



## SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY OUTREACH CALENDAR 2017-2018

### Thursday, August 31, 2017; 7:30 am; Citizen Science Bird Survey with Palomar Audubon at Volcan Mountain

If you are a birder or an aspiring birder – we want you!

The Conservancy and Palomar Audubon are hosting a citizen science bird survey on August 31st at our Rutherford C property near Volcan Mountain in Julian. This walking survey is approximately 0.85 mile (round-trip) and rated moderate-strenuous due to the elevation and slope. The group will meet in Ramona and carpool to the site. To register, or for more information, email Conservation Manager Jack Hughes at [jack@sdrvc.org](mailto:jack@sdrvc.org).

Cost: Free

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdrvc-citizen-science-event-bird-survey-on-volcan-mountain-tickets-36833901190>

Directions available upon registration.

### Saturday, September 9, 2017; 1:00 pm Sky Hunters at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom

The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy invites you to learn what it takes to live in the air! Meet Nancy Conney of Sky Hunters and some raptor ambassadors up-close.

After the presentation, SDRVC will lead you on an optional, easy, 2-mile round-trip hike around the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Cost: This event is FREE. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE.

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/70925780084158>

Directions: Directions will be provided upon registration.



Photo: [Aaron Chang](#)

**Thursday, September 21, 2017 (7:30 am) – Citizen Science Event – Bird Survey at Volcan Mountain**

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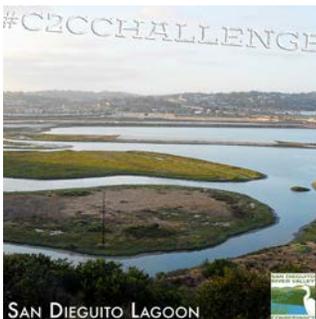
For more information, email Conservation Manager Jack Hughes at [jack@sdrvc.org](mailto:jack@sdrvc.org).

Cost: Free

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdrvc-citizen-science-event-bird-survey-on-volcan-mountain-tickets-36934766882>

**Saturday, September 23, 2017 (9:00 am) Coast to Crest Trail Challenge – San Dieguito Lagoon – SOLD OUT**



Explore some of the San Dieguito River Park’s most iconic spots in the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge!

From July 1st, 2017 through June 30th, 2018, complete the five River Park hikes listed below. You can complete them in any order, in your own time, or with the Conservancy—we’ll lead five guided hikes (one on each trail) throughout the year.

To register for a guided hike at the San Dieguito Lagoon and obtain more information click [here](#).

**Saturday, September 30, 2017; 10:00 am – 12:30 pm – Rattlesnake Safety Class, Del Mar Branch Library**

Join the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy & Southwestern Field Herping Associates for a FREE, fun and educational class for beginning and seasoned outdoorsmen and women. Snake researcher, Steve Bledsoe, will give an in-depth presentation on identifying dangerous snakes in San Diego County and what to do if they are encountered in the wild.

Come learn what to do if you see a snake and how you and your family, friends, and pets can stay safe in the outdoors! Space is limited and registration is required.

Please RSVP by September 27, 2017.

For more information, please contact Ana Lutz, SDRVC Education Manager at [ana@sdrvc.org](mailto:ana@sdrvc.org).

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://sdrvcrattlesnakesafetyclass.eventbrite.com>

Directions will be provided upon registration.

### **October 28, 2017; (10:00 am) – Radical Reptiles at Birdwing (SDRVC/Living Coast Discovery Center)**



Crawl into the world of reptiles, with Living Coast Discovery Center's animal ambassadors. Learn about what all reptiles have in common. Look at snake skin up-close and compare the sizes of tortoises and sea turtles.

After the presentation, SDRVC will lead you on an optional, easy, 2-mile round-trip hike around the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Cost: This event is FREE. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE.

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/70881020911145>

Directions: Directions will be provided upon registration.

### **Saturday, November 11, 2017 (9:00 am) Coast to Crest Trail Challenge – Del Dios Gorge – SOLD OUT**

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To register for a guided hike at the Del Dios Gorge and obtain more information click [here](#).



## Saturday, December 9, 2017 (9:00 am) Furry Friends Hike at the Piedras Pintadas Trail at Bernardo Bay



Bring your dog(s) and join other animal lovers and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for an easy and family-friendly Furry Friends Hike at the Piedras Pintadas Trail (approximately 4 miles).

