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Welcome to our newsletter!

Your source for volunteer and partner news, events, ways to get involved, and resources on the forest.

In this issue...

- Recertification and certification opportunities
- High school students help build new system trails
- Camp hosts wanted



The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

RECRUITMENT CORNER

Upcoming Opportunities for Volunteer Work



First Aid and CPR Class - Saturday March 18

See the next page to sign up.

Trail Condition Reports

Ranger Districts are always looking for trail reports to keep our website information current and to help prioritize trail crews. You're our eyes on the ground when we can't get outside! If you have anything to share relating to snow levels, trail conditions, etc., please get in touch.

Want your organization's early-mid summer volunteer opportunities included in our next newsletter to boost sign-ups? Let us know and we will add them to the Recruitment Corner in the April issue.

Basic First Aid and CPR Class - Spring 2023



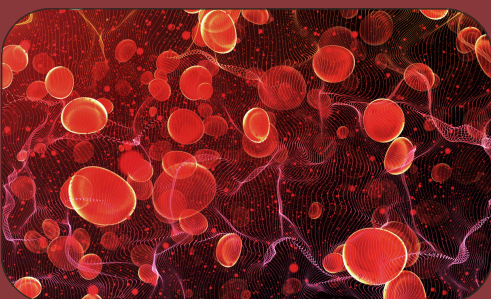
Saturday March 18th, 9am-2pm
with optional Bloodborne Pathogens training 2-3pm
Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office
11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe ([click here for map](#))

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/RbrNCYmAtFyEftzc6>

Sign up online via the link above or by contacting Sarah Smith: sarah.smith3@usda.gov; 505-469-8681. Classes are FREE for our volunteers. Space is limited.

Bloodborne Pathogens Training

For those who may need this certification but do not need First Aid/CPR, this training will be administered on an as-needed basis with a virtual option. Contact Sarah Smith with course needs. Course duration: 1 hour.



Need crosscut saw certification or recertification?



Please fill out the online form at the link below or contact a district representative so we can work on coordinating course offerings based on need:

<https://forms.gle/DJiJ52vSA>
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DIGGING INTO TRAIL WORK

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY



In 2022, several youth groups and schools volunteered their time to help the Santa Fe National Forest build and maintain trails. Santa Fe Preparatory Academy was one of these groups that assisted with trail building at the new Arroyo Hondo trail system. Under the supervision of Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, the high school students cleared trees and brush, cut in new trail tread and drainage features, and rehabilitated user-made trails causing erosion issues. Participant Nico Roth, who also coordinated the work days, weighed in on the trail building experience:

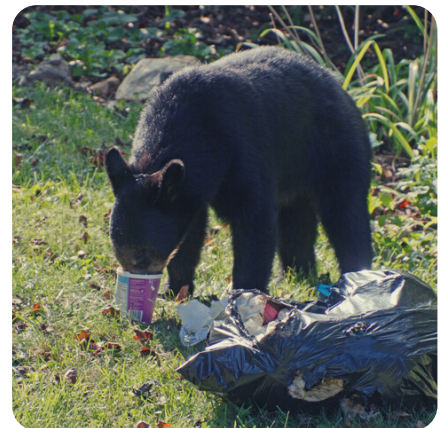
"As a mountain biker, I love helping to build new local trails because I know I'll get to ride them at some point. But beyond my own inclinations, I value the legacy of volunteerism Santa Fe Prep has instilled in its students, along with a service-oriented mindset. Santa Fe's recreationists are one of a kind because we are active participants in our community, and being a part of that is special."



PRO TIP of the MONTH

You can take **Leave No Trace** ethics courses for free online!

Do you know how deep your poo should be buried? Are you a pro at choosing the best campsite with the least amount of impact? Our partner, the Leave No Trace Center of Outdoor Ethics, offers an array of online courses and certifications for kids, teens, and adults at no charge. Learn tips for minimizing your impact while visiting your favorite outdoor spaces.



Check out course offerings here:

<https://Int.org/get-involved/training-courses/online-courses/>

WANTED: CAMP HOSTS for the 2023 summer season

Spend your summer under the stars



Apply at [Volunteer.gov](https://www.volunteer.gov)



Daily stipend included.
Contact a volunteer coordinator with questions.

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