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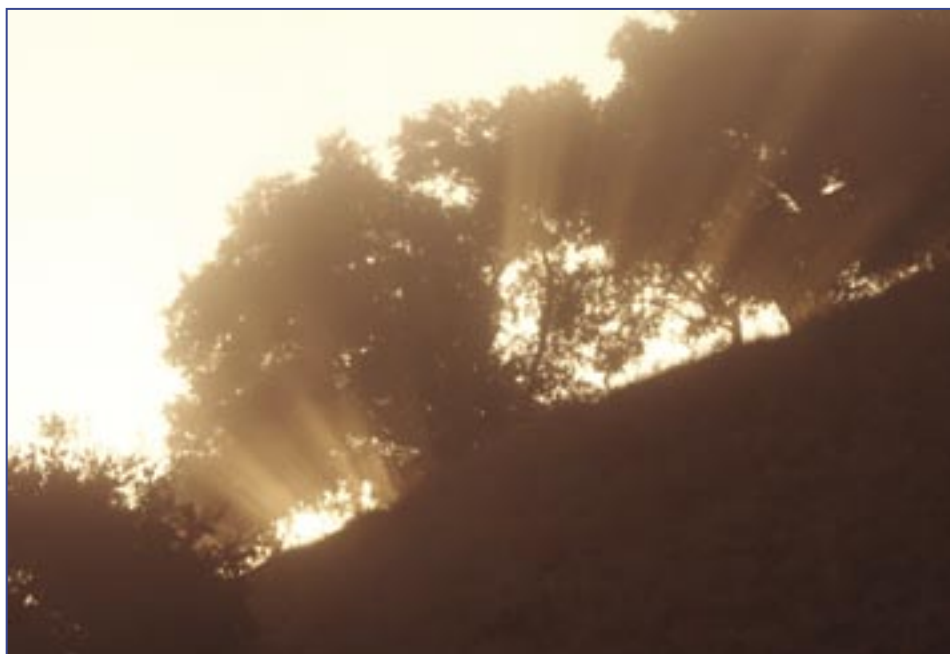
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## Mountains Restoration Trust

*This year, the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) celebrates its 25th Anniversary! In this and forthcoming newsletters, we'll share the story of our journey. Your financial and volunteer contributions have enabled MRT to become a progressive leader in land protection, education and stewardship in the Santa Monica Mountains.*

*Our success is predicated on the principles you believe in, the very same principles that govern the ecosystems we all care about. The challenge we face is the same: sustainability based on community, connectivity and continuity.*

*This issue highlights our community and the ways that Mountains Restoration Trust protects the mountains experience for you, your family and your friends.*



### Celebrating 25 Years of Stewardship

In 1981, a non-profit land trust jointly formed by the California Coastal Commission and the California State Coastal Conservancy to assist the Coastal Commission with required mitigation in the Santa Monica Mountains was not your typical environmental group. The volunteer board selected for the Mountains Restoration Trust had expertise in conservation, development, business acumen, legal and finances, and could help shape policy and set forth agendas. They approached conservation differently than that of a pro- or anti-development organization, taking no position and, as a non-profit, having no political affiliation.

MRT's vision did not end with just facilitating mitigation agreements. Within its first four years, MRT had used its influence to acquire

nearly 1,000 acres, with half the acquisitions obtained on behalf of other established park agencies: the National Park Service, California State Parks, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. "Our expertise began to broaden our scope in what we could do in land conservation. We had the people who could write funding grants and negotiate deals," explains board member and legal advisor Mark Lamken, who has been with MRT since 1982.

In 1984, The Nature Conservancy entrusted the 525-acre Cold Creek Preserve, known at that time as the Murphy Preserve, to MRT for protection. Also in 1984, the Stunt High Trail was completed in collaboration with the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council. Over 120 volunteers donated 3,000 hours to open

this beautiful area for public enjoyment. "MRT became a touchstone for conservation," states former board member Ann Ehringer, PhD, owner of Saddlepeak Lodge and an executive management consultant. "The different areas of expertise operated with creativity and imagination in protecting public lands. Other agencies began to recognize its successful projects. It's a job well done in shepherding over land that should not be developed."

In the last decade, MRT has become a leader in conservation accomplishing acquisition goals and managing natural areas for public benefit. To date, MRT has acquired a total of 6,000 acres throughout the Santa Monica Mountains and has lent its expertise and resources for the acquisition of many more acres of critical natural lands and habitat areas.



