The **Ponderosa**

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Henry W. Coe State Park

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From under My Brim

by Barry Breckling

In 1994, as the Visitor Center Expansion fundraising began to really get rolling, I wrote an article on the funding and building of the original visitor center. Now as we get close to pouring a new foundation for the start of the Expansion, I thought I would haul out that old article, dust it off, renovate it a bit, and put it out again. The fundraising committee is making another push to get the rest of the money needed for the first phase of construction to begin. If all goes well, actual groundbreaking will begin in little more than a year.

The Pine Ridge Visitor Center

May our awareness of what Sada Coe Robinson did for this park never diminish. Let the knowledge of "sturdy pioneers," the memory of swaying blackberry vines against a ranch house window, and a vision of what a Coe Park visitor center should be, persist as long as Henry W. Coe State Park exists.

The idea of building a visitor center at Coe Park predated the park's existence. In 1953, Sada gave her 12,230-acre Pine Ridge Ranch to Santa Clara County. Shortly afterwards, she told county representatives that she would like the park to have a visitor center and that she would donate the money required to fund construction of the building. County bureaucrats move slowly though, and nothing was accomplished during the five years the County held the property. State bureaucrats move even more slowly. When the California State Park System took over ownership of the property in 1958, and actually before the property was fully transferred, Sada told state park officials that she thought the park should have a visitor center. She and park officials spent about 13 years getting paperwork done before construction was started in 1971.

Many interesting events occurred during planning and construction of Sada's Pine Ridge Visitor Center. I say "Sada's" because she was intimately involved with the entire process. To start off, Sada donated the money for construction of the visitor center. She gave $80,000, earmarked for the Coe Park museum, to the California State Parks Foundation. Not long ago, as I was reading a collection of old state park correspondence, I learned that she had originally wanted to be an anonymous donor. In a letter to Area Manager Bob Stewart, District Four Superintendent Milton Frincke said, "Remember Mrs. Robinson wants to remain anonymous. The museum is a donation from the Foundation through anonymous donors." Sada was unaware that, as time passed, more and more people would learn about her generous gift.

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I don't know the details, but I believe Sada was instrumental in procuring the services of a man named Oscar Meyer (no, not the hot dog guy) as the contractor. Apparently, Mr. Meyer did a good job. Bob Stewart wrote in a letter to Milton Frincke that "the quality of the work was superior."

Originally it was estimated that the building and displays would cost about $55,000. Before long the price tag was up to $75,000, and by the time the construction started it was up to $94,700 without displays. A decision was made that about $11,000 would have to be pared off for construction to be feasible. The fireplace and chimney planned for the east end of the building were scrapped, along with the rock walkways around the building and the tile work in the restrooms. Also, the state would provide the fixtures for the restrooms.

The state park's interpretive services staff in Sacramento would be the group responsible for construction of displays for the visitor center. As donated money for the displays diminished, tempers flared.

Sacramento: Coe displays should cost about $12,000.

Field staff: We don't have $12,000. We spent everything on building construction.

Sacramento: Here we go again with another unfunded project.

Field staff: Well, we really need $10,000 for display work, but Sacramento will scream. We'll try for $6,000.

Sacramento: Our budget for the whole year for the whole state is $8,000 and you want what?!!

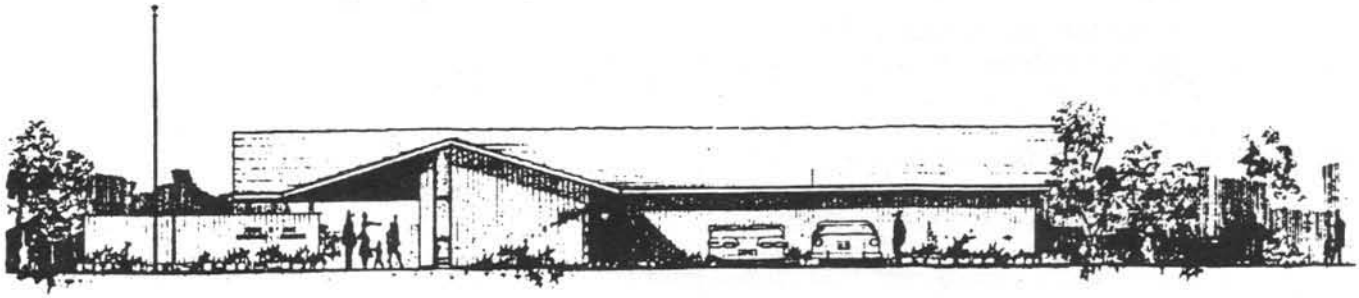
One positive note about the displays was Sada's donation of thousands of dollars worth of the Coe family antiques. Basically, Sada invited people from our interpretive services to go through her house and pick out what they wanted to use for the two "house rooms," the dining room and the parlor.

