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River Valley Fest: Come Soar with Us

We can't wait to see you Oct. 15 at the 14th Annual River Valley Fest. Themed "Wings of Majesty," our largest fundraiser of the year will celebrate the great heights we have attained in 2023.

Thanks to our extraordinary donors, we raised more than \$2 million to move toward finishing the final segments of the Coast to Crest Trail.

In May, state Sen. Catherine Blakespear named San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy as Nonprofit of the Year. Months later, in July, she awarded \$1.4 million to the San Dieguito River Park JPA to complete the Osuna segment of the Coast to Crest Trail. The program for River Valley Fest includes remarks from the Senator as our honored guest.

Mark your calendars for 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Morgan Run Club and Resort, 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe.

The fundraiser includes hosted wine and beer, hosted plated dinner, music by Bill Fleming and a live auction.

[Reserve Tickets](#)

Please consider sponsoring and let your support take flight!

Osprey	Goldfinch	Bell's Vireo	Violet-Green Swallow
			
\$5,000+	\$2,500+	\$1,000+	\$500+
Includes 8 reservations with premier seating	*Includes 4 reservations with premier seating*	*Recognition will be given to all levels on our website, social media, and newsletters*	

River Valley Fest: Sponsorship Opportunities

We are pleased to offer four levels of sponsorship opportunities. At each level, sponsors will receive the appreciation they deserve on our website, newsletters and social media platforms.

Staff Contact: Kim Rogers, Community Engagement Manager, 858-866-6956 or kim@sdrvc.org.

Sponsorship Opportunities

River Valley Fest: Volunteer Opportunities

Want to help on the day of this unforgettable event? We're recruiting volunteers to take assignments between 2 and 7:30 p.m., including help with set-up, registration, the silent and live auctions and check-out. The work is rewarding and we will provide training. Thanks for the help!

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Volunteer Registration



River Valley Fest: Shout-out to SDG&E

Through the years, SDG&E has been one of our strongest partners. Across the region, the utility's giving supports nearly 600 nonprofits. We are proud to be one of them. SDG&E is an important sponsor of River Valley Fest and we are pleased to highlight the "SDG&E in the Community" program.

SDG&E in the Community



A Good Soaking by Hilary

Tropical Cyclone Hilary swept across the region Aug. 23. The heavy rains prompted a two-day closure of trails in the River Park.

Renew Your Membership

For nearly 40 years, we have delivered conservation, education and recreation programming to the community. The San Dieguito River Valley is thriving and, as a 2023 Nonprofit of the Year, so are we.

Our important work is possible because of your generosity.

Thanks so much for taking a moment to renew your membership.

[Renew Membership](#)



Upstream

Sept. 9: Grape Day Festival

We are excited to participate in Escondido's Grape

Day Festival together with our friends from the River Park JPA from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 9.

The festival at Grape Day Park Celebrates Escondido's rich agricultural history.

Stop by our booth to say hi!



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Sept. 14: Walk N Talk in Escondido and RB

Our free Walk N Talk hike Sept. 14 takes us to Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, the backwaters of Lake Hodges and the base of Bernardo Mountain. The group hike can count as one of five for the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge. Register now!

[Register](#)



Sept. 17: Yoga at the Birdwing

Tropical Cyclone Hilary rained out our free monthly class in August but we'll be back from 10 to 11 a.m. Sept. 17 for Yoga at the Birdwing.

Inhale nature and exhale your troubles on the third Sunday of every month at the open air classroom overlooking San Dieguito Lagoon.

Instructor Susan McCrea leads the class.

Bring water and a yoga mat and don't forget to breathe!

Park at the ranger station at 15648 San Andres Drive, Del Mar. (The Birdwing is a short hike to the east)

[Details](#)

Sept. 23: Coastal Cleanup Day

Register now to join us for Coastal Cleanup Day Sept. 23.

We're joining forces with the River Park JPA and I Love a Clean San Diego to pick up litter before it washes into the San Dieguito Lagoon. Join us!



Register



Sept. 30: Drawing is Seeing

Drawing is Seeing focuses your attention on the natural world. Our next free session is set for 10 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom. Sue Britt leads the two-hour class. No drawing skills are necessary. Register now!

Register

Downstream



Walk N Talk at Santa Fe Valley

We love our monthly Walk N Talk hikes!

They're a way to get hikers onto the trail with the Conservancy staff and board members.

During our Aug. 10 trek at Santa Fe Valley, Conservation Manager Joseph Rivera discussed the wildlife and landscape he knows and loves.

We also touched upon the archaeological importance of Santa Fe Valley.



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Oksana Glukhikh and friends at San Dieguito Lagoon

Year 7 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge

Have you started the Year 7 Coast to Crest

Trail Challenge?

Complete the five hikes in any order, however and whenever you'd like.

This year, we're pairing each hike with a monthly Walk N Talk.

You can hike with the group, go solo, with spouses, sweethearts, besties, kids, dogs or any combination of the above. Send us your selfies!

Find details on the Year 7 C2C Challenge Webpage.

The five hikes (and Walk N Talk dates) are:

- HIKE 1: San Dieguito Lagoon Trail (July 13).
- HIKE 2: Santa Fe Valley (Aug. 10).
- HIKE 3: Sikes Adobe to the base of Bernardo Summit (Sept. 14).
- HIKE 4: Santa Ysabel Lower Truck Trail (Nov. 9).
- HIKE 5: Pamo Valley (Dec. 14).



Patch by Canyon Crest Academy student
Chaehong Yun.

[Year 7 C2C Challenge
Webpage](#)

Hit Us With Your Best Shot



Colin Jemmott always finds something good to shoot, like this sunrise at Lake Hodges.

River Park News



Got Milkweed?

We are so grateful for the multiple donations of milkweed provided to us by Carol, April and Laurel from their Little Farm.

The monarchs at Sikes Adobe Nursery are also very grateful!

Narrowleaf milkweed supports the western monarch butterfly, which is endangered.



Welcome Aboard, Elias!

Please join us in welcoming Elias Rocha to the River Park JPA as a Park Ranger Aide. He is in his final year of school studying for his BA in Geography and Environmental Studies with an emphasis in sustainability along with a Certificate in GIS from Cal State San Bernardino. His prior work experience includes an internship with the San Diego River Park Foundation as an Environmental Mitigation & Monitoring intern. In his free time, he enjoys working on his family's farm with his favorite farm animal being his pigs. Welcome aboard, Elias!



When Visiting the Sikes Historic Farmstead, Don't Forget to Look Up!

Two of the most interesting architectural features in the original adobe structure are up high and often commented upon by visitors.

The first is the transom opening above the south wall door in the adobe kitchen leading to the formal parlor, or sitting room.

The second is the cloth or manta ceiling throughout the structure.

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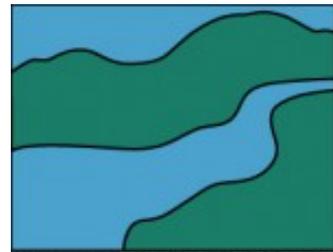
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