*MRT's early board members Ralph Kuhn, Margot Feuer, Mark Lamken and Steve Harris look at map of Cold Creek restoration plan.*

The staff who has expertise in acquisition, program development, restoration and youth education work with national, state, regional and local agencies in land protection and stewardship.

“The Mountains Restoration Trust has been a key partner in our efforts to preserve and share the natural beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains. The Trust has acquired land that allowed us to protect watersheds, link vital wildlife corridors, and offer scenic and recreational enjoyment. We couldn't have done it without their valued and frankly irreplaceable participation,” states Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Much of MRT's success can be directly linked to its connection with community. While MRT is recognized as a key contributor in the area of conservation, its members recognize and value all aspects of a successful community -- the importance of family, friends, homeownership, art, culture, and education.

In 1991, an opportunity arose for MRT to make a difference in the mountain community. Adjoining Cold Creek Preserve was relatively flat land, which contained a significant reach of Cold Creek. The ecologically rich parcel was under constant threat of development. Spearheading a major fund raising campaign



*LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, MRT President Steve Harris and Assemblymember Fran Pavley review plans for Calabasas/ Cold Creek Trail.*

that included other agencies and organized community involvement, MRT raised 2.3 million dollars to open escrow on 56 of the 66 acres that is now Cold Creek Valley Preserve. “When we purchased Cold Creek Valley Preserve, we began to establish our own public identity,” Lamken says.

MRT brought a new awareness to communities connecting conservation to recreation, socialization, culture and education. Organized hikes led by nature experts drew over 150 people to enjoy and learn about the unique biome that only occurs in a few places on Earth. The Cold Creek Docents, originating from The Nature Conservancy, partnered with MRT to develop a comprehensive field trip program addressing the natural, scientific, cultural, and historical aspects of the mountains.



*This Boulder House is in Cold Creek Canyon Preserve and reflects the mountain's cultural history. Homesteader Herman Hethke is pictured in the 1930s in front of his home that he crafted from a boulder. His celery garden still sprouts in the area.*

Cold Creek Docent Kathie Renger, who has been with the volunteer group since its inception shares, “MRT's programs introduced people to the easy access they have to all the wonderful aspects of the mountains while understanding the importance of land protection.” Serving 5,000 children a year, the Cold Creek Docents' educational program helps children discover nature, some for the first time. They learn about animals, plants, and geology. At the nature center, they play Chumash games, enjoy arts and crafts, grind acorns, and examine specimens, experiencing a holistic approach to their environment. “Children will tell their parents what they learned and want to return on a family picnic. It's extremely important to have programs like this as society becomes more removed from the outdoor environment,” adds Renger.

As MRT's expertise became known, communities sought out the Trust for advice and assistance on development issues. Steve Harris, who now serves as executive director of the Trust, has been recruited for his negotiation skills throughout the mountains from the Hollywood Hills to Ventura County.



*Sheila Broden leads a Cold Creek Docent program on mountain history.*

MRT helped to facilitate the landmark 2005 acquisition of King Gillette Ranch (Soka University) for public parkland. “MRT is a beacon and guiding post on how to deal with conservation issues in the Santa Monica Mountains,” expresses Kathleen Holmes, Cornell Preservation Organization (CPO), who was active on the SOKA campaign. CPO's current project is protecting the riparian area of the proposed Triangle Ranch development near Cornell Road. “MRT has terrific knowledge on all aspects of a project or issue and can assist a community in its ability to acquire property.”

A significant part of MRT's success has been the funding support from the community to achieve preservation goals and acquire properties. MRT's creativity and expertise in acquisition also helps communities create their own funds. In 2002, MRT worked with residents and county officials to establish an assessment district that included the public purchase of 53 acres in Hollywood Hills' Briar Summit. “In our community, MRT was instrumental in establishing this open space.



*Joan Rummelsberg, Betty Wiechec and Linda Palmer. 120 volunteers donated 3,000 hours to blaze Stunt High Trail in Cold Creek Preserve and Stunt Ranch.*

They pinpointed our efforts and effectively communicated what needed to be done to buy the land and increase open space in the Santa Monica Mountains," says photographer and mountain resident Julius Shulman.

