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## The Heat: To Hike or Not to Hike Aug. 31, 2023, 7 p.m., County Library at 2809 Foothill Blvd.

By Pat Kramer

With temperatures rising hiking in the local mountains can become very dangerous – albeit, life-threatening. Join the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club on Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Boulevard, Glendale for a riveting presentation on “The Heat: To Hike or Not to Hike.” Hike leaders from the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, will be joined by Montrose Search & Rescue to prepare us for hiking in these hot conditions in our local mountains and

This program is Sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter. To RSVP, email:

[pat@writerpatkramer.com](mailto:pat@writerpatkramer.com) for more information

## Celebrate Summer with the CV Annual Summer Brunch Picnic and Hike joined by the Pasadena Group

The Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club invites you to our annual summer Brunch Picnic and Hike at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, Sunday, **August 20, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.** This year it is a jointly hosted picnic with the Pasadena Sierra Club group. You will get to meet our Sierra Club counterparts from Pasadena at this event.

The Deukmejian Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road, Glendale, California 91214. Wear your hiking shoes and wear a hat and join us for bagels, fruit, sweet rolls, and drinks. Tree-watering will be on the list, so bring a jug of water along if you want. The hike is about one-mile round trip with approx. 300' elevation gain and begins at 8 a.m. Bring your hat and sunscreen. The Hike is followed by brunch. For the hike, please contact the leaders: Bettie Pearson, 818-203-0628, [bettiepearson@aol.com](mailto:bettiepearson@aol.com). Silvia Darie, Bob Thompson, 818-249-1237, [bobcat237@charter.net](mailto:bobcat237@charter.net).

## Upcoming Events

Activity	Date/Time	Place
CV & Verdugo Joint Program –	Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 pm	La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., LaCrescenta/Glendale
Tree Watering Day	Sunday, September 17, 2023	Ralph's, the shopping center located at 10455 Sunland Blvd. Sunland

## Tree Watering Day

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, the Crescenta Valley group of the Sierra Club held a Tree Watering Day in Sunland-Tujunga with co-sponsorship from the DIY Home Center in Tujunga and participation from the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. In less than three hours, 20 volunteers watered 100 trees along Foothill Boulevard and also pruned and weeded the trees. Six of the volunteers were members of the management committee of the CV Group, including: Fred Dong, Bob Thompson, Silvia Darie, Jeff Wilson, Gail Adams and Pat Kramer.



**CV group program chair Pat Kramer organized the event.**



**Above: CV Membership Chair Silvia Darie and CV Vice President Jeff Wilson with STNC board member Cheryl Schmidt**



**Left: Sierra Club and community volunteers**

## “No Canyon Hills” Gaining Momentum

The Sierra Club and in particular the Crescenta Valley Group support the efforts of the No Canyon Hill organization. Here are some developments described in detail on the website: <https://nocanyonhills.org> Researchers and others working with the No Canyon Hills team state the ‘Canyon Hills’ Project site supports a vibrant ecosystem. In addition to coyote and bobcat, notable mammal species active in the site include Merriam’s chipmunk, American black bear, and western gray squirrel, which have become rare at lowland elevations in Southern California. Three of our most significant findings at the Project site include mountain lion, Crotch’s bumble bee, and the presence of various migratory birds.

On June 19, Senator Anthony J. Portantino and Senator Caroline Menjivar issued a formal letter to L.A. Department of Planning echoing NCH’s call for a Subsequent EIR for ‘Canyon Hills’. This is a significant sign of support from Senate members who state that the original EIR is “utterly obsolete and in desperate need of revision prior to final grading permits being authorized.”

# Total Eclipse Viewing and Texas Sightseeing Tour

**Date and Time:**

Sat, Apr 6, 2024; 8:00 AM (Local Time) - Sat, Apr 13, 2024 6:00 PM (Local Time)

**Organized By:** Angeles Chapter, Crescenta Valley

**Event Organizers:**

Fred Dong

The Total Eclipse Viewing Adventure with Texas Sightseeing Tour: Join us for this 8 day 7 night sun and moon adventure with a tour of highlights of Texas. We will see the total eclipse of the sun in this rare appearance over the United States in 2024. The last one in the continental US happened in 2017 that we saw on our Wyoming trip.

We will be sightseeing and a little hiking in Texas. In Dallas, we plan to see the Dallas World Aquarium and the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. In Austin, we will do the state capital tour and visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. In San Antonio, we will take a River Walk Cruise, visit the Alamo, the San Antonio Missions National Historical site, a UNESCO world heritage site, the San Fernando Cathedral and Spanish Governor’s Palace. We also plan a brief stop to Brazos Bend State Park where we may see alligators, deer, and lots of different birds. The tour ends in Houston where we plan to visit the Houston Space Center and may do the Houston downtown underground city tour. We also plan to sample some of the famous Texas barbeque and ice cream. We will be seeing the Total Eclipse in a smaller Texas town that is on the centerline.

Price includes, 7 nights lodging (2 Persons, 2 beds per room) with Bus, Admission to sightseeing places, Bus Refreshments, Farewell Dinner, and more. Airfare extra. The price is \$2,350. Early sign-up discount of \$100 per person if sign up before Aug 30. Send e-mail address , H & W Phones, SC#, check (Sierra Club) to Reserv.: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA Leaders: Fred Dong 818-545-3878, Donna Specht, Cathy Kissinger.

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**Crescenta Valley Group Management Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Fred Dong</b>	<b>Ex Com Rep</b>	<b>Cathy Kissinger</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Jeffrey Wilson</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Silvia Darie</b>
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<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Karen Buehler</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Pat Kramer</b>



# The Grand Morocco Adventure

Sun, May 5, 2024; 6:00 AM (Local Time) - Sun, May 19, 2024 6:00 AM (Local Time)



**Organized By:** Angeles Chapter, Crescenta Valley

**Event Organizers:**

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Join us for this 15 day, 14 night adventure in vibrant Morocco to experience the culture, nature, and beautiful sights of this exotic land. We will walk through the old narrow streets of Marrakech's Medina with its vibrant market, a UNESCO world heritage site, gardens, mosques, and many other points of interest. We will visit the beautiful walled city of Essaouira whose Medina is another UNESCO world heritage site.

Next, we are off to Ait Ben Haddou to visit the kasbah, another UNESCO world heritage site, followed by a cultural experience with a local Moroccan family. We plan to drive on the Thousand Kasbah road visiting a few Kasbahs on our way to the Dades Gorge, where we can partake in a short nature hike (optional). We will travel to the Todra Gorge where you can go on another optional hike to explore the green oasis full of large date palms. We will follow up with a drive to the Moroccan desert and meet a Berber family.

We will head north to Azrou where we plan to hike in a cedar forest looking for Barbary Macques. We will go to the ancient city of Fez whose Medina is yet another UNESCO world heritage site!

We'll also visit the Roman Archaeological city of Volubilis (UNESCO world heritage site). We plan to spend a couple days exploring the mysterious blue city of Chefchaouen, Rabat, whose modern capital and historic city is a UNESCO world heritage site. We will conclude after a visit to Casablanca.

Price includes, 14 nights lodging (2 Persons, 2 beds per room), transportation within Morocco, Admission to sightseeing places, many meals, and more. Airfare is Not Included.

The price for current Sierra Club members \$3,250. Early sign-up discount of \$100 per person is offered for sign ups before Sept 30, 2023. Non-members, please add \$100 to the above prices.

Send e-mail address, phone numbers, SC member number, along with a check payable "Sierra Club" to Reservationist: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021