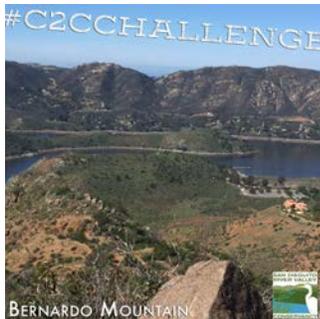
The name Piedras Pintadas, meaning “painted rocks”, pays tribute to the remarkable rock art that was created in the Rancho Bernardo area by the Kumeyaay some 500–1000 years ago. The Kumeyaay were semi-nomadic and extremely knowledgeable managers of the natural resources they depended on for food, clothing, medicines and shelter. They were intimately connected to the land and its plants and animals. Information about the culture and resource management techniques of the Kumeyaay who lived in this area for thousands of years is provided on a series of interpretive panels along the Piedras Pintadas trail.

Cost: Free - Hikers are encouraged to bring a donation of dog and cat food to support the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/71697679884180>

Directions will be provided upon registration.

## Saturday, January 20, 2018 (9:00 am) Coast to Crest Trail Challenge – Bernardo Mountain Summit Trail – SOLD OUT



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To register for a guided hike at the Bernardo Summit Trail and obtain more information click [here](#).

**February 3, 2018, 10:00 – 11:00 am: "Ms. Smarty-Plants™ and the Magic of Water"**

Become a Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Earth Hero to save our most precious resource, water! Take a fun and interactive journey with magic and music through the water cycle, conservation, plant adaptations and much more. Learn, laugh & lend a hand to the planet by taking the Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Earth Hero Pledge, and remember “We can change the world with our own two hands!”

Cost: Free

Register: TBD



**Saturday, February 24, 2018 (9:00 am) Coast to Crest Trail Challenge – Clevenger Canyon South Trail – SOLD OUT**

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To register for a guided hike at the Clevenger Canyon South Trail and obtain more information click [here](#).

**March 10, 2018, 10:00 am; Seashore Splash at the Birdwing (SDRVC/Living Coast Discovery Center)**

Life is tough in the tidepools! With the guidance of Living Coast Discovery Center, children will discover some of the crazy ways tidepool animals are adapted for the rocky shores. With hands-on interaction, students will be able to touch, see, and discover what it takes to cling to a slippery home.

After the presentation, SDRVC will lead you on an optional, easy, 2-mile round-trip hike around the San Dieguito Lagoon.



Cost: This event is FREE. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE.

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/70880273883162>

Directions: Directions will be provided upon registration.

### March 21, 2018, 7:00 pm; Full Moon Hike Bernardo Bay Trail



Join us for a full moon hike on the Bernardo Bay Trail.

The Bernardo Bay Trail provides a wonderful opportunity to observe hundreds of species of resident and migratory birds at Lake Hodges, designated a globally Important Bird Area in 1999. The reservoir, created when the San Dieguito River was dammed in 1918, is now a critical stop-over for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway.

The hillsides around the lake are dominated by coastal sage scrub and recognized as one of the largest, and last, strongholds of the federally threatened California gnatcatcher. The protection and interpretation of the cultural resources in this area would not have been possible without the cooperation and assistance of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Because of the sensitive nature of the art and artifacts here and their great significance to the Kumeyaay, your respect for these resources is greatly appreciated.

Dogs are welcome on leash.

Cost: Free. Donations gratefully accepted.

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/71697790184167>

Directions: Will be provided upon registration.

### April 29, 2018, 7:00 pm; Full Moon Hike at the San Dieguito Lagoon

Join us for a full moon hike on the Dust Devil Nature Trail at the San Dieguito Lagoon. This 1.7-mile loop trail is easy, short and flat.

Dogs are welcome on leash.

Cost: Free

Register: <https://form.jotform.us/61446150600141>



Directions available upon registration.



**May 8, 2018, 10:00am-11:30 pm; Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Beautiful Butterflies" and hike on the Coast to Crest Trail.**

Join Ms. Smarty-Plants™ in learning about one of our favorite pollinators, butterflies! Discover more about these beautiful and fascinating creatures along with how to create a butterfly habitat and how to help one of our most threatened butterflies, the Monarch.

After the presentation, join the Conservancy on a short 2.5-mile hike on the Coast to Crest Trail at Mule Hill

Cost: Free  
Register: TBD.