



**EMERALD
NECKLACE**



AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS



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2026

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MOUNTAINS TO SEA PROGRAM EL MONTE
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SAN GABRIEL RIVER: AZUSA WILDERNESS PARK - 2/8/2026



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 2.8.2026

LOCATION: 100 N Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd
Azusa, CA 91702

ACTIVITY: Hike, Watershed Lesson, Litter Clean
Up, Lunch

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 1:30 PM

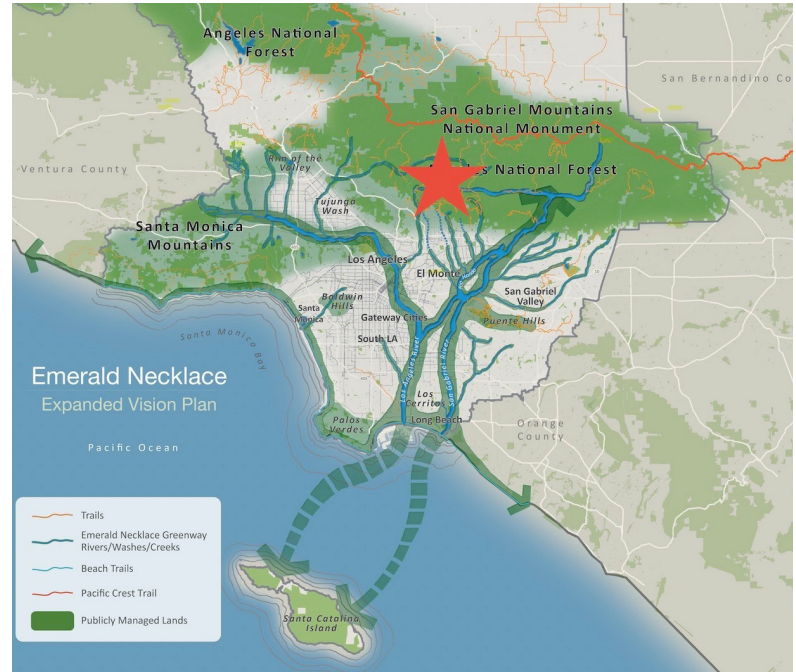
PARTNERS: Day One

LEADERS/GUIDES: James Cortes with Day
One, Director of Watershed Projects

METRICS:

Total Participants: 9

Zip Codes: 90712, 91770, 91733, 91780, 91733, 91732, 91733, 91010, 91103



MAP VIEW OF AZUSA WILDERNESS PARK

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Joined by 9 participants, we met at Jeff Seymour Family Center in El Monte, a central location and partner organization in our community home base city. For this trip we collaborated with Day One, an organization focused on community health based in the San Gabriel Valley. After breakfast and supplies distribution, we drove to Azusa Wilderness Park, the gateway to the San Gabriel River mouth in the mountains. Here participants enjoyed a guided hike where Amigos de los Rios and Day One experts discussed native plants, indigenous ethnobotany, and the San Gabriel Rivers watershed. Participants were provided litter sticks and trash bags and removed pollutants from their watershed hike. Participants took a break on the river to write messages of gratitude for nature. Participants hiked back and enjoyed a group lunch before returning to El Monte.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Participants consisted of youth from El Monte Unified School District, recruited through Day One's mentorship program and Amigos de los Rios internship program.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Day One and Amigos de los Rios drove participants

Number of Staff Managing Event: 4 Amigo's Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: We provided reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep. Our staff was equipped with crossing guard signs for crossing roads, first aid kits, whistles, sunscreen, bug spray, and a list of participants.

Food: For breakfast we provided granola bars and bananas to the group before boarding the bus. During this trip we provided a lunch of sandwiches, juices, cookies, and chips.



PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING VIEW



PARTICIPANTS REMOVING LITTER FROM TRAIL



FRIENDS RELAXING AT LUNCH



GROUP POSING ALONG RIVER-BED

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DOCKWEILER BEACH - 3/1/2026

INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 3.1.2026

LOCATION: 12000 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey
CA, 90293

ACTIVITY: Scenic Water Walk, Volleyball,
Badminton, Grilling

TIME START: 1 PM

TIME END: 7 PM

PARTNERS: Upward

Bound

LEADERS/GUIDES: Amigos de los Rios

Staff, Upward Bound Educators

METRICS:

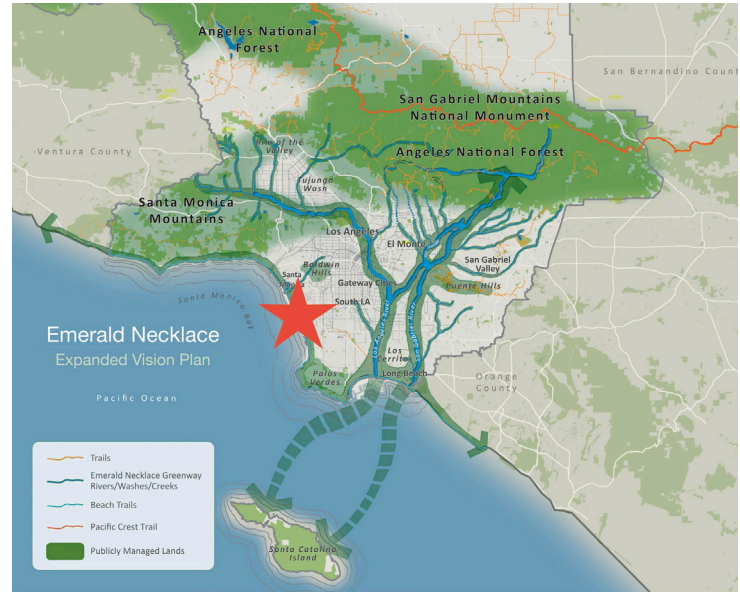
Total Participants: 26

Zip Codes: 91732, 91733, 91746, 91103, 91790, 91106, 91706

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Joined by 26 participants met through Upward Bound, an organization based in El Monte, our community home base city, that supports disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. Participants met us in El Monte, where our bus drove us to Dockweiler Beach. Here we enjoyed a scenic walk on the beach trail to our site, where we discussed the watershed and the connection between the San Gabriel Valley and the Pacific Ocean.

Upon arrival at our beach site participants enjoyed various forms of recreation including swimming, badminton and volleyball. Participants enjoyed grilling sausages and s'mores on the beach campfire.



MAP VIEW OF DOCKWEILER BEACH

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

We connected with Upward Bound, an organization who helps disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. This organization is based in El Monte High Schools surrounding our community homebase.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: We purchased bus transportation from our most affordably quoted and reliable company.

Transport Company: Top Transportation Service

Transportation Cost: \$ 1,379.50

Number of Staff Managing Event: 3 Amigos de los Rios Staff, 2 California Climate Action Fellows

SUPPLIES:

Safety: We provided reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep. Our staff was equipped with crossing guard signs for crossing roads, first aid kits, whistles, sunscreen, bug spray, and a list of participants. Safety talks were given for the beach sports and campfire.

Food: We grilled sausages, with topping and chips. We make s'mores on the campfire.



PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING THE SUNSET



PARTICIPANTS GRILLING SAUSAGES



PARTICIPANTS MAKING S'MORES



PARTICIPANTS PLAYING VOLLEYBALL

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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS - 3/29/2026

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 3/29/2026

LOCATION: 2800 East Observatory Road,
Los Angeles, CA, 90027

ACTIVITY: Hiking, California Plant Ecology
Education, Observation Exploration, Lunch

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 1 PM

METRICS:

