



July 2017 Newsletter

June 3 General Meeting: About 67 people attended the General Meeting and potluck dinner on National Trails Day in the Large Ramada at Woodland Lake Park. Guests, Ed Collins, Erin and Randy Fuller and Dick Fleishman were introduced. New members, Rob Stewart, Becky Orknay, Heather and Bill Fox, Diane and John Burton, Mary Jo Borrman, Ann and Gil Weiner, Annette and Ron Lewis and Elaine Burdette were also introduced. Jim Snitzer and Norris Dodd were introduced as Council members.



Announcements:

Trail Stewards and Adopters are still needed. See Lynn Krigbaum if interested in volunteering.

Yard Sale for gently used outdoor equipment will be held at the Lund's on July 22. Please deliver donations for this event to Nick and Peggy no later than July 17. Proceeds will benefit TRACKS. (See additional information below)

TRACKS T-shirts are still available – a few short sleeved but mostly long sleeved. Contact Peggy to get these shirts.

Audubon Film Festival will be July 15 at the Nature Center. There will be 4 films. Moose Henri is catering. Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Yoga in Woodland Lake Park, led by Rosie Gonzales every Monday 6:30 to 7:30 AM through July at the baseball field.

Randy Fuller and Dick Fleishman from 4FRI spoke about the efforts to reduce forest density of Ponderosa Pines, followed by **Ed Collins, Apache-Sitgreaves Ranger**, who talked about what has been done in controlled burning to now and future plans for such activity.

The next General Meeting will be held July 8 at 8 AM at Woodland Lake Park in the Large Ramada and will include a potluck breakfast.



Trail Crew: The trail crew is continuing to work Monday mornings on water drainage issues on trails throughout the system. The crew is starting work earlier each week as it warms up. If you would like to join the trail crew and get on the mailing list, contact Nick at lundaz@cableone.net or call 928-241-2444

Trailhead Adopter Needed for Four Springs: TRACKS still needs a trailhead adopter for the Four Springs trail. Also we would like to have a back up Trailhead Adopter for each trailhead so we are covered when Trailhead Adopters are out of town. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Rosemary Huylebroeck at 928-205-7345.

Sixth Annual Nature Film Festival July 15:

The White Mountain Audubon Society and the White Mountain Nature Center will be presenting the Sixth Annual Nature Film Festival at the Nature Center, 425 S. Woodland Rd. In Lakeside .

The doors open at 4:30 and end about 9:00pm. There will be a buffet supper catered by Moose Henri's and complimentary beer and wine are included.

Four films by local artists will be shown:

"Emergence" by Dennis & Sky Roshay

"Wildlife of Namibia" by Cheryl & Dave Cagle

"Wildlife Throughout The Seasons" by Barb Davis

"Breathless In Bhutan: Our Adventure Of A Lifetime" by Norris Dodd and the Bhutan Trekkers (!)

Cost: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

For more information call

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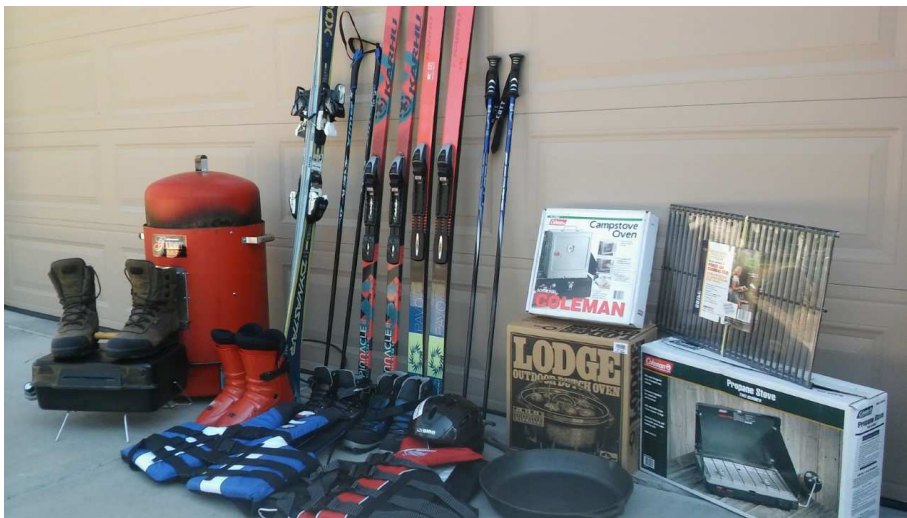
Or visit our website

www.whitemountainaudubon.org

Join Rosie and Kimberly for Free Yoga in the Park,

sponsored by Open Spaces Yoga Central,

www.openspacesyoga.com , on Monday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 AM at the Baseball Diamond at Woodland Lake Park. Bring your own mat.



TRACKS YARD SALE: TRACKS members may shop early for yard sale items on Friday July 21 from noon to 4pm at 20 W Suncrest Court, Show Low.

As examples, already donated are: Vasque Clarion GTX

thinsulate, Gortex men's size 14 hiking boots, barely used; \$170 new, selling for \$90. New cast iron 11 quart Lodge Dutch oven; new \$55, selling for \$40. New Lodge 15 1/4 inch cast iron skillet; new \$60, selling for \$40. New Coleman propane 2 burner stove; new \$40, selling for \$25. New Coleman camp stove oven; new \$30, selling for \$15. Winning Edge Water Sport life jackets; new \$30, selling for \$15 each. Cabella Dry Plus XL bootied suspended waders; new \$250, selling for \$75. By July 21, there will be many more great items!

