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### Calendar of Upcoming Events 2014

#### Deer Creek Hills Events

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, 7 - 11pm	Owl Night Hike
Sun, Apr 27, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat, May 3, 9am - 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast-Hike, Birding & Equestrian Ride
Sat, May 10, 4:30-9pm	Sunset Equestrian Ride
Sat, May 17, 8:00pm - 12am	Double the Fun With Bat Monitoring & Full Moon Hike
Sat, May 24, 9am - 2pm	Grinding Holes to Cattle Brands History Hike
Sun, May 25, 7am - 11am	Riparian Birding at Deer Creek Expansion
Sun, May 25, 10am - 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Thurs, May 29, 5:30 - 11pm	Sunset GlampOut held at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jun 28, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jul 26, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 16, 6:30pm - 11pm	Summer Trifecta of Fun
Sat, Aug 23, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sept 27, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Oct 18, 8:30am - 1pm	Autumn Service Project
Sat, Oct 25, 7:30 - 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Nov 29, 10am - 2pm	Thanksgiving Weekend Equestrian Ride

#### Camp Pollock Events

Apr 5	American River Parkway Spring Clean-Up
Apr 8	Fireside Concert Series - Band TBA
Apr 12	YOYO Kayak Race presented by River City Paddlers

May 6	Fireside Concert Series with David Silva & Taylor Chicks
May 17	Beyond the Farm: Stanford Alumni Volunteer Day
<b>May 29</b>	<b>2nd Annual Glamp-Out!</b>
Jun 3	Fireside Concert Series with Derek Thomas
Jun 7, 5 - 7pm	Kayak Trip
Jun 14	National Get Outdoors Day & Second Sat Primitive Education with Friends of the River Bank
Jun 27	Learn to identify birds by sight and sound with John C. Robenson
Jun 28	Great American Backyard Campout!
Jul 8	Fireside Concert Series - Shade Chasers
Aug 10, 9 - 11am	Kayak Trip
Aug 12	Fireside Concert Series - Band TBA
Sept 20	Great American River Clean-Up
Oct 2	Treasures of the Valley - Celebrating Salmon & River to Fork
Oct 4	Sacramento Vegan Festival

New events added all the time visit [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org)

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.

### Under the Cover of Darkness New Deer Creek Hills Events in 2014

New and exciting events are scheduled at Deer Creek Hills Preserve in 2014. Most events are held during daylight hours, but some outings take place at sunset, dusk and under a full moon!

The always popular Bat Night has now been extended into two outings; Saturday, May 17th and Saturday, August 16th. Learn with others about these fascinating mammals from experts in the field. Each outing has something different - a sunset hike, full moon hike, or star party. Register now for one, or both for these captivating outings. This outing sells out every year - sign-up now!

Do you wish to take your Equine pal on a sunset ride with a star party to follow? If so, check out the events scheduled on; March 29 and May 10th. Simply register on-line for these special excursions.



Full Moon Equestrian Ride

Photo Credit: Gina Silvernale

New this year, a bird outing will be hosted under a full-moon, while searching out owl activity at Deer Creek Hills. Sign-up for this invigorating venue scheduled for Saturday, April 26th 7-11pm.

Back by popular demand, every MondayNite Mt Biking (June thru October) from 4:30pm-to dusk. Set your own pace and riding skills at Deer Creek Hills. Don't forget to register on-line for these outings!

If darkness isn't your thing, see Deer Creek Hills during daylight hours. Every Saturday Deer Creek is open (9am-1pm) for self-guided hiking, trail running, birding or photo opportunities in this pristine oak woodland setting. Many diverse guided outings are offered to Mt Bikers, Hikers and Equestrian outings. See the back page of this newsletter or view all outings and register on-line at [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp).

Deer Creek Hills is open every Saturday, February to May and October and November.

### Come out to Camp Pollock this Spring Concert Series, GlampOut, Youth events or Host Your Own Public and Private Events

Camp Pollock Fireside Concert Series to kick off Spring 2014! Enjoy music featuring local bands at Pollock this spring and summer.

Our fireside concert series will host an eclectic mix of bands including **David Silva, Taylor Chicks, Derek Thomas, The Shade Chasers, River City Ukulele Orchestra** and more! Play-

ing free of charge to the public at Camp Pollock every *Second Tuesday* April through August. Enjoy tunes indoors in the lodge beside the 1920's stone fireplace or in warmer weather, outside in the beauty of nature, under the stars on the Pollock grounds, often near one of our fire-pits. We do not have food or drink vendors on

site, but attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring your own picnic basket & blanket. We will have the lodge open for use of restrooms and the picnic tables set up in the courtyard area. Parking and entry are free, however we do ask for donations to SVC and to help with our lodge renovation project. Concert dates April 8th, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th and August 12th.

**Save the Date!** Our Second Annual Glamp-Out at Camp Pollock will be Thursday, May 29th from 5:30 to dark. *Join us for a fun evening of starry skies, tasty glamping fare (dinner and local beverages included), great company* all to help raise funds in support of SVC's mission to protect our special places and to share them for youth education and outdoor recreation. Buy your tickets now \$50 for individuals and youth are free! Kayaking with *Current Adventures*, live animals, primitive skills demonstration, and fly casting, as well as *Mama Kim's Catering*, local wine, cider and beer. As twilight approaches we will have campfire songs with the *Shade Chasers*, S'mores, movie and popcorn, stargazing and more. This fun outdoors event is one of kind and not to be missed!

