

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Weather

Yosemite: TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 68 TO 78 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...52 TO 62 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

.TONIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 42 TO 52 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...26 TO 36 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

.FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 72 TO 82 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...56 TO 66 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 42 TO 52 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY... 31 TO 41 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

.SATURDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 77 TO 87 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...61 TO 71 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

El Portal: Today: Sunny, with a high near 82. West northwest wind between 11 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. North wind between 7 and 13 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 86. East northeast wind between 7 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Northwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91. East northeast wind 7 to 11 mph becoming west southwest.

New Today

Please join Yosemite Fire in welcoming the latest addition to the NPS Family: Anna Jane, daughter of Heather and Dylan Foster (Assistant Engine Captain, Valley Station) was born April 30, 2009 at 8:07pm. Anna, 5lbs 13oz, is back at home in Yosemite Valley with her two proud parents and her big sister, Cameron. Congratulations on your second healthy baby girl! (Fire Management/A. Rothell - 5/14/09)

Please join us for the annual **Yosemite Lions Club Spring Blood Drive** on **Wednesday May 20** from **10 am to 3 pm** at the Bloodmobile **in front of the Valley Visitor Center**. Please bring your photo ID, even if you have previously donated. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs or more. Eat a good breakfast or lunch, minimize caffeine, and drink plenty of other non-alcoholic fluids ahead of time. See you there! (D. Stewart - 5/14/09)

High and variable flows on the Tuolumne River May 18-22

As part of a collaborative study of the Tuolumne River downstream of O'Shaughnessy Dam, the National Park Service and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission are conducting an experimental "pulse flow" release of water to simulate a typical pre-dam spring runoff condition. The Tuolumne River downstream of the dam is presently running at about 3,400 cubic feet per second, but is expected to rise to about 6,000 cubic feet per second by Tuesday, May 19. This high flow will continue through May 20, then slowly reduce to about 2,500 cubic feet per second by Friday, May 22. Visitors to areas downstream of O'Shaughnessy Dam (for example, Poopenaut Valley) should expect high and variable flows during that time period. (N. Nicholas - 5/14/09)

Federal Register Notice: The final rule redefining Mariposa and Merced Counties and the Yosemite National Park portion of Madera and Tuolumne Counties, CA, to the Stockton wage area was published 05-13-09 in the *Federal Register*. The Final states that the pay increase for FWS employees will become effective "on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after June 12, 2009" which is June 21, 2009. Congratulations to all Yose FWS employees and Thank You to Connie Waldron, Chris Linn, Dennis Mattiuzzi and Chuck Brooks. (I. Keheley - 5/14/09)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Course Title: Managing the NEPA Process and Writing Effective NEPA Documents

Dates: Monday through Thursday, June 8-11, 2009

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Meeting Room in Yosemite Lodge by the Falls

Yosemite Valley

Yosemite National Park

Description:

This course will give an understanding of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; including types of NEPA documents (EIS, EA, CE), developing alternatives, scoping, working as part of an interdisciplinary team, the public involvement process, predicting environmental consequences and impacts, the administrative record and the decision making process. This course will be customized for the NPS and include how to implement NEPA in regards to Director's Order #12 (Compliance). Working with contractors, reviewing NEPA documents, compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and initiation of consultation with other Agencies and American Indian Tribes will also be covered. Course materials and examples demonstrate effective NEPA document content and writing.

This is a great opportunity to bring questions about projects you are currently working on as well as to study Park and Agency specific documents. A 4 day NEPA course taught by the Shipley Group was just completed in late April here in Yosemite. The 30 course participants gave the course rave reviews. This second course is currently going through contracting, so the vendor is unknown at this time.

Course Participants: Anyone Involved with the Compliance Process
Participant Number and Cost: 20-30 participants, Cost will vary depending upon number of participants
Cost will range from \$450 to \$600/person

How to Sign Up:
Email Judi Weaser at judi_weaser@nps.gov with name and benefitting account number.

We expect this course to fill up quickly so sign up early. (N. Nicholas - 5/14/09)

Glacier Point Road Rehabilitation: The contract is to be awarded soon and we anticipate a early to mid June start of construction. There will be traffic delays on the Glacier Point Road and the Wawona Road in the area around Chinquapin. Once this project begins construction, specific delay details will be forthcoming. (M. Pieper - 5/14/09)

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Passing of Brian O'Neill

Superintendent Brian O'Neill passed away peacefully on the afternoon of May 13th with his family by his side. His family then gathered at Crissy Field and took in the beauty of the place as their way of honoring him and feeling his presence. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow for this great and unexpected loss.

By mid-afternoon today, the park hopes to begin posting memorial or service plans as they evolve, along with information on where to send condolences to Brian's family. This information will be posted on the park's website: www.nps.gov/goga

Thank you to everyone for your caring expressions of love for Brian and his family.

Contact Information

Name: Scott Wanek, Regional Chief Ranger (InsideNPS - 5/14/09)

EMS Awards: It is with great pleasure that the Yosemite Medical Clinic announce this year's recipient of the annual Mariposa County 2009 Emergency Medical Services awards to: Dr. Gary Towle and Marti Fazio RN.

