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the PINE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER  
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## VOLUNTEERS

### ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER HOURS

The park uses two types of volunteers. There is a formal volunteer program sponsored by the Pine Ridge Association (Pine Ridge Volunteers). These volunteers receive training and work under volunteer rules and Pine Ridge Association bylaws. The other type of volunteers work directly through the park and are guided only by state policy and have no relation to the Pine Ridge Association (although they could be association members or even Pine Ridge Volunteers) these would be scout troops, workers on trail work projects, individuals doing school projects, etc.

Since its inception, the volunteers in the formal program have put down hours for any type of work; however, recently we have been reminded that state cooperative associations such as the Pine Ridge Association exist due to state legislation that restricts their activities to interpretive and educational pursuits. Therefore we will have to make some changes in recording hours. Starting with the first of this year only hours considered interpretive and educational may be entered in the yellow book - giving interpretive programs, working in the museum, foot and horse patrol, and other work where the main intent is educational. Maintenance projects, trail work, resource inventories, and other volunteer work not sponsored by the association can not be counted towards association volunteer hours and should not be entered in the yellow binder. These other jobs are, however, just as

important to the park and the people we serve, so a separate book will be started for non-association hours. There will be some confusion to start with and the possibility of changes to this policy, but we hope to have things clarified and in good order by the February 7th mandatory meeting.

Barry

## PARK PROJECTS

### Non-association projects

The following projects have been set up by Coe's maintenance man Tom Derryberry and anyone is welcome to join in and help. You must fill out a Volunteer Record and Service Agreement before working on these projects--ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS ALREADY HAVE ONE FILLED OUT.

**Welcome to 1987.....a year I'm looking forward to.**

There are many projects that will need accomplishing and the only way they will become a reality is with your help. During the first two months of the year the projects I have in mind are SPRING REPAIRS, and TRAIL WORK. Check the dates below, give the park a call and sign up.

January 10, I'm going to COIT LAKE to finish a vegetation removal project which began in November. This will only take half a day to accomplish and the second best tool is a fishing

pole.

On Sunday, January 11, I'm going to FROG LAKE. There is a large oak across the northern part of the lake and we need to remove that and I'm going to repaint the facility there.

On Saturday, January 17th I'd like to direct our efforts to WILLOW RIDGE TRAIL. I've heard many "stories" as to the condition of the trail and the springs along the trail. I'd like to see it first hand and if you will come out, we can look at the needs of the area, discuss them on the site and then set up a tentative date to accomplish the tasks.

On the 18th of January, I'm planning on finishing the skirting around Residence 2. Leif Larsen and Jeff Swindle have made a major improvement by starting the project and, not wanting to claim overtime, weren't quite able to finish. This project will take about four or five hours.

The 24th of January has been set aside for the INTERPRETIVE ROOM. We have received a brand new slide table and the corner its scheduled to go into is filled with ?????? There will be plenty to do for a cast of thousands so don't miss out.

January 25th has been set aside for the SUPER BOWL!!!! See the 49ers make Kal-Kan out of the Broncos....EL OF A WAY TO GO..... The big screen 19" remote control will be tuned in at 0900 for the pregame hype, the dog will be fed, the phone disconnected, and the teenage daughters will be locked in a closet...If the park catches fire, leave me a note, I'll find it Monday.....

January 31st, I'm going to prefabricate some spring boxes in the shop. The month of February is set aside for SADA'S SPRING and BLACK OAK SPRING. Both springs need new spring boxes and plumbing work, hopefully with a lot of volunteers. Skilled, semi-skilled, and people like myself are needed. Don't be left out. See ya at the projects.....

Tom

### 1987 Membership Renewal

With a new year it is time once again to renew your membership in the Pine Ridge Association. This is even more important for volunteers, as membership in the Association is a prerequisite to

being a volunteer. A renewal form is included in this news letter for your use. To renew your membership all you have to do is return the form with a check for a years membership to Coe Park. Do not include your renewal form in the ballot envelope as the district office will not know what to do with membership renewals. Member who have not renewed by April 1 will be dropped as active members.

### Museum Hours for Volunteers

As some controversy, or misunderstanding, seems to exist concerning our decision to extend the required hours spent in the museum by our volunteers, I feel it is appropriate for me, as a member of the Volunteer Committee, to offer some background and philosophy to the PRA membership. The fundamental issues we need to address are:

1. An overall failure, on the part of the PRA, to consistently help keep the museum staffed during 1986.
2. The charter of the PRA, as an Educational and Interpretive Cooperative Association, is in serving the needs of the park-visiting public.

Taking the second issue first, it is clear from a reading of the enabling legislation, that allows our volunteer program to exist within the State Park System, that we are intended to serve the public in the educational and interpretive arena. Since the first and most critical public contact occurs at the museum, it seems to us that this should be the primary emphasis of our program. Comparing ourselves to other cooperative associations, we found most of them deal only in nature programs and headquarters contact, with patrols, if they exist at all, not counting towards volunteer hours. We also found that the required minimums were almost always more hours, up to 8 hours per month! Therefore, placing more emphasis on the museum seems reasonable, fair, and consistent with the charter and objectives of the Association.

As far as the first issue is concerned, the additional hours we are requiring are not sufficient to solve this one, though it will help. If indeed our primary concern is in serving the visitors of Coe Park we can best do this, through the giving spirit of our volunteers, who do more

than is required, by making a maximum contribution to the public.

I hope this short discussion helps you understand our reasoning in changing the museum hours, and that all of you will support your park and the visiting public in 1987.