Sada had definite ideas about what the visitor center should look like. When an architect from the state drew up plans for a modern building, she objected. A private architectural firm, George Livermore and Associates from San Francisco, gave it a first try but didn't quite meet Sada's expectations. In a letter to the architect, District Superintendent Frincke said, "I have discussed this project with Mr. Mott [then Park Director William Penn Mott, Jr.] and the changes that Mrs. Robinson wants to effect. He and I both agree that as far as the State is concerned, the exterior must conform to the old farm buildings which are in the area. It would be completely incongruous and obtrusive to allow the building as it is designed here to go into the location we have chosen." Livermore and Associates submitted revised plans, the plans were approved by all parties, and the design of our visitor center was established.

On April 27, 1971, eight months and a day from the time Sada and Superintendent Frincke picked the location for the visitor center, the ground was broken for the new building. Construction went quickly. The foundation was in by May 12, dry wall was up by June 8, and the building was wired by early August. The shake roof was done by June 17, and painting was finished by August 6. The building was completed and handed over to Area Manager Stewart on August 10.

It took a number of months to complete the displays and get them into the place, and Sada's furniture was not moved into the building until March 1972. On May 17 of that year, Park Director Mott, Superintendent Frincke, Area Manager Stewart, Park Supervisor Ed Strouse, Architect Livermore, and others honored Sada Coe Robinson with a lunch in the completed visitor center.

It was through Sada's generosity and persistence that we ended up with our splendid visitor center. If our visitor center expansion is to succeed, we need to approach it in the same spirit.



Design proposed by the state but turned down by Sada

Purple Pond
by Stephen Donohue

It all started when my dad signed us up—my brother, Dad, and me—to go on a backpacking weekend at Henry Coe State Park. We were headed to a place where no one else would be, Purple Pond. The name alone gave me the thought of grueling paces up sweaty, dusty hills. Our hike was supposed to be a mere 3.6 miles but ended up being 7 miles because we took a wrong turn. We had taken a short cut that actually took us far out of our way down a canyon. We had to hack a new path through poison oak. Not even cows were stupid enough to go down that canyon.

Finally we found the real trail and proceeded on to Purple Pond, where we set up camp. Three o'clock seemed a good time for fishing, so that's what we did. But as always, no fish were to be seen or caught. Dinner was great as usual! We stuffed ourselves with my mom's famous backpacker burrito. Filled to capacity, we crawled into our tents and fell fast asleep.

The next morning after a light breakfast, we spotted a wild boar approximately 30 feet away from our campsite. Normally it would be exciting to see an animal in the wild, but when it sticks its tusks up in the air and charges toward you, you get scared. Doing what we thought best, we climbed up a tree. I was the first person up the tree, but I was also the first down. As my dad and brother climbed up, the branch I was standing on gave way, and down I went. Luckily the boar had gotten bored with us and was on his way to greener pastures.

We decided it was time for us to head home as well. This time we were able to find the shorter trail and made it back to our Jeep and the cold Mountain Dews in record time. A park ranger happened by and inquired about our hike. We let her know about our boar experience. She felt we were privileged to meet up with nature at its best. I'm not so sure I agree, but it is a trip I will never forget.

(Fifth grade writing assignment)

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Park News
by Kay Robinson
Park Superintendent

Of the many projects in the pipeline right now, one of the most significant is the development of a statewide infrastructure database. Each of the 22 districts in California State Parks has been working feverishly for the last three months to gather together information in one place that details the backlog of needs for all State Park units. These projects include:

Deferred Maintenance (e.g., repair of water and septic systems and replacement of old worn out facilities)
Resource Management (e.g., control of star thistle and prescribed burn programs)
Collections Management (e.g., the care of historic artifacts and museum housing)
Interpretive Facilities and Programs (e.g., repair/replacement of display cases and development of a comprehensive evaluation tool for the effectiveness of school programs)
Minor Capital Outlay (e.g., construction of small-scale new facilities, such as a rest room)
Major Capital Outlay (e.g., large-scale development such as the Dowdy Ranch Public Use Facilities)
Planning (e.g., General Plans, Amendments, and studies)

The information gathered will list the projects in priority order and will specify the project description, location, and anticipated cost. So far the statewide list contains over 6,000 projects, with over $32 million for projects within the Four Rivers District alone. The list will continue to evolve as projects, costs, and priorities change—also keeping in mind the occasional disaster or two that strike every year.

