



THE PONDEROSA

April 1985

This is a newsletter combining the Ponderosa and the Pine Cone, the two newsletters of the Pine Ridge Association and the Pine Ridge Association Volunteers at Coe State Park. It was decided to combine the mailings to allow all members of the Association to see what the volunteers are doing, and to inform everyone of the upcoming Mother's Day Breakfast, Annual Spring Picnic at the park, and other pertinent news.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Last year's Mother's Day Breakfast had to be cancelled when the park was closed because of the earthquake; we are hoping no emergencies cancel this year's event! All Pine Ridge Association members and friends of Coe Park are urged to consider supporting this activity, as an excellent excuse to get out into the park, a unique place to take mothers for their day, and also as a means of raising funds for Association projects. Look for the flyer and request for help on following pages of the newsletter.

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

This year's Pine Ridge Association Spring Picnic will be held at Manzanita Point on Sunday, May 5, beginning at noon. Please plan on attending with your family. Bring your own meat and something to share; a barbecue pit will be available (wood provided). Plan on an enjoyable afternoon in a beautiful part of the park.

DONATION REQUESTED FOR NEW TRAIL GUIDE

Over the past few years, portions of Winslow Briggs' descriptions of Coe State Park trails have been published in the Ponderosa. Winslow has now finished a complete trail guide for the western portion of the park, and has graciously allowed the Pine Ridge Association to publish it and sell copies at the museum. Donations are requested as "seed money" to publish the guide before the end of the heavy spring visitor season; proceeds from these sales will perpetuate the continued, expanded publication of future editions. If you can help us sponsor this publication, please send your tax-deductible contribution to the park as soon as possible. All sponsors donating at least \$10 will be noted on a Sponsor's Page in the guide.

FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Plans are being implemented to have training for new volunteers beginning in October, a time when training can be completed before the spring rush of visitors to the park (this year's spring training was necessitated because of the park closure during Fall 1984). As in the past, training is designed to familiarize the volunteer with park operations, cultural history and natural resources. Fifty hours of volunteer service (excluding training hours) are required each year -- that averages out to approximately 6 days per year. Of course, many volunteers give much more of their time and talents. If you would like to apply for membership in the volunteer group, or would like further information, contact Ranger Barry Breckling at the park (779-2728).

Henry W. Coe State Park

Mother's Day Breakfast



Sponsored by
The Pine Ridge Association

Sunday, May 12

Henry W. Coe State Park, serving at Manzanita Point, a 2.5 mile walk Hayrides to the breakfast area will be available for those too starved to walk.

Serving from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Allow at least an hour to walk to Manzanita Point along the Springs Trail.

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 per child (under 12) plus \$2.00 per vehicle state park fee. Sorry no dogs; mothers-in-law OK.

Coe is sunny, beautiful and peaceful in the springtime. Build up an appetite by walking out to Manzanita Point along the Springs Trail and then treat your mother, wife and family to a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, biscuits, country fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

After breakfast enjoy the sun, the flowers and springtime. Walk down to China Hole and lose your mother-in-law; let the kids burn off all that Sunday energy on the Middle Ridge trail, or just stroll through the oaks, the grass and the giant manzanitas.

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, May 5 and supply is limited. Tickets may be purchased at **Dick Bruhn's**, Gilroy, **House of Photography**, Morgan Hill, **Western Mountaineering**, San Jose, at park headquarters, or send a check for breakfast tickets to Pine Ridge Association, Henry W. Coe State Prk, P.O. Box 846, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. (Checks payable to the Pine Ridge Association; \$2.00 vehicle fee payable upon arrival at the park.)


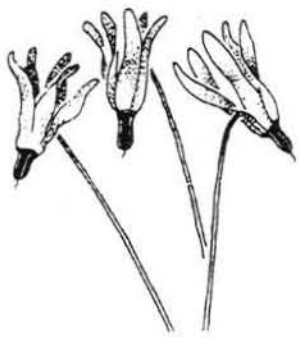
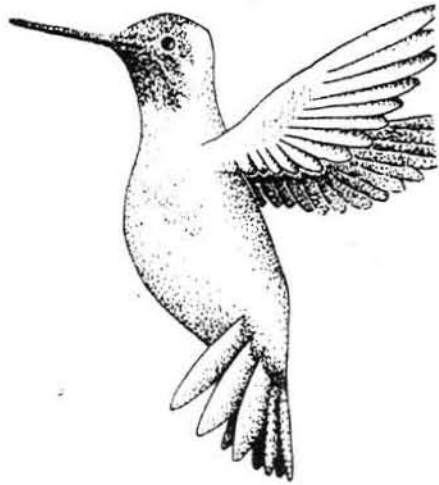


