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SUMMER 2012



OUR MONEY AT WORK!

**1000 KIDS ENJOYED
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Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists were able to bring in 1000 more kids, mostly from Title I schools as the result of a grant from Friends of Sabino Canyon to fund their transportation via school buses. SCVN has had a very successful year with close to 8,000 kids for their school children's field trip educational program. This is up from 6000 in years past. Because of your support through Friends, SCVN has not only been able to bring the wonders of the natural world to an additional 1000 elementary school children who would be otherwise deprived, but it also reduced the number of cars needed for transportation. This year, 88% of the children came on their field trips via school buses.



TEDDY ROOSEVELT MAKES GUEST APPEARANCE AT MUSIC IN THE CANYON 2012

Thank you for everyone's participation in this year's Music in the Canyon. With more than 1500 attending, this event clearly shows amazing support from the community.

In honor of Arizona's Centennial, Friends of Sabino Canyon put on a tribute to historic and traditional music and dance that would have been recognized by the new citizens of the new state. Starting with a Mariachi band from Tucson's oldest high school and including old timey Western with the Lazy S. Gang, Native American Dances with the Redhouse Dancers and ending with Cadillac Mountain's Bluegrass. The Lazy S. Gang also pulled up with their Chuck Wagon.

And, in recognition of the Forest Service's history, Friends of Sabino Canyon asked a mysterious visitor to make appear -- none other than Teddy Roosevelt! Even though it was William Howard Taft who was president at the time of Arizona's entry into the union, it was Roosevelt who put the Coronado National Forest under Federal protection. Teddy Roosevelt's character actor, Randy Milligan, kept everyone entertained between acts. (continued)



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSY DESK

STOP THE PRESSES!! The White House is on its way! So we wait as good hosts do. I had been on the phone with the White House this morning trying to confirm the trickle down information I was getting. If I know anything about what is going to happen, it is that I will do the waiting when the White House comes calling. My waiting turns to opportunity, time to follow up on the letters I have written to each one of these volunteers in this room, as well as Forest Service personnel. I am surrounded by those who give;

The Music in The Canyon event went splendidly thanks to these folks and a board that makes me both proud and humble, they are that good. Even while we still mourn the deaths of our former colleagues, Keith and Bob, we have had the good fortune to have Kristina Rask and Karen Callan join our board recently, and they are a fine fit. I have let the board rest after our Music event, but there have been plenty of committee meetings as we begin molding the creation we have created, and with feverous ambition, which is one of the reasons why we are here today, the President of The United States wants to know what we have been up to.

Here comes the entourage with great clamor that subsides as we grab seats, we are the first to greet them as they enter and have found ourselves in the rear of this auditorium, and then we are moved front and center. The Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists introduce themselves first and they are well prepared -- I am not. As they wrap it up, the Foot Patrol talks, and then to the Bike Patrol and so on. I begin to think, but then am reassured, Lisa our Executive Director is with me as well as Christina Mahar former E.D. turned board member -- no problem here. My turn, "We take care of the partners as well as the canyon and Forest Service just as these other groups have already mentioned. If these groups are what make the wheels turn in this canyon, we are the spokes that help them with funding to keep things rolling; Stan Helin is the hub, a little in need of grease, but a fine hub." I put Christina on the hot seat, and she straightens out all the gibberish that had flowed from my mouth. She captivates, and is a fine example of the board we work within. She then turns to me, and with a word and the elbow to the ribcage; I am on, time to show them what we have been up to.

The next morning, I will meet with the entourage once more in a business setting, The White House Round Table, but first we wait, and I mention the day before to the group, and then I am interrupted. This gathering is more intimate than yesterday's as Under Secretary Harris Sherman introduces himself and tells us much about our inheritance of land on this globe secured by Americans, and his resume is impressive. Big hitters like the controversial Rosemont Copper Mine are fighting to bring locally the foundations of this nation's copper production, and bring copper productions to new heights. Key players are here to confute, and a man who owns landfills shall have a voice. Many different views and opinions, all investors in our public lands, 8.5% of the earth's land mass. They debate and I shut up, all are sharp and engaging. After an hour or so the pace slows, and now I have my turn. "The economy, especially construction in Arizona, has tanked me financially, but to be part of a volunteer group and the forest has meant the world to me. I thank everyone in this room for allowing me to be a part of this Round Table; all of you bring amazing points to this discussion. Harris, I thank you for inviting me."