One of the most useful aspects of this comprehensive list is the ability to use it for a variety of planning purposes. We will be able to respond more quickly to potential funding opportunities presented by the State Legislature. As federal grants become available for focused programs, such as boating facilities, projects identified on this database can be quickly submitted. It will surely be a strong basis for any future bond act (a good possibility for the November 2000 ballot). In short, it captures in one place all of our hopes and dreams (as

well as factual data) for improving facilities and therefore enjoyment by the public of these cultural and natural resources that we call State Parks.

Get to Know Your Park 1999
by Larry Haimowitz

What's up the East Fork? February 27–28

The East Fork of Coyote Creek is a wonderful hiking corridor with trail junctions leading to lots of choice places for backpackers. It's easily reached from Headquarters via China Hole, but few dayhikers go much farther than the Narrows and Los Cruzeros. We'll be camping at Coit Camp with a shuttle to Los Cruzeros for our hikes. Bring your own food and utensils; there will be a barbeque and burners for your use, and coffee Sunday morning.

Saturday's hike will start from Los Cruzeros, up Blue Ridge to Black Oak Spring, then across Rock House Canyon, and down Rock House Ridge to the East Fork. A short, flat distance later, and we'll be back to our shuttle. Rock House Ridge has a unique beauty that can be appreciated any time of year, broad meadows with incredible wildflower displays in the spring (we'll be too early for that), huge rock outcrops overshadowing mysterious little flats, and a sparkling creek that just delights. If you haven't been there before, I promise there are treats in store for you. If ambitious hikes aren't your thing, there will be a slower group led by Toni Sousa.

For Sunday we'll have an easy time of it. We get shuttled to Los Cruzeros again, this time to walk up the East Fork and Little Long Canyon. Near the edge of the park, there's a short hill to climb over to get to Water Gulch. Following Water Gulch, we'll return to the East Fork and head back to our shuttle. The round trip is about 6–8 miles, mostly flat.

Hunting Hollow/Redfern March 20–21

Thinking about working the Hunting Hollow Entrance but you just don't have a clue about what's down there? Got asked a question about trails in Hunting Hollow while you were at the visitor center—Duh? Get real! Get some *real* experience with this part of your park! This weekend is just for you—put it on your calendar.

There will be Saturday and Sunday hikes—you can do both hikes and camp out or you can come for the day or camp or mix and match. As a new feature this year, we'll have hiking groups for all abilities. So even if you think you can't do the hikes, come anyway. You can still walk the Hollow and learn the trailheads.

Saturday's hike is a 13-mile loop with 2500+ feet of elevation gain. Starting at the Coyote Creek entrance, we'll take the Spike Jones Trail to Willson Peak, then follow the road to Willson Camp. From Willson Camp, we'll take Wagon Road back to Hunting Hollow. For those desiring a less ambitious hike, there will be a shuttle to cut off distance and hills. Even if you don't consider yourself to be a hiker, there will be a walk for you. Hunting Hollow is approximately three and a half miles long and all flat!

The Sunday hike is shorter, about six miles. This is a little longer than the Middle Ridge loop and has a bit more up and down. We'll take Lyman Willson Road up to Bowl Road, walk Bowl Road to Middle Steer Ridge Trail, and return to Hunting Hollow on Middle Steer Ridge Trail. Middle Steer Ridge has some extremely steep downhill portions so stuff some foam into the toes of your hiking boots (just kidding).

We'll be camping at the windmill in Hunting Hollow. Vehicles will be parked at the entrance; there will be a shuttle to take your camping gear to the windmill. Saturday night dinner will be provided—put on by Fitz—for $8. Please reserve in advance, since Fitz needs to know how many people will participate. Any money left over from the meal will be donated to the PRA. After dinner we'll gather around a roaring fire in the old BBQ pit. It has been said that friendly spirits can be seen there, and maybe they'll even tell us a little bit about the way life used to be in the Hollow.

Bring a plate, cup, eating utensils, your park maps, water, snacks, breakfast, and lunch. There will be coffee in the morning and burners to cook on.

Call Toni Sousa (408/778-3692) or me (408/778-6088) for information and to sign up for either of the events.

Rain dates for both events are March 27–28. If both get rained out, we will only do the Hunting Hollow outing.

