



sacramento valley conservancy

## Guitere Preserve Protected

### 1000 acres of California Tiger Salamander, Vernal Pool Habitat

Sacramento Valley Conservancy now holds a new conservation easement protecting 1,000 acres of California tiger salamander and vernal pool habitat. Located north of Twin Cities Road and the 1,200-acre SMUD Nature Preserve, this newly protected area provides more area for salamanders to recover—they are a federal and state listed endangered species. SVC helps manage both preserves. “This area of southeastern Sacramento County provides a critical recovery area for California tiger salamanders,” said Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director of SVC. “We look forward to helping make a good home for the salamanders and other vernal pool plants and animals native to California and the Sacramento region. Without our protection



and care these special places would not be the best habitat they could be. There’s not much area left for these critters and plants to thrive.” SVC also holds other conservation easements and owns other preserves protecting vernal pools, oak woodlands and creeks, totaling over 7,700 acres in the nearby area. SVC continues to work with local landowners, public agencies, ranchers, developers, mining companies and other partners to protect many more thousands of acres of land to provide connected, protected landscapes where rare, native plants and animals can thrive. SVC protected our first 160-acre property in 1997. We have now protected a total of over 17,000 acres in the Sacramento Region.

Photograph by David Rosen

## Daughters of the American Revolution

### Dedicate Sign April 23 at Camp Pollock

You’re Invited! The Sacramento Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through the work of their dedicated Historic Preservation Committee, has donated a sign for Camp Pollock. The signage honors the history of Camp Pollock, in its service as a Boy Scout Camp from 1922 to 2013, and now open to the public for outdoor recreational activities and events. Join us at Camp Pollock on Saturday, April 23rd at 10am for the sign dedication ceremony.



## BIG Day of Giving is May 3rd

### SVC sets goal to raise \$30,000 in 24 hours

Starting at midnight on May 3rd, Sacramento will come together for one BIG Day of Giving - a 24 hour giving challenge. With your help, SVC raised over \$13,000 in 2015 and this year our goal is \$30,000! Join the \$10,000 by 10am CHALLENGE! SVC is asking you to give big and give early. For every dollar donated by 10am on May 3rd your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. Make the commitment to celebrate philanthropy and put your money where your heart is! If you are interested in giving matching funds or want to learn more about how you can help maximize your giving, contact Wendy Baty at 916-731-8798.

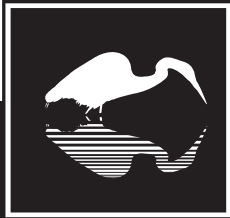


## Docent Training 2016 success Over 50 docents trained at Camp Pollock

The Conservancy sends a heartfelt thank you to our docents for their continued dedication as volunteers and leaders at outings and events! With the help of our strong Docent program we reached over 10,000 people through private and public events and

outings at Camp Pollock and Deer Creek Hills in 2015! We are EXCITED for all that the 2016 season brings. Meet our Docents! Check out all of the events and outings on the 2016 SVC Calendar of Events at [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org).





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# Backyard Bird Count

## 4 days and more than 40 species of birds

The 2016 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was February 12-15. First launched in 1998, the GBBC was the first online citizen science project to collect data on wild birds and to display the results in real time. Bird watchers visited DCH and Pollock properties and then submitted their checklists online to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. At Camp Pollock birders recorded 23 species of birds varying from hawks to humming birds. Birders at Deer Creek Hills recorded 41 species including a golden eagle and six different species of woodpeckers. Explore this year's result online at [gbbc.birdcount.org](http://gbbc.birdcount.org). Visit the Explore Data tab and enter our region as Sacramento, CA USA, then click the Hotspots tab. DCH is 15 in the Hotspot List and Camp Pollock is 30. To get a list of the

observed birds click on the site name and the list will be displayed. You can download the list and have it with you the next time you visit the properties. SVC wants to keep your birding interests growing so join us for a variety of birding events at Camp Pollock and Deer Creek Hills this year. On April 17 we explore an Introduction to Bird Language at Camp Pollock. Enjoy the variety of habitats at Deer Creek Hills on guided bird walks Saturdays throughout March, April and May. Remember to sign up on the website so we know you will be joining us. And of course, plan on joining us next year for the 2017 Great Backyard Bird Count.



*Photo by SVC  
Docent Lisa Couper, DVM*

# Earth Day Celebration at Camp Pollock

## Local bands play concert benefiting Open Space

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy is pleased to announce an Earth Day celebration and benefit concert to take place from Noon – 6 pm on Saturday, April 23 at Camp Pollock. The family-friendly, dog-friendly event will feature live music from local artists, local craft brew, food trucks and more! Live music by The Stoneberries, followed by Proxy Moon, The Remainders and Walking Spanish, Nevada City's own Achilles Wheel. The event will be MC'd by Sacramento local music aficionado Marty Taters. The Roseville Brewing Company and Two Rivers Cider will be there to pour delicious craft brews, and the

Cali Love food truck will be on-site to serve up fresh, delectable grub and non-alcoholic beverages. Please, no outside food or beverage will be allowed. Bring the family. Bring the dog. Come celebrate the earth and all there is to love about Sacramento with local music, local brews and local food. This intimate, family-friendly event is limited to 200 people, so don't wait! Tickets are \$16, children under 10 and dogs are free and parking is free. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org) or call 916-974-4330.