These two recipients, voted by their peers and other EMS professionals within the county, received the most nominations as emergency room physician and registered nurse respectfully. They will represent our clinic at the board of supervisors meeting on May 26th, 2009 at 0900.

The Yosemite Medical Clinic, which is a satellite clinic of Doctors Medical Center in Modesto, is the oldest medical facility in Mariposa County. Established in 1928 as Lewis Memorial Hospital this operation has been providing medical

care to residents and visitors of the park for over eighty years.

The Yosemite Medical Clinic provides primary care to residents of the area including urgent care and emergency room services. Our physician staff is board certified in emergency medicine and have numerous years of experience in this specialty. The nursing staff is certified in emergency nursing, amongst other certifications, including Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

It is with great honor the County of Mariposa and the EMS region recognize our clinic and it's outstanding staff in this most commendable award. Gary and Marti are deserving recipients, as they are outstanding with their patient care and community service.

Sincerely,
Sean Pence (S. Pence - 5/14/09)

6TH STREET CINEMA is the presentation arm of the Rural Media Arts and Education Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. We are supported by the James Irvine Foundation, SierraTel International, Mariposa County, County Bank, and wonderful members, and are funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency. We are also a recipient of a \$1.3 million grant from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for the complete restoration of our building, the historic Old Masonic Lodge on 6th Street, in downtown Mariposa. Monthly membership is \$12, allowing film entry for \$3 each; non-members pay \$7 per film, and non-member students pay \$5. Recorded Information: (209) 966-1333. Staff: 209 742-6666. Visit our website: <http://www.sixthstreetcinema.org> or e-mail us: sixthstreetcinema@sti.net

This week: May 15-16 (Friday-Saturday) 7:30 p.m.: BOY A. Based on the award winning novel of the same name by Jonathan Trigell, about a young man just released from prison, serving time after he and another boy murdered a child, when they were themselves children. As Boy A now struggles to find a place in society, forces from the past emerge, as we learn more about the events leading up to the crime, with an increasing sense of suspense and intrigue. (Rated R; 100 mins.)

Upcoming program:
"Happy-go-Lucky," May 22-23 (T. Arfsten - 5/14/09)

Rental: 2 mobile homes in Mariposa for rent. (1) is one bedroom, \$650 monthly and one, is two bedroom, \$700 monthly. Both include storage building. For additional information contact Charles at 209.742.2099 (C. Baker - 5/14/09)

Happening Today/This Week (Check the Community News section for other events)

Tioga Road/Change in Access - Tioga Road is scheduled to be opened to **All** Essential Administrative Traffic - as conditions permit

Beginning Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Tioga Road is scheduled to be opened to All essential Administrative traffic between Crane Flat and Tuolumne Meadows. There are currently no Mandatory Radio Call through Zones between Crane Flat and Tuolumne Meadows. As of today a Mandatory Radio Call Through Zone remains at Dana Meadows. So, any administrative traffic traveling between Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Pass will have to be Avalanche trained until further notice. Authorized employees should be personnel who are essential for the preparation of infrastructure such as Buildings and Grounds and Utilities.

Blasting to remove rocks is scheduled for Wednesday and may continue on Thursday. There will be delays to traffic associated with these operations.

All authorized personnel entering the Tioga Road, where gated, will contact the designated Access Coordinator or their designee. Bob Brantley will be the coordinator Monday thru Wednesday. Bob's radio call number is #261. Ed Appling

will be the coordinator Thursday thru Saturday. His radio call number is #360. For Sunday, the access coordinator will be designated by the Mather District Ranger. Park dispatch will be informed of who is the designated Access Coordinator each day.

All personnel entering the designated Mandatory Radio Call Through Zone at Dana Meadow will contact another vehicle in their convoy (partner vehicle) prior to and when exiting Mandatory Radio Call Through Zones.

Conditions may change. All persons granted administrative access must be prepared for the possibility of remaining in place overnight and have sufficient clothing, food and other equipment in the event changing conditions prohibit return travel through the Tioga Corridor.

All authorized personnel need to be aware of ongoing snow removal operations, tree removal operations, sign maintenance operations and other administrative functions. Be aware of black ice, snow and ice debris and vegetation encroaching into the roadway. Please drive with the utmost caution and observe the 25 MPH speed limit in effect throughout the Tioga Road opening. (T. Ludington - 5/13/09)

Bicycles on Tioga Road - On Friday May 15, Tioga road will be open to all vehicles to Yosemite Creek and to bicycles to May Lake junction. Administrative travel is allowed beyond Yosemite Creek gate. Please keep in mind that signage along the road is accurate because it is updated each day as conditions change. A sign at May Lake junction indicates that bicycles are not allowed past that point. Also, any administrative traffic should be on the lookout for bikes so that we can provide visitors that experience without interfering with opening operations. (S. Sprouse - 5/13/09)

We have a few spots in the Defensive Driver Training this week so if you feel spontaneous please call me and I will get you a spot!