Membership and Contributions
by Lee Dittmann

We are pleased to welcome the new members listed below, who joined before February 5th. Thank you for your support! Welcome to the Pine Ridge Association.

Brian S. Bean, San Francisco
Jason Bertman, Los Altos
Margaret Breen, Oakland
Brett Faust, Morgan Hill
Daniel Floro, Turlock
Mark Foxx, Felton

Rob Glover, Morgan Hill
Johannes Hellendoorn, San Juan Bautista
Beatrice Higgins, San Jose
Kerry Laubach, Los Gatos
Greg & Marcia Linden, Gilroy
Susanna Moore, Berkeley
Jim Parker, Hollister
Ron Pray, Gilroy
Rick Short, San Jose
Susan & Greg Steele, Morgan Hill
Will Taylor, Palo Alto
Carolyn Tucker, Morgan Hill
Eric Van Dyke, Aromas
Corrie & Jan Vincent, Mountain View
Randall A. White, Los Altos

New Life Members

Thanks to **Don Savant, David Hornby,** and **Brian Bean** for upgrading to Life Memberships, joining our 37 other esteemed Life members.

New Contributors to Visitor Center Expansion Fund

Randy Berthold
Michael Donohue & family
Lois Durham
Rich Graham
Gordon & Gabriel Hirsch
Ken & Suzette Mack
Paradise Valley School
Susan & Greg Steele
Daniel A. Straus
Lynn D. Ulrich
Michael H. Weske
Randall A. White
Barbara Zwieg

Special Contributions

In memory of **Lyle Pyeatt**, who passed away July 19, 1998, from his wife Nancy Pyeatt.

In memory of **Lyle Pyeatt**, from Elsa A. Hooper. Coe Park was "one of his favorite places to go when he was suffering from cancer for many years."

In memory of **Ashley**, the "gorgeous gray monarch of the visitor center and environs . . . a noble creature," a contribution to the Visitor Center Expansion Fund from Libby Vincent has been received. Ashley, the ranch house kitty, disappeared in mid-September; last seen in good spirits enjoying a dust bath on a sunny day.

In honor of **Christopher R. Weske,** a contribution to the Visitor Center Expansion Fund has been received from Michael H. Weske.

Thanks to **Cisco Systems** for a generous contribution matching employee Don Holmes's Coe Volunteer hours.

Thanks to **Veritas Software** for matching the generous contribution of employee and PRA member Arlene "Azz" Azzarello.

Finally, thanks to founding PRA members **Dave Hildebrand** and **Robert Patrie** for their continued steadfast support of the PRA. After almost 24 years, they are the only two of the original eight founding members still with us.

PRA 2000

by Dave Perrin

We are all aware of the attention being paid to the approach of the year 2000 by the media. Well, the PRA will also be part of the Y2K hype. In 2000 the PRA will celebrate its 25th anniversary as a Cooperating Association, and the uniformed volunteers will celebrate their 20th anniversary. Exactly how, when, and where this festivity will manifest itself remains to be determined. However, the who is known. You are the who, and we need you to help prepare for this time of rejoicing. Photographs and other visual media depicting PRA individuals and activities are needed, as are verbal histories. The content should include all aspects of our history (routine, silly, happy, etc.).

All photos and other visual media will be returned to you. Selected photos will be duplicated and may be used in our visual history portrait and will be retained by the PRA in our soon-to-be vast historical archive. Verbal histories should be submitted in writing or on cassette and may be used in our audio recounting and will also be retained by the PRA in our historical archive. Please send these historical treasures to:

The Millennium Committee % the PRA [address on the back of *The Ponderosa*]

Or drop them off at the Ranch house in the Millennium Committee in-box. More details on our plans later. Suggestions are always welcome.

PRA Annual Meeting a Success!

by Barbara Bessey

The annual meeting of the Pine Ridge Association was held this year in Morgan Hill on February 6. David Perrin opened the Pine Ridge Association portion of the meeting and introduced the members of the Board of Directors. Kevin Gilmartin indicated that the board had reviewed the entire bylaws over the past year and submitted changes to the association members in December, and these changes were approved. Barbara Radd stated that the financial status of the organization was very good and that the amount designated for the Visitor Center expansion had almost doubled in the past year. Barbara Bessey reviewed the status of the Visitor Center Expansion efforts; additional fundraising activities will be vigorously pursued in an effort to break ground on the project in another year. Julie Chase described a new fundraising effort for the spring, the 10K run starting in Hunting Hollow.

