

# SOUTHEAST SECTOR (Sunol area)

Jan/Feb 2012

## NATURALIST PROGRAMS

P.O. Box 82, Sunol, CA 94586

The Visitor Center is open to the public on weekends, call for hours (510) 544-3249.

All Sunol programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Accommodation will be made for visitors with disabilities with advance notice.

Register online for some classes at [www.ebparksonline.org](http://www.ebparksonline.org) or call 1-888-EBPARKS.

If registration is not required programs are drop-in.

Ⓟ Parking fee may apply.

## SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING SUNOL DOCENT TRAINING

If you love parks and kids, consider becoming a Sunol docent! Help naturalists teach outdoor weekday school programs in many different EBRPD parks in southeast Alameda County. Begins in 2012. Contact Naturalist/Docent Coordinator Katie Colbert: for more information: (510) 544-3243.

## OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES Ⓟ



Naturalists Katie Colbert & Cat Taylor  
VARIOUS PARKS- Children 3-5 years and a parent or adult friend are invited to make wild discoveries. **Registration is required. Fee programs.**

Wear grubby play clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get wet, muddy, painty and generally dirty. \$3 non- Outdoor Discoveries aged sibling if they participate in craft or food activities payable on the day of the program at the park. Class meets rain, shine and fire closure days unless otherwise notified.

10am-12pm, Thu, Jan 12 (Garin) # 28024  
10-11:30am, Thu, Jan 26 (Las Trampas) # 28025  
10-11:30am, Thu, Feb 9 (Las Trampas) # 28026  
10-11:30am, Thu, Feb 23 (Las Trampas) # 28027  
10-11:30am, Sat, Feb 25 (Sunol) # 28040

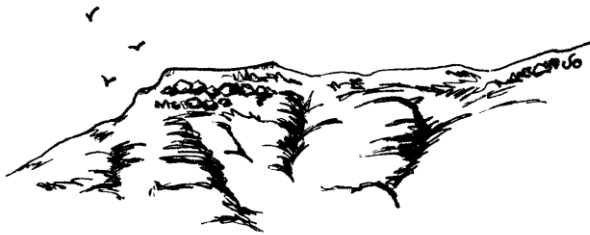
**Jan 12: GARIN: JORDAN POND LUNCH HIKE:** It's always good weather for ducks! Pack a trail lunch for our visit to ducky Jordan Pond.

**Jan 26: LAS TRAMPAS: SEASON OF SALAMANDERS:** Amphibians love the moist mornings of winter! Join us for a (maybe) muddy explore.

**Feb 9: LAS TRAMPAS: CLAY PLAY -** Sticky, sloppy, crafty clay. What can we find in it, what can we make with it and just how muddy can we get?

**Feb 23: LAS TRAMPAS: MUSHY MUSHROOM DAYS:** When it rains it spores! We'll hunt high and low where molds might grow for fungus amungus.

**Feb 25: SUNOL: FROGGINESS -** Pollywog want a cracker? What do YOU think? We'll discover what frog babies eat and more!



## SUNOL BIRTHDAY FLAG HILL DINNER HIKE

Katie Colbert

3:30- 7pm, Sat, Jan 1 # 28023

SUNOL-Bundle up to toast the New Year! Catch the jolly good sunset from the top of Flag Hill and nature's hoopla on the way down. Bring a trail dinner. Funny hats provided. Registration is required. For info: (510)544-3243. Ages 7+ Yosemite and stop for stories of people who called Sunol home. the famed Little Yosemite waterfalls. 7+yrs  
**Registration is required.**



## WOMEN ON COMMON GROUND <sup>®</sup>



Naturalist -Katie Colbert

**10am-2pm, Sat Jan 21 (Sibley) # 28048**

**10am-2:30pm, Sat Feb 11 (Briones) # 28049**

**VARIOUS PARKS-**This is a series of naturalist-led programs for women who love the outdoors but whose concern for personal safety keeps them from enjoying their own parks. For a complete schedule contact (510) 544-3243, or [kcolbert@ebparks.org](mailto:kcolbert@ebparks.org).  
**Registration is required.**

**Jan 21: SIBLEY- VOLCANOES IN OAKLAND?** Discover our lava-rich past on this three- to four-mile hike to the heart of an ancient volcano. Some uphill, but not as much as in Hawaii.

**Feb 11: BRIONES-ALHAMBRA CREEK STAGING: AMPHIBIAN NEWTITY** We'll take a leisurely four-mile hike up- and down-hill through grassland and briar patch to the Maricich and Sindicich Lagoons to see California newts frolic in their slimy valentine splendor.

### **LASAGNA FOR YOUR GARDEN**

**2- 4pm, Sun, Jan 22 # 28055**

Melissa Tarnowski/Terri Bostater  
SUNOL- Start your vegetable garden early this year. Your soil will be hungry for the nutrients this "lasagna" provides as we learn to layer for compost.  
7+ yrs.

**Registration is required.**

### **WILD AND WINTRY DAY ON BRUSHY PEAK**

**11am-3pm, Sat, Jan 28 # 28056**

Cat Taylor  
BRUSHY PEAK- Enjoy the wintry wilds on this 4-mile round-trip over green hill and dale as we discover the unique history of this local landmark.  
7+ yrs

### **SCIENCE FOR TYKES: AN OWLING GOOD TIME <sup>®</sup>**

**5-7pm, Sat, Jan 28 # 28059**

Cat Taylor  
SHADOW CLIFFS- Kids will explore the amazing adaptations these nocturnal predators possess in order to perform their nightly shenanigans, then we'll hoot it up on a hike.  
5-10 yrs.

**Registration is required.**

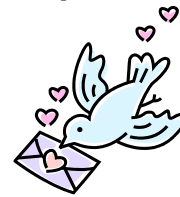
**Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)**

### **GARDENING IN CONTAINERS**

**2-4pm Sun, Feb 19 # 28062**

Terri Bostater/Melissa Tarnowski  
SUNOL- Growing beautiful flowers and vegetables doesn't require a big lot. Take home the "secrets" of creating a lovely garden using everyday containers.  
7+ yrs

**Registration is required.**



### **LOVE IN THE WILDERNESS**

**10:30am-1:30pm, Sat, Feb 18 # 28067**

Cat Taylor  
SUNOL- Continue the romance of St Valentine! We'll hike up-up-up to the newt pond to spy on amorous salamanders and look to the skies for courting eagles. 3.5 miles.  
7+yrs

**Registration is required.**

### **SCIENCE FOR TYKES: VERNAL POOL- GAME**

**3:30-5pm, Sat, Feb 18 # 28073**

Cat Taylor  
SUNOL- I've heard of a swimming pool, but what's a vernal pool? With dipnets, we'll investigate the secrets of these short-term events. 5-10yrs.

**Registration is required.**

**Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)**

