Fee Program Success Story: Environmental Education Programs on the Angeles

Ranger-led environmental education programs designed around California State Curriculum Guidelines offering a broad range of programs to regional educators, scouts and civic groups at two locations on the Angeles National Forest – San Gabriel Canyon and Mt. Baldy Environmental Education Centers. Together these two programs accommodated over 16,000 students and teachers in 2007. Programs include: Life in the Canyon and A Naturalist’s Journal (3rd - 4th Grade); Geology (5th - 12th Grade); Gold Rush (4th - 5th Grade); A River Runs through It (4th - 12th Grade); Land of the Tongva (3rd - 6th Grade); and Wildland Fire Studies (4th - 12th Grade).

2007 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures

The cost of collection for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino NF centralized Adventure Pass sales are reported on the San Bernardino NF.

Your Fees at Work in 2007

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Replaced all fee-related signing with new REA signing in the Mt. Baldy High Impact Recreation Area
- Repaired/replaced picnic tables in Buckhorn Campground, Charlton Flat Picnic Area, Chilao Campground, Eagles Roost Picnic Area, and Little Jimmy Trail Camp.
- Completed over 400 hours of graffiti removal at developed recreation sites.
- Relocated 9 picnic sites from riparian zone at the Charlton Flat Picnic Area.
**Visitor Services**
- Provided interpretative and educational programs to over 16,000 students (K-12) at the Mt. Baldy and San Gabriel Education Centers.
- Provided and serviced portable toilets (16 in summer, 8 in winter) in the San Gabriel Canyon High Impact Recreation Area.
- Provided supervision for four Stewardship Academy crews (crew leader plus 6 crew members) to conduct operation and maintenance of recreation Facilities (cleaning, patrolling, provide visitor information) from June 16 – August 19).

**Law Enforcement**
- Provided law enforcement patrols to ensure visitor and resource protection.

**Cost of Collection**
- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance.

Accomplishments Planned for FY 2008
- Rehabilitate the Charlton Flat Picnic.
- Purchase and installation of bear proof dumpsters and animal resistant trash containers.
- Continue repair/replacement of amenities and infrastructure at developed recreation sites.

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

**Permits & Passes**
- Adventure Pass and Federal Interagency Passes
- Outfitter & Guide and Recreation Event Permits

**Sites/Areas**
- Expanded Amenity Fees at nine campgrounds and three group campgrounds.
- Standard Amenity Fees at ten High Impact Recreation Areas, 16 developed sites, five picnic areas, two trailheads and one interpretive site.

**Services**
- Interpretive programs at the Mt. Baldy and San Gabriel Canyon Education Centers.

For More Information...
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