

HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

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Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ It has taken a year and a half but the Angeles Crest Highway is now open from La Canada to Wrightwood. One small stretch from Eagle's Roost to Islip Tunnel is still one lane and there may be construction delays there.
- ❖ The Station Fire Closure Area is being substantially reduced in size, and some of our hiking and camping areas are now open for use again. It is a bit tricky trying to figure out what exactly is open, but the new map at <http://maps.fs.fed.us/stationfire/> is very helpful.
- ❖ As you are planning your outings, be aware that just because the trails are open does not mean that the trails are in good condition. The result of the fire, two winters of unusually heavy rains, and two years of non-use and no maintenance has left many of the trails in challenging conditions. There is plenty of erosion, landslides, downfalls, and vegetation. In many places, you will find route finding and locating the trail tread challenging.
- ❖ Beware the poodle-dog bush, especially in the Station Fire area. It tempts hikers with lush spikes of purple flowers that bloom between June and August. But touching, even sniffing it causes a delayed rash that sufferers describe as a combination of stinging nettle and poison oak. It is found in burned-over areas in the first few years after a fire.

HAT Websites: <<http://www.laac-hat.com>>, <<http://www.boyscoutsla.org>> & click Scouting Links

Future Events

Jul 17 - Aug 1	Provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch	Council-Camping
Jul 23 - 30	Provisional contingent to Log Cabin	Council-HAT

3-Month Calendar

Jun 1	HAT Meeting	
Jun 4	National Trails Day	Forest Service
Jul 17-Aug 1	Philmont Provisional	
Jul 23-30	Log Cabin Provisional	
Sep 6	HAT Meeting	
Sep 10	Trail Boss (Advanced)	Forest Service
Sep 17	Desert Camping Seminar	
TBD	Desert Weekend Outing	

* HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, 7:30 p.m., LAAC Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

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