

THE LAND



*Dreaming Bigger:
Growing Arroyo
Hondo Preserve*

Next door to Arroyo Hondo Preserve, 48 acres of grassland known as Gaviota Overlook are ready to be protected forever.

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DELIVERING ON DREAMS

GREETINGS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEREDITH HENDRICKS

My son asked me recently, “Mom, how come it is so easy to do things in your dreams but so hard to do them in real life?” I laughed because I have huge, wild, and bold dreams I bring to this job and often progress is slow, with more meetings and spreadsheets than inspirational vistas. But not this spring. This spring, we are doing something BIG—protecting more spectacular land on the Gaviota Coast while making Arroyo Hondo Preserve larger in the process. The Gaviota Coast is the stuff dreams are made of, and yet it has been fifteen years since the last conservation deal happened there. It can be tricky for the Land Trust to compete in such a world-class real estate market, but we knew our community would be all in to help us with this important purchase. The addition of the Gaviota Overlook at Arroyo Hondo Preserve adds spectacular rolling grasslands, important seasonal creek drainages, and the opportunity for both habitat restoration and new public trails. Thank you to all who are helping us make our dream of expanding Arroyo Hondo Preserve a reality. We are getting closer!



And with our surprise wet winter, an abundance of spring wildflowers have transformed the county’s landscapes into otherworldly dreamscapes we can’t wait to share with you and our community through new programming. We are offering lots of opportunities to get outside and explore, and we look forward to meeting new folks in the process. Check out our Land Trust Treks and event listings on page 10 of this issue and on our (new!) website, where you can easily sign up. Better yet, bring a friend and help us meet new people who share our love of the land. In June we launch Discover Outside, a celebration of our Land Trust community. We will host a series of special experiences in partnership with local organizations and businesses to thank all the folks who make our work possible. There will also be fun and easy ways to support the Land Trust along the way. **Mark your calendar for June 3-11, 2023, and check our website for details.**

It is your support that makes projects like Gaviota Overlook possible. Expanding access to nature matters to our community now and for the future more than ever. Let’s get out and enjoy all that our region has to offer this beautiful and summer and dream about what conservation comes next. Think big, Santa Barbara County, and don’t worry about the logistics. That’s my job. Dream delivery, at your service.

Take care,

Meredith Hendricks, Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County conserves natural resources, agricultural land, and open spaces for the benefit of present and future generations.



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THE GIFT OF DISCOVERY

LAND TRUST SUPPORTERS understand our vision of local land conservation—it is about leveraging the present moment to plan for a better future, where wild and working lands sustain our communities, wildlife, and region for the long haul. It takes vision, big dreams, and a whole lot of patience and investment to make this a reality.

In June, the Land Trust is hosting Discover Outside, a weeklong series of free programming and events for the community to *discover* the joy of being outdoors. Your support today will help us meet new people and grow our network of supporters to sustain this important work of dreaming, planning, implementing, and discovering for generations to come.

Close to 100,000 local children and others have visited Arroyo Hondo Preserve for free nature education field trips, inspiring a fresh sense of discovery in a wild, natural setting. Seal pups at the rookery off the Carpinteria Bluffs Preserve were watched with wonder by our community. Family farms have passed to the next generation successfully because of Land Trust—brokered easements. For 38 years, the Land Trust has worked to protect places like these to make discovery—of the natural world, of a better future—possible. And your support is the driving force.

The continued generosity of people like you inspires our board, our staff, our local government, and your fellow peers to forge ahead on projects that keep our mission in a dynamic state of growth, and it shows. Across Santa Barbara County, there is a growing patchwork of prime farm and ranch land, thriving habitat and biodiversity, as well as new pathways and possibilities for community nature access—you are making it happen.

Please help us foster this sense of discovery in this generation and the next by giving at sblandtrust.org today.



OUR NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

IN FEBRUARY, the Land Trust launched a brand-new website with a fresh look and some new features!

Thanks to automatic translations, visitors can now view the site in English or Spanish, view the conservation benefits of each Land Trust—conserved place, get directions to publicly accessible Land Trust properties, and a revamped Arroyo Hondo Preserve registration system.

Find all the fantastic local land conservation resources, news, and information you need to get involved, explore the land, and invest in our mission at www.sblandtrust.org.

SAVE THE DATE

ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023, the Land Trust will be hosting the Picnic at the Preserve—a fundraiser at Arroyo Hondo Preserve. We want to see YOU there in celebration and support of nature preserves, local agriculture, and outdoor recreation in Santa Barbara County.