Total Participants: 25

Zip Codes: 91731, 91732, 91733, 91766, 91745



MAP VIEW OF GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at our community home base, Dorris Dann. Here we went over expectations for the trip, and passed out breakfast, sunscreen, hats, and waterbottles. As a group we traveled by bus to the Boyscout Trailhead in Griffith Park in the Santa Monica Mountains. We enjoyed a group hike, stopping along the way to discuss the plants along the trail, and their adaptations to the chaparral ecosystems. Participants observed birds in their binoculars, and the Los Angeles skyline. After finishing the hike participants enjoyed exploring the observatory and learning about the history of the site. After exploring the exhibits and views, we descended back down the trail for our second hike. After finishing hiking we enjoyed a group lunch before returning to El Monte.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Participants were found through tabling at our community home base, and promotion at our community stewardship events. We created a flyer with registration portal QR code. Form and flyer were available in English and Spanish

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Bus Reservation

Transport Company: JFK Transportation

Transport Cost: \$963.51

Number of Staff Managing Event: 3 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, whistles and sunscreen.

Drinks and Food: We provided reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep after the experience. For breakfast we provided bananas and granola bars. For lunch we provided platters of wraps, sandwiches, fruit, chips, and juices.

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING HIKE AND LEARNING ABOUT PLANTS



YOUTH VIEWING THE SKYLINE THROUGH HER BINOCULARS



FRIENDS EXPLORING



PARTICIPANTS AT OBSERVATORY

PHOTOS



“GRACIAS POR LA OPORTUNIDAD DE CONOCER Y EXPLORAR NUEVOS LUGARES FUE UNA EXPERIENCIA MUY BONITA PARA CONECTAR CON LA NATURALEZA Y CONVIVIR EN COMUNIDAD LAS PERSONAS A CARGO DE LA EXCURSIÓN SON ENCANTADORAS Y NOS SENTIMOS EN FAMILIA ATT.”

“THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AND EXPLORE NEW PLACES. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO CONNECT WITH NATURE AND SHARE TIME AS A COMMUNITY. THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE EXCURSION ARE DELIGHTFUL, AND WE FELT LIKE FAMILY.”

- MARIBEL AREVALO

PHOTOS



***I REALLY LOVED THIS EXPERIENCE! I HAVE NEVER
BEEN ON A HIKE BEFORE AND THIS WAS AN AMAZING
FIRST TIME. I AM GRATEFUL THAT I WAS GIVEN THIS
OPPORTUNITY!
-DANIELA BECERRA***

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MOUNT WILSON OBERVATORY- 4/19/2026



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 4/19/2026

LOCATION: 100 Mt Wilson Circle Rd, Mount
Wilson, CA 91023

ACTIVITY: STEM Lesson

TIME START: 8 AM

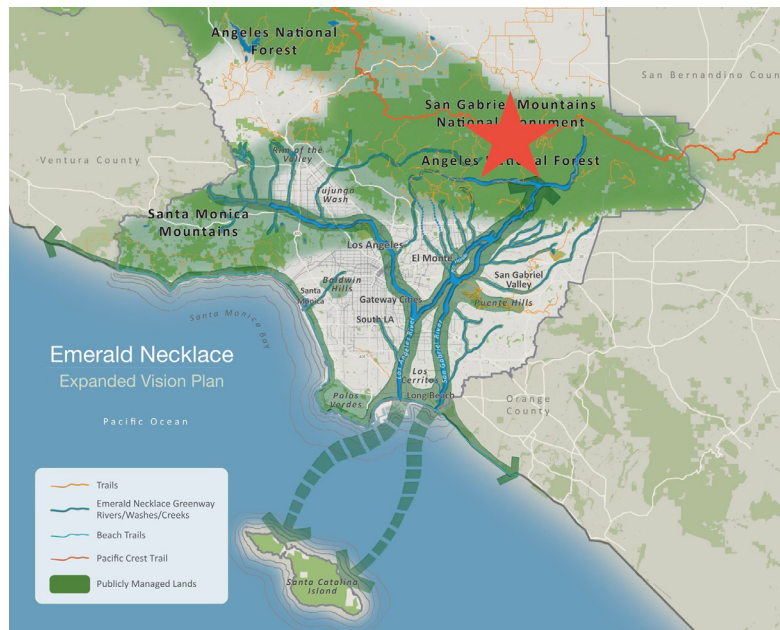
TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Mount Wilson Institute
Docent, Patricia Sanhueza. Climate Action Corp
Fellow Henry Mitchell (Mandarin Translator)