## Stewardship & Community

MRT's stewardship role in helping the mountain environment has been successful because of community involvement, which has substantially contributed to the mountains' long lasting sustainability. Volunteer programs such as Commemorative Oaks, Habitat Restoration Days and tree plantings have had significant impact on these precious areas. Visitors to Malibu Creek State Park, Solstice Canyon, Cold Creek Preserve and Cold Creek Valley Preserve and other areas throughout the mountains can witness the success of MRT's programs. Once weed infested areas are now covered with wild flowers, birds of all varieties are nesting in oaks along the trails, deer wander through the meadows, and riparian areas are sustaining wildlife!



*Executive Director Steve Harris thanks the community for its support at the annual Salute to our Friends.*

MRT's effective stewardship programs integrate the mountains into the community by bringing opportunities for individuals, students, and organizations to experience them. "MRT knows how to make the connection between humans and the environment," says Charles Thomas, Jr., executive director of Outward Bound Adventures, Inc., a non-profit that offers environmental programs with challenging and educational experiences to underserved urban youth. "MRT has the ability to communicate a passion for the natural environment and to tie communities, even

the inner city, to the outdoors, which makes a significant impact at home, too. Kids return from learning how to plant trees in the mountains and start planting them along their own streets."

Because the mountains' fate rests in the hands of future generations, in 2003 MRT recruited a youth program specialist to launch the Youth Naturalist Program. Now offering workshops and camps, the Youth Naturalist Program has introduced over 1,500 children to the wonders of their natural environment while learning ways to help protect it.

With the population increase over the last decade, the message of stewardship throughout the mountain communities has become a priority for MRT. Rigorous weed abatement programs to protect homes from brush fires actually help spread the seeds of aggressive, invasive plant species. MRT conducts special workshops and events throughout the year to help residents of mountain communities understand the unique natural setting they share with the wildlife that depend on the native landscape for survival. "MRT has raised the consciousness of new urban residents to the very special place they live. There is less outdoor lighting, less chemicals in the environment, fewer improper trail access points and more improved fire prevention balanced with nature," says Frank Roberts, a current MRT board member and Cold Creek resident.

Because of MRT's innovative approach to conservation, in 2000 the City of Calabasas began to partner with the Trust to acquire and establish an interpretive center at Dry Canyon Creek, a headwater of the Los Angeles River. The 12-acre site, at the urban/rural interface on Mulholland Highway, in need of stream restoration, was an ideal location for MRT to create a demonstration nature center and expand its educational programs and workshops. Currently headquartered at Headwaters Corner at Calabasas, MRT is developing the progressive interpretive center and has already begun to offer many programs designed for the 21st century. (See story on Headwaters Corner.)

As an advocate for the Santa Monica Mountains, MRT's efforts include the preservation of the mountains' legacy and connecting people with all aspects of the mountain experience. MRT promotes the



*Youth from Outward Bound Adventures plant trees under the direction of MRT Program Manager Jo Kitz.*

mountains' history, beauty and culture. Chumash history and traditions are part of many land dedications. At the annual Stream to Sea Family Fun Day, held each spring around Earth Day, watershed and environment related activities and entertainment combine with family fun. The mountains' artistic beauty is showcased at Headwaters Corner at the annual Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore art exhibit and sale.

During its first 25 years, MRT's progression has been at a steady pace of achievement and growth. "You might say we propelled the organization, parcel by parcel," states founding board member Margot Feuer, who is retired from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Advisory Commission. And with that approach MRT has evolved into a land trust that the community depends upon.

"The Trust is a formidable group," believes Shulman. "Every city should have a group like this."



*Charlie Cooke, Spiritual Chief of the Chumash People, blesses Tuna Canyon acquisition as a preserve.*

*Congratulations to the Mountains Restoration Trust on 25 years devoted to preserving and protecting the Santa Monica Mountains. One of the first bill ideas when I took office in 2001 came from the MRT. AB 1011 is now law, and requires County Recorders throughout the state to index conservation easements for easy reference, and to insure that the protections they place on sensitive properties are never lost. Such vision and innovation demonstrates MRT's stewardship to our open spaces, and is a gift to generations to come.*

*Thank you!*

*State Assemblymember Fran Pavley, 41st district*

## Taking the Lead in Conservation: MRT & Headwaters Corner at Calabasas



From Headwaters Corner at Calabasas, located at the gateway of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, MRT will be taking conservation into the 21st century. With its significant features and five ecosystems, the 12-acre site along Mulholland Highway at Old Topanga Canyon Road was acquired by MRT in collaboration with the City of Calabasas to create an innovative environmental and cultural interpretive center. Headwaters Corner at Calabasas includes the Los Angeles River headwater, Dry Canyon Creek, an historic homestead, a 1950s energy-efficient home, and the Henry Ridge to Calabasas Connector Trail linking to the trails throughout the National Recreation Area and to Old Town Calabasas.

