



THREE BRIDGES OAK PRESERVE—1st ANNIVERSARY!!

Time flies when you are having fun outdoors! It has been one year since ALPS opened the Three Bridges Oak Preserve (TBOP) trailhead and trails on the morning of June 30, 2017.



ALPS trail crew members finish putting in the last interpretive sign on Oct. 5, 2017, the North County Panorama located at the top of the trail.

The Preserve offers users almost three miles of multiuse trails on 103 acres of oak-studded natural land. It is very fulfilling to hear words of appreciation from the many users who enjoy the trails. Many users ask questions about how such a great trail system was constructed. Others issue compliments about the even grade and wide tread which allow a wide range of different users to enjoy the trails and outdoors.

None of it would have been accomplished without the many hours contributed by numerous volunteers and supporters who helped in so many ways to bring this wonderful outdoor venue to Atascadero.

Besides the beautiful landscape, great trails and amazing view from the top; ten large interpretive signs and more than a dozen small trailside signs provide trail users with interesting information about the project, local history, watershed, habitat and the resident flora and fauna.

WORKDAY “HIGHLIGHT” — TBOP PLANTING PROJECT—11/18/2017



ALPS Volunteers planting some of the native plants at the Three Bridges Oak Preserve trailhead.

As part of the trailhead construction rehabilitation plan, 28 ALPS volunteers planted 56 native plants inside the trailhead and along the entrance road. Volunteers installed plants, gopher cages, mulch, and deer browse cages. To help ensure the plants make it through the first few years, ALPS initiated an "Adopt a Plant" program where volunteers stepped up to help perform bi-weekly watering and care for the plants.

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Our next workday will be September 29 when we join the city wide “Creek Cleanup” Day. Workdays will resume in October and thereafter, typically the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month.

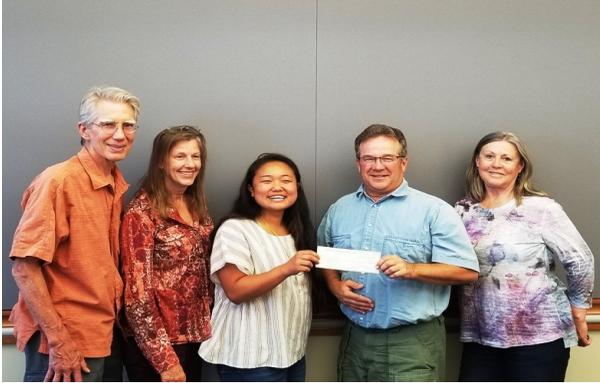
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2018 GERI BRASHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The 2018 Geraldine Brasher Phemiester Scholarship recipient is **Hina Nogi**, a graduating senior at Atascadero High School. Hina will attend UC Riverside this fall and will major in environmental science. Her future goals are to get a masters in wildlife biology or ecology.



Scholarship recipient Hina Nogi (Center) with Board Members John Goers, Jonalee Istenes, Mike Orvis and Deborah Stafford

Hina was involved with the Atascadero High School Marching Band and Pep Band Club. She was the Team Captain on the Girls Soccer Team along with being selected as their Most Valuable Player. She volunteered with Project Surf Camp and refereed and coached with the Atascadero Youth Soccer program. We were impressed with her balance between sports, activities, academics and community service!



ALPS Display at "Party for the Planet" at Charles Paddock Zoo!

ADOBE SPRINGS INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

For the third year in a row, ALPS utilized its Adobe Springs property to conduct educational field trips for the local elementary schools. ALPS hosted the Adobe Springs Interpretive Program which was created to help the local elementary schools fulfill the third grade local history requirement. ALPS provides the schools with the curriculum, experiments and docent led field trip to Adobe Springs.



Docent Miguel Marques, National Park Service Interpretive Specialist, describing clothes worn by the Anza Expedition.

The first field trip was held on April 10 for 36 students from Monterey Road Elementary. The next day, April 11, ALPS hosted 90 students from San Gabriel Elementary. In two days 126 students visited Adobe Springs for the 1-1/2 hour program. The field trip encompassed six stations. Three stations focused on local history topics including learning about the Native Americans who lived in the area for centuries, the Anza Expedition passing by on March 4, 1776, and the Estrada Adobe built in 1812 as an outpost to Mission San Miguel. The fourth station was an interactive program about the native plants

found at Adobe Springs. The fifth station gave the students a chance to be creative and make nature related bookmarks. The sixth station was situated at the spring where the students learned about the spring and water that has flowed continuously for centuries.



Docent Patti Dunton, Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, teaches students about the history of the native people.

ALPS thanks all the volunteers who made this years program a big success. Chairperson Jonalee Istenes led the program and handled the many details needed to insure the programs continued success. Thanks to the docents: Patti Dunton (Native People), Miguel Marquez (ANZA Expedition), Jaime Hendrickson (Spring Water), Suzy Bernstein and David Chipping (Flora and Fauna), Deborah Stafford (Bookmark craft), and Mike Orvis (Estrada Adobe).



Docents Suzi Bernstein and David Chipping, California Native Plant Society SLO, instruct at the flora and fauna station

NATIVE TREE COMMITTEE

ALPS Native Tree Committee had a busy spring this year!



On March 10th, to celebrate Arbor Day, the Atascadero Cub Scout Pack 51 came to Adobe Springs and planted seven Valley Oak trees. Cory Meyer began the morning with history about the origin and celebration of Arbor Day. The Cub Scout's donated the trees with ALPS providing other materials. To show our appreciation for a job well done, ALPS had plenty of snacks and lemonade!



Cory Meyer, ALPS Native Tree Committee Chairman, instructing Cub Scouts and parents how to properly plant a Valley Oak Tree.

On April 21, ALPS participated in the earth day celebration at the Charles Paddock Zoo. The event dubbed "Party for the Planet" brought together many organizations to team up and provide a great day of education, conservation and fun for all ages! ALPS activities for the kids included looking through a microscope to see various leaf structures, a board game to place plants and animals in a Tree Ecosystem, and a coloring book with information about trees and how to protect them. We also gave away a dozen Coast Live Oak and Valley Oak tree seedlings!