METRICS:

Total Participants: 6 participants

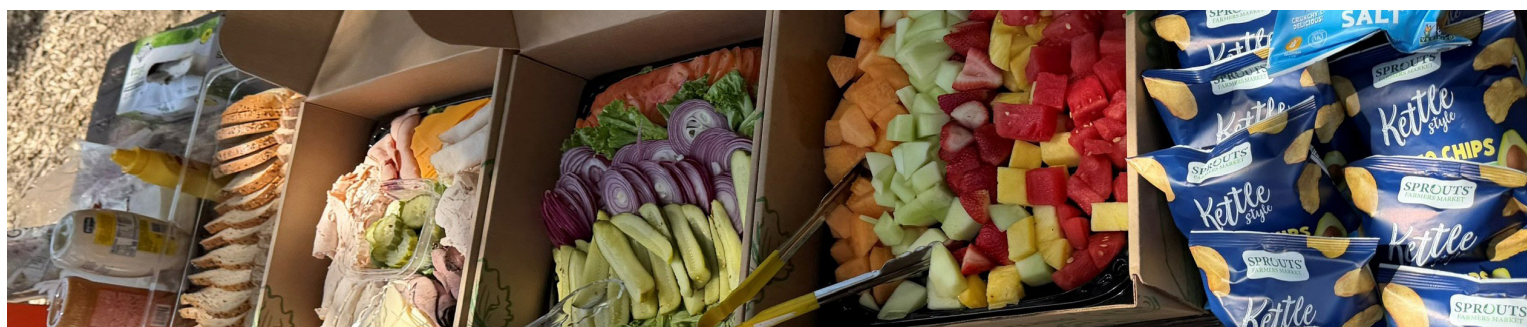
Zip Codes: 91732, 91754



MAP VIEW OF THE VISITOR CENTER

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at Jeff Seymour Center, a campus and partner within our community home base city, where we distributed breakfast and went over expectations for the day before our drive to Mount Wilson. Upon arrival we met with Mount Wilson Insitute Docent, Patricia Sanhueza, who would give us an educational tour of the Instittute. Participants learned about the scientific accom-
plishments that occured where they stood, the scientific capabilities of the machines, and modern astrology practices. Educational tour was given in english and mandarin for participants. After the STEM tour participants enojyed a cenic lunch with views of the San Gabriel Mountains.



INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT:

We connected with participants through Jeff Seymour Family Center, a campus within our community home base city.

LOGISTICS

Transportation: 2 rental vans

Transport Cost: \$491.01

Number of Staff Managing Event: 2 Amigos Staff, 1 California Climate Action Corp Fellow

SUPPLIES

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, crossing signs, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: We provided breakfast of fruit and granola bars upon arrival, as well as reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep. At lunch we served sandwiches, fruit, and chips.



PARTICIPANTS OBSERVING THE MOUNTAINS

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS LOOKING UNDER TELESCOPE



PARTICIPANTS LEARNING ABOUT SNOW TELESCOPE



FAMILY WITH THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS



GROUP PHOTO WITH 100 - INCH TELESCOPE

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANT IN TELESCOPE ELEVATOR

“特别高兴参加这样的活动以后有类似的机会我还想来”

“I AM DELIGHTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT LIKE THIS. I WOULD LOVE TO COME AGAIN IF THERE ARE SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE.”

