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Picnic News

It was a record crowd at the picnic this year. Barbara Lawson, Judy Holmes, Patty Van Natta, some of our founding members, many family members came that we don't get to see normally. We had a bazillion salads, wonderful desserts – not only do we hike but we can cook and boy can we ever eat!!!! Mark and Brenda were wonderful hosts and their backyard is a paradise. I wonder if they'd notice if we set up tents in their backyard...it truly is a haven. Mark was quite the chef, grilling salmon and chicken to everyone's delight and Brenda always makes you feel welcome. Thanks!

It's nice to see everyone as we've all changed over the years, some don't hike anymore or don't make as many hikes as they used to. It's a good time to catch up on the news, play a little croquet and generally enjoy each other. This group is a little more than just another hiking group....a little bit like a family. It's a nice happy place to be.

So come next year if you couldn't make it this year....you'll feel good. I do.

SCMTA annual membership is due July 1. Please check the year on your address label; if it is 2013 (or earlier), your dues are now due!

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

If you enjoy hiking our trails, please help maintain them

Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	July 6, Aug. 3 and Sep. 7	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Big Basin:	July 13, Aug. 10 and Sep. 14	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Castle Rock:	July 20, Aug. 17 and Sep. 21	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

Our web site is <http://www.scmta-trails.org>

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For all hikes: Bring lunch, liquid and clothing appropriate for the season (summer fog, winter rain).

Some hikes may be canceled or changed due to the weather; please see statement in each hike description. Call the hike leader if you are not sure.

For trail maintenance: Wear long pants, boots, and long sleeved shirt and bring gloves, lunch and liquid.

Trailhead parking lots are always busy — carpool if you can

July 6, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Al Lisin, (408) 252-8106, leads a group that maintains the Skyline to the Sea Trail. This group now meets on the first Saturday of the month. The group meets at 9:00 am. Please call Al for meeting place (which changes).

July 7, Sunday: Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park— A moderate 9-mile hike. Bring sneakers or some kind of booties for wading across the San Lorenzo River. Meet at 8:45 in the Los Gatos municipal lot. Call Mark Bowden for details. (408) 735-8736.

July 13, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam at park headquarters at 9:00 for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

July 14, Sunday: Forest of Nisene Marks State Park— A 7-8-mile hike up the West Ridge trail and visiting Hoffman's historic site. Meet at the Los Gatos VTA parking lot off hwy 9 at 8:30 for carpooling and additional directions to Aptos and parking. Host will provide refreshments after the hike. Call Ed La Pointe for additional information at 408-243-7194.

July 20, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— The third Saturday of every month Martin Donald leads trail work in the Castle Rock area. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer.

July 21, San Pedro Valley County Park/Montara Mountain— A moderate 9-mile hike to the top of Montara Mountain from San Pedro County (San Mateo) Park in Pacifica. We will start at the Brooks Creek trail, continue on the Montara Mountain Trail, and ascend on the North Peaks Access Road to the top of Montara Mountain. Descend on the Montara Mountain Trail. Heavy rain cancels. Let's meet at Page Mill Road and

I280 at 8:45 AM to car-pool to the park or meet at the Trout Farm picnic area in San Pedro Valley Park at 9:30. More information: Steve Braley (408) 981-9753.

July 28, Sunday: Butano State Park— This moderate loop of about 11 miles is mostly through the redwoods on Jackson Flats, Canyon, and Indian trails. We may stop afterwards for Artichoke Garlic Bread in Pescadero. Meet at Page Mill and 280 at 8:30 to carpool, or at the entrance kiosk at 9:30. Leader is Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

August 3, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

August 4, Sunday: No hike today— No hike leaders are available this day.

August 10, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See July 13* entry for details.

August 11, Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail / Toll Road— Hike a loop on the Skyline-to-the-Sea and Toll Road trails from Waterman Gap. The clockwise loop goes from Waterman Gap via Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail to Beekhuis Road then follows the Toll Road Trail back to Waterman gap for a distance of about 6½ miles. We may go counter-clockwise. Meet at Waterman Gap at 9:30 or behind “La Fondue” at Saratoga at 9:00. Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

August 17, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 20* entry.

