



## **Learn More About OHV Volunteering**

If you have a strong interest in becoming an OHV Volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator:

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OHV Program Director  
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### **Education Rides**

A group of trained volunteers rides routes on ATV's, Motorcycles, Reraional Off-Highway Vehicles (ROV's), and 4WD vehicles providing information and watching for illegal trail use, missing signs, or hazardous trail conditions.

### **OHV Dealer Outreach**

Through partnering with local OHV dealers, the OHV Volunteer program distributes information about responsible riding, and information on places to take your OHV. Key components include attending dealer open-houses, and distributing a point-of-purchase packet full of useful OHV information.

If you love visiting OHV dealerships and talking shop, why not sign-up to be an OHV Volunteer Dealer Liaison? Responsibilities include networking with OHV dealers and sales staff, reporting upcoming events and special functions to the OHV Volunteer Coordinator, and helping to maintain an adequate supply of OHV education materials at your dealership.

### **Informational Kiosk**

OHV Volunteers host kiosks at popular OHV staging areas where they can greet and interact with Forest visitors.

### **On the Right Trail**

On the Right Trail is a partnership of the National Forest Association, National Off Highway vehicle Conservation Council, the Forest service, Honda Motor Corporation, Tread Lightly!, the Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Club, Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce, and Rim of the World School District.

Contact our Program Manager at the number listed below to have the On the Right Trail program at your school.

Volunteers are needed and will receive Tread Lightly! Training. Contact Rick Lavello, Program Director, at (909) 382-2606 or by email at [rlavello@mountainsfoundation.org](mailto:rlavello@mountainsfoundation.org).

### **Public & Media Outreach**

The OHV Volunteer program makes it a point to regularly present OHV-themed messages to the general public.

Whether these messages are in person at a trade show, in print, online, or on television, they all share the same goal: to promote responsible, safe recreation, on our public lands while having a good time.

### **Trail Maintenance**

Coordinate with other local OHV groups and community associations to help maintain routes.



### **Special Projects**

These one or two day projects allow individuals with limited time to commit to participate.

### **Last year, we:**

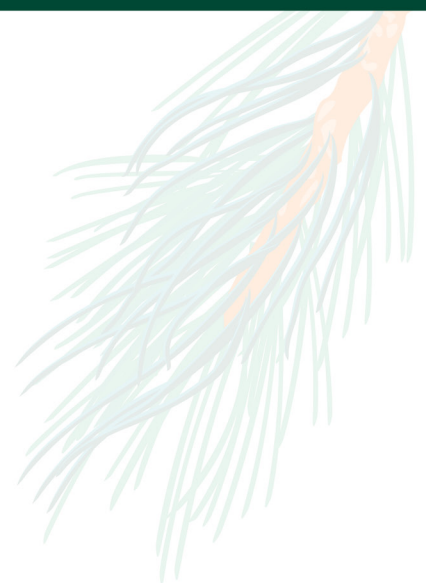
- Eliminated over 400 illegal fire rings, 94 of which were hot
- Notified law enforcement of 14 traffic accidents
- Discovered and reported 2 meth labs to law enforcement
- Found 7 stolen vehicles
- Found 4 lost forest visitors
- Provided medical aid to 6 people
- Made over 10,000 public contacts
- Removed 5 abandoned vehicles
- Removed over 4 tons of trash
- Logged over 20,000 hours on the trails
- Planted 600 trees in burned areas
- Planted more than 100 trees and bushes at Pinnacles Staging Area
- Eliminated nearly 100 illegal trails or bypasses

### **4x4 Group**

Trained hosts supply their own vehicle and gas. The Southern California Mountains Foundation provides leadership, training, materials and supplies.

The 4x4 volunteers meet at one of the work center facilities about 8:30AM. There are work centers at Northshore (Lake Arrowhead), Cajon (Lytle Creek), Big Bear, San Jacinto, and Mill Creek. Volunteers check in, get first aid kits, radios, and magnetic signs for our vehicles. After a short briefing which includes important information relating to fire conditions, problems from the prior day, washed out roads or other pertinent information, the group leaves for patrolling. There are many different areas to patrol. Each driver can choose the area they are interested in or they can pair up with other 4x4 vehicles.

The day ends with all of the patrols meeting at the work center for a debriefing with the Coordinator on duty. At 5:00 PM everyone leaves for home or the campsite for an evening of fun and awaiting another day of patrol the following day.



## **OHV Volunteer Program Training**

New volunteer training requires that you attend the following

- One Host Program Orientation Class
- One Rules and Regulation Class
- One Scenario Class
- One Introduction to Map Reading and Interpretation
- One or more vehicle certification (ATV, M/C, ROV, or Cal4Wheel)
- 100 Hours of field and classroom training

Currently the training courses are scheduled on a quarterly basis. This is due to the frequent nature of the current training sessions and the need to change dates depending upon fire season issues and demands on the volunteers.

### **Class Enrollment:**

To sign up a class you must send your contact information to [rlavello@mountainsfoundation.org](mailto:rlavello@mountainsfoundation.org)

You may also ask to join a class by sending an email to [paulcj8@yahoo.com](mailto:paulcj8@yahoo.com)

You must have completed the Host Program Orientation before you can sign up for any of the field classes (4x4, ATV, Map-GPS, Motorcycle and Scenario training). Contact Rick Lavello if you have questions. Locations are listed at the bottom of this page.

### **Additional Class Information:**

#### **Motorcycle Class**

Maximum class size is eight persons. This class requires that you sign up ahead of time. Must have completed the Host Program Orientation. You are required to supply your own safety equipment including helmet, gloves, goggles, boots, long sleeve shirt and long pants. This is an all day class. Be sure to bring a lunch and plenty of water.

#### **ATV Class**

Maximum class size is eight persons. This class requires that you sign up ahead of time. Must have completed the Host Program Orientation. You are required to supply your own safety equipment including helmet, gloves, goggles, boots, long sleeve shirt and long pants. This is an all day class. Be sure to bring a lunch and plenty of water.

#### **4x4 Safety Class**

Maximum class size is 10 4x4's. This class requires that you sign up ahead of time. Must have completed the Host Program Orientation. You are required to bring your own 4x4 with a working parking break. All 4x4's must be in good working running condition. This is an all day class. Be sure to bring a lunch and plenty of water.

#### **First Aid and CPR**

This class is given by the American Red Cross. This class has a maximum size of 20 students. This is an all day class



and it is suggested that you bring a lunch. There are fast food and restaurants nearby.

**Training Locations:**

The Forest Supervisor's office:  
602 S. Tippecanoe, San Bernardino

The North Shore facility:  
Near the entrance to the North Shore Campground in Lake Arrowhead near the Hospital.

Big Bear facility:  
Big Bear Ranger Station near Fawnskin.

Big Bear Discovery Center:  
Two miles east of Fawnskin.

San Jacinto Work Center

Mill Creek Ranger Station:  
Highway 38 outside of Mentone