Thursday May 14 08:00-12:00 Valley SAR training Room **1 spot**

Thursday May 14 **12:30-16:30** Valley SAR training Room **1 spot** (C. Ronay - 5/11/09)

Yosemite Valley School will Host a BBQ Picnic and Pop Concert Under the Falls on Thursday, May 14th. The Shoreline Middle School Band will perform while you are enjoying a gourmet burger or hotdog with your choice of salad and dessert. Dinners are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. The evening, hosted by the Yosemite Rotary Club and DNC starts at 5:30 pm with the music beginning at 6:15 pm. Proceeds to benefit the Yosemite Valley School technology fund.

Want to find out about Miwok life in Yosemite Valley? Come see "Grandmother's Stories" a puppet show put on by the 3rd-5th graders at Yosemite Valley School. The performance is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th. Student made puppets act out scenes from long ago, including the story of Tu-tok-u-nula. Performance will be at 1:30 pm at the Le Conte Memorial Building. We'd love to see you all there. Look for another announcement about a future repeat performance of "Grandmother's Stories" soon. (C. Soria - 5/6/09)

Construction and Road News

Sewer line inspection and cleaning in your District - Beginning Wed 5/13/09 the NPS through a contract with Facility Engineering Associates (FEA) will be performing data base/inventory collection, sewerline inspection and cleaning in Wawona, Hodgdon Meadows, White Wolf and Tuolumne. This work is in response to new EPA regulations nationwide that require documented Operation and Maintenance Plans for Wastewater Collection Systems and will occur throughout the summer. This contract is being managed from the WASO office of Facilities Management, Jeff Harsha is the COR. If you have additional questions or need a local contact call Paul Laymon, NPS Utilities Manager at (209) 379-1077. (P. Laymon - 5/12/09)

Wawona Campground

Contractor will be working on roads in the campground.

Grinding of asphalt in roadway will start on May 11, 2009.

Paving will start the week of May 11-15, 2009.

POC will be Lou Summerfield, Branch Chief for Roads and Trails. (T. Brochini - 4/28/09)

Rehabilitate Curry Village Lounge and Registration Buildings

Registration Building - Reinstall doors and windows, exterior siding and trim being installed by NPS. Roofing and painting is ongoing. Data install by DNC.

Lounge Building - Shake roofing, porch decking, finish electrical and carpet.

Integrated Utilities Phase 2a (multiple utilities from Ice Rink to Boys Town to North end of Lower Pines CG)

Clean up continues as well as demobilization of equipment and materials from Camp 6.

Yosemite Lodge sewer line repairs

Potholing continues to locate existing utilities.

Valley Loop Road

Northside Drive is open for two lane, one way traffic westbound from Camp 4 to the Pohono Bridge.

Southside Drive is open for two lane, one way traffic eastbound from El Cap Crossover to the Curry Village intersection.

"River Straight" (between the Curry and Camp 6 intersections) is back to one way traffic westbound with the south lane re-designated for "Special Use Only" (emergency vehicles, NPS/DNC utility vehicles and shuttle buses only).

El Cap crossover will close between Southside and Northside Drives on Monday, May 11, 2009. The crossover will remain closed to all but emergency vehicles through May 22, 2009. The closure is for grinding, repaving and re-striping.

The contractors anticipate all striping and signage to be in place by Friday May 22, 2009.

Wawona Tunnel Ventilation Repair

Continued installation of conduit and wire.

Installation of the MCC, Transformer, and Switchgear is ongoing.

Tunnel View

Pending weather the large/North Lot is scheduled for closure May 11, 12, and 13 and the small/South Lot will be closed May 14th and 15th so crews can place a seal and restripe these parking lots.

Wawona Road Rehabilitation

Design-resource investigations are ongoing.

Glacier Point Road Rehabilitation

Anticipate construction to commence in June 2009 and continue thru May 2010. (S. Willams - 5/8/09)

Park News

Yosemite News Release

May 8, 2009

For Immediate Release

Yosemite National Park Announces the availability of the Yosemite Institute Environmental Education Campus Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Public Review

The Yosemite Institute (YI), a National Park Service (NPS) non-profit park partner, has provided environmental education programs in Yosemite since 1971 at its Crane Flat campus. Most of the campus structures and utilities are over 60 years

old, energy inefficient, and difficult to retrofit to achieve modern standards for health, safety, and accessibility. The campus can accommodate only a fraction of the students in the program; the remainder must be based elsewhere in the park, in commercial lodging. To address these issues, YI and the NPS are considering options to provide better facilities by redeveloping the existing campus, or constructing a new campus at Henness Ridge, and restoring Crane Flat to natural conditions.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents the environmental analysis of three alternatives the agency is considering, for public review, according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 1969, as amended): Alternative 1—No-Action; Alternative 2—redevelop Crane Flat campus; and Alternative 3—construct a new campus at Henness Ridge, and restore Crane Flat. Potential impacts to park resources are presented and analyzed under each alternative. Public comments are welcomed and will be considered in preparation of a Final EIS, anticipated for this fall.