-BENJAMIN LEE

2025

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 5/31/2026 MOUNT BALDY RESORT



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 5/31/2026

LOCATION: Mount Baldy Resort, 8401 Mt
Baldy Rd, Mt Baldy, CA 91759

ACTIVITY: Scenic Ski Lift Ride

TIME START: 10 AM

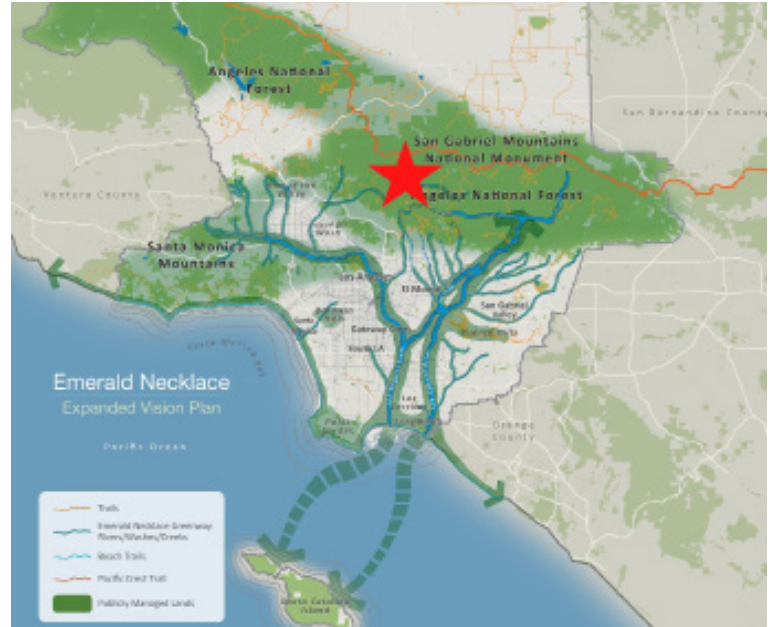
TIME END: 4 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Mount Baldy Resort
Staff, Amigos de los Rios Staff

METRICS:

Total Participants: 17

Zip Codes: 91732, 91733, 90746, 91731, 91766, 91745, 91746



MAP VIEW OF THE RESORT LOCATION

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at Dorris Dann, our community home base. Here we distributed supplies and snacks, before boarding the bus and heading to Mount Baldy Resort. Participants enjoyed a scenic drive and upon arrival went over safety regulation of the chair lift. Participants enjoyed a scenic 20 minute ride up chair one to the resort's restaurant. Here we had a group lunch with panoramic views of the mountains. After lunch participants took chair four up to a viewpoint where they took in the views of the mountains. After enjoying this view point, participants took chair four and one back down to the base, where we boarded the bus to return to Dorris Dann.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

We promoted this trip to our community home base Dorris Dann through tabling and emailing our contact list.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Bus

Transport Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$1,360

Number of Staff Managing Event: 2 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: We offered reusable water bottles, granola bars, hats, and backpacks to participants before departure. For lunch the group had burgers and potato salad at the resort's restaurant.



PHOTOS



FRIENDS ON LIFT RIDE



FRIENDS ENJOYING MOUNTAINS



COUPLE ENJOYING LIFT RIDE



FRIENDS AT RESORT LUNCH

PHOTOS



“AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE NATURE FOCUSED OUTINGS THAT INCREASE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.”

- ANDREW ARELLANO

PHOTOS



"ME ENCANTÓ ESTE LUGAR FUE MUY HERMOSO VER LA NATURALEZA Y PAISAJES MI HIJA Y YO ESTAMOS MUY FELICES POR ESTE MOMENTO TAN HERMOSO, QUIERO SEGUIR SIENDO PARTE DE ESTAS ACTIVIDADES QUE NOS UNEN COMO MAMÁ E HIJA MUCHAS GRACIAS"

"I LOVED THIS PLACE; IT WAS BEAUTIFUL TO SEE THE NATURE AND THE SCENERY. MY DAUGHTER AND I ARE SO HAPPY ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I WANT TO KEEP TAKING PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES THAT BRING US TOGETHER AS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