The meeting of the PRA uniformed volunteers was held next. Bill Frazer, Chair of the Uniformed Volunteer Committee, stated that the number of active volunteers is 137. These volunteers donated 16,457 hours in 1998; 4,044.5 of those hours were spent in the Visitor Center. The uniformed volunteers were extremely active during 1998, as evidenced by the large number of award presentations that followed.

Twenty new volunteers graduated from the training program and became trainees: Benjamin Clark, Elna Cunningham, Mike Donohue, Dave Flack, Patty Flack, Olivia Hutton, Greg Linden, Marcia Linden, Connie Poloskey, Dave Raiman, John Rapp, Pat Scharfe, Patti Shimokawa, Derek Smith, Heike Stabenow, Rainer Stabenow, Adrienne Stone, Brendan Stone, Mike Stone, and Joyce Taylor.

Eleven trainees who had completed the requirements of the training program and had served 50 or more hours were promoted to full volunteer status: Azz Azzarello, Daniel Benefiel, Lee Blanchard, Alan Brown, Sean Davani, Kate Hager, Gabe Hirsch, Gordon Hirsch, Todd Leonard, Pat Perez, and Bruce Strand.

Specially designed watches, which contained the pine tree logo of the association, were offered to volunteers who spent 48 or more hours working in the visitor center or on other visitor-centered activities during the past year (e.g., staffing the Coe Backcountry Weekend, presenting programs to visitors, leading interpretive walks). This year, an unprecedented number of forty-eight volunteers received this award: Everett Allen, Azz Azzarello, Chere Barger, Daniel Benefiel, Barbara Bessey, Lee Blanchard, Judy Breckling, Ann Briggs, Winslow Briggs, Robert Buchner, Julie Chase, Sean Davani, Lee Dittmann, Ruby Domino, Phyllis Drake, Sharry Dunn, Stew Eastman, Carolyn Fatooh, Sheila Flodberg, Bill Frazer, Kevin Gilmartin, Kate Hager, Larry Haimowitz, Alan Haviland, Don Holmes, David Hornby, Gary Keller, Millicent Kellogg, Irwin Koff, Don Mason, Jim Mason, Matt Pauly, Dave Perrin, Janet Pettinotti, Lois Phillips, John Prior, Barbara Radd, Don Savant, Martie Sinclaire, Toni Sousa, Richard Stone, Kitty Swindle, Marlene Testaguzza, Lisa Thornquist, Joan Throgmorton, Jim Tuomey, Bev VanderWeide, and Libby Vincent.

Ten individuals who had volunteered 200 or more hours of which at least 100 hours were spent in the visitor center were promoted to senior volunteers: John Briese, Joe Cannon, Sharry Dunn, Alan Haviland, Dave Janich, Margaret Mary McBride, Marty Michael, Thom Parks, Deborah Vajretti, and Bev VanderWeide.

Eleven volunteers received special recognition for the tremendous numbers of hours they have spent on Coe Park volunteer activities. Between them, they have donated over 25,000 hours to the park! Ann Briggs, Robert Buchner, Jim Mansel, Celia McCormack, and Nancy Valencia each volunteered 1,000 hours of service. Chere Barger, Kitty Swindle, and Marlene Testaguzza each volunteered 2,000 hours of service. Bill Frazer and Joan Throgmorton each volunteered 3,000 hours of service. Lee Dittmann has volunteered an all-time high number of 8,000 hours.

Kay Robinson, Park Superintendent for the Coe Sector, made a special presentation to those individuals who had donated 200 hours or more within the past year. Each received a free annual pass to state parks in California. Receiving the award were Everett Allen, Richard Auser, Chere Barger, Barbara Bessey, Judy Breckling, Ann Briggs, Winslow Briggs, Lee Dittmann, Ruby Domino, Phyllis Drake, Stew Eastman, Brian Erhardt, Bill Frazer, Teddy Goodrich, Larry Haimowitz, Don Holmes, Irwin Koff, Bill Levey, Jim Mason, Mike Meyer, Matt Pauly, Janet Pettinotti, Dennis Pinion, John Prior, Barbara Radd, Don Savant, Kitty Swindle, Marlene Testaguzza, Joan Throgmorton, Jim Tuomey, Chris Weske, and Roberta Wright.

The Uniformed Volunteer Committee's Golden Bear Award for exceptional service was presented to **Kitty Swindle.** Kitty became a uniformed volunteer in 1992; she volunteered over 300 hours in her first year. In 1998, she volunteered 369 hours. She is very active in the Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU), providing horse demonstrations as part of the volunteer training. She was an organizer of last year's Poker in the Park fundraising event. She was part of the team who looked for the lost horse in the Kelly Lake area a year ago. She has also worked to prepare items for the garage sales.

