



CACHUMA FLYER

CACHUMA LAKE NATURE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Oct 9	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting
Oct 23	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Nature Center Cleanup
Oct 31	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Barbeque and Awards Program
Nov 6	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Possible date for a trip to upper Santa Ynez River area with Jim Blakley
Nov 13	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting
Nov 25-28	Thursday - Sunday		Big Thanksgiving weekend
Dec 4	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Possible date for a trip to upper Santa Ynez River area
Dec 11	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting
Dec 18 or 19	Sat or Sun		Window Cave Trip (Vandenberg AFB)

WHEW!

Well, we made it through another summer and now we can look forward to a little easier time until Thanksgiving weekend.

During the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Docents put in approximately 1000 hours in support of our summer programs, in addition to the hours put in by Naturalist Neal Taylor, and summer-naturalists Jenna Dougherty and Jennifer Jardeen. Again this year, Docent George Smith put in the most docent hours with his almost daily participation in Nature Center activities. The Gift Shop grossed \$1600 during the same period. That, with some \$190 in donations, will help support our upcoming activities.

During the fiscal year of '92-'93 Docents donated 3,347 hours of labor. In addition, the Docents sold over six thousand dollars (\$6,000) worth of merchandise thru the Gift Shop.

BARBEQUE & AWARDS PROGRAM

At the end of each season the Cachuma Lake Foundation has sponsored a barbeque for the Docents and Foundation Members to help all get acquainted and to recognize the efforts of the Docents throughout the preceding season. Every Docent is urged to attend this special event.

GIFT SHOP RELOCATION

The Relocation of the Gift Shop is proceeding slowly and it is expected that it will be completed in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. The old bathroom, which will become a new kithenette, has been cleaned out and the plumbing changed. The sink/cabinet combination has been removed from the hallway and reworked to be relocated in the new kitchenette.

NATURE CENTER CLEANUP

On Saturday, October 23rd, we are going to have a Nature Center Work Day to get it cleaned up from the ravages of summer and to make it very attractive for the big barbeque on October 31st. This cleanup should pretty well carry us through the Thanksgiving weekend, also. Every Docent who can should report to the Nature Center at 9:00 a.m. (later better than not at all) prepared to do a little cleanup work.

ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAM

Docent George Smith has been presenting an hour-long slide program to the local Elderhostelers. This is followed by a visit to the Nature Center and a boat tour of the lake. George presented the slide show to tthe Docents during their evening potluck meeting on September 5th.

WREATH MAKING

Again this year the Docents are making Christmas Wreaths and baskets for sale in the gift shop. For weeks the Docent's work room has been piled high with various dried plant materials to be used in the wreaths; several have been made and sold already.

EXHIBITS

The Docents have been so busy maintaining and making slight improvements to the existing exhibits that no additional major exhibits have been constructed during the summer. The next major exhibit under consideration is a two-tank live display of fish and other water creatures to be found in Cachuma Lake. Jenifer Jardeen, our new naturalist who has a degree in biology, and Docent George Smith, are spearheading this effort.

PUBLICITY

The August 12th issue of the *Santa Ynez Valley News* carried a 30 column-inch article about the Nature Center and its programs. It also had a 3-column picture of Docent George Smith at the "Please Touch" Table. It's nice to see such good reporting of our work in the local press.

SPECIAL THANKS

Docents Bobby Harvey and Linda Andrews made a gift to the Nature Center of a one hundred year index to the National Geographic Magazines. This will be a big help in finding pertinent articles in our vast organized collection of the magazines.

LIBRARY NEEDS

We are still missing a few issues from our collection of National Geographic Magazines, so if anyone has a few old or new copies to donate, maybe we can fill in the blanks. Also, we can always use donations of books or magazines pertaining to the area.

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