Natalie Fernau, daughter of Todd & Katie Fernau (Cycle Mania in Show Low), is the new Arizona EXPERT level female mountain biker in the 15-18 age category.... and she did this by practicing on the White Mountains Trail System!

Her brother, Zach, got 2nd, and only by a couple of points, and Todd managed to win the rock crusher category. Todd said to "pass it along that all the trail work you guys do is very appreciated!"

SNAPSHOTS



Thanks to Ed Collins and The Forest Service, new map boxes have been installed at Panorama, Buena Vista, Billy Creek and Los Caballos Trailheads.



A good number of TRACKS members attended and participated in the local White Mountains Education Town Hall concerning the future of education in Arizona. Input from this Town Hall will be included in a State wide Town Hall to take place later in the year.



Fourteen mountain bikers joined the Walk/Ride for the Woods effort to help the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside save Woodland Lake Park.

SAVE THE DATE: The 21st Tour of the White Mountains Bike Race is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. If you would like to volunteer, please send Nick an email lundaz@cablone.net or call 928-241-2444. Let him know your t-shirt size, *your cell phone #*, and if you would like to be at any particular location. 700 riders are expected for this year's event. This is a good fundraiser for TRACKS since Epic Rides makes a donation because of TRACKS members' valuable involvement



<u>COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD</u>		
June 30, Friday and every Friday in July	<u>Summer Interpretive Program at Fool Hollow Lake: Nature Walk.</u> Walks are moderate hiking less than a mile.	9:00 AM at Fool Hollow Lake Adair Amphitheater 1 to 1.5 hours
July 1, Saturday and every Saturday	<u>Nature's Calling: Fool Hollow Lake Rec Area's Children's Hour</u> Presented by the Forest Service Children 6 to 12 years old must be accompanied by adult	4:00 PM at Fool Hollow Lake Adair Amphitheater
July 1, Saturday	<u>Nature Discovery Program: White Mountain Water, Wetlands & Wildlife.</u> Discover the importance of wetlands to wildlife (and people)	10:00 AM at White Mountain Nature Center, 425 S Woodland Rd, Lakeside
July 5, Wednesday	<u>Audubon Society Monthly Meeting:</u> Nancy Buell will present a program about her trip to Audubon's Hog Island off the coast of Maine and the Puffin Project.	6:30 PM at Pinetop-Lakeside Council Chambers on Neils Hansen Lane in Lakeside
July 5, Wednesday	<u>Up the Hill Gang hike:</u> Billy Creek Urban Trail	6:45 AM Meet Pinetop KFC. 6.5 miles moderate to difficult hiking \$2 carpool
July 6, Thursday	<u>TRACKS Board Meeting:</u> TRACKS members welcome	1:00 PM Nature Center, 425 S. Woodland Rd., Lakeside
July 8, Saturday	<u>TRACKS General Meeting:</u> and potluck. Bring a dish to share.	8:00 AM at Woodland Lake Park Large Ramada
July 8, Saturday	<u>Nature Discovery Program: Pollinator Day – The Vital Roles They Play and Attracting Them to Your Yard.</u> Bees, butterflies, birds and their Importance to Planet Arizona	10:00 AM at White Mountain Nature Center. 425 S Woodland Rd., Lakeside
July 8, Saturday	<u>Birding Hike: Hosting some other AZ Audubon Chapters that weekend and this would be a good opportunity to meet them.</u> The hike will last about an hour and we will be back in time for the Polinators Program at the Nature Center.	8:30 AM meet at White Mtn Nature Center at 425 S Woodland Rd, Lakeside
July 12, Wednesday	<u>Up the Hill Gang Hike:</u> Ice Cave #608, Osprey Connector, Scott Reservoir	6:45 AM Meet KFC Pinetop – 6 miles moderate hiking \$2 carpool
July 15, Saturday	<u>Nature Discovery Program: 6th Annual Audubon Film Festival.</u> White Mountain Audubon film festival with locally produced movies and presentations.	10:00 AM at White Mountain Nature Center. 425 S Woodland Lake Rd., Lakeside
July 15, Saturday	<u>Elevate Your Energy in 90 Seconds With Vicki Sandler</u>	1:00 – 3:00 PM, Unity of White Mountains, 257 N Woodland Road, Lakeside
July 19, Wednesday	<u>Up the Hill Gang Hike:</u> Chipmunk Connector #632A from Corral	6:45 AM Meet Pinetop KFC. 6 miles moderate to difficult hiking \$2 carpool
July 22, Saturday	<u>Nature Discovery Program: STEM Family Saturday at the Nature Center.</u> Fun science, technology, engineering, and math projects and activities for the entire family.	10:00 AM at White Mountain Nature Center, 425 S Woodland Lake Rd., Pinetop
July 26, Wednesday	<u>Up the Hill Gang Hike:</u> West Fork Trail #94 to Potato Hollow Springs	6:45 AM meet Pinetop KFC 6.5– miles difficult hiking. \$5 carpool
July 29, Saturday	<u>Nature Discovery Program: Scaled Creatures Then and Now.</u> The Dinosaur Museum shares the latest discoveries. Live reptiles & amphibians	10:00 AM at White Mountain Nature Center 425 S Woodland Lake Rd., Lakeside

Community Bulletin Board (Continued)

Mondays	Trail Crew	Contact Nick to get on mailing list for times and meeting places: lundaz@cableone.net or call Liz at 928-537-1978
Mondays	Free Yoga in the Park sponsored by Open Spaces Yoga Center with Rosie and Kimberly www.openspacesyogs.com .	6:30-7:30 AM at the Baseball Diamond in Woodland Lake Park. Bring your own mat



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