The public comment period for the YI Environmental Education Campus DEIS is open now through July 15, 2009. The plan is available on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/eecampus.htm> Public meetings will be held on May 28, 2009 at the Mariposa County Government Chambers from 4-7pm, and at Fort Mason, Golden Gate NRA on June 17, 2009 from 4-8 pm. Public Open Houses will be held at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium, with drop-in site visits, on May 27 and June 24, 2009, from 1-4 p.m. (call 209/379-1365 for more details). Additional copies of the plan will be available, and park staff will be on hand to discuss the plan and answer questions.

Written scoping comments should be postmarked no later than July 15, 2009. Comments may be submitted at public meetings, by mail, fax, e-mail, and via the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) database. Submit written comments, or request a CD or hard copy of the DEIS, to the following:

Mail: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: YI EEC DEIS
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389
Fax: 209/379-1294 Phone: 209/379-1365
Email: YOSE_planning@nps.gov
PEPC: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

For more information on park planning efforts, visit the website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt.htm. -NPS- (K. Cobb - 5/11/09)

Announcements

The Operational Leadership Course Scheduled for May 18-19 is FULL. There will be additional courses offered later in the season. Thank you for your interest. (B. Patrick - 5/13/09)

YNP FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT - RADIO CALL-SIGN CHANGE

On Monday, May 18th, 2009 Yosemite Fire and Aviation Management will be changing (re-arranging) their radio call-signs. For a printable list of the new radio call signs, go to YOSENet > click on Protection Division > then click on "The Pipeline" (A. Rothell - 5/12/09)

Teri Tucker is leaving Yosemite for the wilds of Olympic National Park. Please join the Division of Project Management in wishing Teri Tucker a fond farewell on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., on the deck at Project Management. (S. Henderson - 5/12/09)

Help keep Yosemite beautiful! Become a volunteer!

Join the Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY) at our weekly drop-in program! Volunteers help protect and restore endangered plant and wildlife habitat in Yosemite Valley and other high value habitat areas in Yosemite National Park.

Visit some of the most scenic areas in the park and help eradicate invasive plant species encroaching upon native habitat. Plan to get dirty while manually removing the non-native Himalayan blackberry, bull thistle, mullein, and other invasive species. Get involved and meet new people. Take an active role in managing *your* national park.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite meets every Friday between Memorial Day and Labor Day from 9 am to noon. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center and walk with the crew leader to the work site.

Individuals and groups welcome. No pre-registration required for individuals. Groups larger than 10 are required to pre-register by calling (209) 379-1850.

Please visit the HaPY volunteer web page for more information about the program and to print the volunteer forms: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hapy.htm> (L. Elze - 5/11/09)

May 1, 2009

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The vast diversity of languages, religions, and cultural traditions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continues to strengthen the fabric of American society. From the arrival of the first Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrants 150 years ago to those who arrive today, as well as those native to the Hawaiian Islands and to our Pacific Island territories, all possess the common purpose of the fulfilling the American dream and leading a life bound by the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we remember the challenges and celebrate the achievements that define our history.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have endured and overcome hardship and heartache. In the earliest years, tens of thousands of Gold Rush pioneers, coal miners, transcontinental railroad builders, as well as farm and orchard laborers, were subject to unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination—yet they excelled. Even in the darkness of the Exclusion Act and Japanese internment, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have persevered, providing for their families and creating opportunities for their children.

Amidst these struggles, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed in great and significant ways to all aspects of society. They have created works of literature and art, thrived as American athletes, and prospered in the world of academia. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a vital role in our Nation's economic and technological growth by establishing successful enterprises and pushing the limits of science. They are serving in positions of leadership within the government more now than ever before. And along with all of our great service men and women, they have defended the United States from threats at home and abroad, serving our Nation with valor.

From the beaches of the Pacific islands and the California coast, the grasslands of Central Asia and the bluegrass of Kentucky, and from the summits of the Himalayas and the Rocky Mountains, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community hails from near and far. This is the story of our more perfect union: that it is diversity itself that enriches, and is fundamental to, the American story.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2009, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/> <http://www.whitehouse.gov/slideshows/presidents/> (J. Barton - 5/11/09)

Barry Hance Memorial Award

Barry Hance was an NPS maintenance employee who lost his life in a 1995 avalanche while clearing the Tioga Road. An award was established in his honor to recognize an NPS employee who exemplifies Barry's concern for others and dedication to the goals and ideals of Yosemite National Park.

Who can submit a nomination?

Any current NPS employee or NPS group may make a nomination, with the approval of the nominee's supervisor.

How do I nominate someone?

Complete a DI-451 Award Nomination Form; (attached below)

Complete and attach a Barry Hance Award nomination form; (attached below)

Supervisor must sign the nomination;

Send the completed nominations in a blue "confidential" envelope to any Awards Committee member;

Nominations must be submitted no later than June 5, 2009

What are the criteria for nomination? The employee...

worked in Yosemite National Park in 2008.

exemplifies the highest ideals of the NPS mission – protecting and preserving America's natural and cultural resources, while providing for visitor enjoyment for the benefit of future generations.

is cheerful and projects a positive attitude.

communicates well with his or her supervisor

works as a team member and extends a helping hand.