“Headwaters Corner at Calabasas was ideal for establishing a headquarters where we could actively implement restoration programs, create demonstration gardens, establish a cultural center and provide passive recreation,” says MRT Executive Director Steve Harris. “We couldn’t stop imagining all the possibilities of providing a public resource where residents and visitors could gain an appreciation and better understanding of their natural environment.”



*Historic homestead house is preserved as part of Headwaters Corner at Calabasas.*



Through grants supporting MRT’s proposal, the Trust purchased four properties and secured additional funds to help develop the interpretive center, restore Dry Canyon Creek, and develop recreational and educational programs. The City of Calabasas embraced the idea and is a partner with MRT in developing the property into a community resource. “The Calabasas partnership with Mountains Restoration Trust at Headwaters Corner creates opportunities on many levels to address quality of life, environmental responsibility, and citizen education,” states Mayor Dennis Washburn for the City of Calabasas. “What Headwaters Corner will do for people and institutions in our town is special and precious.”

When completed, Headwaters Corner Interpretive Center will offer natural and cultural resources including a 100-year-old homestead house with a collection of cultural and natural displays. MRT has already implemented programs at the site promoting recycling, resource conservation and wildlife protection. The wetland riparian area (one of the five ecosystems) is currently under restoration to establish a sustainable habitat in the critical urban/rural transition zone. An outdoor amphitheater, demonstration gardens, and picnic areas are also being developed.

MRT is headquartered in the 1950s home, which will be renovated to become an architectural landscape and civil engineering design model for compatible living in the rural environment. The showcase green home will



*Calabasas Mayor Dennis Washburn attends one of MRT’s community events at Headwaters Corner. The annual Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore art exhibit and sale is held in the spring.*

eventually feature storm water retention and filtration, photovoltaic passive solar power and heating, potential wind power, water conservation and irrigation, waste reduction and recycling.

While Headwaters Corner at Calabasas's master plan progresses toward completion, MRT and the City of Calabasas have already been recognized for their environmental innovation at the site. They received the 2005 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) Water Quality Award. "The work being done to protect Dry Canyon Creek's water quality and the habitat relying on it makes a significant impact not only at that point but all the way downstream," explains Steve Cain, senior environmental planner for LARWQCB. "We are impressed with the collaborative effort of MRT and the City of Calabasas in respect to storm water management in creating Headwaters Corner. It serves as a wonderful role model on how different areas of expertise can work together to solve the bigger problems that face the environmental movement."

From Headwaters Corner at Calabasas, MRT manages its established educational, recreational, restoration and volunteer programs while developing new ones to meet the challenges of the growing population and its impact on the diminishing natural areas. Programs being offered are:

## Youth Naturalist Program

Led by an experienced environmental educator, MRT's Youth Naturalist Program offers many exceptional workshops and camps that introduce children to the wonders of nature and helps them become stewards of the environment. Children enjoy nature crafts, labs using scientific tools, guided discoveries, hikes, games and engaging guest speakers as they experience the great outdoors.



## Family Events

Throughout the year, MRT hosts events at Headwaters Corner where all members of the family can explore the wonders of the outdoors through programs and entertainment in a beautiful setting under the oaks. These events help the public learn ways to live responsibly by reducing waste, preventing pollution, conserving water and becoming knowledgeable in environmentally friendly products. MRT events also share the mountain experience through arts, history, culture and recreation.

## Resident Workshops

Headwaters Corner provides residents of the mountain communities a resource for obtaining information on how to live harmoniously with their natural community that includes wildlife. MRT provides informational literature and workshops. Clinics help pet owners and their dogs recognize and avoid the danger of rattlesnakes and brush clearance workshops demonstrate brush clearance techniques to help preserve habitat for wildlife. By becoming a member of MRT, residents can be notified when beneficial workshops are being conducted throughout the year.



## Cold Creek Docents

A group of dedicated volunteers, the Cold Creek Docents, are the environmental education affiliate of MRT, providing weekday field trip programs, nature walks for groups and schools, and two public walks a month. Cold Creek Docent programs cover both the natural and cultural history of the Cold Creek watershed and its relationship to the Santa Monica Mountains as well as global ecological principles. Cold Creek Docents are key to helping MRT promote appreciation, conservation, and stewardship of the Santa Monica Mountains.