# 2016 Riverside Concerts Announced

## Series features local bands in a casual outdoor environment

The Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock begins April 7. Bring your own picnic basket & blanket or camp chairs! Tables are first come, first serve. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project. Concerts are held every first Thursday of the month from 6 - 8pm, April through September. No charge to attend and no charge for parking.

- Home By Dark . . . . . Thursday, April 7
- Cat's Meow . . . . . Thursday, May 5
- It's About Time. . . . . Thursday, June 2
- Larisa Bryski & Crew . . Thursday, June 16
- Sac Youth Jazz Band . . . Thursday, July 7
- Hot Break . . . . . Thursday, August 4
- Oh the Band . . . . . Thursday, September 1



# Thanks Sierra Service Project

## Del Paso Partnerships - 4 years of volunteering at Camp Pollock

Over a series of 4 days this winter, youth and adults from all over northern and central California came to Camp Pollock with Sierra Service Project (SSP). The volunteers came to learn new skills and share in the work of restoring the natural habitat of Lower American River riparian corridor. Tasks included trail clearing, riverbank erosion control, cleaning the OA room in the Lodge in preparation of the remodel, moving materials to and organizing the warehouse, planting native wildflowers, building propagation tables, and weed-proofing the well enclosure. Located minutes from Camp Pollock,

on Del Paso Boulevard, SSP's mission is: "Building faith and strengthening communities through service to others." Sierra Service Project has provided opportunities for youth and young adults to grow their faith and serve others in meaningful ways for four decades. More at [sierraserviceproject.org](http://sierraserviceproject.org)



*We at SVC are extremely grateful for the hard work that these youth and their adult leaders have put into making Camp Pollock and the other places they serve better. In addition to the hundreds of hours that the organization has put into Camp Pollock,*



*SSP sponsored the Riverside Concert Series in 2015 as our s'mores provider and commits to donating some more s'mores in 2016. SSP has been a dedicated partner to the Conservancy at Pollock since 2013. Thanks SSP for all you do!*

*Photo by Joy Braun*

## GlampOut is June 25th 2016!

### SVC's overnight camp-out benefit event

GlampOut 2016 will be held at Camp Pollock on Saturday, June 25th. Join us for stand-up paddle boarding, dinner, stargazing, campfire songs, s'mores, an overnight camp-out and much MORE. It's fun for the whole family in support of a great cause.



## 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.*

### Here is my tax deductible donation of:

\$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$35  \$20  Other

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Contact me about: Planned Giving  Becoming a Volunteer

Gifts to the Sacramento Valley Conservancy are tax deductible. If you would like more information, please call (916)731.8798 or email us at [info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](mailto:info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org)



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## April, May & June Calendar Selections

Sat, Apr 2	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, Apr 2	4 - 8pm	Guided Sunset Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 2	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Thur, Apr 7	6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert - Home By Dark
Sat, Apr 9	7:30am-12:30pm	Pond Birding
Sat, Apr 9	9am - 1pm	Native American Ethno Botany Hike
Sat, Apr 9	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, Apr 9	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, Apr 9	10am - 2pm	Guided Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 16	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, Apr 16	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sun, Apr 17	8:30am - 2:30pm	Introduction to Bird Language for Families
Sat, Apr 23	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, Apr 23	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, Apr 23	10am - 11pm	Historic Sign Dedication Ceremony
Sat, Apr 23	Noon - 6pm	Earth Day Benefit Concert at Camp Pollock
Sat, Apr 30	7am - 11pm	Deer Creek Hills Birding Transect
Sat, Apr 30	9am - 1pm	Wildflower & Story Telling Hike
Sat, Apr 30	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, Apr 30	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sun, May 1	8am - 2pm	Great Scott! Road Closure Bike Ride
Tues, May 3	24 Hours	BIG Day of Giving
Thur, May 5	6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert - Cat's Meow

Sat, May 7	9am - 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast
Sat, May 7	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, May 7	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, May 14	7am - 11pm	Local Nester & Spring Migrant Birding
Sat, May 14	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, May 14	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, May 21	6:30 - 10:30pm	Full Moon Hike, Story Telling and Picnic Outing
Sat, May 21	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, May 21	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, May 28	9am - 1pm	Reserve Saturdays Free Self-Guided Hike
Sat, May 28	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Thur, Jun 2	6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert - It's About Time
Sat, Jun 4	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Mon, Jun 6	4:30 - Dusk	Monday Night Mountain Bike Ride
Sat, Jun 11	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Mon, Jun 13	4:30 - Dusk	Monday Night Mountain Bike Ride
Thur, Jun 16	6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert - Larisa Bryski and Crew
Sat, Jun 18	8 - 11am	Mountain Bike Tour at DCH
Sat, Jun 18	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Mon, Jun 20	4:30pm - Dusk	Monday Night Mountain Bike Ride
Sat, Jun 25	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat, Jun 25	5pm - Noon	GlampOut
Mon, Jun 27	4:30pm - Dusk	Monday Night Mountain Bike Ride

Check out all of SVC's events on our Online Calendar at  
**[www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp)**