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The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center

Promoting the conservation and restoration of the Guadalupe-Nipomo dunes ecosystem through education, research, and the support of cooperative stewardship.

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Upcoming Events

Volunteer Meeting
Dunes Center 10:00 am
June 23
July 28
August 25

Native Gardening
7th & Campodonico
In Guadalupe 9:00 am
4th Saturday of the month

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From the Executive Director's Desk

School is out and summer has started, where does the time go? Summer is our busiest season at the Dunes Center as we deliver our 7-week Fun in the Sun Summer of Service Program, funded by the United Way. We also offer our 6-week daily summer program in coordination with the Guadalupe Boys and Girls Club. Summer through early fall is also grant writing season for 2012 funding.

We are planning some enhancements to last years' Fun in the Sun Summer of Service project, the Native Garden located at 7th Street and Campodonico here in Guadalupe. We are partnering with a Boy Scout in need of an Eagle Scout project. We envision the addition of a formal decomposed granite path suitable for strollers and interpretive signage describing the drought tolerant plants at the site.

During the months of June-July, photographs from Gonzalo "Gonzo" Garcia are on display in our gallery, please stop by to view these beautiful photos. If one of them speaks to you, they are all for sale and those proceeds directly benefit the Dunes Center. Each time the exhibit changes, an e-mail announcement is sent to all our members for an opening night reception with wine and snacks. Our next exhibit will feature Ron Williams who photographs panoramics of the dunes at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve County Park at the end of Main Street (HWY 166). Open house is set for August 5th, we hope you will come.

With September just around the corner we are signing up golfers and sponsors for our Annual Golf Tournament to be held on September 23rd at the Monarch Dunes Golf Course just up the road. We also want to announce that excavation of the Ten Commandments site is currently scheduled for October and we can hardly wait to see what John Parker digs up with help from Peter Brosnan. We will keep you posted. We appreciate your support and interest in the Dunes Center.

If you are a friend of the Dunes Center and would like to get more involved in our activities and support our outreach programs please contact: Joe Lawton, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@dunescenter.org 805.343.2455

Would you like to become a member of the Dunes Center? Memberships start at \$35.00 for one year and discounts on two year memberships. Memberships make great father's day gifts - check out page 4 for more information!

Education Interns - Where Are They Now?

As we close the school year and prepare for summer, we took the opportunity to ask some of our recent interns what are they doing now? I would like to thank all of our interns who have mentored our local youth, shared their passion for the dunes and their love of the sciences.

Sarah Alarcon (right) is attending Cal Poly State University, with a major in Environmental Management and Protection BS, Concentration: Education, Minor: Spanish. "I have plans to get my teaching credential after I graduate. There were way too many great moments to narrow it down to one! Field Trips and Science experiments seemed to be the children's favorite."



Lindsey Whitaker graduated in June of 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Management and Protection, Hired in the fall of 2010 at the Dunes Center as the Education and Outreach Specialist.



Sasha Stackhouse (left), San Francisco State University to graduate June 2011 with a BA in Geography, Concentration in Environmental Studies. She is currently working at Trader Joe's and the San Francisco Department of the Environment. "My favorite experience was with the kids going out to the dunes and having the raccoon follow us! The kids seemed to love all of the wildlife out there too."

Ariana Sarinana will be graduating in June 2011 from UCSB and the College of Creative Studies with a Bachelor's degree in Art with Honors. She will be joining us again during our fall afterschool program.



Mariah Gonzalez (right) is attending UC Berkeley and is majoring in Food Justice and is pursuing her Bachelors degree. "My most memorable moment working with the Dunes Center was busing out to Oso Flaco and looking at birds with the kids!"

If you know of a youth who is graduating high school and/or is currently attending college and is interested in becoming an intern, please send a letter of interest in the body of an email with an attached resume to: kfox@dunescenter.org

Fun in the Sun - Service Learning Program 2011

By Lindsey Whitaker, Education & Outreach Specialist.

This June we will be hosting our second summer of Fun in the Sun's Summer of Service! The program will allow children going into 6th through 9th grade an opportunity to help out the Guadalupe community as well expand their science skills. The program begins June 20, and will last 7 weeks. Students will spend Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm expanding their science skills and applying them in real world situations.

We plan to discuss and experiment with water quality, water and soil testing, acid rain, erosion, eutrophication, soil contents, and much more. A new component of this year's program will be allowing participants to create a video to share with the community, friends and family members. In addition to their video students will document their experience by developing their computer skills in Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Word. This summer's program aims to excite students about science as well as allow them to connect their skills locally for the enhancement of Guadalupe.



June is Adopt a Cat Month

American Humane Association

Please consider assisting us by adopting one of the Dunes Center cats as your family pet.



My name is Kiku and I am very sweet and loving. I am also house broken and need a good permanent home. I love attention first thing in the morning and like to play in empty boxes. I am happy to sleep near a window so that I can see outside.



