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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association P.O. Box 831 Chatsworth

Mark your calendar--June 10th and 11th--for public hike-ins along the Old Stage Coach Trail. In January more than 8,000 attended the first hike-ins and Chairmen Zorka Nelson and Ruth Smoot are planning to break that record. They have put out a call for more hike leaders, and volunteers to help sell tickets at the gate, T-shirts, bumper stickers, etc. Marion Luster is in charge of the gate(341-5206), Zelma Skillman(982-2895), sales of T-shirts, etc.; and Mary Gorman (347-0809), Zorka(984-1127), Ruth(805-526-7366). The success of the June hikes depends on you! Volunteer.

The last training hike for the June hikes. Meet at Chatsworth Park South, 10 a.m., June 3rd.

A private hike-in for members of the Museum alliance has been set for June 4th. More than 1000 members have paid their money and expect hike-in leaders for each group of 25. The SSMPA receives more than \$800. for the event. Leaders are needed.

FLYERS for the upcoming June public hike-ins must be distributed. Call Zelma to pick some up.

AD BOOK REPORT: All money and copy should be in to Joy Totachoki(810-2473) or in Simi, Ruth Smoot(805-526-2730) and Pearl Turbush(805-526-7366). This is the last chance to put your family name in the book. \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children. The winner of the teen selling contest will be announced next letter. The publication is due within the next few months.

Feel like writing?

Write councilman Bernardi, city hall. Urge him to keep low density near the southern boundary of our proposed park near the foothills of Dayton Canyon. Also preserve Valley Circle as a scenic parkway.

Write John F. Dunlap, chairman join committee on open space lands, Library and Courts building, rm. 509, Sacramento. Tell him you support AS 2133, to establish a priority list for acquisition of land if the state bond issue passes. Tell him you want the SS Mountains high on that priority list.

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In other news: Chapter 15, a feasibility study of the SS Mountains to be conducted by the State Department of Rec and Parks is in progress. A tour, set up by Doris Murphy and Janice Minkston, will show the visiting men around.

A new committee of Mary Gorman, Helen Treend, and Nancy Woogerd has been established to follow up letters to Sacramento and other government agencies.

Cathy Guilmette, our entrant in the Seventeen Magazine ecology contest, did not place. However, we congratulate her for outstanding contributions to SSMP which will not soon be forgotten. We hope she and her family continue to inspire other park activities.

Option progress: An N.A. I. appraisal of the 178-acre old Stage Coach site must be gotten before we can obtain options on the property. This is necessary to make us eligible for matching state or federal funds. Zalma Skillman, Lois Scott, Mary Gorman, and Janice Minkston are working to get the appraisal at less than the normal \$500. fee.

With the passing of a new city ordinance requiring a \$200 building fund tax per unit, money should be accumulating for park expenditures. Letters, however, are in order to Councilman Wilkinson asking for high priority status for the 178-acres.

Volunteers are needed for a new telephone committee.

Word comes from Dr. Joseph Pampaloni, owner of the chamber of commerce building in Chateworth, that our office which he has donated will be plastered this week. A painting crew of SSMPA members will then be able to ready the office for a grand opening.

Summer activities in the air: Janice Minkston announces that no general meetings are expected during the months of July and August, however board meetings will be held as needed. A social evening, a campout in the SS mountains, and a picnic are being discussed for the members.

Membership blanks are available at the hike-ins, meetings, or from Steve Ellis (341-5953).

IMPORTANT DATES IN REVIEW: June 3rd--training session; June 4th--private hike-in for museum alliance; June 10th and 11th--public hike-ins; June 5th at Joy Totschek's house; next regular meeting, June 19th, Glendale Federal, 21821 Devonshire Blvd., G.P.M.