

January 13, 2018

Saturday Trail Clearing and Weeding

8:00 am – 11:30 am

The Richard and Donna O'Neill Conservancy

Volunteer to spend a few hours in beautiful surroundings helping make The Reserve trails accessible to our visitors. Join the crew dedicated to protecting our native ecosystems by maintaining trails and eliminating weeds. Volunteer efforts make an impact! Drinks and snacks provided. (BRING: Work gloves if you have them).

Ages: 10 and up

Volunteers: Free

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Saturday, January 13, 2018

Astronomy Night

Orange County Stars

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The Richard and Donna O'Neill Conservancy

Visitors traveling to sparsely populated areas are usually delighted to discover how many more stars are visible than at home. If you've not yet caught a glimpse of the Milky Way, come out to The Reserve for Astronomy Night where you can still view many more celestial phenomena than elsewhere in urbanized Orange County!

Enjoy an evening outdoors, as you gaze into the heavens, learn the constellations, and peer through the telescopes of our volunteer astronomers. Reserve astronomers are all volunteers who enthusiastically share their telescopes and expert sky knowledge with you. (BRING: Warm clothing, Red cellophaned flashlight, binoculars, optional beach chair.)

Ages: 8 and up

Adult: \$10.00

Child: \$5.00

Supporter: Free

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Monday, January 15, 2018

Martin Luther King Jr. – Day of Service 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo Headquarters

Enjoy a morning of service with Reserve staff and fellow volunteers as we beautify the grounds at our new headquarters. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off."

Please join us as we plant native plant gardens and create new teaching areas for our outdoor classroom.

Ages: 8 and up

Volunteers: Free

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Getting Friendly with Fungi Lecture

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Guest House in Rancho Mission Viejo

Explore the fascinating world of wild mushrooms with amateur mycologist Joanne Schwartz. She will describe methods for locating and identifying wild mushrooms in Southern California and beyond, as well as understanding their place in nature – oaks, pines, orchids and more are dependent on fungal associations. We will hear tales of fungal folklore and consider eating and growing them. Joanne will bring her collection of mushroom hunting gear and ID resources ... and mushrooms too, if they are fruiting locally.

Her collecting in 2017 has focused in the Redwoods and southern Sierra, as well as Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Her presentation will feature recent finds from these locations.

Ages: 8 and up

Free

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Saturday, January 20, 2018

Fun Finding Fungi Mushroom Walk

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Richard and Donna O'Neill Conservancy

What are Mushrooms and Why Do We Care?

Why do they grow with Oaks?

Can I Touch Them? Can I Pick Them? Can I Eat Them?

How to Find, Photograph, and Identify Fungi.

Explore the fascinating world of wild mushrooms with amateur mycologist Joanne Schwartz. If we are fortunate and get rain, we might find a wide range of fungal forms and species.

Ages: 8 and up

Adult: \$10.00

Child: \$5.00

Supporter: Free

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Saturday, January 27, 2018

Toys From Nature Family Workshop

9:00 am – 11:00 am

The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo Headquarters

Nature is the best playground. Spend a morning playing outdoor games and exploring with nature's best toys - rocks, sticks, mud and leaves! Make and take your own handmade toy from nature.

Activities and craft geared for ages 6 - 11 years, but all ages (6 and up) are welcome to participate.

Ages: 6 and up

Adult: \$5.00

Child: \$5.00

Supporter: Free

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