to learn more about Deer Creek Hills and the trails it offers.

See calendar on back page or at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org to sign up.

Glamp*-Out at Camp Pollock Huge Success

**Glamping means glamorous, luxurious camping*

Huge thanks to all our sponsors for our First Annual Summer Sunset "Glamp-Out" held on June 6 at Camp Pollock. We had a wonderful evening where over 200 folks chose to enjoy wine, beer and food, learn to flick a fly rod or throw a primitive spear, kayak the American River at sunset, roast a marshmallow, make s'mores, stargaze or watch an outdoor movie. Our new outdoor courtyard

and native plant garden were installed in time for the event thanks to Teichert and Steve Pesut and crew. Come out to Camp Pollock this summer – open dawn to dusk every day – and reserve it for your upcoming event at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call Matthew Gaylord at 530/321-2063.

Sponsors:

The GenCorp Foundation, the philanthropic arm of GenCorp and Aerojet, supports the communities where the company has a business presence and where its employees live, work and volunteer. It's primary giving focus is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education. Since 2000, the GenCorp Foundation has contributed \$10 million.



Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy with a mission to invest in and serve as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California. The foundation is committed to improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities in the region through convening, educating and strategic grantmaking.



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- The California Endowment and Councilmember Steve Cohn
- Honorary Co-Hosts: Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Supervisor Phil Serna, Council members Kevin McCarty, Steve Cohn and Angelique Ashby.

New courtyard shines at night thanks to Teichert, Steve Pesut and crew, and Woodlake neighbors Ernie and Michael Hallett



Photograph by Randy Smith

You Go Girls – Kayaking at Sunset with Current Adventures



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Steve Cohn Roasts a Marshmallow Over CleanFlame Logs



Photograph by Bob Slobe

Getting down at the Pollock campfire with The Shade Chasers



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Donations Form

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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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