

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



Aug 15, 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

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



Aug 22 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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***Reservations: Call Gordon Hemphill • 805-208-0447, 11 AM to 7 PM only.**

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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.



Sept 5, 11:00 AM

Sept 12, 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 29, 11:00 AM

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

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

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9 AM to 3 PM • Saturday, Sunday, and Most Holidays
805 - 640 - 9060, www.LPForest.org/Wheeler**

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

Contact Gordon Hemphill: Wheeler-Gorge@LPForest.org
or call Gordon at 805-208-0447,
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WHEELER GORGE VISITOR CENTER

**OPEN HOUSE:
SATURDAY, April 18th 2020
10 AM - 2PM**

2020 Summer Programs
SATURDAYS: May — September • 805-640-9060



MAY

May 9
11:00 AM



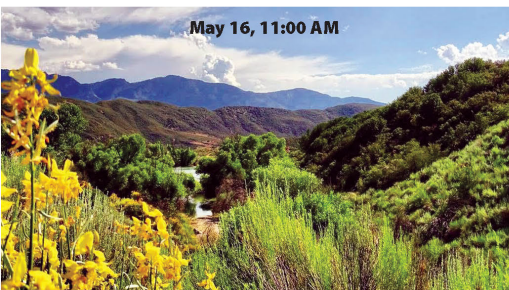
Luzonica Birds of the World

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
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May 16, 11:00 AM



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May 23, 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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MAY/JUNE



POISON OAK

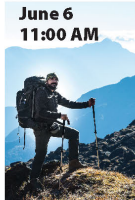
May 30, 11:00 AM
Into the Wild (Naturalists)

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
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June 6
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 while exploring. Whether you are a seasoned hiker or new to the trails you will benefit from the knowledge gained.

Dr. James R Caballero
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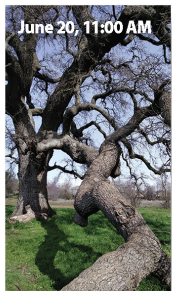
June 13
11:00 AM

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.

Friends of the California Condor
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June 20, 11:00 AM

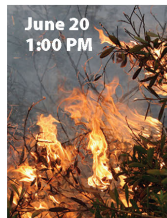


Trees are "Treemendous" (Required for Scouts)

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.

JUNE/JULY



June 20
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 area of the Thomas Fire.

Nicole Molinari, Southern California Ecologist
US Forest Service

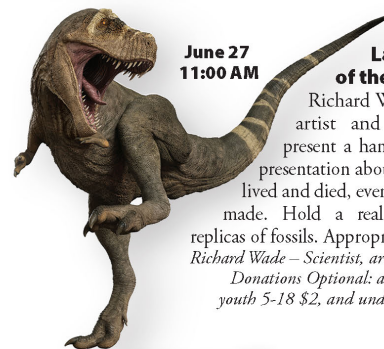
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June 27
11:00 AM

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.



July 4
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
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



July 11, 11:00 AM

Natures Habitat of Birds/Reptiles

The program will focus on birds and reptiles and cover their habitat, behavior, and adaptation to how human and invasive species are affecting them.

Zoe Wilson, Educator (Our newest speaker)
Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free.



JULY/AUGUST



July 18, 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 25, 11:00 AM



REI... ULTIMATE cup of Coffee

It's always the season for campfires, smores, and spending time in nature. Join REI's expert guides for first look at camping equipment for ULTIMATE camping experience and the good cup of coffee and the great cup of hot chocolate for the kids.

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

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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 and native bees around the globe are declining in numbers. Discover the fascinating world of bees and its impact on the eco system.

Aug 8
11:00 AM



Anna D Howell, Entomologist,
MS in Entomology from University of California
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