## Commemorative Oaks

Groups can help restore the mountains while being recognized for generations to come through MRT's Commemorative Oaks program. Dedicated groves have been planted by environmental groups, faith-based organizations, schools, scouting and community service organizations that are restoring oak woodlands and savannahs in areas that had been converted to non-native grasslands. Over 2000 oak trees have been planted in Malibu Creek State Park since 1993. This restoration is providing habitat for the park's fauna.



## Restoration & Cleanup Days

MRT relies on community support through donations and volunteer efforts to help restore native plant communities. Students can earn community service hours credit. Volunteers who help with MRT's restoration and cleanup programs gain a better understanding of the environment while enjoying an outdoor experience. Plantings and cleanup programs are coordinated throughout the year for individuals and groups.



## Recreation

Scheduled morning walks, sunset and moonlit hikes, and seaside jaunts invite the public to discover beautiful hikes and spectacular scenery throughout the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. These organized activities with nature specialists offer great insight into the mountain's flora and fauna while promoting fitness and good health in the outdoor environment.

## MRT Happenings

### Arbor Day Events

**Saturday, March 10**

**9:00 am to noon**

*Headwaters Corner*

Arbor Day/Dry Canyon Creek Restoration Project: Your help is needed to restore the life of this creek at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River. Winter is the time for planting. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x205

**Saturday, March 10**

**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Arbor Day celebrates habitat restoration of native oaks and willows along the Cold Creek Trail and Dry Creek. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203.

**Sunday, March 11**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Arbor Day/Habitat Restoration: "Pull" (weeds) and "Plant" (oaks). We will work in one of the many new oak groves that have been planted by volunteers over the last 10 years. Bring lunch, water, and gloves; tools provided. Reservations required. CNPS and MRT co-sponsor event 818-591-1701 x203.

### Habitat Restoration Days

Individuals and groups are invited to do native plantings, remove invasive plant species, and restore habitat. Bring drinking water and wear sturdy shoes and work clothes. A hat, gloves and sunscreen are suggested. Receive credit for community service hours. Tools are provided.

·Time: 9am to noon

(or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm where noted)

·Please RSVP to reserve tools

and confirm time and location.

**Cold Creek Habitat Restoration  
Sundays, December 17, January 21  
and Saturday February 17**

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Jo Kitz – 818-591-1701 x203

**Dry Canyon Creek  
Native Plant Restoration  
Saturdays, December 9,  
January 20, February 10**

*Headwaters Corner*

Debbie Bruschaber – 818-591-1701 x205

**Oak Woodland Restoration  
Saturdays, December 16, January 27  
and Sunday, February 18  
(1pm to 4 pm)**

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Jo Kitz – 818-591-1701 x203

**La Sierra Canyon Habitat Restoration  
Sundays, December 3, January 7,  
February 4 (1pm to 4 pm),  
March 4 (1pm to 4pm)**

*La Sierra Preserve*

Jo Kitz – 818-591-1701 x203

**Weed War**

**California Native Plant Society**

*Please call to confirm location,*

*9:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Jo Kitz – 818-348-5910

December 10 – Malibu Creek State Park,

CNPS Commemorative Oaks Grove

February 11 – Malibu Bluffs Park

### Recreation Calendar

*Weather ranges from very hot to very cold – dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and hat, bring water and snacks. See below for directions to Cold Creek walks meeting locations or call MRT office at 818-591-1701.*

**First Saturday Walks**

**with Cold Creek Docents**

**January 6, February 3, March 3**

**9:30 am to 11:30 am**

*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*

Follow a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a gently rolling basin of interesting nooks and crannies where craggy sandstone peaks loom above. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead.



## MRT Happenings

### Sunday Cold Creek Docent Walks

**10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

January 14 – Preserve's lower gate

February 18 – Lower Stunt High Trailhead

March 11 – Preserve's lower gate

### Second Saturday Walks

**December 9, January 13,**

**February 10, March 10**

**9:00 am to noon**

*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*

Enjoy a leisurely interpretive 2-mile walk through one of the gems of the Santa Monica Mountains. Meet at lower gate to Preserve.

RSVP 818-591-1701

### Sunset/Moonlight Walks

**Sundays,**

**December 3, 3:00 pm**

**January 28, 3:30 pm**

**February 25, 4:00 pm**

The Topanga Skyline Ridge Trail commands views of distant mountains and the sparkling lights of the metropolis. Meet at top of Stunt Road with supper and a "goodie" to share. 3hrs.