August 18, Sunday: Henry Cowell State Park, Fall Creek unit— A 10-mile hike at Fall Creek unit of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park near Felton. Meet in the Fall Creek parking lot at 9:30 or car-pool from

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municipal parking lot in Los Gatos (formally VTA lot) at 8:45 For more information, call Cathy Howard at (650) 966-1850. The one “puffer” hill is optional.

We will plan fall hikes over lunch, so please bring your ideas and calendar for October / November / December. Optional wine-tasting at Hallcrest Winery (next to Fall Creek) after the hike.

August 25, Sunday: San Francisco: Golden Gate Heights, Mt. Davidson Park— Some stairways and hills, walking about 4 ½ hours. We'll have our sack lunch on Mt. Davidson. Carpool from Page Mill Road at 8:30 or park on or around 16th Avenue and meet at corner of 16th and Noriega at 9:30. Toni Bassett 650-948-7344.

September 1, Sunday: Wilder Ranch State Park— Moderate 6-7 miles of trekking along Wilder Ranch trails and a 2.5 mile continuation on Old Landing Trail. We will visit the rookery, pocket beaches, fern cave, and of course the brussel sprout and artichoke fields along the way. Lunch on the beach. Meet at 8:30 at old VTA in Los Gatos. Take Hwy 17 to Santa Cruz. From there, drive north on Hwy 1 for 4 miles. Turn left into the entrance of Wilder Ranch Park and follow the park road to its end, at the main parking area. Hike starts at 9:30. No permits required, but \$10 per vehicle. Tailgate refreshments will be served afterwards. Hike Leader Valerie Chataignier 408.966.1598 cell or email vchataigne at aol dot com.

September 7, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

September 8, Sunday: Zip line at Mount Hermon Adventures and hike at Henry Cowell Park— We will car pool to Henry Cowell State park for a hike before the zip line. Car pool at Los Gatos park&ride at 8:45 or meet at the main parking lot by the store at Henry Cowell at 9:30. Wear comfortable clothes (you will have a full harness on) and enclosed shoes for the zip line and be prepared for cool, wet weather. You need to weigh at least 75 pounds and no more than 250. Also you are required to be able to reach both hands above your head for breaking, there is a ground school before the adventure. Mt Hermon has a snack bar and we can picnic there. Mount Hermon Adventure's phone number 831 430-4357 - their web site can answer many of the questions you might have. Leader: Nancy Davidson 650

575-5889 walkernan1 at att dot net. Nancy will need a check for \$76.25 for each participant made out to Nancy Davidson and mailed to: 903 Whitehall Lane, Redwood City, CA 94051 by Aug 20, 2013.

September 14, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9:00. *See July 13 entry.*

September 15, Sunday: Sanborn Skyline County Park— A loop of 9 miles with 1600 feet elevation gain. Going up the San Andreas trail to Indian Rock and returning on the Sanborn trail. Meet for carpool at the fondue restaurant in Saratoga at 9:00 AM or at the Peterson grove parking lot in Sanborn at 9:30. Call Carolyn for more details at (408) 379-1853.

September 21, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 20 entry.*

September 22, Sunday: Four Open Space Preserves— A moderate 9 mile loop with some ups and downs, sun and shade, wonderful oak trees and plenty of views. Montebello to Skyline Ridge to Russian Ridge to Coal Creek, and back to Montebello. Carpool from Page Mill and 280 at 9:00. Leader: Cathy Howard 650-966-1850

September 29, Sunday: Stevens Creek County Park and Fremont Older and Picchetti Open Space— Directions: 280 exit Foothill south. Foothill turns into Stevens Canyon Road take Stevens Canyon Road to Cupertino Park Monte Vista to meet at 9:10. We will carpool to Cooley picnic area at the intersection Stevens Canyon Road and Mt Eden Road, bear right. We will hike the Tony Look Trail, Canyon Trail in Fremont Older and back to Cooley for lunch. After lunch, a short hike to Picchetti Winery on the Zinfanel Trail and return to Cooley Park. Hike Leader: Mary Ellen Quinn 408.885.0184.

Save these dates:

Nights of Aug. 4-9: Camping at Plumas-Eureka State Park in the Sierra with Mark and Carolyn.

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FIRST CLASS

The SCMTA membership year runs from July 1 - June 30. The date above your name and address indicates when your dues need to be paid. Thank you!!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 2013