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**Camp Pollock ...** *(continued from page 1)*

Join **Friends of the River Bank** and Sacramento Valley Conservancy for a special **Second Saturday** presentation with primitive education expert Chuck Kritzon on **Saturday, June 14th** at Camp Pollock. Travel back into the past of Camp Pollock, to see and experience how the native People didn't just survive, but THRIVED on this land and it's rich resources! Learn how to make whistles from local sources, see how fire and stone tools made life not only livable but really WONDERFUL! Make and play native games and try out some ancient hunting and trapping techniques of these original Sacramentans! We will even taste test some ancient foods that were all available IF... you knew where and when to look out for them!

**Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers come to Sacramento**

Join the Leave No Trace- Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids (PEAK) traveling trainers for a special training just for leaders and parents of youth groups to learn how to teach your youth about the principals of Leave no Trace. The trainers will share tips, tricks and interactive games as well as resources for how to teach outdoor ethics to youth.

**YES!- Connecting Youth to the Environment**

Join SVC's YES- Youth, Education and Stewardship program for a day at Camp Pollock.

**Restore Camp Pollock Lodge**

Camp Pollock is a piece of Sacramento history, a hidden **gem**, located on the American River just five minutes from the downtown area on the North side of the river. Open for youth camping and events, Camp Pollock allows youth to experience the American River, many for the first time. The Camp Pollock property contains 11 acres fronting on the American River, including a 4,000 square foot lodge with 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. **But the lodge is in need of necessary upgrades, that if not met, may result in the closure to all those who it is intended to benefit.**

Without the necessary upgrades, compliance with lease terms cannot be met and the lodge

Youth will become stewards of their environment, learning the principals of Leave No Trace, explore and connect to their natural surroundings and develop a love for the outdoors. These educational programs are tailored to teach youth about the native history, geology and biology of our region. Programs include:

- Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids- Leave No Trace education with support from REI
- Wildlife Education Programs and Birding for Youth
- Primitive Education
- Youth Camping

Custom outings available for your youth group's needs, please inquire with Kelly Hopkins to schedule your outing today! admin@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org | 916.974.4330

**Make Your Own Event - Anytime**

Camp Pollock is located on the Lower American River Parkway in the heart of Sacramento. Visit [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org) and click on "Camp Pollock" on the Menu Bar to learn how to rent the lodge and grounds for family and corporate events and youth camping. Camp Pollock is open free dawn to dusk every day for river access for fishing, kayaking, bird watching, picnics or just relaxing by the river. Join us.

may need to be closed. 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. *We have just kicked off our Restore Camp Pollock Lodge Campaign* with an ambitious goal to raise \$300,000 before the end of 2014. We need your help to Restore Camp Pollock! Log on to [www.crowdrise.com/RestoreCampPollock](http://www.crowdrise.com/RestoreCampPollock) to donate or create a profile and begin fundraising! Top three fundraisers will receive a complimentary 2015 Season Pass to Deer Creek Hills!

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**Meet Volunteer Docent - David Jones**

David Jones, Lead Equestrian Docent understands the value and reward when volunteering within the community. After all, volunteering as an Equestrian Docent at Deer Creek Hills is one of three ways David volunteers in Sacramento. The American River Trail Patrol and a reenactment Buffalo Solider volunteer are the additional groups David supports with history and interacting with others while outside, on horseback. His involvement with the Buffalo Solider group took him to the national stage at this year's Rose Bowl Parade.

David was born in England with an identical twin brother to a military family. He was raised in Rancho Cordova and has worked for SMUD for the past 28 years. David is the proud owner of Quinn, Strider and Moose, his beloved horses. David is one of three Lead Equestrian Docents at Deer Creek Hills.



2014 Rose Bowl Parade (David on left)

**SVC Applies for Accreditation Renewal**

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. SVC is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how SVC complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical



Quinn the Horse and David w/Roberts Family Development Center.

Within the SVC, David's focus is public events, taking land stewardship by leading service projects and interacting with Project Y.E.S. (Youth Education & Stewardship). David and Quinn the Horse have been known to appear in full Buffalo Soldier garb to greet inner city youth groups, when visiting Deer Creek Hills. David even surprised the youth of Roberts Family Development Center in 2012. "A great visualization..." is a comment Matt Gaylord, Program Assistant made while escorting RFDC youth hikers, he said "...the kids froze in their tracks as if they saw a grizzly bear when David yelled out to them from his base camp along Crevis Creek." The last thing the kids expected to see was an African American man in a historic uniform, with a horse and a pitched canvass tent! Simply priceless!

His passion for Deer Creek Hills started in 2001/2002 and continues with passion. When Gina Silvernale, SVC Outreach Coordinator first met David, she found his heart and enthusiasm to be in the right place, promoting equestrian outings. Gina remarks, "David continues to educate me about group dynamics of horse events and how to best offer Deer Creek Hills to the Equestrian marketplace. He's been a key element in making the Equestrian program a growing success."

and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/tips-and-tools/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on SVC's application will be most useful by June 2.

**Donation Form**

**YES!**

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