### Chaparral Chatter Walk

**Thursday, December 14**

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Cold Creek Preserve/Stunt High Trail

Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead

818-345-6749

### Bluffs Ramble to the Sea

**Sundays, December 24, February 25**

**10:00 am to noon**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Hike trails with spectacular mountain and

ocean views, walk on the beach, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins, whales and wildflowers, 2-mile return.

Led by California Native Plant Society

### Canyon Caper

**Sundays, January 28, March 25**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

*Solstice Canyon*

Follow a beautiful streamside trail under a canopy of oaks and alders to a waterfall. Stop at the burned-out ruins of Tropical Terrace, bring lunch and water, 3-mile return.

Led by California Native Plant Society.

### Cold Creek Meanderings

**Thursdays,**

**January 25, February 22, March 22**

**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Pass under oak canopies, through mountain lilac tunnels and across open meadows for 3 to 5 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead.

### Meeting Locations:

Lower Stunt High Trail:

*On Stunt Road one mile from  
Mulholland Highway.*

Cold Creek Preserve's Lower Gate:

*On Stunt Road, 1.2 miles from  
Mulholland Highway.*

Top of Stunt:

*On Stunt Road, 4 miles from  
Mulholland Highway.*



## Youth Naturalist Program

Programs are designed for 8 to 12 year olds and include an activity, craft, outdoor experience, and usually a guest speaker or animal. Pre-register. Fee.

818-591-1701 x181

*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*

*(See below for directions)*

### Mammals

**Saturday, January 13**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Hike with an outdoor detective to look for signs of mammals along the trail. A guest speaker will bring live mammals for our young naturalists to meet.

### Astronomy

**Saturday, January 27**

**6:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

We will learn about the night sky with aid of telescopes. There will be guest speakers to guide us through stars, planets, and constellations. Bring a flashlight and a shoebox.

### Paleontology

**Saturday, February 10**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

What's being discovered about the days of dinosaurs? A guest speaker will answer all your questions. We'll also take a hike and work on crafts.

### Native American Culture

**Saturday, March 10**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Discover what the local Native Americans, the Chumash people, used for food, clothing, tools, toys, and medicine. Also, celebrate Arbor Day and plant a native tree.

Headwaters Corner at Calabasas is located near the intersection of Old Topanga Canyon Road and Mulholland Highway. Park at the homestead house at 23075 Mulholland Highway.



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**Mission Statement**

*Working in partnership with the community to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Santa Monica Mountains for the benefit of the environment and for present and future generations through: land acquisition and conservation easements; habitat preservation and restoration; and research and education.*

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**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

**Saturday, January 27**  
**9:00 am to noon**  
**The Great Dry Canyon Creek Cleanup**

*Headwaters Corner*  
The winter rains will bring “other people’s treasures,” more commonly known as trash! After the cleanup, celebrate the effort by creating an “art treasure.” Wear wet-foot shoes and mud clothes. Community service credit hours. RSVP 818-591-1701

**Saturday, February 17**  
**8:00 am to 10:00 am**  
**Great Backyard Bird Count**

*Headwaters Corner*  
Every year at this time the public is asked to count the number of bird species in their own backyards. Help us count ours! All you need are binoculars (we have a few to lend). This important data is sent to scientists at Cornell Ornithology Lab and Audubon to highlight this year’s trends and findings. Refreshments served. Registration is requested.  
818-591-1701 x181

**Saturday, March 31**  
**Noon to 4:00 pm**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore Art Exhibit and Sale**

Enjoy plein air art and music in the lovely Headwaters Corner garden setting. Local artists’ works in all mediums will be for sale. This event is co-sponsored by the Allied Artists and the Mountains Restoration Trust. Twenty percent of sales will be donated to MRT. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.  
Call 818-591-1701 x188 for more information.

**Saturday, April 28**  
**Noon to 4:00 pm**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Stream to Sea Family Fun Day, an Earth Day Celebration**

Join local environmental organizations for a day of hands-on fun and learning, as well as entertainment and refreshments. Children of all ages will enjoy a variety of creative water-themed activities. This event is sponsored by MRT, the City of Calabasas, and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.  
Call 818-591-1701 x186 for more information.



*See inside for special  
Arbor Day activities  
and the  
MRT Calendar of Events.*