With that, he becomes relaxed, in this room full of strangers; I am no stranger to him. He speaks of the day before, flying the Coronado Mountain Range and then about our meeting and says, "In David's Friends' group and their partners, there are none like them in the nation. I look for groups across our country, and while they have their strengths, none like David's; his is the model for this nation." Jaws drop, but mine hits the floor.

Friend to friend perhaps, politician to front man likely, he goes back to our President with good news, and I bring the same to you. You and I working together, that is what the nation wants, needs, and I say as the nation looks on, just you and I are doing our thing. Sabino Canyon, the partnerships within, Stan and his grease, a board of directors that is my spine, the stake that holds up this scarecrow named David. You the membership, those who give are stewards of this canyon, of public lands that are substantial lands of this globe, the inheritance of our children's children, the living legacy of you and me, and the nation's hope for a grand tomorrow. Let the press roll!

Thank you,
Dave Bushell - President of the FRIENDS OF SABINO CANYON Board of Directors

See you in the canyon!



MUSIC IN THE CANYON - CONTINUED

We thank the Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists for keeping the kids entertained with story-telling, panning for garnets, Urban Wildlife displays, face painting, puppets and more.

We would also like to thank our steadfast volunteers, the Sabino Canyon Foot and Bike Patrol, the Arizona Humanities Council and Steve Ochoa for their help.

If you have any suggestions for next year, please drop us a line at:

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NOTES FROM THE RANGER

Sabino Canyon is Eternal. She will always be a gentle whispering voice teaching us her wisdom. She will be ever changing and never changing in her messages and we have the privilege of her counsel. Most of the time, our efforts go unnoticed by Her: we can build a restroom, repair a trail, repave a road, or hand out a mountain lion flyer and we don't interrupt her much. However one thing we have done recently captured Her attention and appreciation. Where Giant Reed, Buffelgrass and Fountain grass have been, now beautiful, jubilant new riparian vegetation is budding forth, and She is grateful for your hard work and support.

Our partnership with you is also budding into new projects, and completing others promised during the Save Our Sabino Campaign. We will begin work shortly on the connector trail from the overflow parking lot to the main road into Sabino and constructing a restroom for the overflow parking lot. It will be a spectacular and scenic trail through the desert and will hopefully alleviate some of the overflow parking conflicts along Sabino Canyon Road. And we anticipate new projects in the canyon that accentuate the environmental education and interpretive potential that the setting in Sabino provides.

We begin work on the Sabino Canyon Scenic Trail soon. The District will have help from a National Transportation Scholar, National Honors Graduate Program student, and we have selected the VOLPE Center to once again assist us with the next stages of this project. The next stages consist of site layout and conceptual planning for the secondary trail system into the Canyon. The conceptual plan will help us identify critical issues such as assuring safe extraction for all visitors during high water events, alleviating some of the pedestrian congestion that occurs at bridges, and mostly providing a visually spectacular, sensitively sited, new pedestrian path into Sabino to enjoy the spectacular beauty of the canyon. After we have completed the conceptual plan, VOLPE will also include the environmental analysis and we will be seeking input from the public and all of our Friends groups during both phases of this project.

This past month, the Department of Agriculture Under Secretary, Harris Sherman came to the District and heard from the Friends of Sabino Canyon and we discussed how the future of the Forest Service depends on such positive, devoted, and vision driven partners like FOSC. He appreciated the chance to discuss your perspective in working with the agency and how we all might take a next leap into bolder opportunities.

And lastly, we are in the midst of shuffling, revitalizing, and evaluating the way we do Recreation on the district. We have been going through a National Office audit of our fee program and that has meant we have had some facilities closed and interruptions to our normal routine. Good news is that we will be complete with the audit soon, and will be doing things better, smoother, and with renewed vision.

I want to thank ALL who took part in last season's help during fire season closure of the district and we hopefully look forward to a milder fire season and won't be enlisting your help again. As ALWAYS, without each and every one of you, your passion, your smile, your energy, Sabino would be a much different place.

R. Stan Helin
Santa Catalina District Ranger

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