



Pinnacles Partnership Voice

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Calendar

March 28-30, 2008
CENTENNIEL WEEKEND
Future Events: www.nps.gov/pinn

April 12, 2008
WILDFLOWER WALK
AT PINN FOR MEMBERS
For info: (831) 389-4486 ext 259

April 14th & 23rd, 2008
Earth Day Essay Contest
Entries due by the 14th
Award Ceremony on 23rd
For info: (831) 383-0912 (GRACE)

April 22, 2008 @ 6:45 P.M.
PIPA Board Meeting
(MEMBERS WELCOME)
For info: (831) 634-1012 (PAULA)

April 26, 2008
Jr. Ranger Day
For info: (831) 389-4486 ext 243

PLEASE SAVE THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

May 10, 2008
The 2nd Annual PIPA
"Picnic in the Park" will be
held 5/10/08 in the PINN
campground. PIPA
members, families and
guests will enjoy a
delicious BBQ lunch,
interesting speakers and
an array of ranger led
activities.
For info: (831) 383-0912 (GRACE)

October 11, 2008
1st Annual Condor Classic
Bicycle Rally
For info: www.condorclassic.com



"President Roosevelt," Ernie & Rose Pruitt and Superintendent Brunneemann cutting the cake at the rededication ceremony of Pinnacles National Monument (Jan 16th, 08)

A REPORT FROM PRESIDENT REGAN

Under California law, a public benefit nonprofit must annually report to its members and directors. As President of the Board of Pinnacles Partnership ("PIPA"), it is my great honor to present PIPA's very first Annual Report.

Thanks to the following donors, PIPA was able to begin the following projects during 2007:

- CFFMC contributed \$12,500 for outreach activities in the Salinas valley. (See "*Outreach Worker*" on Page 3.)
- Patagonia contributed \$2,500 for promotion of non-lead ammunition. A bi-lingual display made possible by this grant will be unveiled at the Members' Day Picnic on May 10, 2008
- e-Bay contributed \$2,500 for Science Camp supplies and for habitat restoration supplies/volunteer recognition. (See "*Science Camp Set for Launch*" on Page 4).
- National Park Foundation contributed \$1,500 to translate Jr. Ranger texts into Spanish. (See "*Jr. Rangers Wanted*" on Page 4).
- Seven of our own individual PIPA Members contributed an astonishing combined total of \$51,967 for two projects: condors and BVS restoration.
- In addition to the designated grants/donations listed above, PIPA received \$11,090.84 in unrestricted funds from its membership.

PIPA's Balance Sheet ending 12/31/2007 is on Page 2. If you would like a copy of PIPA's full financial report for calendar year 2007, please e-mail request to info@pinnaclespartnership.org. Thank you for your generous support, and I hope to see you all at the Members' Day Picnic in May!

Timothy P. Regan

Members Wildflower Walk:

PIPA members, families, and friends are invited to a special wildflower walk at Pinnacles National Monument. On April 12 at 10 a.m. please meet park Botanist, Brent Johnson at the Bear Gulch Nature Center. Brent will lead walkers through special places in the park on this Saturday during the height of the wildflower season. Bring lunch, water, flashlights, hat, and good hiking shoes. Call (831) 389-4486 ext 259 for info and reservation.

Pinnacles Partnership Balance Sheet For period ending 12/31/2008

	Jan 1, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - San Benito Bank Checking	72,511.90
FUND - CFFSBC	54.10
Total Checking/Savings	72,566.00
Other Current Assets	
12000 - Undeposited Funds	1,500.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,500.00
Total Current Assets	74,066.00
TOTAL ASSETS	74,066.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20100 - Bills Payable	312.66
Total Accounts Payable	312.66
Total Current Liabilities	312.66
Total Liabilities	312.66
Equity	
31500 - Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
31503 - Visitor Experience Fund	
31601 - Outreach Worker	12,500.00
31609 - Centennial Celebration	200.00
Total 31503 - Visitor Experience Fund	12,700.00
31502 - Habitat (Restore/Acquire) Fund	
31602 - Non-Lead Ammunition Project	2,900.00
31603 - Supplies Habitat Restoration	1,320.00
31604 - Condor T-Shirts for Volunteers	200.00
31607 - Condors	1,687.00
31608 - Bear Valley School	52,180.00
Total 31502 - Habitat (Restore/Acquire) Fund	55,787.00
31501 - Education Fund	
31605 - Jr. Ranger Program - Sp. Texts	1,500.00
31606 - Science Camp Supplies	488.50
Total 31501 - Education Fund	1,988.50
Total 31500 - Temp. Restricted Net Assets	70,475.50
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	3,277.64
Total Equity	73,753.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	74,066.00

