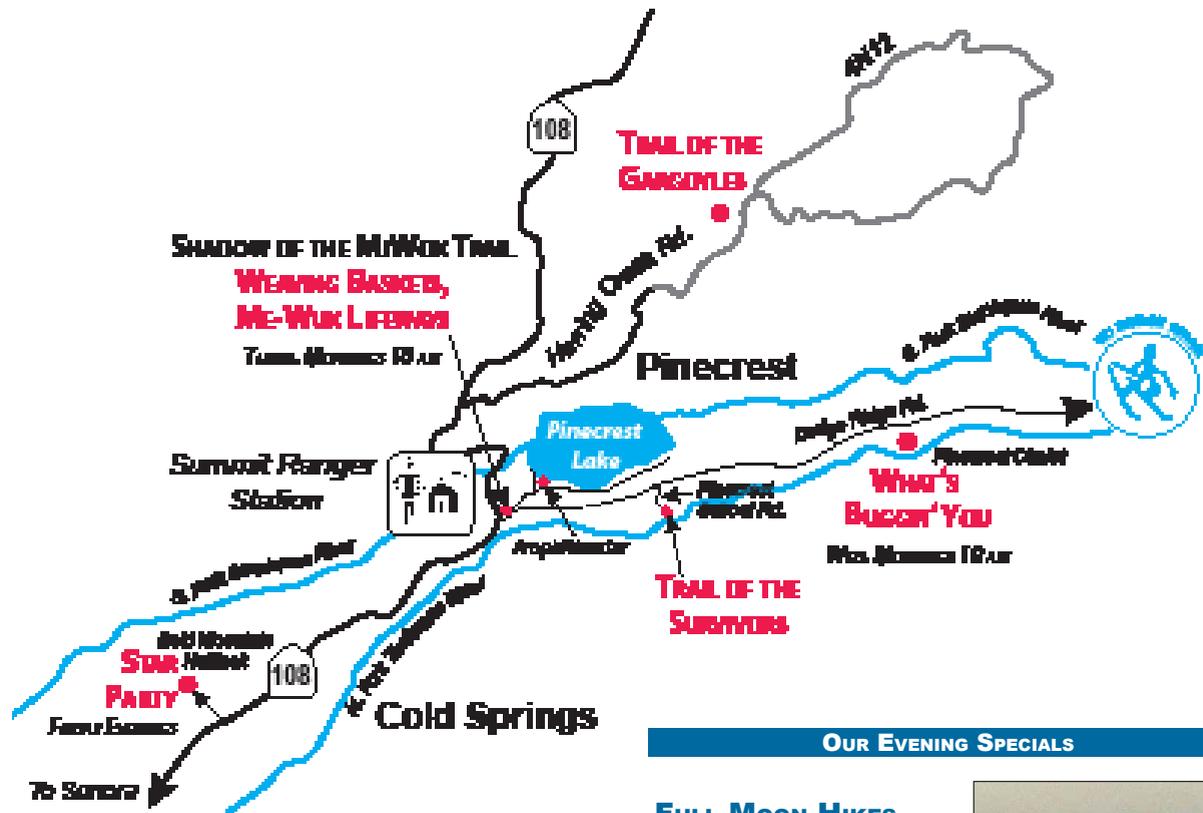


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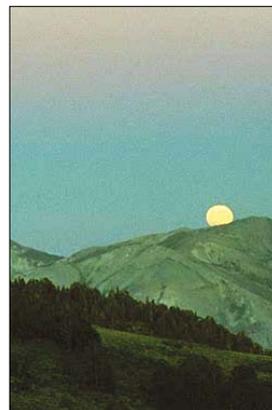
The rich diversity of the Stanislaus National Forest Highway 108 corridor provides something for everyone. Winding its way from 4600 ft to 9600 ft in elevation at Sonora Pass, the beauty of the area is in the contrasts. Tall green conifers and brilliant wildflowers welcome you along the way. Restful mountain views reflect in the crystal-clear Pinecrest Lake and Beardsley Reservoir, while the areas offer many recreational opportunities. Two wilderness areas, Emigrant and Carson-Iceberg, are endowed with miles of hiking trails. If you would like to learn more about the area, attend an interpretive program or visit the Mi-Wok and Summit ranger stations for more information. Then come back often and experience all the richness this Gold Country gem has to offer.