- NINI HERNANDEZ

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 6/14/2026

CHILAO RECREATION AND WILDERNESS AREA



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 6/14/2026

LOCATION: Angeles National Forest, Chilao
Recreation and Wilderness Area

ACTIVITY: Interpretative Hike, Lunch

TIME START: 8 AM

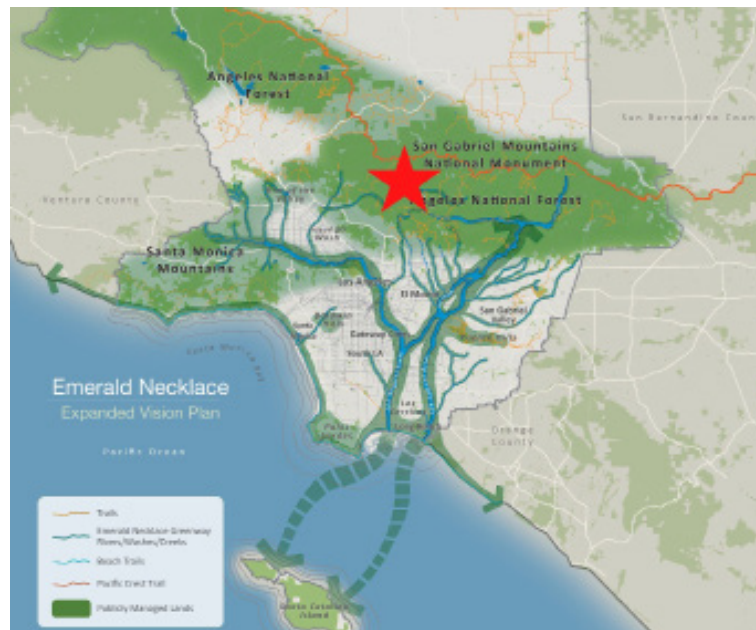
TIME END: 4 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Amigos de los Rios
Staff, Hearts for Sight Staff

METRICS:

Total Participants: 29

Zip Codes: 90255, 91744, 92234, 91706, 90011, 90621, 91324, 92336, 90631, 91401, 90031, 91214, 91331, 91367, 93535, 92234, 90608



MAP VIEW OF THE HIKE LOCATION

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at Live Oak Park, a location familiar to Hearts for Sight, our partner for this trip. Upon arrival participants were checked in and offered breakfast, sunscreen, hats, water bottles, and backpacks. Participants became familiar with their guides and then boarded the bus to the forest. Upon arrival we went over hike expectations, restrooms, guide introductions, and our outdoor equity mission. After introductions we started the 4 mile hike. Along the route guides described the surrounding chaparral and alerted hiking to route challenges. We stopped for rest breaks and listened to the birds of the forest. After the hike we enjoyed a group lunch before returning to Live Oak Park.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Our partner Heart For Sight offered opportunity to their members

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Rental Bus

Transport Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$1360

Number of Staff Managing Event: 7 Amigos de los Rios Staff, 2 California Climate Action Corp Fellows

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray. We provided gloves and shears for service work.

Drinks and Food: We offered reusable water bottles, hats, backpack, bananas, and granola bars to participants upon arrival. For lunch we provided catered Subway meal boxes, that included a sub, chips, and a cookie.



PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS HIKING



GROUP GETTING TO KNOW THEIR GUIDES



HIKER WITH GUIDE



HIKER WITH GUIDE

PHOTOS

HIKER WITH GUIDE STICK, CELEBRATING REACHING SUMMIT



PHOTOS



"MY HIKE TODAY WITH VOLUNTEER CHEN, WHO DID AN AWESOME JOB IN GUIDING ME BECAUSE I AM TOTALLY BLIND, HE WAS VERY RESPECTFUL AND HELPFUL. ALSO, HE WAS VERY DESCRIPTIVE IN LETTING ME KNOW MY SURROUNDINGS. THE TRIP ITSELF IS A LOT OF FUN AS MANY VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE OPTION TO GO OUT INTO THE MOUNTAINS OTHERWISE, SO THIS IS A GOOD WORTHY CAUSE FOR EVERYONE."