Nomination Deadline June 5, 2009 (C. Mattiuzzi - 5/5/09)

Join us in wishing Glen Rothell farewell as he retires from the National Park Service.

Friday, May 29th, 2009 from 5 – 10 pm

Butterfly Creek Winery

4063 Triangle Road, Mariposa

TRI--TIP DINNER \$10 - No Host Beer/Wine Bar

Live Music by The Trespassers

RSVP by May 19, 2009 to Stacey Williams 209-372-0400 or stacey_williams@nps.gov

For further information contact Devon Rothell at 209-372-4660 or Ansley Rothell at 209-966-6642 (S. Williams - 5/5/09)

B-3 Basic Aviation

The original class for B-3 scheduled in the Valley for Thursday, May 28, has been changed to Tuesday, May 26 at Crane Flat Helibase.

Please sign up for this class at the IAT website, www.iat.gov

If you have never had an account here before please follow the instructions to create a new account. If you have had an account here before but forgot the password, please hit the forgot password button and do not create a new account or you will lose all past training.

Please bring a lunch to Crane Flat.

Any questions or help the e-mail me at abfyosemite@sbcglobal.net or call at 209-769-4869 (A. Foster/B. Patrick - 5/4/09)

2nd course for FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

For those interested in fulfilling the role of Family Liaison Officer there will be a one day training on May 20, 2009. The training will help to build the skills and develop the strategies for working with families during and after accidents in the Park. FLO's are a critical element of Incident Command providing families support and information, while providing operations the insulation to focus on the mission at hand. It is a role that demands compassion, objectivity and strong communication skills.

When: May 20, 2009 - Where: SAR Cache Training Room

Start - 8:30 am Attendees should expect a full day so bring your lunch!

Slots in the training are limited to 10 - depending on demand a second training in May maybe offered.

Send your one page nomination or email Billie Patrick if you plan to attend.

Please pass this course announcement to anyone who would be a good family liaison officer for search and rescue. They do not have to be employed by NPS. If you have any questions contact Billie Patrick via email or phone 209-372-0240. (B. Patrick 4/17/09)

The Federal Women's Program will be hosting a book discussion on June 18th, from noon to one, in the Resources Management and Science Conference Room in El Portal. The title of the book is Ask For It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What They Really Want, by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever.

Lusetta Nelson, from the Resources Management and Science Division, will present a synopsis of the book and lead a discussion. Lusetta has recently read this book and is excited to share this very important material about the effective use of negotiation strategies for women. Copies of the book are available for check out by contacting Kristin Ramsey at 372-0517. Please join us for this worthwhile read!

About the Authors, Linda Babcock is a James M. Walton Professor of Economics at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has also been a visiting professor at Harvard Business School, The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, and the California Institute of Technology. A specialist in negotiation and dispute resolution, her research has appeared in the most prestigious economics, industrial relations, and law journals.

Sara Laschever's work has been published by the New York Times, the New York Review of Books, and Vogue, among other publications. She was also the principal interviewer for Project Access, a landmark Harvard University study on women in science careers funded by the National Science Foundation. She lives in Concord, Mass. (K. Ramsey - 5/1/09)

As our Communications Team continues efforts to expedite work requests, please send all **Telecommunications/Electronics Equipment** related requests to ***Yose_Telecom@nps.gov***. Telecommunications equipment related requests include: two-way radios, telephone systems, pagers, cellular phones, alarms, fuel systems, data connectivity, and miscellaneous electronic equipment.

As always, the communications team can be contacted at the following numbers:

Phone:

David Thorpe 379-1090

Trish Dutrey 379-1212

Tolley Gorham 379-1092

Dan Clingenpeel 379-1260

Michael Jordan 379-1234 (T. Dutrey - 4/1/09)

Reminder: For ***all Maintenance repair*** requests in Yosemite, please contact the **Customer Service Center**. Maintenance repair requests include: Park Housing, Buildings, Grounds, Utilities, Roads, Trails and Forestry issues. It is especially important to remember to contact the Customer Service Center before any requests for Sign Shop fabrications. You may do so by phone, e-mail or fax.

Please note that the Customer Service Center staff phone numbers have changed:

Phone:

Sara Hawksley 379-1058
Jessica Clingenpeel 379-1065
J. Colter Chisum 379-1068

E-Mail:

YOSE_FMD_Customer_Service_Center@nps.gov

Fax:

(209) 379-1066 (J. Clingenpeel - 1/7/09)

The following Yosemite National Park employees have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Shari Baudoux
- Kevin Bowman
- Kimberly Cunningham-Summerfield
- Linda Kelly
- Marie Matheson

If you are interested in contributing annual leave to any of the above individuals, please do so by completing a Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program, Optional Form 630-A (OF 639-A).