OUR EVENING SPECIALS

FULL MOON HIKES

9 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 19,
FRIDAY, AUG. 17

Bella luna! Meet Jenny Souza at Pinecrest Ranger Station for a hike under the light of a full moon. Enjoy stories and experience the sights and sounds of night life in the woods.



JOIN US BEFORE THE MOVIE

8 P.M.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

Before "Movies Under the Stars," join Interpretive Staff at Pinecrest Amphitheater for a short, lively 15-minute program. You never know what's in store, so come early and enjoy!

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REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

JUNIOR RANGERS 10 - 11 A.M. • JUNE 25 - AUG. 6
Hands-on activities will introduce kids ages 4 to 12 to the world we live in and how to care for the outdoors we love. Meet at Pinecrest Amphitheater.

HIT THE HEIGHTS!

11:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. • JUNE 25 - AUG. 6
Join Interpretive Staff for a leisurely hike in the "Up Country." Bring a lunch, and enjoy views and wildflowers. Meet at Summit Ranger Station at 11:30 a.m. OR at Brightman Ranger Station at 12:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS

TALL TALES AND SILLY SONGS

10 - 11 A.M. • JUNE 26 - AUG. 7 • (\$1 DONATION)
Meet at Pinecrest Amphitheater for a delightful hour of interactive songs with ever-popular Bill Roberson and his creative cadre of story tellers Cynthia Restivo, BZ Smith or Jennifer Aguirre.



CRITTERS, CONIFERS AND CLAY

11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
JUNE 26 - AUG. 7 • (\$10 MATERIALS FEE)
Learn about the plants and animals of the forest by creating fun clay projects. Children under seven must be assisted by an adult. Space is limited.

WEDNESDAYS

WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU?

10 - 11:30 A.M. • JUNE 27 - AUG. 8 • (\$5 MATERIALS FEE)
Discover life within the aquatic ecosystem. Print a T-shirt with stamps depicting creatures of the water world. Meet at Pinecrest Chalet, approx. 1 mile up Dodge Ridge Road on the right. Look for the wooden bear!

Fishing For Small Fry 2 - 3 P.M. • JUNE 27 - AUG. 8

For "Small Fry"-- learn how to bait a hook, cast and reel in a fish, then try to catch a big one! Meet Interpretive Staff at Pinecrest ADA concrete fishing platform.

THURSDAYS

Weaving Life Stories Into Baskets

10 A.M. - NOON • JULY 5, 19, AUG. 2 • (\$10 MATERIALS FEE)
Arvada Fisher will help you start a pine needle basket while captivating you with stories of her Me-Wuk heritage. Bring a chair. Meet at Summit Ranger Station.

Me-Wuk Lifeways 10 - 11 A.M. • JUNE 28 - AUG. 9

Carlos Geisdorf of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk captivates you with stories from his cultural heritage during Me-Wuk Lifeways. Meet at Summit Ranger Station.

WHERE AM I? COMPASS ORIENTEERING

2 - 3 P.M. • JUNE 28 - AUG. 9
Don't get lost! Receive a compass, then learn how to use it while finding your way through the woods. Meet Interpretive Staff at Trail of the Survivors. Ages 7 to 107.

FRIDAYS

TREES AND TRAILS 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. • JUNE 29 - AUG. 10

Discover the wisdom of nature on these fun hikes that last 2 to 4 hours depending on destination. Gas up your car, bring lunch, water and sturdy walking shoes. Meet at Summit Ranger Station. Contact Ranger Station (209.965.3434) for info on destinations.

PINECREST JUNIOR RANGERS 2 - 3 P.M. • JUNE 29 - AUG. 10

Hands-on activities will introduce kids ages 4 to 12 to the world we live in and how to care for the outdoors we love. Meet at the Pinecrest Amphitheater.

SATURDAYS

RISE AND SHINE NATURE HIKES 9 A.M. - NOON

Pinecrest Lake Hike • JUNE 30, JULY 14, 28, AUG. 11

Meet at the Amphitheater for this hike around the lake.

Trail of the Gargoyles Hike • JULY 7, 21, AUG. 4

Meet at the Summit Ranger Station to car caravan.

NATURE DETECTIVE 2 - 3 P.M.

Look for clues in the forest and become a nature detective with Interpretive Staff. Meet at Pinecrest Amphitheater.