- ROBERT RAYAS

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 6/28/2026

CHILAO VISITOR CENTER

CHILAO
PICNIC AREA

ANGELES
National Forest

INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 6/28/2026

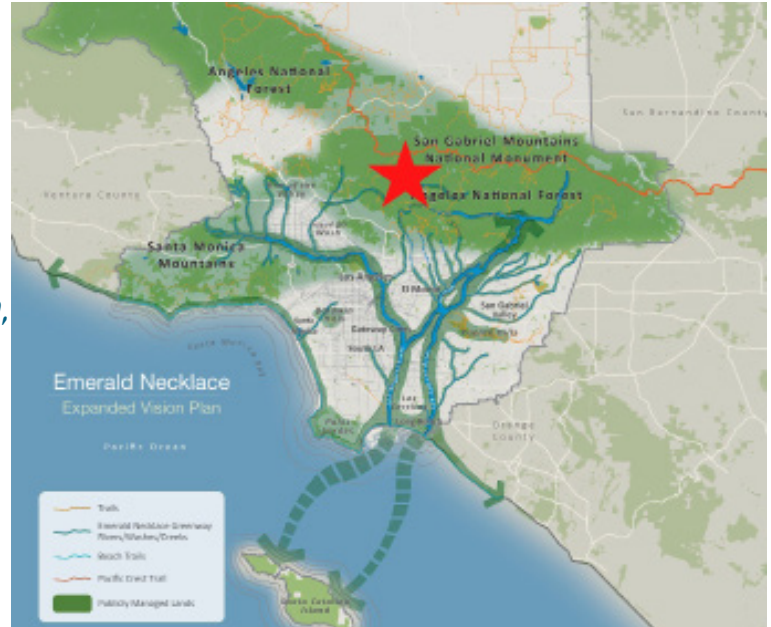
LOCATION: Angeles National Forest, Chilao
Visitor Center, 1 Moccasin Trail, Palmdale CA
93550

ACTIVITY: Educational Hike, Exhibit Exploration,
Lunch

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Amigos staff, National
Forest Service Docents



MAP VIEW OF THE VISITOR CENTER

METRICS:

Total Participants: 19

Zip Codes: 91731, 91732, 91733, 91744

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at Dorris Dann, our community home base in El Monte. Here we passed out bananas, granola bars, water bottles, hats, and backpacks to participants. After the program introductions, we boarded a bus and went to the Chilao Visitor Center. Here participants enjoyed a guided hike where they learned about native plant ecology, indigenous ethnobotany, animal tracks, animal scat, and plant adaptations. Once the hike was complete participants explored the visitor center and all its exhibits. After this we had a group lunch before returning to El Monte.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Participants were recruited through our community home base, Dorris Dann Kids Campus, through tabling and emailing.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Private Bus

Transportation Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$1,360

Number of Staff Managing Event: 5 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpacks with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: Upon arrival participants were provided bananas and granola bars. For lunch we had catered Subway lunch boxes, which contain sub, chips, and cookies.



