



Trail Center News & Events

December, 2013

The Trail Center's work in 2013 will conclude with another day at Sugarloaf Mountain in San Mateo, on December 7. Additional details are given below. Thank you for your interest in the Trail Center.

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1. Sugarloaf Mountain Trail, new construction (Day 5) Saturday, December 7, 2013

Sugarloaf Mountain is San Mateo's green thumb that sticks up just south of Hwy 92. Laurelwood Park & Sugarloaf Mountain (225 acres) is the City of San Mateo's largest contiguous park and open space.

This will be our fifth day of work on a brand new trail, providing access to the summit from the developed area of Laurelwood Park.

Participants should bring water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, lunch and normal precautions against poison oak exposure (work gloves, long sleeved shirts and long pants). The Trail Center provides tools, training, gloves, and refreshments after the workday.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the restrooms at Laurelwood Park, near the end of Shasta Drive and the closest approach of De Anza Blvd. After sign-ins and introductory remarks, we'll carry tools up to the worksite and dig until lunchtime. After lunch, we'll carry on until 2:30 or 3:00.

To help us plan, please sign up in advance if you intend to participate. For details, see [the trailcenter.org project page](http://the.trailcenter.org/project/page).

2. Schedule for upcoming Trail Center events

Don't mark your calendar quite yet!
All dates below will be Saturdays, unless otherwise specified.

January, February, and March, 2014. More trail workdays.
Details to be updated after project committee meeting.

3. Other events and volunteer activities

To see your event here in a future issue, please send the details to tcnews@trailcenter.org.

4. Reports of recent Trail Center events

Crew Leader Training, October 23 and 26, 2013

It's been a long time since the Trail Center ran a crew leader training, one of our specialties. We teamed up with the Mt Sutro Stewards group and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. About 36 trainees attended a classroom session on the 23rd, followed by a field session on the 26th on Mt Sutro. Some of the trainees got to practice their training the following weekend!

Bay Area Ridge Trail

Ridge Trail Service Day, November 2, 2013

Last month's build was part of a regional event organized by the Ridge Trail Council and co-sponsored by REI. Here's a letter of thanks we received from the council's volunteer coordinator:

Hello again.

To ensure you get tired of email from me, I'm sending this quick note of thanks to all of you, our partners who hosted us last Saturday, and made the 6th REI - Ridge Trail Service Day another great and successful one.

While REI and the Ridge Trail Council push and promote the heck out of this regional event, we know you and your staff really are responsible for it's success, by making the individual projects rewarding and fun for volunteers. Free food and schwag help, but they aren't enough to keep people coming back like they do. I've already heard a least a little about every site; I've heard of no major glitches and have heard a lot of superlatives about how great it was. What generates that praise is not the email from us, but your project planning and your on-site team. As always, I hope enough was accomplished you feel it was a worthy investment.

I also hope our little shindig generates some new volunteers for all the other volunteer work days you host, on the Ridge, and other trails you manage (if you'd like us to help promote and recruit for those on the Ridge Trail, definitely let us know about them).

For those curious, I've listed all 2013 partner agencies and non-profits below. Thank you to each and every one for making this event a reality. And most importantly (8-)), the Ridge Trail Council and REI are proposing the 7th REI - Ridge Trail Service Day be Sat Nov 1, 2014 (with a rain date of Sat Nov 15, for those schedule a rain date too). It is far out, but the earlier you can say you are on-board again, the easier the planning.

Thank you again for all you do for the Ridge Trail, and all the other great work you do

appreciatively,
Joel Gartland

Volunteer Coordinator, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Tool party and Trail Center annual meeting, Palo Alto, November 16, 2013.

This year's tool party was back at Hank's house in Palo Alto.

Tools and trailer were cleaned, repaired, and oiled.

After the general meeting was a presentation and pictures by Dave Croker.

Pictures that tell the stories are up at [our online albums at Picasa](#)

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5. Trail Center indoor opportunities

Volunteers are always welcome to help with our newsletters, website maintenance, member mailings and occasional research.

Today our openings include:

TC News & Events email newsletter Editor
Member, Board of Directors

6. Support the Trail Center

By becoming a Trail Center member, you can help us to

- * Improve trails throughout the San Francisco Peninsula, Santa Cruz Mountains, and South Bay Area
- * Produce excellent trail and park locator maps
- * Provide a wealth of trail-related information via our website, publications, and email/phone trails reference services
- * Create great volunteer opportunities for supporting parks and trails in our area.

Memberships begin at \$25 and include a map. For more information, please visit <http://www.trailcenter.org/membership.htm>.

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