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Karen Buehler Leading Backpack Trip to Mt. Lowe – March 21 - 22, 2020

O-2: Backpack to Mt. Lowe campground/Peak (5603 ft) Travel back in time as we explore Professor Thaddeus Lowes Ye Alpine Tavern. We will follow the historic Mt. Lowe railway from Lower Sam Merrill trail over to Sunset Ridge, up Mt. Lowe fire road (the old railway bed), to Mt. Lowe campground and the site of Ye Alpine Tavern. We will be backpacking at a modest pace with some historical sites highlighted along the way.

Later we will walk over to Inspiration Point and enjoy a happy hour with historic views. Sunday morning, we will climb Mt. Lowe peak (5603 ft) taking in the views of the Los Angeles basin and beyond then returning to camp to pack up and head out descending via Castle Canyon trail. There should be time to explore Echo Mtn. ruins on the way down. Weekend total 15 mi rt, 3800 ft gain. 12 mi rt, 2600 ft gain with backpacks to Mt Lowe Campground, 3 mi rt, 1200 ft gain hike to Mt. Lowe peak. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Erik Peterson and Karen Buehler.
Level: Moderate

Signup Instructions: Please send recent experience and conditioning to epetersoneditor@gmail.com. Further details of trip, meeting place and time will be forwarded upon acceptance. No beginners please. Heavy rain cancels.

Karen Buehler to present slide show on King's Canyon – February 11, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club will present Karen Buehler's, KING'S CANYON, slide show, Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm. at the Los Angeles County Public Library, 2809 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, California, 91214.

Karen is a Sierra Club member and outings leader. She is quite an experienced hiker and willing to share her trip adventures. Her interest and expertise is backpacking and hiking. Her recent backpacking trip to Rae Lakes Loop was a 42-mile trek that took 5 days in Kings Canyon, with waterfalls and beautiful views.

This is a free event, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Our program begins following news of Outings and Conservation. Contact Wayne Fisher for further information at 818 353-4181.

Crescenta Valley Group Management Committee

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Overnight Car Camping Trip in Windwolves Preserve: Feb. 22 – 23, 2020 (rescheduled from Oct. 12, 2019)

Sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Group and Junior Explorers of the Sierra Club, this event requires *all participants* sign a liability waiver. Space is limited.

Leaders: Silvia Darie, Bettie Pearson, Karen Buehler, Cathy Kissinger. and Jeff Wilson.

As noted in its website, "the preserve is an ecologically unique region where the Transverse Ranges, Coast Ranges, Sierra Nevada, western Mojave Desert and San Joaquin Valley converge. Due to elevation ranging from 640 to 6,005 feet, the preserve has an impressive array of landforms and habitats that serve as a critical landscape linkage and wildlife corridor between the Coast Ranges and Sierra Nevada."

We will arrive at the preserve from 9-930 am for check in to our Crossroads campsite. There will be a 2-mile rt , about 300 ft gain naturalist led hike along the San Emigdio trail to learn about the preserve. We will be able to rent some binoculars for better observation. We will have Intro to navigation skills session, educational games for kids, camaraderie as we discover this special land. If we are lucky, we may see elk and other animals. On Sunday we will have a small group more strenuous hike going with the shuttle in the depths of the preserve. Details of that to come. Event is open for adults and children accompanied by their responsible adult.

Children bring bikes to enjoy the bike trail close to the campsite. There is a small stream and waterfall, so pack the water shoes and children swimsuits or clothes that can get wet. Campfires are not allowed due to fire danger (unless we are notified otherwise). Propane stoves are ok. Bring hiking shoes, hat, backpack with 10 essentials, camping gear (no trailers). Price: \$20 for adult member and kids older than 13. (\$25 for adult nonmember) , \$15 for kids 0 to 13 years old. Price include a trashbag salad (leaders will bring the lettuce and dressing), and a light breakfast of scrambled eggs, bagels and cream cheese, cereal. Please bring with you any food that you or your child can't do without. Bring reusable dishes and cups/ utensils to use. Event is a fundraiser for educational activities and for donations to the preserve.