Please forward your OF 630-A to:

Human Resources Office
Yosemite National Park
P.O. Box 700-HR
El Portal, CA 95318
or fax to (209) 379-1800 (H. Whitman - 4/2/09)

HR Corner

Currently TWO very exciting detail/temporary promotion opportunities for permanent career/career conditional employees of Yosemite National Park exist:

1 - The Superintendent's Office has an opportunity for a detail/temporary promotion (if qualified) to **Program Support Specialist, GS-0301-09**.

Employee selected for this detail/temporary promotion opportunity would provide support to the Superintendent's Office in the areas of data reporting for Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), reporting functions for GPRA via Performance Management Data System (PMDS), and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Skill in written and verbal communication is essential. Primary tasks include scheduling appointments/maintaining calendar for Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent, coordinating VIP visits, making travel/lodging arrangements, setting up meetings and maintaining confidentiality and professionalism at all times.

2 - The Environmental Planning & Compliance Branch in the Division of Project Management has an opportunity for a detail/temporary promotion (if qualified) to **Administrative Support Assistant (OA), GS-0303-05**. This opportunity also requires that you type a minimum of 40 words per minute.

Employee selected for this detail/temporary promotion would provide administrative support for the Environmental Planning & Compliance Branch. This position will provide an opportunity to work with a broad range of people in support of park operations and/or special projects. Skill in written and verbal communication is essential. Primary tasks include preparing and coordinating correspondence, including documents prepared for the signature of the Superintendent. The person selected would also answer the phone, respond to email, maintain the office filing system, maintain adequate office supplies and organization, and other administrative duties as assigned.

If interested in being considered for a detail or temporary promotion (if qualified) for the **Program Support Specialist, GS-0301-09** and/or Administrative Support Assistant (OA), GS-0303-05, please submit your resume to Irma Keheley in the Human Resources Office no later than **Thursday, 05/14/09**. Please make sure to have your supervisors approval. (Don't forget to indicate your typing speed on your resume and indicate which position you wish to be considered for - you may want to be considered for both! - get those resumes in ASAP.) (I. Keheley - 5/13/09)

Yosemite National Park -- Current Vacancy Announcements

UPDATED: May 7, 2009

The following is a **summary** of current vacancy announcements at Yosemite National Park. Most vacancy announcements will be posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov>. This website is the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS internet site. If you have any questions or cannot find the announcement on USAJOBS, please call the Park's Human Resources Office at (209) 379-1805.

PERMANENT – GOVERNMENTWIDE ALL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES		
<u>VISITOR USE ASSISTANT LEAD</u>	<u>FORESTRY TECHNICIAN LEAD</u>	<u>Park Manager (Deputy Superintendent)</u>
Vacancy Ann.#: YP 258616 IK	Vacancy Ann.#: YP257657 IK	<u>YOSE</u>
Who May Apply: Status Candidates	Who May Apply: Status Candidates	Vacancy Ann.#: PWRO-2009-84
Pay Plan: GS-0303-06	Pay Plan: GS-0462-05/06	Who May Apply: Status Candidates
Appointment Term: Permanent	Appointment Term: Permanent	Pay Plan: GS-0025-15
Job Status: Full-Time	Job Status: Full-Time	Appointment Term: Permanent
Opening Date: 5/7/2009	Opening Date: 5/6/2009	Job Status: Full-Time
Closing Date: 5/20/2009	Closing Date: 5/21/2009	Opening Date: 5/4/2009
		Closing Date: 5/22/2009
PERMANENT -- STATUS NOT REQUIRED – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC		
<u>VISITOR USE ASSISTANT</u>	<u>FORESTRY TECHNICIAN LEAD</u>	
Vacancy Ann.#: YP258911 IK	Vacancy Ann.#: YP258510 IK	
Who May Apply: Public	Who May Apply: Public	
Pay Plan: GS-0303-05	Pay Plan: GS-0462-05/06	
Appointment Term: Permanent	Appointment Term: Permanent	
Job Status: Full-Time	Job Status: Full-Time	
Opening Date: 5/7/2009	Opening Date: 5/6/2009	
Closing Date: 5/20/2009	Closing Date: 5/21/2009	

(H. Whitman - 5/8/09)

Community News

Would you like to avoid cooking one day and serve a good cause? Then please come to the Mariposa County High School Grizzly Band Bar-B-Que fundraiser! It is being held out front at the Pioneer Market in Mariposa, this Friday and Saturday May 15th and 16th, from 1pm - 6pm both days. Our award winning Mariposa County High School Band (known as "The Pride of the Sierras") is small but dedicated, and a fine representation of how a diverse group of our own children can show the outside world the kind of talent that grows up around Yosemite. They compete in band competitions, perform in parades, play in concerts (see them at their June 2nd concert), and have even appeared on nationwide TV! However, the costs of operating a viable band program are significant. In response to this, please help support our own Grizzly band by participating in this fundraiser, and come purchase some delicious tri-tip sandwiches (or even a whole tri-tip!) Show your support to these deserving and talented students! (Ins123 - 5/13/09)

