



Atascadero Land Preservation Society

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Next volunteer workday will be:
Sept. 26 - Creek Cleanup Day
6805 Sycamore Rd.—ANZA Trailhead
Signup at 8:30 am
Workday from 9:00 am to Noon

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Fall Festival / Colony Days
October 16-18

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ALPS Newsletter

Atascadero Land Preservation Society

Summer 2026

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

ALPS relies on volunteers to support the care of our 125 acres of open space and our oak tree planting sites. ALPS could not exist without these great volunteers!

In the last year ALPS had six **Saturday workdays** totaling 241 volunteer hours. We started last September helping with the Creek Cleanup Day. We performed maintenance at our oak tree planting sites at Halcon, Alondra, and Calle Milano roads, inside Stadium Park, and the Carmelita trail area. At the Bill Shepard Native Garden we removed weeds, trimmed bushes and trail cleanup. Volunteers donated 156 hours helping with our **educational programs** such as the Adobe Springs Interpretive Program, Party for the Planet, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Sudden Oak Death Survey and tours for the public. The **Trail Crew** volunteered 319 hours on 13 different workdays helping maintain our properties performing trail work, building fence, and other necessary maintenance activities. During the hot summer months volunteers donated 130 hours **watering oak trees** at the various oak tree planting sites.



Workday at Adobe Springs



Trail Crew - West Mall fence construction



Adobe Spring Tour - ANZA Expedition 250th Anniversary



Trail Crew - Three Bridges Oak Preserve

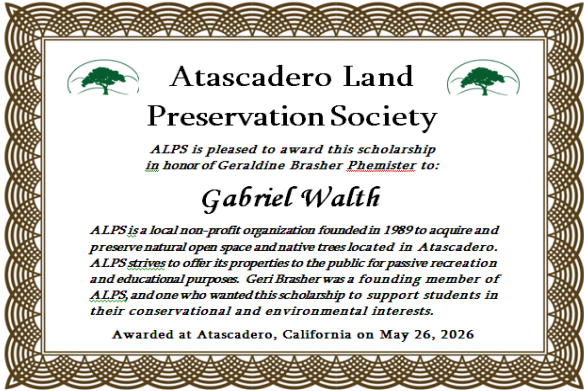
2026 GERI BRASHER
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Gabriel accepting his check from ALPS Board Members

The 2026 recipient of the Geraldine Brasher Phemister Scholarship is **Gabriel Walth**, a graduating senior at Atascadero High School. Gabriel will be attending California State University Monterey Bay this fall. He will be majoring in biological sciences with a focus on Environmental Science.

Gabriel cares about the future of our planet and species and wants to personally help the environment. The college also offers a beautiful training ground for distance runners so Gabriel plans to run cross county for the school to sharpen his focus and challenge him in new ways while staying fit and active. Congratulations Gabriel!



ADOBE SPRINGS
INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM



Students learning about the geology that makes a spring

In April for the 9th year, ALPS provided do-cent led field trips for 121 local 3rd grade students from San Benito Road and Santa Margarita Elementary schools. The field trips are a complement to the classroom instruction relating to their local history education.

The four stations are: **Salinan Tribe** which teaches about their culture and how they lived for many centuries on this land.

Estrada Adobe created as an outpost of Mis-sion San Miguel in 1812. **SLO Beaver Bri-gade** teaching about beavers, their habitat and the benefits they provide in our rivers and streams. **The Spring** explaining how a groundwater spring is created and how ani-mals and humans need water to live.



Students learning about how the Salinan people lived

ARBOR DAY PLANTING



Teaching students the history of Arbor Day

In March ALPS Native Tree Committee cele-brated Arbor Day by planting three - 5 gallon Toyons at the San Benito Road Elementary student garden. This was a great chance to in-teract with the kids and explain the importance of taking care of our beautiful urban forest in Atascadero. The kids were instructed on the steps for planting and the ongoing care of wa-tering and protecting the Toyons as they grow into a big beautiful bushes. It is fun to watch the students enthusiastically play in the dirt!



Happy students surrounding their planted Toyon

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SUDDEN OAK DEATH SURVEY

In May, ALPS volunteers supported the county wide Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz. They surveyed Bay Laurel trees located within Three Bridges Oak Preserve. The California Bay Laurel tree is a vector for the pathogen which can be transmitted to nearby Live Oak trees. SOD is a fungus-like tree dis-ease that has killed millions of oak trees to the north of San Luis Obispo County.

PARTY FOR THE PLANET

In April ALPS participated in the annual “Party for the Planet” Earth Day event hosted by the City at the Charles Paddock Zoo.



ALPS Party for the Planet “A Closer Look At Leaves” station The event attracts local and out of county families providing a great opportunity to showcase our work and share our passion at this educational event. We gave away Live, Valley and Blue oak seedlings for attendees to take home and plant!

WAYS TO SUPPORT ALPS!

- Attend a volunteer workday (bring a friend)
- Become a board member
- Join the Native Tree Committee
- Donate and become a member
- Donate to the Scholarship Fund

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