PIPA'S NEW OUTREACH WORKER GRACE DOMINGUEZ (Our First Employee)

PIPA is pleased to introduce Grace Dominguez, our newly hired Outreach Worker. Funding for Grace's position was provided through a grant from the Community Foundation for Monterey County to foster greater environmental awareness and action in the Salinas Valley. Grace, bi-lingual in English and Spanish, brings a wealth of experience to her position. Together with our talented PINN partner Michelle Armijo, Grace has already launched an Earth Day Essay Contest for students in south Monterey County (see article below).

Grace's goal for this grant funded project is to introduce PINN to the Spanish speaking population of the Salinas Valley. She hopes to entice at least thirty individuals from this target population to visit the park for the first time before August 2008. In keeping with PIPA's mission to enhance education, resource stewardship, and visitor experiences at Pinnacles National Monument for present and future generations, Grace is hoping to take opportunities presented by the many upcoming activities at PINN to host (with the help of her park partners) many first time Spanish speaking visitors from the Salinas Valley.

EARTH DAY ESSAY CONTEST

April 14, 2008 is the deadline for students to submit their essay in response to the question "Why is it important to protect our local Pinnacles National Monument?" Essays can be returned to libraries in King City, Soledad, Greenfield, and Gonzales. The Award Ceremony will take place on April 23, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Soledad Library. For information on the essay contest, call Grace Dominguez, Pinnacles Partnership's Outreach Coordinator, at (831) 383-0912.

EXCITING NEWS FROM OUR PARK PARTNERS:

THE ROCKPILE RENDEZVOUS

Throughout 2008, Centennial events will highlight the legacy of local initiative and support that was instrumental in the preservation of Pinnacles. PINN will present a special event on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. celebrating the legacy of climbing at Pinnacles. The Rockpile Rendezvous on the west side of the monument will highlight a variety of recreational and educational opportunities found within the local communities' own backyard. It is our goal to share the park's resources and values with the general public, especially improving our outreach to culturally diverse audiences.

SCIENCE CAMP SET FOR LAUNCH

PINN will launch its pilot Science Camp this May thanks to the great work of park staffer Michelle Armijo. Students and teachers from Felton Middle School will be the participants of this exciting pilot project. Campers will study condors, geology, native and invasive flora/fauna, human history, bats and astronomy during their week-end stay at PINN. Through a grant received from e-Bay, PIPA contributed supplies such as first aid kits, maps, and compasses, flashlights and backpacks. National Park Service employees, volunteers, and interns from Hartnell Junior College will assist Michelle with this program launch. For more information, contact Michelle or Carl Brenner at PINN.



JUNIOR RANGERS WANTED!!!

PINN will celebrate National Park Junior Ranger day on April 26, 2008, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Become a certified Junior Ranger by completing a FREE interactive booklet. Receive an official Junior Ranger badge, patch, pin and certificate. Families with children ages 3-13 are encouraged to attend. For more information visit: www.nps.gov/pinn or call Carl Brenner, Supervisor of Interpretation & Education at 831-389-4486 ext. 265.

Pinnacles Shuttle Schedule

Shuttle service is provided only on the east side of the Monument. Shuttle service provides transportation from the lower Pinnacles Visitor Center up to the Upper Bear Gulch Nature Center on weekends and holiday Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Shuttle service between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. will be unavailable due to staff lunch breaks. The weekend shuttle service will be available until June 15, 2008. Please call the monument at (831) 389-4485 or visit www.nps.gov/pinn for more information about the monument and its shuttle service.

What You Can Do!

A dedicated team of PIPA volunteers meet with our PINN partners weekly to plan, manage and complete the many projects that were funded in 2007. We also brainstorm new projects for launch in 2008. Our biggest challenge so far in 2008 is securing an individual with the time and the know-how to serve our new nonprofit in the role of Executive Director.