Ticket sales will open this summer and we expect this to be a sold-out event! More information to come at www.sblandtrust.org.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Hilary Doubleday at hdoubleday@sblandtrust.org.

GET THE LOWDOWN: Our once monthly e-newsletter has the details you need, including the upcoming **Discover Outside** calendar of events, Treks, updates on exciting Land Trust projects, and other fun opportunities for getting out on the land you love.

Subscribe today at www.sblandtrust.org.



PROTECTING YOUR LAND

LANDOWNERS REACH OUT to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for many reasons that include a desire to learn more about the custom conservation tools and solutions we offer. The one thing every landowner—and staff member—has in common is a love of the land. The vital work of farming and ranching is tough.

The Land Trust has been working in partnership with landowners like Leslie Freeman, for more than 38 years, leveraging conservation-based solutions that meet the financial needs and goals of landowners and their families while also benefitting Santa Barbara County communities and wildlife.

Our conservation team will work with you to identify your goals for your property, assess the natural resources on your land, and learn more about your financial needs. Whatever your reasons, we are here to help you protect your land, your family's legacy of stewardship, or to address other financial considerations, by finding the right approach and conservation solutions for you.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS Contact Kim Morucci, Land Transactions Manager, at kmorucci@sbandtrust.org or Devin Rothman, Land Acquisitions Manager, at drothman@sbandtrust.org or visit www.sbandtrust.org/partner-with-landowners.

FOR THE LOVE OF RANCHING: FREEMAN RANCH

ALONG THE GAVIOTA COAST, just behind Refugio State Beach, is Freeman Ranch. These 660 acres of rangeland include a large vernal pond, a 30-acre oak woodland, and one mile of Refugio Creek—and nobody knows this landscape like Leslie Freeman. Freeman Ranch is the first conservation easement the Land Trust bought from a rancher on the scenic Gaviota Coast, with grant funds from the California Farmland Conservancy Program, California Coastal Conservancy, State Resources Agency, the County Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund, and two private foundations. The proceeds from the easement allowed Leslie to buy his brother's share of the ranch and repair buildings and fences for which he could not otherwise get a loan. Since then, Leslie Freeman has weathered years of drought and most recently, the Alisal Fire in 2021, and the deluge of rain this year.

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When asked, Leslie matter-of-factly described reducing his herd of cattle from the maximum of 60 to 50 during the ongoing drought, and then to 28 after the Alisal Fire. "With all this grass, I could increase the herd again, but to buy cattle right now is just crazy with the prices." Leslie recalls, "it burned at least a couple miles of fence, maybe more than that. Then we got rain and then more rain that tore down fences, the front gate, and there was some creek damage." Since then, he has focused on repairing fence lines and he always keeps an eye out for invasive, noxious weeds such as tumbleweed and onion weed—the latter was the first to come back after the fire and the rains. Still, Leslie said, "the ranch is mostly recovered now except the grass on the south facing slopes hasn't come back. The rest of the ranch didn't suffer much—we didn't lose any buildings or animals. It could have been worse."

It is no secret ranching is a tough way to make a living. The people who do it are not in it for the money, but because they love their land. Having the right tools available and a solid organization to partner with helps ranchers and their families navigate challenges and map out a better future. Leslie hopes his daughter and granddaughter will take over the ranch someday, a place they love as much as he does. The easement lowered the value of the property by making it inaccessible to land developers and permanently preventing subdivision, a fact Leslie hopes will help his daughter and granddaughter keep the ranch. "Besides," Leslie said, "if I was going to sell it off for splitting into houses, I wouldn't want to live here anyway. You have to want to do something like this and keep open space—it outweighs the development and subdivision value. In fact, it never entered my mind to split the ranch up. I love it the way it is, it's a nice place to live most of the time."

KEEPING PROMISES: EASEMENT MONITORING 101



THE LAND TRUST is nationally accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, which requires us to visit easement properties every year to ensure the terms of the easement are upheld. Land Stewardship Manager Alison Petro shares the basics of annual easement monitoring visits and why they matter.

What do you do on a monitoring visit?

I often meet the landowners on their property, and we walk or drive around the area protected by the easement. We talk about their plans, goals, changes, or concerns they have about their land. I take photos that I use later for writing my annual monitoring visit report.

What are you looking for on visits?

The Land Trust is nationally accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, which requires us to visit easement properties every year to ensure the terms of the easement are upheld. I'm looking for changes to the property such as new buildings or infrastructure, changes in land use, erosion, invasive nonnative plants, and other big alterations to the landscape such as after a fire or storm damage.