My name is Boots and I am very affectionate. I hope that you will consider taking me home to live with you! I have a short tail and enjoy hopping and being outdoors. I also like sleeping in the sun and catching some rays.



My name is Belle and I would love to be your companion and favorite pet. I need a good home with a kind family. I am cautious around strangers, but I am sure that we will be friends in no time.



If you would like to take us home, please contact our foster family at 805-343-2455 or send us an email at info@dunescenter.org.





Upcoming Events

June - August 2011



Fun in the Sun (FITS)
June 20 - August 5
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Boys and Girls Club, Guadalupe



Volunteer Meeting

June 23
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Dunes Center, Guadalupe

Native Gardening Workday

June 25
9:00 am - 11:00 am
7th Street and Campodinicco
Guadalupe



CEP- Yoga in the Dunes
Registration Deadline: June 22
June 25
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Silver Spur Place, Oceano

Independence Day

July 4

Dunes Center is Closed



Book Club - Empire of the Summer Moon

July 10
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Dunes Center, Guadalupe



Volunteer Meeting
July 28
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Dunes Center, Guadalupe

Native Gardening

July 23
9:00 am - 11:00 am
7th Street and Campodinicco, Guadalupe

Open House Ron Williams

August 5
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Dunes Center, Guadalupe



Book Club- Choose your own book by Kit Carson
August 7
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Dunes Center, Guadalupe

Volunteer Meeting

August 25
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Dunes Center, Guadalupe

Native Gardening Workday

August 27
9:00 am - 11:00 am
7th Street and Campodinicco
Guadalupe



Other Events



5th Annual Golf Tournament

September 23
11:00 am Registration
12:00 noon Shotgun Start
Monarch Dunes Golf Course
Nipomo

8th Annual Trees of the Season

December 7
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Dunes Center, Guadalupe



For more information on these events or how you can get involved, please contact us by phone at 805.343.2455 or by email at info@dunescenter.org

Or stop by at our Visitor's Center at:
1055 Guadalupe Street
Guadalupe, CA 93454
www.dunescenter.org

Volunteer Coordinator Intern: Joe Lawton

We'd like to welcome our newest Volunteer Coordinator Intern to the Dunes Center. His name is Joe Lawton and he will be working with our volunteer program this summer. He is a student at Cal Poly studying Earth Sciences with a concentration in Environmental Interpretation and Assessment. He came to the Dunes Center to work with volunteers and he has extensive experience serving on the Wildflower Triathlon Planning Committee at Cal Poly. He is also a member of the Earth, Soil and Water Conservation Club.

We are very excited to have him as a part of the Dunes Center Team. Please look for him hosting the Volunteer Meetings each month as well as recruiting new volunteers!

Volunteer Corner: Why I Volunteer

By Jim Avila, Volunteer Docent

I have been volunteering for a number of years, only recently at the Dunes Center. I volunteer because I have time and because I find it personally rewarding. I have been volunteering since before I retired. But now that I'm retired I have more time. Staying active is beneficial to me in more ways than one.

I enjoy leading walks and speaking before groups. It is gratifying to see people get involved in the subject of the walk. I like fielding questions and it is a good feeling when at the end of the walk, people thank me and let me know how they enjoyed it. The greatest reward is being outdoors enjoying nature!

Volunteer Training

The fourth Thursday of the Month is our volunteer meeting. The meeting will be held at the Dunes Center at 1055 Guadalupe Street, Guadalupe from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. All are welcome. The Volunteer Meeting is a great way to learn more about how you can help the Dunes Center, meet new people and keep your information up to date. If you have any questions, please call the office at 805.343.2455.



2011 5th Annual Golf Tournament

We are looking forward to the 5th Annual Dunes Center Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2011 at the Monarch Dunes Golf Course. Foursomes and sponsorships are available. More information is available online at <http://www.dunescenter.org/events/coreopsiscup.html>



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Volunteer Coordination Intern - Joe Lawton

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ExSightings

This is where we list the animal sightings from the local area. Thank you to those who stopped by the Center to share your exciting sightings. Please stop by and share yours! Not sure what you saw? Our volunteers are happy to assist you! The Library at the Dunes Center has many field guides to help you identify your ExSightings.



- ruddy duck
- northern mocking bird
- swallow tailed butterfly
- red-winged blackbird
- red-tailed hawk
- Audubon's cotton tail

The Dunes Center Membership Benefits Include: Free unlimited admission to the Dunes Center for member(s) and a guest, invitations to special events for members and their guests, the quarterly newsletter, discount on all bookstore items (10%), facility rentals and birthday parties (20%), and participation in the Dunes Center Book Club.



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Single Year Membership	Renew for two years and save!
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Teacher Membership includes one (1) in class program of your choice.

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