

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.

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

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Aug 10, 11:00 AM

REI... Beginner's Camping Workshop

It's always the season for campfires, s'mores, and spending time in nature. Join REI's expert guides for this hands-on, first look at camping. You'll practice setting up tents, choose the best sleeping bag for you, and get practical experience to help you camp for the first time.

REI Specialists

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



Aug 17
11:00 AM



Sept 7, 11:00 AM

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.

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Aug 24 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.

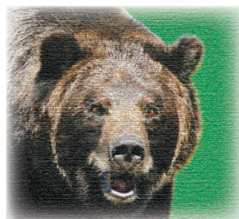
Julie Tumamait - Chumash Elder

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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 Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



Aug 31, 11:00 AM

The Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center is open
9 AM to 3 PM • Saturday and Sunday
805 - 640 - 9060, www.LPForest.org/Wheeler

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

Contact Gordon Hemphill: WheelerGorge@LPForest.org
or call Gordon at 805-208-0447,
11 AM to 7 PM only.

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 official interpretive association of the LPNF.

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OPEN HOUSE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
10 AM — 2 PM



2019 Summer Programs

SATURDAYS: May — September • 805-640-9060

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MAY/JUNE



May 18
11:00 AM

Luzonica Birds of the World
Luzonica will bring birds from near and far from unusual to the known, promote understanding, appreciation and conservation of all bird species.

Erin Koski Director of Luzonica
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.
PHOTO CREDIT: Justina Lipke



June 1
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.

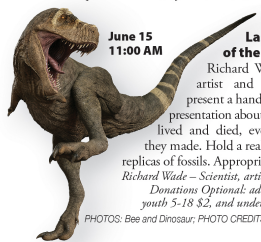
Dr. James R. Caballero
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June 8
11:00 AM

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.

Anna D. Howell, Entomologist MS in Entomology from University of California
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



June 15
11:00 AM

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
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.
PHOTOS: Bee and Dinosaur; PHOTO CREDITS: Shutterstock.com

JUNE/JULY



June 22
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 29
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
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



June 29, 1:00 PM

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 Maishburn
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July 6
11:00 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
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JULY



POISON OAK July 6, 1:00 PM

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 scout
Fee for both youth and adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials.
PHOTO: Poison oak, PHOTO CREDIT: Shutterstock.com



July 13, 11:00 AM

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



July 13
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 within an area affected by the Thomas Fire.

Nicole Molinari, Southern California Ecologist, US Forest Service
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July 20, 11:00 AM

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

JULY/AUGUST

Those Misunderstood Critters

A presentation about the critters that are often left in shelters or forgotten because most people fear them and their stories of rescue. Let us listen to their rescue story and give them a special home.

Dawn Reilly
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



July 27, 11:00 AM
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July 27, 1:00 PM

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 scout
Fee for both youth and adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials.
PHOTO CREDIT: Landscape by Christine Heister



Aug 3
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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