MIKE OSBORNE'S LONG AWAITED BOOK: GRANITE, WATER AND LIGHT. The Yosemite Bookstore in the Valley Visitor Center is now selling former Yosemite Ranger Mike Osborne's new book, Granite, Water and Light, in trade paperback format, at \$12.95. This magnificently designed book is filled with awe-inspiring photographs which capture "the magnificence of these natural displays, explains their geological structures, and offers details such as where

and when to best view the waterfalls. Lively and informative, this is a book that opens our minds to knowledge and our eyes to wonder." Published by Hey Day Press, the book is destined to be a classic. The Yosemite Bookstore, operated by the Yosemite Association, is open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. daily. Be sure to claim your first edition copy soon! (T. Arfsten - 5/11/09)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Yosemite Community Scholarship Winners:

Jeff Laird, Alec Waheed and Riana Hays are the 2009/2010 winners of the Yosemite Community Scholarships! The Yosemite Community Scholarships are provided by the local community, with major sponsors the Yosemite Rotary, Lions Club, Winter Club, and Employee Association. These generous community contributions provide two \$2000 awards and one \$1000 award. Congratulations to Jeff, Alec and Riana, three of our community's fine young adults. (Submitted by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission) (L. Kirn - 5/11/09)

If you have any good DVDs that you don't want anymore, please donate them to the El Portal Library. We are located below the school in Rancheria (facing the pool). We are open Mondays and Thursdays from 10-6:30 with a break from 3:30-4:30. If there are only a few, you may drop them in the drop box as well.

Thanks,
Andrea

El Portal Librarian (M. Dale - 5/11/09)

Katherine "Katie" Sheetz is 14 years old, a daughter of two NPS employees, an active 9th grader at Mariposa County High School, and a participant in this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life at Mariposa. The relay is held to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember the people we've lost, and support the lifesaving mission of the American Cancer Society. This year's event will begin on Saturday May 16th 2009 at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds. Katie and her fellow Cancer Crushin' Kidz team will be running laps to raise money for this wonderful organization, and Katie is looking for supporting sponsors. If you would be willing to make a donation and be a sponsor, please check her Relay For Life Personal Page to find out how to do so. The web address is: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY09CA?px=5123978&pg=personal&fr_id=13634&fl=en_US&et=221im_-b92TjtdACC6s5Qg..&s_tafId=252667

She can also be contacted at Katie_RelayForLife2009@yahoo.com. Katie will be grateful for any support you can give her. Thank you! (L. Niles-Sheetz - 4/29/09)

Dear Yosemite Community,

This year, hundreds of thousands of people will hear the words "You have cancer", and there's a good chance that some of them will be people we know and love. We have all been touched by cancer in some way ... and we all have the power to make a difference. That's why I have chosen to fight back right here in my own community by participating in the **American Cancer Society Relay For Life®.**

I want to invite you to join me in the fight against cancer by making a donation in support of my efforts. Further down in this message is a link to my personal Relay For Life® web page where you can make an online contribution. Every amount, no matter how small, makes a difference and provides hope. You can also sign up to join my team and learn more about Relay and how it's changing lives.

Relay For Life® brings more than 3.5 million people from across the country together each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that takes too much. This fun-filled, overnight event empowers everyone to help fight cancer by raising money and awareness to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission.

Help us show Mariposa County the extreme generosity of the Yosemite Community in a joint effort to fight this disease. Thank you in advance for your support. Together, we will celebrate, remember, and fight back.

The name of our team is Yosemite-Hiking for a Cure.

Sincerely,

Sean Pence, Yosemite-Hiking for a Cure, Team Captain

<http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=13634&team_id=395920> (S. Pence - 5/11/09)

Groveland this week:

5/14, Night at the Races at the Groveland Community Hall a Rotary fundraiser \$25 Jim 209.962.7161 Enjoy "Bay Meadows East" with six races, full bar, snacks and tons of fun! Parlay your winnings into more bets and then into raffle tickets for great prizes! Gates open at 5pm, first race at 6.

5/15, 16 & 17 Pine Cone Singers, spring concert Evangelical Free Church \$8 adults, \$3 kids A spring tradition, directed by Dennis Brown. Segments including Americana, Spirituals, Broadway and more!

5/15-5/18 Yosemite Twin Valleys Waterfall Workshops YExplore, Meets in Yosemite. Price varies by venue www.yexplore.com John 800-886-8009 This week long immersion in Yosemite offers hiking, photography and painting workshops comparing the two famous valleys: Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite Valley.

5/15 & 16 Live at the Iron Door Saloon : *Anthem* www.iron-door-saloon.com Chris 209.962.8904

5/15 Paddle to the Sea Kickoff party at Mountain Sage Amphitheater \$13 adv. \$16 door www.mtnsage.com Robb 209.962.4686 A fundraising concert who's proceeds benefit the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust. Bands include Coyote Hill and Pathetic Honey, music starts at 5:00pm

5/16 Author & Adventure Survivor Amy Racina at the Groveland Community Center as part of the Souther Tuolumne County Historical Society presentation. Price is a pittance. Amy Racina recounts her heroic experience as documented in her book, "Angels in the Wilderness" a true story of one woman's survival against all odds.