PHOTOS



GUIDED HIKE



PARTICIPANT AT RATTLESNAKE EXHIBIT



PARTICIPANTS WITH BEAR TAXIDERMY



MOTHER AND SON ENJOYING SCENIC BUS RIDE

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SAN GABRIEL RIVER- 6/30/2026

SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL & WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 6/30/2026

LOCATION: San Gabriel River Trail, Whittier

Narrows Natural Area, 530 Durfee Ave, South El Monte, CA 91733

ACTIVITY: Educational Hike, Exhibit Exploration, Dinner

TIME START: 4:30 PM

TIME END: 7:30 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Amigos staff, Whittier

Narrows Center Staff



MAP VIEW OF THE TRAILHEAD

METRICS:

Total Participants: 18

Zip Codes: 91731, 91732, 91733

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at Dorris Dann, our community home base in El Monte. This trip was planned to accommodate families already on site for student pickup, and offer them an evening nature trip. Participants boarded the bus where we headed to the San Gabriel River Trail. On the trail we hiked and discussed the plants, reptiles and birds we encountered. We chose a spot to sit near the water to view the aquatic fowl. After discussing the San Gabriel River watershed and its habitat, we hiked back on the trail to the nature center. Here participants learned about the wildlife in southern California, and met live reptiles. We provided dinner for participants and returned to Dorris Dann.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Participants were recruited through our community home base, Dorris Dann Kids Campus, through tabling and emailing.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Private Bus

Transportation Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$962

Number of Staff Managing Event: 5 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpacks with a first aid kit, a list of participants, an iPad, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: For dinner participants were provided catered Subway dinner boxes, which included a sub, chips, and a cookie.



PHOTOS



BINOCULAR RIVER VIEWING



YOUTH WITH MOUNTAIN LION



YOUTH OBSERVING SNAKE EXHIBIT



PARTICIPANTS LEARNING ABOUT OUR WATERSHED

OUTDOOR EQUITY INTERNS



INTERN BRIANA TRANSLATING GUIDED HIKE TO SPANISH



INTERNS WORKING ON URBAN FORESTRY

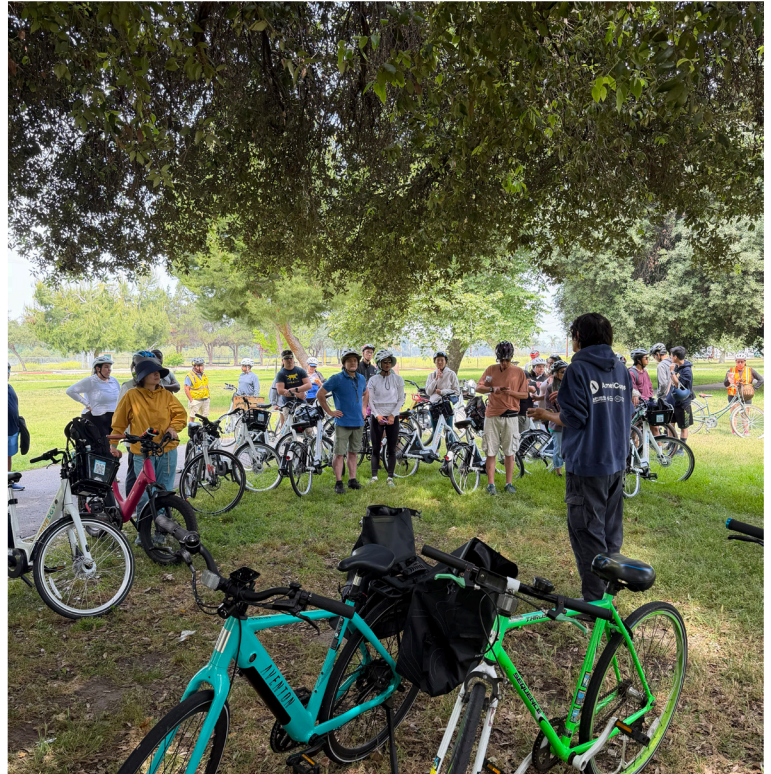


INTERNS WORKING ON URBAN FORESTRY



INTERN AVA WORKING AS VISUAL GUIDE

COMMUNITY EVENTS



T COMMUNITY EMERALD NECKLACE BIKE RIDE

COMMUNITY EVENTS



COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PLANTING



COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PLANTING



EL MONTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS LEARNING TREE INDEXING



SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES OUTDOOR EQUITY EVENT