



# Rancho Simi Trail Blazers

*A Division of the Rancho Simi Foundation*



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## Special Announcement New On-Line Member Forum

Our website now has a new and special feature. **We've just added an on-line interactive Member Forum.** All over the Internet, member forums are becoming increasingly more popular, as on-line meeting places, where people share their common interests. Our new forum can build and provide a real sense of community for our members.

To access our new forum, start by going to our website located at:

<http://www.simitrailblazers.com>.

Next, click on **Forum**, found on the left-hand menu. The *Simi Trailblazers Forum* page will then open. To use the *Forum*, you'll first need to register, so click on the **Register** icon. You'll then be asked to provide a Screen Name, email address and also a password. Once your registration process is complete, you'll be able to log in and have access to all the *Forum's* features. Once you're logged in, take a good look around. You'll probably want to start by going to the **Member Center** and select the various options under

### RSTB CLUB MEETING

This month's club meeting will be held at the Community Center  
**Room B-1**  
1692 Sycamore Drive  
at 7:00 PM  
on  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

*Edit Profile* to customize your account. You may also want to add a personal message, a custom avatar or perhaps a custom signature. Once you are done with your customization, click on the *Home* icon so you can take a look at the active discussion groups. **There are currently four main discussion groups, which include General Discussion, Announcements, Newsletter and Hiking.** Take a moment to wander through the various postings to see what's going on. Once you have a feeling for how these groups work, take some time to answer an existing post, or start your own. You can even share your pictures while you're there. The hiking boot rubber really meets the trail in these discussion groups. This is where you can actively participate in the club's activities, get the very latest scoop and be part of shaping the future of our club. **There are many other features in the Member's Forum.** From your *Member Center*, you can send private email to any other registered member. Click on the *Calendar* icon, and you'll find an on-line calendar of events. You can also click on the *Search* icon to quickly find topics from past discussions. On the bottom of the *Forum's* home page, you'll find a link to the most recent member listing and links to help you quickly see the *Forum's* most recent activity. Do not be afraid to wander around anywhere on the *Forum* and discover its capabilities. You can't damage your account ion any way. **I hope our new Member Forum becomes a valuable asset to all of us. See you on the Forum!**

### RSTB LOGO T-SHIRTS

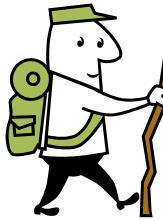
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - Noon**  
Work Party-Chumash Trail

**NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> (DATE CHANGE) Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut**  
Please see the web site and page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - Noon**  
Work Party-Hummingbird Trail

More information on these events can be found at  
<http://simitrailblazers.com>

To make reservations, please email Mark Gilmore at [markinthe park@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markinthe park@sbcglobal.net)



### Special Event: Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut Overnighter

On weekend of Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, we've planned a very special overnight trip to the Sierra Club's Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut. The Hut was built in 1937, by the Sierra Club Ski Mountaineers. Nestled in a pine forest, the Hut is a large one-room cabin, complete with a sleeping loft, wood burning stove to keep us toasty at night, comfortable foam mattresses, running water, a full kitchen and toilet facilities. It's a picturesque and serene setting; views from its picture windows are specacular. It only takes about 1 1/2 hrs. to drive to the trailhead, which is at about 6,000ft. The Hut is at about 8,200ft. The trail to the Hut is about 3 miles. Now this might sound like a very difficult hike, but it's really not all that bad, since we have all day to get there. It's a beautiful hike, passing by San Antonio Falls on the way. On the trail, you'll think you're hiking in the Sierras. If you're looking for a real challenge, you can hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (10,064ft), using the Hut as your Base Camp. For more info about the Hut, check out <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lodges/sanantonioskihut.html> on the Internet.

All you need to bring is your sleeping bag, food, good boots and 2 qts. of water for the hike up to the Hut on Saturday morning. Bringing a favorite book to enjoy is heartily recommended. There will be plenty of good stories, shared by the Hut custodian, around the wood-burning stove on Saturday Night. As the event draws near, we'll make plans to cook a group dinner. We have some fine gourmet cooks in our club. who knows, we may even gain weight on this hike!

As with all our special trips, you must be a Trailblazer member to attend. There is also a fee, charged by the Sierra Club, of \$10 for Sierra Club members and \$15 for non-members. This is payable in advance to confirm your reservation. Please send your payment to your Hiking Chair, Mark Gilmore. If you're paying with a check, please make it out to Mark and send it to 15040-A Reedley St., Moorpark, CA 93021. You may also give your payment to Mark in person, at any Trailblazer event. We are allowed only 12 members that weekend, so get your reservations in soon before it is too late.

The last day to make reservations is October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, you may email Mark at [markinthe park@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markinthe park@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 805-529-5581. Please be advised the trip will be cancelled in case of bad weather.