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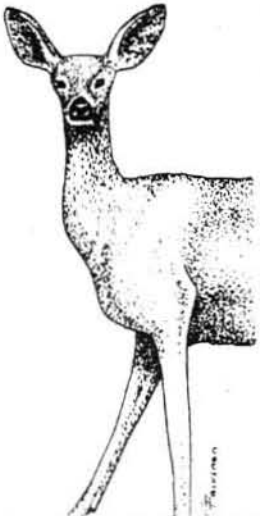
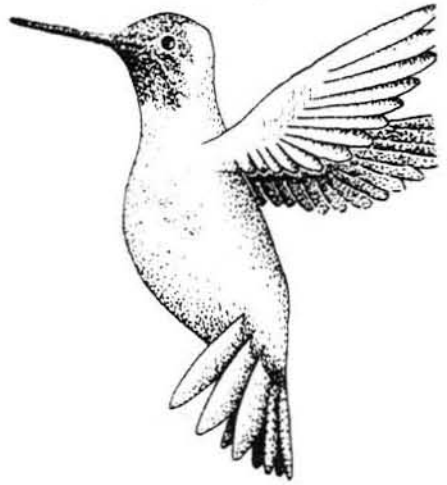
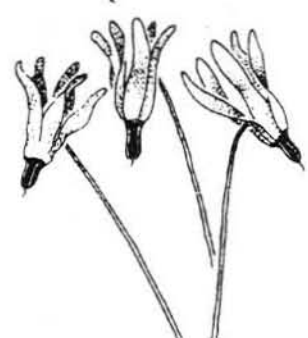
Celebrate spring at Henry W. Coe S. P.

HIKES and DEMONSTRATIONS

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- April 6 (Sat) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Judy Mason
Come enjoy the beautiful spring wildflowers on this short hike.
- April 7 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Kathy Paivinen
Learn about and enjoy a walk thru the wildflowers
- April 13 (Sat) PACKING WITH LLAMAS 1:00 PM Russ and Jan Shields will introduce you to these cute and interesting animals.
- April 14 (Sun) BACKPACKING DEMONSTRATION 11:00 AM
Lee Sims will show equipment and techniques for backpacking.
- April 14 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Bonnie Larsen will lead a short hike to see the beauty of spring.
- April 20 (Sat) BACKPACKING DEMONSTRATION 1:00 PM
Don Holmes will show all you will need for an enjoyable backpacking trip.
- April 21 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Judy Mason
- April 27 (Sat) REPTILE HIKE 1:00 PM Gary Keller will lead a hike in search of snakes and lizards.
- April 28 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Jan Bergkamp
- May 4 (Sat) RANCH LIFE 1:00 PM Jim and Karen Mansel will show how the Coe's lived many years ago.
- May 5 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Bonnie Larsen
- May 11 (Sat) GEOLOGY - ROCK WALK 1:00 PM Judy Rood
Come learn about the geology of the park.
- May 12 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Larry Haimowitz
- May 18 (Sat) BACKPACKING DEMONSTRATION 1:00 PM
Lee Sims Leaving the kitchen sink at home, going light
- May 19 (Sun) WILDFLOWER WALK 1:00 PM Kathy Paivinen
- May 25 (Sat) BEES, BUTTERFLIES, AND BUTTERCUPS 1:00 PM
Come enjoy the wonders of spring on this walk.
- May 26 (Sun) BACKPACKING DEMONSTRATION 11:00 AM
Lee Sims will give you hints and pointers for your upcoming summer backpacking trip.
- May 26 (Sun) FAREWELL TO SPRING 1:00 PM Judy Mason will lead you on a hike to see the last of the spring wildflowers and the first of the summer's.
- May 27 (Mon) WILDLAND TRAVELING SHOW 1:00 PM
Judy Mason will show how plants and animals travel and how plant seeds get around.

EVENING PROGRAMS - 8:00 P.M.

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- May 18 (Sat) MOUNTAIN LIONS! Rick Hopkins All about our largest native predator.
- May 25 (Sat) THE COE EXPERIENCE Lee Sims What is that special attraction that Coe has?
- May 26 (Sun) WHERE IN THE HECK IS COE PARK? Don Mason

Additional programs will be scheduled thru July 14th. For more information on programs or the park call (408) 779-2728. The park is located 13 miles (30 minutes) east of Highway 101 at the end of East Dunne Avenue.