



ADOPT-A-PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SAVE THE DATE FOR 2011 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY!!

California Coastal Cleanup Day-Orange County (CCD) is just around the corner – September 17, 2011 - and Volunteer Services has been planning since early February. CCD is the premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment in the country. In 2010, more than 80,300 volunteers worked together to collect more than 1,100,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways. CCD has been hailed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "largest garbage collection" (1993).

Since the program started in 1985, over 1 million Californians have removed more than 15 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast. This year marks the 27th Anniversary of the Clean Up!



Beach Cleanup volunteers at Aliso Creek from CCD 2009.

Volunteers are encouraged to reduce the environmental footprint of the Cleanup. Please join our efforts this year by participating in the "Bring Your Own" philosophy and bringing your own grocery/retail plastic bags (for reuse), bucket and/or reusable water bottle to make this event as ZERO WASTE as possible. We are currently solidifying the list of sites hosting Clean Up events. For a sneak peak of these sites, please visit our website at www.ocparks.com/adoptapark and click on California Coastal Cleanup Day. With the help of this site list, find a place where you can volunteer in Orange County, contact the Team Captain, and be a part of California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Are you an amateur or professional photographer? We could really use your help with capturing CCD at one of our sites. Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up for a site to be a Volunteer Photographer. We will also be having our 2nd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day Photo Contest. For rules and to get involved please visit our website at www.ocparks.com/adoptapark and click on California Coastal Cleanup Day Photo Contest.

Thank you for making a difference for our coast and ocean!

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Volunteer Ambassadors Needed for Coastal Cleanup Day

We are looking for volunteers to help us make California Coastal Cleanup Day a fun and exciting event by serving as ambassadors at cleanup sites on September 17. There are several ways to join the fun...

Clean Up Surveyor: Distribute and collect a survey to clean up day participants. The survey, created by the California Coastal Commission, will measure participant's thoughts on the clean up event and help make future events even more successful!

BYO Buddy: Help educate clean up participants on the BYO (Bring Your Own) campaign and create a tally of what BYO items (reusable bags, buckets, water bottles, and gloves) were brought to the event.

Clean up Photographer: Capture the excitement of Coastal Cleanup Day by taking photographs of volunteers and staff during and after the clean up. Photos will be used to thank volunteers for their efforts and in the marketing of future clean ups.

Results Accumulator: During the week of Oct 3 – 7, volunteers are needed to tally the Clean Up Data Cards. Total numbers of smoking-related debris, dumping debris, medical debris, and other debris items are sent to the Coastal Commission for future Clean Up improvements.

Clean Up Data Card Collector: Distribute and collect Data Cards from participants at the event. Data card information include specifics on amount and kinds of debris found at cleanup sites on September 17.

Helping Hands

On April 30th the Church of Jesus Christ-Latter Day Saints hosted their annual Helping Hands volunteer day. This year approximately 600 volunteers participated at several sites within OC Parks!

Fifty of those volunteers assisted at Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park where they removed non-native plants and replanted an area behind the office with native plants. Adopt-A-Park Volunteer, Ed Hooper, was paramount in making the event successful and fun for himself and all the working volunteers that took part in this event.

Ed's systematic approach and knowledge of native landscapes enabled the volunteers not only to help, but also learn why they were doing what they were doing.



Helping hands volunteers work together at OC Parks sites.(Right)

Volunteers participate in this years City of Lake Forest, 4th of July Parade

Adopt-A-Park, OC Fire Watch and Coastal Clean Up Day volunteers will be participating in the 20th City of Lake Forest, 4th of July Parade themed "Celebrating Independence on Our 20th Birthday".

The Parade Route is a 1.5 mile loop around the streets of Toleado, Lake Forest Dr, Serrano and Ridgeroute back to El Toro High School. Parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4. Participating volunteers will be in uniform handing out brochures and giveaways to attendees along the route.

OC Fire Watch Volunteers will also participate in vehicles displaying their OC Fire Watch Car Magnet. Equestrians will join us on their horses; Mountain Bikes, Hikers, Nature Center Staff, etc are also welcome. Please join us and show your support of OC Parks Volunteer Services.



Habitat Restoration Days at Mason Regional Park

Since March volunteers have been gathering 3 days a week to assist with habitat restoration at Mason Regional Park! Volunteer have been assisting with removing exotic plants and planting in the ongoing, large scale project. The project is currently on break but will resume on July 19th on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm. If you would like to join this effort, contact Phil Martinez at phil.martinez@ocparks.com to register.



Mason Regional Park Volunteers at Habitat Restoration Days.

Connect with OC Parks through social media!

There is always something new and exciting going on in the nearly 60,000 acres of parks, open space, coastal & historical facilities that OC Parks manages. Social Media is a great way to stay informed about park events as well as trail and park closures during inclement weather. Here are a few ways to get connected...

Facebook: "Like" Orange County Parks on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyParks . It's a great way to see photos of our beautiful parks as well as connect with others who love OC Parks as much as you do!

Twitter: Follow OC Parks at www.twitter.com/ocparks and receive instant updates in 140 characters or less!

Meet the Adopt-A-Park Office Volunteers

It takes a lot of hard work to keep the Adopt-A-Park program running smoothly and we couldn't do it without our team of awesome office volunteers! From filing, supply inventory, data entry, mail outs and graphic design – there hard working volunteers do it all! We are always looking to add to our team of office volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Sanders at michelle.sanders@occr.ocgov.com or by phone at (714) 566-3022.



"I have been an Adopt-A-Park volunteer for almost a year now volunteering mainly at special events at all the different parks such at Halloween at the Zoo and volunteer recruiting booths. I started volunteering in the office early February to gain professional work experience my senior year of college at Chapman University. What drew me into volunteering at the office is my love for graphic design. I was really excited when I heard about this opportunity to combine graphic design with volunteering. I manage the volunteer opportunity calendar, newsletter, and design various special event graphics such as thank you cards and recognition event invitations. Volunteering in the office is a lot of fun and a great experience."

"In 2007 I retired after 40 years as a social worker, truant officer, school counselor and district office administrator. For the next three years I did consulting work for my school district. Then I began volunteering at the Village of Hope one day a week. More recently I found the OC Adopt-A-Park web site and attended an orientation in November, 2010. My duties include packaging volunteer uniforms for mailing, emailing volunteers, filing, packaging materials for volunteer orientations, inventory, and other duties as requested. I have thoroughly enjoyed working here one afternoon a week with Sandra, Michelle & Angeline! Outside the office, my interests are traveling, camping, photography and my grandchildren!"



Update your Contact Info!

Moved? Changed phone numbers or email addresses? To make sure you are receiving information and updates from Adopt-A-Park, please make sure we have your most up to date contact information.

To change your volunteer contact information, please send us your

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Updated contact information may be sent to:

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