Kay Robinson announced that **Libby Vincent** was this year's recipient of the state's award honoring volunteers who have contributed much to state parks. Libby has been involved in many of the park's activities since she became a uniformed volunteer, including staffing the Hunting Hollow entrance, staffing the Coe Backcountry weekend plus leading hikes for visitors as part of that weekend, working at the Mother's Day breakfasts and TarantulaFests, and participating in the fall training of new volunteers on the ride-along. She is currently Vice Chair of the PRA Board of Directors. During the past year, she, with support from her employer (Cisco Systems), provided transportation for fifth-grade children from the Hollister area so that they could spend a day in the park; Libby organized the interpretive activities for the children.

The PRA Annual Award is given to an individual who has contributed outstanding work in furthering the mission of the association in preserving and enriching Coe Park. This year's award, which was presented by last year's award recipient, Don Holmes, went to **Ruby Domino.** Ruby became a member of the uniformed volunteers in 1985. She has volunteered 4,589 hours since that time, 527 of those hours in the visitor center. She has participated in many different activities over the years, including horse patrols, check-out rides for volunteers wanting to ride their horses in the park, barbed wire removals, trail maintenance, cleanup and repairs in the park, and ranch history talks. She has been a member of the Trails Advisory Committee for eleven years. She may be best known for her efforts to identify springs in the park, sharing this information with others, and organizing work weekends to keep the springs in working order; some of this work has been financed by the Mule Deer Foundation.

Congratulations to all!

This year's speaker was Joe Madeiros, who used to be a ranger naturalist at the Devil's Postpile. PRA member Winslow Briggs introduced him; the audience was intrigued to learn that Joe had an experience that most of us probably will never have, that of providing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a lizard. He spoke on "Oaks: Their Legacy and Future." It may come as a surprise, but oaks are flowering plants. There are nineteen species of oaks in California. True oaks, which are wind pollinated, have flexible male flowers that can move gently in the wind; the female flowers become acorns. Some closely related trees, such as the tan-oak, are not true oaks and are insect pollinated. In these trees, the male flowers extend firmly out from the branches. There may be much variation among the leaves of a single oak tree. Leaves growing in the sunshine may grow smaller than leaves growing in shade; on live oaks, some leaves may have smooth edges while others have jagged edges. The leather oak is the only one to thrive on serpentine. Joe described oaks as living for one hundred years and then dying for the next one hundred years. He challenged us to think carefully before destroying an oak, since their habitat continues to be reduced as our communities expand.

As usual, an enjoyable part of the meeting was announcing funny and silly C.A.R.P. awards for selected PRA members. After the meeting was adjourned, all members enjoyed a luncheon catered by the Uniformed Volunteer Committee.

PRA Calendar

Saturday & Sunday, February 27–28: **East Fork backcountry hike.** Join PRA members for an exploration of the areas around Blue Ridge and Rock House Ridge. The weekend of March 27–28 will be a rain date for either this hike or the PRA outing in Hunting Hollow/Redfern. Please call the park headquarters (408/779-2728) for additional information.

Saturday, March 20: The beginning of the **Spring Programs at Coe Park**. A list of all of the hikes, walks, and evening programs are included as an insert in this newsletter.

Saturday & Sunday, March 20–21: **Hunting Hollow/Redfern backcountry hike.** Join PRA members for an exploration of the Redfern starting from Hunting Hollow. The weekend of March 27–28 will be a rain date for either this hike or the PRA outing in the East Fork. Please call the park headquarters (408/779-2728) for additional information.

Saturday & Sunday, March 27–28: This weekend will be the rain dates for one of the two PRA outings listed above.

Saturday & Sunday, March 27–28: **Barbed wire fest.** Join the effort to remove barbed wire from various places in the park. Overnight at Pacheco Camp. For more information and to sign up, call Doug Meyers at the Coe Sector Office (408/848-4006).

Saturday, April 10: The annual **Trails Day** at Coe Park. Help build and maintain trails in the park. For more information, call Doug Meyers at the Coe Sector office (408/848-4006).

Saturday & Sunday, April 24–25: The **Coe Backcountry Weekend**. Entry will again be by random draw. Applications are included in this issue of the newsletter; they will also be available at the park and at various businesses (or you can print an application off of Coe's website, www.coepark.parks.ca.gov). The deadline for application submission is March 31.

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