SUNDAYS

BIRDING HIKES 8 - 10:30 A.M. • JULY 1 - AUG. 12

Explore the beauty of birds in Stanislaus National Forest. Meet at Summit Ranger Station to carpool. Bring binoculars if you have them. Call Summit Ranger Station for info.

PICTURE ME AND WOOSY 9 - 11 A.M. • JULY 1 - AUG. 12

Cameras! Action! Each week meet Interpretive Staff at Summit Ranger Station for a trip to a scenic location. Learn photography tips and take photos filled with memories. Post your photos on the Woodsy Owl website.

SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMS

MONDAYS 8 - 9 P.M. PINECREST AMPHITHEATER

JUNE 25 • THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Have you ever wondered what that sound was outside your tent in the middle of the night? Join Amy Roe for a rousing presentation about life at night in the Stanislaus National Forest.

JULY 2 • WHEN THE RAILROAD WAS KING

Not too long ago you could hear the sound of a steam engine whistle through the Sierra. Come enjoy the old times when the Sugar Pine Railway was King of the Mountain! Kimberly Ferguson

JULY 9 • WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS

The Sierra Nevada mountains are covered with colorful jewels - wildflowers! Learn about the different types you can expect to see and where to find them with Marie Malo.

JULY 16 • WATER WONDERLAND BEYOND PINECREST

Waterfalls, lakes and rivers are crystal gems that lie beyond Pinecrest Lake. Come see their beauty, then learn how to visit the water wonderland of Stanislaus National Forest! Irene Patton

JULY 23 • SNAKES ALIVE! - MIKE SUTTON

• (\$1 DONATION) **SPECIAL START TIME: 7 P.M.**



Mike Sutton returns with a living showcase of different reptiles to view and touch (if you dare!). He'll share his passion for these amazing creatures and remind us all to let wildlife be wild.

JULY 30 • DREAMS, HOPES - THEN CAME THE SIERRA NEVADA

Imagine all the adventures that awaited pioneers who traveled over the Sierra Nevada while pursuing their dreams! Dianne Lichtenberg

AUG. 6 • GREEN GOLD!

During the Gold Rush, timber was called green gold! See what life was like in the mountain logging camps, such as Fraser Flat and Bumblebee.

AUG. 13 • ROYAL ROBBINS - ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

A thrilling presentation of his adventures in nature by acclaimed mountaineer, Royal Robbins.

WEDNESDAYS 7 - 8 P.M. PINECREST AMPHITHEATER

JUNE 27 • BATTY ABOUT OUR INSECT-EATING FRIENDS • (\$1 DONATION) **SPECIAL START TIME: 8 P.M.**

Live bats of California native species are presented for viewing and discussion by NorCal Bats. Learn the importance of bats in our environment and the harmful myths that surround them.

JULY 4 • BLACK IRISH BAND AMERICAN TRIBUTE

• (\$1 DONATION)
Renowned, nationally acclaimed Black Irish Band blends history with musical talent providing entertainment for the whole family.

JULY 11 • BUTTERFLIES FLUTTER BY • (\$1 DONATION)

Alicia Baylor from Buena Vista Butterfly Farm brings colorful butterflies for all to enjoy. Learn about native species and how they help the environment.

JULY 18 • WATERWHEEL OF THE SIERRA • (\$1 DONATION)

Through lively music and stories Mark Stoltenberg brings to life a family's memories of favorite lakes and waterways in the Stanislaus area.

JULY 25 • WILD THINGS • (\$1 DONATION)

Discover wildlife up close in this incredible program featuring an assortment of rescued California birds and mammals. Learn about these creatures and how to let wildlife be wild.

AUG. 1 • TUOLUMNE BAND OF ME-WUK SINGERS AND DANCERS • (\$1 DONATION)

Through song and dance, members of the Me-Wuk Tribe will share their cultural traditions.

AUG. 8 • TALES OF THE MOTHER LODGE • (\$1 DONATION)

Hard Luck Lin spins yarns of the Gold Rush much like those early California Argonauts who sat about campfires warming hands, drying britches, and sharing tales.

FRIDAYS

Star Parties 9 - 10 p.m. • June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Aug. 3, 10 • (\$1 Donation)

Tour the heavens from a star-studded location with astronomers. Meet at Bald Mountain Helibase on Hwy. 108 (see map). Program may be canceled due to fire activity or weather. Call Summit or Mi-Wok Ranger Stations to confirm. Bring chair or blanket. Smoking, glass containers, and dogs are prohibited.