

HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

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Boy Scouts of America

Outdoor Updates

- ❖ Good food, at reasonable prices, to and from Log Cabin Wilderness Camp: Mohave – Mike's; Olanca – Ranch House; Bishop – Jack's, La Casita; Lee Vining – Nicely's.
- ❖ Summer hiking conditions, but cold still overnight, with snow on higher, north-facing slopes.
- ❖ Still vast numbers of standing, dead pine trees in local forests; an increasing hazard as they age.
- ❖ Catalina Island end-to-end trail complete, LATimes, 4/4/09, p. A6. Expensive to hike/camp; hot; no shade.
- ❖ LA Fire has begun work on Mt. Wilson Toll Road; could be open by mid-summer.
- ❖ Slides this winter have been blocking the tunnel on the Forest Service road from Eaton Saddle to Mt. Lowe Campground.
- ❖ Use extra care when driving in the local mountains: road repair, dead tree removal, controlled burns.
- ❖ CalTrans finally working on Angeles Crest (Hwy 2), Islip Saddle to Vincent Gap. Don't count on it being open this summer. No word on when Hwy 39 to Crystal Lake may open.
- ❖ California to get 700,000 more acres of Wilderness – great. LATimes, 3/26/09, p. A1.
- ❖ Newly restored Owens Lake has already become a major bird sanctuary, LATimes, 4/19/09, p. A33.
- ❖ Expect a total ban on wood & charcoal fires in the San Bernardino National Forest again this summer.
- ❖ \$1.5M of "stimulus package" allocated to Angeles National Forest for conservation work; more to come.
- ❖ To find out about the company that will be giving your Social Security Number and other personal data by BSA, google "choicepoint". Bound to be "trustworthy, loyal ..." while browsing thru your credit files.
- ❖ Recruiting staff for Quest Beyond the Eagle, Jun-Jul 2009; contact Mike Fleder, 310-502-3611.

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Quest Website < www.questbeyondtheeagle.com >

Future Events

Jul 5-20	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2010	Council-Camping
Jul 21-Aug 4	Provisional Contingent to BSA National Jamboree – 2010	Council-Staff

3-Month Calendar

May 1-3	Rock Climbing & Rope Use	Field Experience
May 5 HAT Meeting		
May 9	Trail Boss*	Field Training
May 9	Leave No Trace	Workshop
Jun 2	HAT Meeting	
Jun 6	National Trails Day	Forest Service Event
Jun 20-Jul 4	Quest Beyond the Eagle	Council-HAT
Jul 4	Log Cabin Wilderness Camp opens	Council-Camping
Jul 14-26	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2009 (full)	Council-Camping
Jul 25-Aug 1	Provisional Contingent to Log Cabin – Trek 2009	Council-HAT
Aug 15	Log Cabin Wilderness Camp closes	Council-Camping

* Required to earn the LAAC-sponsored High Adventure Leader Award.

** Field Experience to be scheduled at Seminar.

HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, 7:30 p.m., LAAC Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

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