Glamp-Out 2014 a Success!
The second annual Glamp-Out at Camp Pollock on May 29th was a success! With over 150 attendees, this family friendly night brought over 25 children to Camp Pollock to enjoy kayaking on the river and lawn games. Educational programs including California Indian life and culture, Salamanian rabbit and education, star-gazing, fly casting and fly tying were among the many activities. Mama Kim’s once again served up a delicious spread of glamorous campfire treats. After dinner the flag was retired to the tune of Taps on the bugle. As the sun set and twilight fell, glampers made their way to a roasting campfire for sing along songs with The Shade Chasers and delighted in roasting marshmallows over glowing coals. There are never enough s’mores! Special thanks to volunteers who helped make this event a success. We look forward to hosting you, your family and friends for Glamp-out 2015!

Volunteer Workshops:
- Kitchen Workers: Please meet at Lavelle Rd and Sierra House Rd (north of Highway 16 and Jackson Rd, and most of Ranchea Mountain). Both roads can be accessed off of Jackson Rd. Weather is unpredictable, so please bring layers of clothing for all weather types. Work, light snacks and a hot for everyone and indoors are also included. There are active efforts growing at Deer Creek Hills, and the conditions of biking remain vary and may include streams and uneven terrain.
- Deer Creek Hills Season Passes and SVC Gift Memberships are available at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org, or hear a single person, it’s a rare trail experience in a location so plant life, and more! Typical rides break off into three different skill levels with groups covering 5-20 miles of trail highlighting an amazing property with views of the Sierra Nevada, Mount Diablo, California’s coastal ranges, and even the tall buildings of downtown Sacramento. One weekly visitor shared his love of Deer Creek Hills “What I like best about this place is that you can ride with friends people or you can go out on your own and not see or hear a single person, it’s a rare trail experience in a location so

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1) Favorite activity at Pollock?
Well, of course, I would love to see more kayaking and boating activity there, but currently I like seeing the wide variety of groups that go there for events ranging from campsouts and BBQs to weddings and organizational retreats. As a volunteer, I like any of the projects where we can see the progress we’ve made and get a sense of having accomplished something.

2) What attracts you to the site and to SVC?
Camp Pollock has such great potential: as a great mostly outdoor environmental gathering place for groups. I would love to see the place used for better access to the American River and to the bicycle trail along the river.

3) What is the coolest thing you’ve seen on the property?
It is so cool to see and to work with some of the young people who come out and work really hard on something that needs to be done at Pollock. To see the enthusiasm and, along the way, to see them take a interest in what the place is all about.

4) Why do you keep coming back?
Hmmm . . . The place is very attractive, but it needs a lot of tender care. When I first saw the site, before SVC was able to take it over, it was becoming a kind of wasteland. But now with the help of the Conservancy and the volunteers, it is getting better all the time — and I’m more than glad to be able to help where I can.

5) Where is your favorite cheap place to eat in Sacramento? Dandelions (the former Crapeville at 24th St. & 2nd Ave.) is a good neighborhood place to eat. Huge thanks to Tom for all of his hard work!

Summer Events at Camp Pollock!
Free Concerts through August at Pollock

Our first annual Fisrtide Concert Series at Pollock continues through August. Our last two concerts are scheduled for July 8th and August 12th. July 8th will be a special edition specifically for families! July 8th join the Shade Chasers for sing-a-long songs around the campfire and s'mores, meanwhile local brother/sister band Connor and Karlie will be playing in the courtyard. August 12th bands include Pocket Change Classic Caticn and The River City Ukulele Orchestra. All bands play free of charge and open to the public. Enjoy tunes outside in the beauty of nature, under the stars on the Pollock grounds. Attendees are welcome and encouraged to “Bring your own Picnic Basket & Blanket.” Food vendors may be on site for select events. 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. Bike commuting to lodge is encouraged - Camp Pollock is conveniently located near the American River Bike Trail. If your band is interested in playing at Pollock please contact Kelly Hopkins at admin@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org.

Learn How to Identify Birds by Sight and Sound

As a bird enthusiast, you probably know first-hand about the challenges of identifying birds. Join acclaimed speaker, professional ornithologist, and #1 best-selling author John C. Robinson for a special presentation on how to identify birds by sight and by sound. This funny, entertaining, and informative program will describe the 10-step process birders can use at any season or any location in the world to identify birds. Special emphasis will be devoted to bird songs, as that is the primary method used to identify many birds in the spring and summer. Be sure to bring your top bird identification questions to this special event as John will also be taking questions from the audience.

Date: Friday, June 27, 2014
Time: 6 - 7:30pm
Location: Camp Pollock
Register online at: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp

Sunset Hike, Bat Monitoring and Star Party

One of the year’s most interesting, unique and popular events is the Tri-Fecta of Fun being held at Deer Creek Hills on Saturday, August 16th from 6:30 - 11pm. Once registered on-line, dust off your hiking boots, grab your head lamp, pack the bug spray and your fascination! All will be used when doing a sunset hike, understanding insightful knowledge of bat specialist and looking at distant galaxies at this year’s TriFecta of Fun. Take in a hike in the late afternoon light with other like-minded people and visit with bat researchers to understand the bat species that consider Deer Creek Hills home. Musters are set-up at the North Pond with the hopes of catching active bats. Bars are active as dusk falls. Catching bars requires time and patience. You will leave with confidence and knowledge of these often mis-understood creatures. Your next stop to this spectacular night of wonder will be hiking under the cover of darkness to a star party hosted by David Scharlach, SVC Lead Docent. Take in the beauty of nature, under the stars on the Pollock grounds.

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close to home. All skill levels are welcome and even those without bikes can be accommodated at the annual Deer Creek Hills Bike Demo Day taking place on September 27th this year. Visit Deer Creek Hills This Week! Sign up at sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

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- Monday Night Rides - June-October, 4:30pm - Dark
- Saturday Rides - June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th, October 25th.
- Deer Creek Hills and FATRAC Bike Demo Day - Try out the latest and greatest from TRED, SCOTT and MARIN bikes! Sign up at sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or FATRAC.org

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