



August/September

Rescuing Ocean Animals

Wildlife rescuer Ron Barrett, with the Channel Island Marine and Wildlife Institute, will present information and insights on sea lions, seals, otters and other animals found sick or injured. What you should do and not do when you find an animal stranded on the beach.



Aug 18, 11:00 AM

Ron Barrett,
Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute
Donations are adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.

Earth Rocks (Geology)

Discover how volcanoes, mountains, caves and geysers are formed. Learn how rocks and minerals are used in metal, glass, jewelry, and in building homes. Make a Moh's scale of hardness kit. Start a rock and mineral kit. **Reservations required*.**

Jennifer Flittie, Scouter
Fee for both youth and adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials.



Sept 1, 11:00 AM

*** RESERVATIONS: Call Gordon Hemphill
805-208-0447, 11 AM to 7 PM only.**

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SAFE ZONE

September

Amazing World of Bears

Kelley Swedlow, Wheeler Gorge Docent, will present information about our brown and black bears, and the many other types of bears found around the world.

Kelley Swedlow,
Wheeler Gorge Docent
Donations are adults \$3, youth
5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



Sept 1, 11:00 AM

Sept 8, 11:00 AM



Storytelling of the Chumash

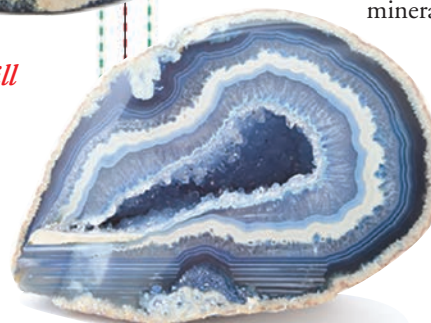
Julie is an amazing and engaging storyteller. She will share stories of death and resurrection, stories still alive today with lessons reinforced by a look in the night skies or a walk in the wilderness. Particular sharing will be The Story of Anucwa and The Boys Who Turned to Geese. Hear stories of Woodpecker, Blue jay, Coyote and Others. Learn to look at plants.

Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder
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Sept 15, 11:00 AM

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9 AM to 3 PM • Saturday and Sunday
805 – 640 – 9060**

Would you like to volunteer
or sponsor our events or displays?

Call Gordon Hemphill at 805-208-0447,
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The Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center (WGVC) operates under a special use permit with the Los Padres National Forest (LPNF) and the Los Padres Forest Association (LPFA). The LPFA, a 501(C)3, is the only official non-profit cooperating association for the LPNF.

The USDA Forest Service, the LPNF and the LPFA
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WHEELER GORGE VISITOR CENTER



OPEN HOUSE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
10 AM – 2 PM

2018 Summer Programs
SATURDAYS: May–September • 805-640-9060

May/June 2018

**May 12,
11:00 AM**



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**May 19,
11:00 AM**

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Bats You Never Imagined

Ranger Kris presents the amazing world of bats; in sizes, shapes, features and colors you've never imagined. Meet her pet bat and see her magical slide show with the vampire bats and many others.

Kris Mashburn

Donations are adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.

May 26, 11:00 AM



All about Our Local Critters

A discovery program designed for a young audience and those young at heart. Learn about animals and what they leave behind. Listen and learn about the sounds that a fox, bobcat, and other animals make. Make and take home plaster cast of a paw print.

*Gordie Hemphill, President
LPFA Ojai Chapter and Scouter
Donations are adults \$3,
youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*

**June 2,
11:00 AM**



Hiking: Be Prepared

Practical hiking tips backed by over 20 years of hiking experience. These tips will help to keep you safe while on the trails, and what to look for on the trails. Whether you are a season hiker or new to the trails you will benefit from the knowledge gained.

*Dr. James R Caballero
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youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*

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www.rei.com/adventures/trips/national-parks

June 2018

REI takes the Mystery out of . . .

REI will take the mystery out of Backpacking in CA's Central Coast as we share our knowledge on how to enjoy this activity with your family. REI will cover backpacking essentials, including choosing a pack or child carrier; selecting proper clothing and the right footwear; and food solutions for different age groups.

*REI Specialists
Donations are adults \$3,
youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*

June 9, 11:00 AM

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June 16, 11:00 AM



Nature Walk with Julie Tumamait

See and learn to identify the plants found in the Wheeler Gorge Campground. Chumash Elder Julie Tumamait will teach you about how plants are used for food, medicines, ceremonies and games.

*Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder
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**June 23,
11:00 AM**

Strange and Exotic Critters

This hands on experience lets you meet some unusual animals up close and personal. Learn about the benefits of having pets, some special considerations for living with animals, and meet some amazing ambassadors including the softest bunny ever, a hairless guinea pig, a boa constrictor, tarantula and a miniature chicken.

*Erin Koski Director of Luzonica
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Last Days of the Dinosaurs

Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator will present a hands-on, fun-filled presentation about how dinosaurs lived and died, even the sounds they made. Hold a real meteorite and replicas of fossils. Appropriate for all ages.

*Richard Wade – Scientist, Artist and Educator
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youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*

July 2018

**July 7,
11:00 AM**

Wonderful World of Bees

Scientists estimate that one third of the world's food crops and four-fifths of its flowering plants depend on some form of insect pollination, mainly by bees. Yet honeybees are native bees around the globe are declining in numbers. Discover the fascinating world of bees and its impact on the eco system.

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*Anna D Howell, Entomologist
MS. in Entomology
from University of California
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5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*



July 14, 10:30 AM

Southwestern Herpetological

Southwestern Herpetological Society, will present live and impressive lizards and snakes and give advice on which reptile to pick as a pet.

*Southwestern Herpetological Society
Donations are adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*

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July 14, 1:00 PM

Fire in Southern California

Learn about the role of fire in Southern California ecosystems. When does the ecosystem rebound and when is it devastated by fire? The presentation will end with a walk in the Thomas Fire.

*Nicole Molinari, Southern California
Ecologist US Forest Service*



Trees are Treemendous (Required for Scouts)

Discover the native and non-native trees that live in Wheeler Gorge on this short, and very educational walk led by Los Padres National Forest Botanist Lloyd Simpson. The walk begins at the center and continues into the campground.

*Lloyd Simpson – Forest Botanist
Los Padres National Forest,
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youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*



July 21, 10:30 AM

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Into the Woods (Forester)

Discover how mankind and animals depend upon and use the trees and plants found in our forest. **Reservations required*.**

*Gordie Hemphill President,
LPFA Ojai Chapter and Scouter
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cover cost of materials.*



July 21, 1:00 PM

Volcanoes in Story and Science

Learn from our gifted storyteller Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator, the science of how volcanoes erupt and grow. He will also entertain children and adults with legends and lore. Volunteers make a model volcano erupt! Get a free piece of lava.

*Richard Wade – Scientist, artist and educator
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July 28, 11:00 AM

Into the Wild (Naturalists)

This program will cover respecting and protecting wildlife in our local forest. You will also learn about birds and their flyways, venomous reptiles, poisonous plants and how to identify them. You will learn about food chains and ecosystems and how humans have changed the balance of nature. **Reservations required*.**

*Gordie Hemphill President, LPFA Ojai
Chapter and scouter, Fee for both youth and
adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials.*



Aug 4, 11:00 AM

**Aug 11,
11:00 AM**



Saving the California Condors

What issues face this most endangered species and can they truly be returned to the wild to live on their own? A presentation and items displayed by members of the Friends of the California Condor Free and Wild.

*Vince Gerwe, Friends of the California Condor
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youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.*