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Red Rock & Blues

Red Rock Canyon Dedication

Saturday, July 16

Bring a picnic lunch

Bring a picnic blanket

Bring a friend

(Please carpool because parking is limited)

Bring sunscreen

Please leave your dog at home

Planned activities:

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Bicycle freeriding
Rock Climbing Demonstration
Guided hikes

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony
Picnic Lunch
(Beverages and Cookies provided)
Live Music - *Jake Loggins Band*

For more information, call 385-6528



Our Thanks

The Friends of Red Rock Canyon wishes to express our appreciation to



for providing cookies for the Red Rock Canyon Open Space dedication.

Volunteers needed

Friends of Red Rock Canyon needs volunteers to lead hikes and to answer questions at our information table at the Red Rock Canyon Open Space Dedication.

If you can help, please call Linda Hodges at 633-6884.

Friends of Red Rock Canyon President's Report, Summer 2005

Greetings!

While Red Rock Canyon Open Space had its "soft" opening in October 2004, with thousands of visitors since, Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will have a formal Dedication of Red Rock Canyon Open Space Saturday, July 16, 2005. This event is open to the public and there will be parking lot expansion for this wonderful occasion. Still, parking will be limited. So, please carpool if you can.

At the City's request Friends of Red Rock Canyon will be assisting with various events throughout the day. What a wonderful opportunity for Friends of Red Rock Canyon to meet with "friends" we already know and make new ones.

To begin the day's events there will be guided hikes on the various open trails lead by Friends of Red Rock Canyon volunteers. These hikes will begin at 9:00 AM by the edge of the lake near the former Bock house and end approximately 10:45 AM.

During this time frame there will also be a rock climbing demonstration and talk on safety and rules and regulations regarding climbing in Red Rock Canyon Open Space (location and exact time to be announced). Locations of the over 80 climbing routes will be given.

Friends of Red Rock Canyon will have an open information booth with our new brochures, membership forms, visual displays, flyers regarding upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Members will be on hand to answer any questions. Please come by our table so we may meet you!

The Dedication will commence at 11:00 AM and end around 1:00 PM. After the speeches (including one from our mayor), the thank you's, and the reminiscing there will be an official ribbon cutting. The "Bring Your Own Picnic" follows immediately. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and Wild Oats will provide cookies and drinks to complement the picnic you bring. A Blues band will provide the music.

This event has been anticipated for years; come and join us in our joy and thankfulness to have open access to such a uniquely majestic piece of earth!

On September 24, 2005 Friends of Red Rock Canyon will be sponsoring a Trail Building Day. Volunteers are still needed - check our website for more information.

There've been quite a few pleasant changes in Red Rock Canyon Open Space. - Friends of Red Rock Canyon would like to thank the following groups:

R.E.I. for their "Trail Building Day" reclaiming part of a road in Sand Canyon to go back to its natural existence and for building the trail to take its place where biking will be safer and less invasive to the land.

Medicine Wheel for its group effort to begin a Freeride area for the public - the very first to be built in this

area. What a gift to have a place where freeriders can go and not put themselves in open danger.

Garden of the Goddesses Club for its efforts in the heat and in the snow working on the Contemplative Trail - the meditative trail in Sand Canyon where walkers can find a place of solitude, peace and a place to just "be". This trail includes small natural rooms along a trail of outcroppings and trees. This trail is about 40% completed and not open to the public yet. It is scheduled to be completed before the end of this summer.

The Youth Corps in advance for its being there this summer working to improve Greenlee and Sand Canyons, enabling this area to become open to the public.

The City of Colorado Springs Mayor's Office for opening its door allowing Friends of Red Rock Canyon to hold our monthly meetings there!

Thank you all for your continued interest and support!

Karlee Thompson

Red Rock Canyon Volunteer Workdays

July 10 - Contemplative Trail work
led by the Garden of the Goddesses Club.

July 30 - Contemplative Trail work
led by the Garden of the Goddesses Club.

Aug 14 - Intemann Trail-Red Rock link project
led by the Intemann Trail Committee.

Sept 24 - Trail work in unspecified areas
(Intemann-Red Rock link, if needed).
Sponsored by Friends of Red Rock Canyon

Oct 21 - Trail work in unspecified areas
led by Pikes Peak United Way.

For more information, see:

www.springs.gov/page.asp?NavID=5552
or call Kim King at City Parks: 385-5940.

Intemann Trail Committee:

<http://intemann-trail.com>
473-4143

Garden of the Goddesses Club:

www.gardenofthegoddesses.us
corentoll@hotmail.com.

Medicine wheel: www.medwheel.org
medwheeljo@aol.com

Youth Corps building Red Rock trail

On June 13 a crew of ten Youth Corps workers and two crew leaders from the Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corps began building a 1.5 mile multi-use trail which connects the High Street trailhead to the neighborhood access on Bevers Place. The trail skirts the east rim of Sand Canyon and will be the first trail completed in the western part of Red Rock Canyon Open Space. The Youth Corps project also includes constructing a stone wall along one stretch of the trail and building a spur trail which will connect to the Mesa Trail above Greenlee Canyon. The Youth Corps project will continue through July 1.

Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corps works on public conservation and environmental stewardship projects in El Paso, Pueblo, Las Animas, Custer, Teller, Fremont, and Huerfano counties. It is one of eleven Youth Corps in the Colorado Youth Corps Association.

The Youth Corps is patterned after the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the Depression era and provides seasonal employment and training programs for young people. Typical ages are 16-25. However, different Youth Corps organizations establish different age limits. Participants are paid at least minimum wage. After they have worked 300 hours, they are also eligible to apply for AmeriCorps Education Awards for use at a college or trade school. The Colorado Youth Corps Association manages

the state's largest AmeriCorps Education Awards program, and has awarded nearly \$1 million in AmeriCorps Education Awards.

Youth Corps project sponsors, such as the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, pay a fixed weekly rate for hiring a crew. Additional funding for the Youth Corps program comes from foundation and corporate sponsors.

Anyone in the appropriate age bracket is eligible to apply to participate in the Youth Corps. And, potential participants are encouraged to apply early since there are usually twice as many applicants as jobs.

To find out more about the Youth Corps, visit the Colorado Youth Corps Association website at www.cyca.org

New Meeting place

Friends of Red Rock Canyon is now holding monthly meetings in the Academy Room at the historic Colorado Springs City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue.

Meetings are at 7:00 PM the first Thursday of the month:

July 7

August 4

September 1

(Enter through the lower level entrance at the southeast corner of the building and sign in at the security desk.)

- MEMBERSHIP FORM -

Friends of Red Rock Canyon

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Yes, I want to join Friends of Red Rock Canyon for the coming year

____ Individual Member (\$10)

____ Family Membership (\$15) Other Family Members: _____

____ Organization / Business Membership (\$30)

____ I would like to help even more with a contribution of \$ _____

I would like to be involved in volunteer efforts:

____ Trail and stewardship volunteer ____ Educational Programs ____ Brochure or grant writer

____ Advocacy & Community outreach ____ Other (please describe) _____

My main interests in Red Rock Canyon Open Space are: _____

Please mail this membership form with your check to:

Friends of Red Rock Canyon

P.O. Box 6754

Colorado Springs, CO 80904 -6754

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