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It's here! 2022 River Valley Fest



Making Connections

2022 RIVER VALLEY FEST

Sunday, November 6th 2022

4:00 pm

We can't wait to see you at River Valley Fest, our major fundraising event for 2022, 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Del Mar Hilton. Our theme is Making Connections.

Let's raise a glass to the love we share for the San Dieguito River watershed.

With your support, the Conservancy will be Making Connections with new nature lovers and improving the delivery of conservation, education and recreation programs you know and love.

Join us for cocktails and appetizers, entertainment and a gourmet dinner on Del Mar Hilton's outdoor patio. See friends old and new as we unveil special programming and exciting announcements.

Purchase Tickets

EVENT SCHEDULE

4:00pm Cocktail

Reception 5:30pm

Dinner Served

6:30pm Presentation and Auction



Cocktail hour jazz by Beatrice & Adam

SDRVC's Inaugural Walk-N-Talk Hike



We get help from nature when we help nature

By Ilene J. Klein

A deactivated World War II Navy airfield once used for anti-submarine surveillance transformed into nesting sites for endangered least terns. Coastal wetlands reclaimed from a former Del Mar Fairgrounds parking lot. A neglected patch of roadside land turned vibrant pollinator garden by passionate volunteers and a partnership with a local restaurant. These are just a few stories about the San Dieguito Lagoon's interesting — and sometimes surprising — history told during the Conservancy's first Walk-N-Talk event.

On the second Tuesday of October, 13 participants — from first-time visitors to seasoned Coast to Crest Trail Challenge finishers — gathered under slightly-overcast skies at the Old Grand Avenue Bridge. They came to experience the San Dieguito Lagoon with SDRVC staff, board members and a restoration ecologist. Along the easy, five-mile round trip hike, the educational team stopped to highlight the Conservancy's current and planned restoration efforts. Short talks about invasive plant removal, the fine art of micro-grading soil, and preventing salt shock to newly-introduced native wetland plants were interspersed with fun facts about the Lagoon's past by group historians.

Walk-N-Talk attendees left with new insights about the San Dieguito Lagoon and the importance of SDRVC's work, and a copy of the New York Times Bestseller, "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard," by Douglas W. Tallamy.

The Conservancy hosts Walk-N-Talk hikes on the second Tuesday of every month.

Contact Joseph Rivera: joseph@sdrvc.org

Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Jill Sells



Heike Rodriguez and Reishi

Calling all Coast to Crest Challengers!

Let's lace up those hiking boots! Open the C2C webpage for details on how to complete the five-hike series. We'll see you on the trail!

[Open C2C Webpage](#)



Nov. 13: Girl Scout Troop 3219 Teaching Event

Immerse YOURSELF in Knowledge

LEARN ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS

Please join Girl Scout Troop 3219
and the San Dieguito River Valley
Conservancy on Sunday November,
13 from 11AM-1PM at the
Birdwing Ampitheater located at
2801 Via De La Valle Del Mar, CA
92014 to learn about the various
plants native to San Diego and
their importance. Stay until the
end to make a birdhouse!

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ESP at Volcan Mountain



Our Exploring our Sense of Place (ESP) outing in October took us through the oaks and pines of Volcan Mountain. Guides included experts on archaeology and geology. Afterwards, participants debriefed at Nickel Beer Company.

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River Park News



Nov. 16: Volunteer Orientation

Join us for a volunteer orientation 10 a.m. Nov. 16 at the San Dieguito Coastal Ranger Station. Whether it's within the rustic environs of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, on the trail, or in one of our habitat restoration areas, you won't find a more rewarding place to share your love of nature. The orientation will cover various volunteer opportunities, review educational materials, have hands-on activities and tour the nearby trails. Refreshments will be provided! RSVP to Interpretive Ranger Blanca: blanca@sdrp.org



Watershed Explorer Program at Ilan Leal Foundation

Ilan Leal Foundation was added to a destination for the Watershed Explorer Program. Students from High Tech High North County had an incredible experience exploring the facilities and participating in ephemeral art installation and creating their own art. An experience they will never forget.



Escondido Explorers Program kickoff

The San Dieguito River Park and their partners, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Volcan Mountain Foundation, Rady Children's Hospital's- Center for Healthier Communities, Surprise Farms, and the San Diego Archaeological Center hosted their first event to kick off the Escondido Explorers program at the Escondido Public Library. Over 60 community members came to learn about the San Dieguito watershed, local wildlife, conservation, safety, history, and volunteer opportunities! The Escondido Explorer Program will provide over 30 free field trips & activities for Escondido children & families to various locations throughout the San Dieguito Watershed over the next 3 years. The Escondido Explorers Program is funded by the State of California's Outdoor Equity Grants program to provide local activities and nature trips while also empowering youth & families "with outdoor leadership education, career pathways, environmental justice engagement, and access to nature."



Dec. 3: Red Nose Run to benefit San Dieguito River Park

Take a really fun run (or walk) on the beach at Del Mar Dec. 3 and support San Dieguito River Park while you're at it. Organizers of The Red Nose Run have chosen San Dieguito River Park as one of the beneficiaries of the all-volunteer, fundraising event.

The Red Nose Run turns 30 this year and kicks off from Powerhouse Park at 12:45 p.m. Dec. 3.

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Dec. 4: Festive Farmhouse returns

After a multiyear hiatus the Festive Farmhouse event at Sikes Adobe is back! Join the Friends of Sikes Adobe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make paper chains, homemade ornaments and decorate cookies. Come decorate the 1880s Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and make decorations similar to those of the farm families of the old town of Bernardo to take home with you! We will have farmhouse tours, materials for decorating, hot drinks and cookies. Listen to holiday music and spend some time relaxing in our Victorian parlor.





The Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse has been host to many creative events since its reopening to the public in 2010 after the Witch Creek Fire. One such event filed in the archives was the visit by the Urban Sketchers in 2018.

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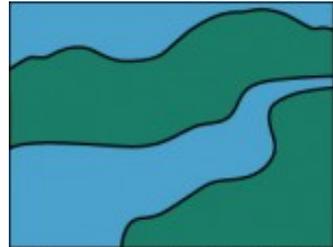
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