We'll meet at the Stearns Street "Park and Ride", the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8 AM, an carpool to the Trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required at the Trailhead, for each of our vehicles.

# THANK YOU



A BIG Thank You to Randy and Sarita Shoemaker for their recent generous donation to the Rancho Simi Trailblazers!!



### DINKEY LAKES BASIN TRIP

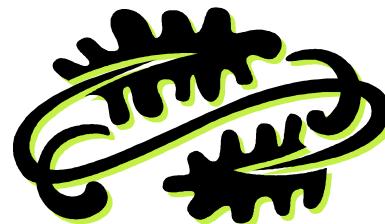
August 16-19<sup>th</sup>, eight RSTB members went on a backpacking trip to the high Sierra Nevada, by visiting the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness area. They spent the first night on Dinkey Creek, car camping at about 5,800 ft. elevation. The next 2 nights were spent at First Dinkey Lake, at 9,200 ft, with day hikes on Friday and Saturday. The weather was perfect and the weekend enjoyed by all. Attendees included: Doug Temple, Gary Cremeans, Linda Barry, Mike Kuhn, Arlene Altshuler, Bill Cespedes and Doug and Margarita Marsh.

## SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>: SYCAMORE CANYON SHUTTLE



Ten of us took the 8.6 mile hike down Sycamore Canyon. It was a very pleasant hike and in the seventies all the way to the beach. By the gate, at the end of the hike, was a Tarantula Hawk. Between the campground and the beach, we saw perhaps two dozen parrots flying overhead and also a couple more perched along the side of the road. They appeared to be *Dusky-headed Conures*, which are native to Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil. After a fine lunch on the beach, and many more good stories, we headed back home. A good time was had by all.

## SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> : SERRANO CANYON



Five of us made the 8.5 mile loop through Serrano Canyon. When we arrived at the trailhead, it was a cool 69 degrees. At the high point of the hike, well above Serrano and Sycamore Canyon, it was beastly hot and we all started to melt and wither away. As we descended back down into Sycamore Canyon, the temperatures gradually became much more pleasant. At the end of the hike, it was a welcome 72 degrees at the beach. Upon our return to Donut Delite, it was a scorching 100 degrees. Although the Canyons were bone dry, we still saw some Bush Mallow, Cudweed Aster and Cliff Aster holding on for dear life.



# RSTB Calendar

## October 2007





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## Hiking Schedule



### REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIKES

*(Rain cancels – No hikes on holidays)*

#### **Sunday Evening - Rocky Peak**

Meet 5pm at Rocky Peak trailhead at the end of Rocky Peak Rd off Santa Susana Pass. (Strenuous, 4.8 MRT)

#### **Tuesday Evening - Long Canyon**

Meet at 6:30pm in Long Canyon parking lot. Directions: Take First Street South. Continue when the road's name changes to Long Canyon Road. The parking lot is at the intersection of Long Canyon Road and Wood Ranch Pkwy. (Moderate, 3.0 MRT)

#### **Thursday Evening - The Chumash Trail**

Meet at 6pm at Chumash trailhead. Directions - take 118 Fwy to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite, turn right on Flanagan Dr. Trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Dr. (Strenuous, 5.2 MRT)

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### OCTOBER HIKES

#### **October 6<sup>th</sup> Camp Three Falls to Lilly Meadows\*** 6 MRT - Moderate (1,075' elevation gain)

Beautiful area with a waterfall about half way up. Bring lunch, water and wear boots. For those looking for a bit of a workout, there is an option of adding some mileage by taking the trail on up to Sheep Camp. Meet at 8 AM at the Stearns Street Park & Ride. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water and lunch. Wear sturdy boots.

#### **October 13th Carpenteria Bluffs\*** 5 MRT - Easy

A beautiful walk overlooking the ocean along the bluffs above Carpinteria. Meet at 8 AM, near Donut Delite on the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 1 to 2 quarts of water and lunch.

#### **October 20th Work Party - Chumash Trail**

Meet at the Chumash Trail trailhead. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water, hat, sunscreen, and gloves to work on the trail.

#### **October 27<sup>th</sup> Sisar Canyon\*** PLEASE NOTE: (Rescheduled one week earlier) Moderate 9 MRT (2000' elevation gain) Follow a creek up to the California Bay Laurel trees of the White Ledge campsite in the Topatopa Mountains. Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water, layered clothing, and lunch. Wear boots. Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite near the corner of Madera and Royal.

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\* Not within the jurisdiction of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

No dogs allowed on trail(s).

For more information on hikes/work parties, contact the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at 805-584-4400.

Special Note: - On all hikes and work parties, bring water and wear lug-soled boots.

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Please enroll me as a New ( ) or Renewing ( ) member of the Rancho Simi Trail Blazers for the annual donation fee of:

Single.....\$10      Family..... \$15

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How did you find out about the RSTB \_\_\_\_\_

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