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Dear ,

Have you seen the osprey nest high above the Del Mar Fairgrounds parking lot?



The nest is east of Jimmy Durante Boulevard and north of the San Dieguito River and Coast to Crest Trail.

And it's bustling!

In 2014, after removing old lighting standards where the ospreys had nested, workers built a new nesting platform and dressed it up with nesting material from the old one. The raptors moved right in and have lived there ever since.

The ospreys are favorite subjects for photographer Hanna Zhao, who frequents the San Dieguito wetlands.



Photos: Hanna Zhao

For Wild's Sake is for all of our sake



Our annual gala, For Wild's Sake, is really for all our sake. If it's good for wildlife it's good for us, our health and our future.

Grant to support video series



Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Genentech, our Watershed Explorers Program is cultivating a fresh crop of science learners and habitat stewards.

Our plan is to develop a series of video lessons to support the field-based program for 3rd- through 5th-grade students.

Watershed Explorers visit five habitat zones -- from coastal wetlands to pine forests -- to learn about cultural resources and natural history.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has driven learning from the field to the internet, the Conservancy will present its five field-based lessons as an online experience. The video lessons will align with Next Generation Science Standards, which teachers can incorporate into curriculum plans during the upcoming school year.

Our project partners include the San Dieguito River Park JPA, San Diego Archaeological Center and Volcan Mountain Foundation.

VIDEO VAULT



Like so much learning during a pandemic, Love our Lagoons -- a field work project for kindergartners from High Tech Elementary North County -- went online starting in March.

Even at home, the kids continued to reflect on how humans have affected lagoon habitats.

In this video, students speak up for saving lagoons.

Chats and webinars

The Conservancy's online education for June included our eighth and final Facebook Live session, on Happy Hiking, as well as webinars on the science of flight and the world of sharks presented in collaboration with Living Coast Discovery Center.

Happy Hiking: A Beginner'...



Happy Hiking: A Beginner's Guide

Science of Flight with the ...



Science of Flight with the Living Coast Discovery Center

World of Sharks with Livin...



World of Sharks with Living Coast Discovery Center

COAST TO CREST TRAIL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our latest round of finishers!

This month, hikers sent solo selfies, shots with their sweeties, friends, families and dogs.

We cherish all of them.

Especially touching were the emails sent from from mother-daughter duo Melinda and Cassidy Walker.

Mom wrote: " Here are my 5 selfies for the Coast to Crest Challenge 2019-20 and a couple of extra with my hiking pal and personal environmental educator -- my daughter, Cassidy! Thanks for all you do for SDRVC!!"



Melinda and Cassidy Walker



Paige Vargas and Casper

And this from Cassidy: "I had so much fun with the hikes this year! It felt great to get out during COVID-19. I liked it so much I did Del Dios Highlands twice to help my mom complete her challenge!"

The deadline for completing this year's challenge is Aug. 31. Get details on our website.

We'll see you on the trail!

[Open the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge webpage](#)



Left to right: Malcolm Cole, Daniel Nguyen and Susan Tam, Michelle Pettit



Left to right: Christina Wang, Helen Cothran and Kathy Najjar, Julie Perry



Left to right: Brandon and Amy Smith and Ellie, Grayson and Oliver



Jeannette White

SIKES ADOBE UPDATE



Ready to dig into some gardening? Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead needs volunteers to help with watering, planting and weeding in its vegetable and native plant gardens, orchard and vineyard. Our schedule is flexible. We're happy to work with you so you can work with us!

Contact Leana Bulay: 760-716-1214 or Leana@sdrp.org

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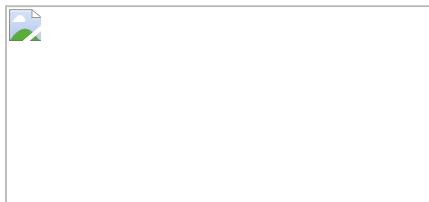


Photo: Hanna Zhao

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