Doug Jones  
Volunteer Committee

#### Upcoming Events for Volunteers

Jan 10 - Volunteer Committee meeting.

Jan 10 - Interpretive Technique Training (Harry Batlin, Barry, Don and Judy Mason).

Jan 13 - Barbecue Committee Meeting.

Feb 7 - Mandatory Volunteer Meeting and Membership meeting.

Mar 21 - Birds of Coe.

Apr 4-5 - Resource Inventory weekend to Robinson Creek Drainage.

Apr 11 - Wildflowers of Coe.

#### Membership Meeting

The PRA must hold at least one members meeting a year in accordance with our bylaws. This year we again have some minor changes to the bylaws to present for approval and a report on the years activities. The meeting will be held in conjunction with volunteer meeting on February 7. See the next article for an agenda and directions.

#### Volunteer and Member Meeting Agenda

The first part of the meeting is to cover required volunteer information. The volunteer meeting will start at 9 AM at the Countryside Club House where we met last year. The Countryside Club House is in Morgan Hill off Watsonville Road on Venetian Way.

If you are coming from San Jose, take the Tennant Road off ramp right (west) to Monterey Highway. Go left (south) and at the second light turn right (west) on Watsonville Road. After about one mile, Venetian Way comes in from the left. The club house doesn't have a number, but as Venetian Way is a circular street you will reach it if you stay to the left. There is a swimming pool and a small parking lot adjacent to the club house.

The agenda for first part of the meeting is as follows:

#### Hour Requirements.

Acceptable Jobs - what counts and what doesn't.

Job Descriptions - open positions.

Information review and discussion - what needs updating and review.

Presentation of badges to new volunteers.

Presentation on Senior Badges.

1987 sign up's (Sign up for whole year if possible.)

Program to be arranged.

At noon, we will take a lunch break. The membership meeting will start at 1 PM with Golden Bear Awards and the presentation of the Annual PRA Award. A discussion of bylaws changes and a membership vote will follow.

Dave Hildebrand  
Chair, Board of Directors.

#### Election Rerun

The election for directors resulted in two ties. Jim Mason and Don Holmes tied with the most number of votes. Winslow Briggs and Margaret Enns tied with the second most votes. As there are only three seats open, we have to hold a run off election between Winslow and Margaret for the third seat hence the reason for this newsletter.

The qualification statements that appeared in the December news letter are included again to help you decide. Please take the time to vote. We have

had about 40% return on our election this year, and it has been a real election. As in the last election, each news letter will have a pre-addressed envelope to use for your ballot. Be sure to use this envelope to send in the ballot to insure it is counted. To be counted your ballot must reach the District Office and be postmarked no later than January 20, 1987.

Dave Hildebrand  
Chair, Board of Directors

### **Winslow Briggs**

I first discovered Henry W. Coe State Park about ten years ago, and have been exploring it ever since. I have been a member of the Pine Ridge Association for eight of those ten years. I served on the Board of Directors of the Association from 1980 to 1983, and served as Chairman in 1982 and 1983. On acquisition of the Coit and Gill-Mustang parcels, I was active with a number of others as a volunteer in exploring these newly added parts of the Park to help gather information for the resources inventory for the Department of Parks and Recreation. I have walked over more than 250 miles of trails in Coe, some of them many times. One result of these explorations is that I have written a booklet, *The Trails of Henry W. Coe State Park*, published by the Association. My interest in the development of educational and interpretative

programs at Coe is continuing and I am currently compiling additional trails descriptions and assembling natural history information to include with them. I feel that I am well qualified to serve on the Board of Directors, and promise to work hard to help the Association meet its goals if I am elected.

### **Margaret Enns**

Henry Coe Park is a very special place. There are many people in the background performing a multitude of tasks in the whole of the park; Barry, Jim, and Tom our leaders, Judy and the volunteers, and Pine Ridge Association and the board members.

I have been a volunteer for two years and just recently became a Senior Volunteer. So often I feel a recipient of the park instead of a contributor because any time spent at the park becomes a very rewarding experience.

There is a vacancy on the board of the the Pine Ridge Association and I would appreciate your vote for the privilege of serving with these dedicated people. With my business background and many hours of volunteer work in various organizations, I feel I could be an asset on the board.

Pine Ridge Association Ballot  
Board of Directors Rerun Election  
January 1987

Vote for one name.

	Winslow Briggs
	Margaret Enns

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - APPLICATION FORM

(Correct data in mailing label on reverse or add new information.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships:

Voting (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Life (\$200.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names for Family Membership

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Please make any check payable to: Pine Ridge Association.

Please look at your mailing label on the reverse. If the date is 1986 you need to renew your membership for the coming year. If the label is incorrect, update the top part of the form. A copy of this form is a good way to introduce your friends to Coe Park.

I would like more information on:

\_\_\_ The Volunteer Program at Coe Park \_\_\_ Annual Barbecue  
\_\_\_ Annual Trail Day \_\_\_ Mother's Day Breakfast

I have interest or special skills in the following areas.

\_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_ Foot Patrol  
\_\_\_ Art Show \_\_\_ Horse Patrol  
\_\_\_ Barbecue \_\_\_ Trail Repair and Construction  
\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Evening Programs  
\_\_\_ Nature Programs \_\_\_ Interpretive Work in Museum  
\_\_\_ Nature Hikes \_\_\_ Spring Location and Development  
\_\_\_ Horseback Riding \_\_\_ Photography



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