5/16 Pine Mountain Lake Flea Market Pine Mountain Lake Stables \$7 per space, free to browse (HotelCharlette - 5/11/09)

CPR and First Aid Classes are available at the Yosemite Training Center. If you are a unit that needs yearly classes or you have seasonal employees who will need training, contact Brian Shoor at the Yosemite Clinic 372-4637. We can schedule classes at your work area. For individuals looking for a class, we offer monthly classes. Call us! (B. Shoor - 4/8/09)

The Yosemite Summer Softball League is about to start the season!! There will be an informational meeting for Team Captains on Thursday May 14th at 6pm in the Atrium Room in the DNC General Offices building. If you already have a team that has played in the past, send your captain to the meeting with a roster. Contact the Wellness Center (209-372-8803) if you wish to join a team and attend the meeting to get all the details. There will be a field clean up day on May 20th from 4pm - 8pm at the Yosemite Valley Elementary School. This is a volunteer day and each team should be represented.

Games will start the first week of June. There will be 2 games and night, 2 nights a week. The schedule will be determined at the Captains meeting. The league is open to ALL YOSEMITE COMMUNITY MEMBERS so come on out and have a blast this summer! (E. Brosk - 5/7/09)

Would you like to have an evening of musical enjoyment and serve a good cause? Then please come to the Tues, June 2nd, performance of the award winning Mariposa County High School Concert Band and the MCHS Jazz Band! This is a benefit band concert whose proceeds will be used to recoup theft victims in the band whose instruments were recently stolen at a band festival. The cost of the event is only \$5, with tickets being available in advance from band members and also at the door. The performance will be at 7:00pm at the Richard D. Fiester Auditorium at Mariposa County High School. Please come and show your support to these deserving and talented students and help replace their instruments. Any additional donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! (L & L Sheetz - 5/13/09)

Mobile home rental. Available June 1, 2009. Mobile home (20' x 40') with add-on room in Midpines. Two bedrooms,

one bath, washer and dryer hookups. Brand new porch. Wood stove, pets and children welcome. \$650/month. Call 966-5732 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Leave a message if no one there. (D. Hales/Y. Radanovich - 5/8/09)

Rental: Three bedroom, two bath house with fenced yard for rent in Midpines. Phone 742-4718 or 617-6102 (L. Morato-Chacon - 5/7/09)

Rental: 2 br, 2 bath, 1900 sq ft home on Varian Road, off 49S. \$850 monthly. For additional information call 209.966.4260 (C. Baker - 5/7/09)

Rental: 3bd/2ba home for rent in the town of Mariposa. Walking distance to YARTS bus stop. New home built in 2006, approx.1650 sq ft with vaulted ceilings, tile countertops, and finished garage. Available now, long tern preferred. \$1250/ mo + \$1550 deposit. No smoking, no pets. Tenant responsible for all utilities. Call The Rental Network for more details (209)742-5011. (K. Martin - 5/7/09)

Apartment for rent in Mariposa: 2bd/1ba- \$600/mo + \$800 dep. Month to month rental, Coin-op laundry on site, no pets. Available now. Call The Rental Network for more information (209) 742-5011 or visit our website, www.MariposaRealEstate.com (K. Martin - 5/6/09)

Rental: House for Rent in Mariposa, 2 bedroom/1 bath, no pets, quiet neighborhood, walk to town/YARTS, \$650/month plus deposit, available June 1, call (209) 756-7334. (T. Tucker - 5/5/09)

Rental Sought: Looking for a one bedroom house or apartment or a room in a shared house in the El Portal area. Would consider long or short term leases beginning now through mid-June. Thanks! sca_lindsey@hotmail.com (L. Prell - 5/5/09)

Seeking quiet 1 bedroom apartment or small house. El Portal, Midpines or Mariposa area. Will consider long or short-term rentals available starting on June 1st. Email: jenerx@yahoo.com (J. Roche - 4/28/09)

Rental: \$600/mo-2bd/1ba apartment in Mariposa near John C. Fremont hospital. \$800 deposit sorry no pets; available now. Visit our website for a rental application, www.MariposaRealEstate.com or call (209)742-5011. (K. Martin - 4/23/09)

Sublet available. \$500 monthly + utilities. Cute one bedroom cottage in Midpines within walking distance to YARTS! Sorry no dogs. Partially furnished available from June-Oct. Contact Marielle at 209-628-8066. Thanks! (M. DeBree - 4/23/09)

Acting Designation

Niki Nicholas will be Acting Deputy Superintendent May 11-15, 2009. She can be reached at 372-0332 or you can leave a message with Rhonda Soden at 372-0286. (R. Soden/N. Nicholas - 5/11/09)

Heather McKenny will be action Branch Chief of Wildlife Mgmt Thursday, May 14. She can be reached at 379-1438 (H. McKenny - 5/14/09)

Gretchen Stromberg (379-1006) will act as Chief of Planning on Thursday and Friday this week. (L. Dahl - 5/13/09)

Jun Kinoshita is acting Branch Chief for Anthropology & Archeology for the week of May 11. (L. Kirn - 5/11/09)

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