Since we all understand the need to work for a living, we are hoping you will help us in the next few months to raise sufficient funds to retain a qualified person for this position for at least twelve months beginning in June 2008.

Your core Team will soon send out membership renewals to those of you who so kindly joined PIPA during 2008. When you receive this letter, we fervently hope that you will think about renewing your PIPA membership for the ensuing year at a higher level than you did in 2007. Because we know that the present state of the economy makes any discretionary funding more difficult for everyone, we plan to begin a pledge program this year so that interested members can make smaller periodic payments for their membership.

Please remember that we are grateful for your support at any level, so please do not be offended at our request. We are simply so excited about the many possible ways that we can help our park partners, and are desperate to find someone with sufficient time to lead us to this end!!!

As PINN Superintendent stated in our December issue of the voice:

"THANK YOU for your membership with Pinnacles Partnership. Come and see your National Monument as we celebrate its 100th Birthday, and let (us) personally invite you to share in the splendor and beauty of Pinnacles National Monument."

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Regan, Eric Brunnemann, et al.

Your PIPA Core Team and Park Partners

Pinnacles Early History

In the fall of 1933, a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp was established at the monument on Chalone Creek, and W.I. Hawkins became camp superintendent as well as monument custodian. The CCC program—formally called the Emergency Conservation Work—was established under President Franklin Roosevelt's Federal Emergency Relief Act. It put thousands of young men to work on federal and state lands throughout the nation doing forestry conservation work and light construction. The CCC became one of the most popular of Roosevelt's Depression-era assistance programs. The "Cee's" were active at Pinnacles National Monument until early 1942, when the entire program was shut down as a result of America's entry into World War II. During these nine years, CCC enrollees expanded and improved the existing trail system and built, or helped build, a number of new structures. These included the Bear Gulch nature center (formerly the visitor center), the Condor Gulch utility area, the superintendent's residence, the stone entrance pylons along Chalone Creek, two rustic-style pit toilets on North Chalone Peak and Scout Peak, and the Bear Gulch Dam. The Cee's were also responsible for much of the existing landscaping in the Bear Gulch headquarters and picnic areas. The intensive physical development that occurred during this relatively brief period of time was guided by comprehensive master plans, the first complete set of which was prepared by the Park Service's Branch of Plans and Design in 1933. These planning sheets were updated every few years until 1942.

W.I. Hawkins remained custodian for the duration of World War II, though he had little to do at the monument during this time, since the Park Service's budget and staff were cut to a minimum with all attention focused on the war effort. Hawkins' entire staff consisted of just one ranger, a maintenance man and a clerk. This was a dramatic change from just a few years earlier when as many as two hundred people might be working at the monument at any given time. Despite these reduced circumstances, Hawkins kept the monument open and frequently hosted recreational outings for soldiers and sailors on leave from nearby military bases. He was proud that in spite of gas rationing there were more visitors than before the wars. With the end of the war, the pace would soon quicken once more at Pinnacles, but W.I. Hawkins would no longer be a part of it. In 1945, he was 78 years old and ready to retire. He tendered his resignation as monument custodian on June 30 of that year, less than two months before the Japanese surrender in August. In July, Frank R. Givens would become the third custodian of Pinnacles.

Timothy Babalis, Historian National Park Service

WELCOME
New Members!

California Condor

The Schmidt Family
WNPA
The Terry Family Fund
National Park Foundation
Court Van Tassell

Acorn Woodpecker

Helen Ross
Eszter Tompos
Mark Paxton
James Petterson
The Cauthen-Wright Family
Polaris Law Group (upgrade)
Rupp, Laurel

American Kestrel

Dan Larson
Allen Utterback

California Quail

Jessica French
Reuven Segev
Carla Hendershot
John McKellar

PIPA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED SHIPMENT OF OUR POSTERS BASED ON A WATERCOLOR RENDITION OF THE PINNACLES BY LOCAL ARTIST, GAYLE SLEZNICK. POSTERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMBERS AT THE AMERICAN KESTREL LEVEL AND ABOVE, UPON REQUEST.
(Like you, Allen)



MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID TO PINNACLES PARTNERSHIP ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL PAULA GRACE AT (831) 634-1012.

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