contact outdoorsygal@sbcglobal.net to get the address where to send payment. Cancellations 2 weeks prior to event get full refund. No refund if cancel less than 2 weeks before event. Wind Wolves Preserve 16019 Maricopa Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311 Cancellation Policy: Activity is held rain or shine, but may be altered due to inclement weather

Level: Moderate(01)

Bring: see writeup

Signup Restrictions: see writeup

Egypt Treasures of the Pharaohs with Jordan Extension

November 4-14, 2020

Join us a repeat of last years for a 10-day, 9-night tour to see the wonders of ancient Egypt. Our tour will be led by an English-speaking Egyptologist. In Cairo, you will see the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Citadel of Saladin, the Mosque of Muhammad Ali one of the grand mosques of Cairo, the Temple of Philae and visit to the world's oldest marketplace.

We will fly to Luxor where we will have a four night cruise on the Nile River. In Luxor, we will visit the Karnak Temple Complex which comprises a vast mix of temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. We will visit the Luxor Temple complex, some of the tombs in the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Horus in Edfu and the unusual Temple of Kom Ombo. We will visit Aswan where you can explore the city and take one of the small felucca boats on the river or take an optional trip to Abu Simbel. Many of these treasures of the pharaohs are UNESCO world heritage sites.

November 14-18, optional 4 day & 4-night extension to Jordan to see the world famous Petra, one of the amazing ancient wonders and a UNESCO world heritage site. You will visit Madaba and the City of Mosaics to see the mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. You will also visit the holy Mountain of Nebo where Moses was buried. There is a city tour of Amman to visit the Jordan Museum and the Dead Sea. The optional Jordan trip cost: \$1,599. Cost includes bus, land transportation, hotels/lodges, most meals, admission fees, walks, and internal airfare.

The Egypt trip costs \$2,999 Non-members of Sierra Club add \$100 to per-person cost. SIGN-UP EARLY, last year's trip sold out quickly. International Airfare is extra.

To Sign-up, send e-mail address, home, work, cell phones, Sierra Club membership number and deposit check in the amount of \$320 payable Sierra Club or \$420 for non-Sierra Club members or no Sierra Club number to Co Leader: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021; (818) 545-3878. Leader: Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net.

Angeles Chapter Seeking a Senior Chapter Director

Context: The Senior Chapter Director develops and implements all programs, policies, and initiatives for the chapter. Performs long range planning, makes appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding short-and long-term priorities and strategies to develop and strengthen the effectiveness of the chapter.

Scope: Evaluates and prepares recommendations for the Executive Committee on conservation initiatives, goals and objectives. Develops and recommends fund raising and development strategies to meet financial and program goals. Manages all chapter staff and operations including fund raising, volunteer recruitment and development, budgeting and reporting, lobbying and legislative programs, member services and media relations. Develops working relationships with external organizations, officials, and the media.

Knowledge & Skills:

- B.A./B.S. degree in Environmental Studies, Political Science, or a closely related field.
- 3 to 5 years' experience that includes substantial experience planning and managing grassroots conservation campaigns, lobbying, media relations, and working with political leaders.

A full description can be found at:

<https://chm.tbe.taleo.net/chm01/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=SIERRACLUB&cws=39&rid=1463>

Desirable Attributes (from the Chapter's ExCom):

1. Good people skills – must like and enjoy a lot of interaction with staff, volunteers, and others.
2. Ability to convey a vision for Chapter, Ex-Com, staff and volunteers
3. Knowledge of fundraising strategies and donor relations
4. Strong written and oral communication skills – good public speaking ability
5. Conflict resolution experience to help collaboration across volunteers and staff
6. Equity, inclusion and justice awareness
7. Organizational abilities, planning, delegating, program development and task facilitation
8. Helpful to have Sierra Club knowledge and a history as a volunteer
9. Tolerance, integrity, and ability to work under pressure