What goes into your annual monitoring report?

I summarize the visit with maps and photos to create an evolving historical record of the property to demonstrate it is being cared for under the terms of the easement. I share the report with the landowners and when needed, with the partner agencies who may have funded the easement.

Why do these yearly visits matter?

For the Land Trust, yearly monitoring is one of the ways we keep our promise to donors, funding partners, and the community to ensure the land is conserved in perpetuity. For landowners, monitoring visits showcase their promise to care for the land and protect its natural resources.

What is one of your favorite aspects of these visits?

Any opportunity to be out in the field, on a beautiful property and learning from farmers, ranchers, and landowners about the latest techniques they are using to care for their land is a good day.



WILD THINGS

MEET CARROT, and Brighty—Freeman Ranch's coyote-deterrent team. While these burros are getting older, Leslie Freeman remembered selecting them from government holding pens in the Mojave Desert for their known dislike of coyotes. After a bumpy ride back to Freeman Ranch, the wild burros made it clear they would not be halter-broken before they began their cattle herd protection duties. Leslie told us, "I've seen them chase coyotes, hang out with calves while their mothers get water...I've seen them sit up on the ridges to keep watch."



DREAMING BIGGER: GROWING ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

NEXT DOOR TO ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE, 48 acres of grassland known as the Gaviota Overlook unfold along scenic California Highway 101. Perched in front of the craggy Santa Ynez Mountains and on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, the views of the Channel Islands and the winding Gaviota Coast are sparkling. Even more glittering are the rare opportunities and dreams that protecting the Gaviota Overlook represents, both to the Land Trust and the communities we serve. For the first time in fifteen years, the Land Trust has the chance to expand visitor access, trails, and wildlife habitat at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve, not to mention protecting a piece of the Gaviota Coast—among the last undeveloped coastline in Southern California.

The Land Trust works hard not to miss opportunities like those presented with Gaviota Overlook, indeed, thinking ahead, dreaming big, and acting quickly are key, as is our trademark stamina necessary for conserving land for the long haul. Executive Director Meredith Hendricks said Gaviota Overlook is an important chance to, “create more public access and expand environmental education programming, while setting the stage for a robust future Gaviota Coast trail network.”

Since the Land Trust purchased and established the Arroyo Hondo Preserve in 2001, nearly 100,000 visitors have enjoyed its trails and thriving biodiversity, plus some 26,000 local schoolchildren who have explored the canyon through the Environmental Education Program. On behalf of the Bower Family Foundation, Jon Clark noted, “the Foundation was proud to contribute to this effort early on. Gaviota Coast conservation is essential to the character and vitality of Santa Barbara County and adding to

Arroyo Hondo Preserve and the coastline’s public accessibility is important to us and our community.”

Our community has made it clear that growing trail networks and expanding programming and public access in Santa Barbara County is a major priority—and one the Land Trust shares. Fundraising for the \$3 million Gaviota Overlook campaign has been underway for months, with early leadership gifts from private donors and family foundations jump-starting the project. In March, the Land Trust received an anonymous gift of \$500,000 toward the goal, a vote of confidence in the project and a pivotal moment in the community campaign. Joseph Weiland, Land Trust Board President, said, “This one purchase will preserve over a half mile of our iconic coastline, ensuring that what you see today will last forever.” Annual support from donors allows the Land Trust to act quickly on projects that are important to the community—propelling us from dreaming to doing when it counts the most.

The Land Trust launched the public fundraising campaign for Gaviota Overlook on Valentine’s Day earlier this year and was met with media coverage spanning public radio station KCLU and local newspapers along with enthusiastic support from county residents. Meredith said that for the Land Trust, “conserving Gaviota Overlook and adding it to Arroyo Hondo Preserve is an act of love and a promise for the future—for the land, for the community, and for the life it sustains.... We are almost to our goal and we hope the people of Santa Barbara County will join us in protecting places like Gaviota Overlook and make this expansion of habitat, trails, and public access happen.”



KCLU Radio’s Lance Orozco interviewed Land Trust staff at Gaviota Overlook.

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GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY, GIVE TO GAVIOTA OVERLOOK

Since 2001, more than 100,000 people have visited Arroyo Hondo Preserve to hike, explore, and relax—and over 26,000 local schoolchildren have participated in Arroyo Hondo’s Environmental Education Program, with demand growing every year!

Your investment in projects like Gaviota Overlook means more opportunities for our community—give today at sblandtrust.org or contact Carrie Mullen, Development & Communications Director at cmullen@sblandtrust.org.



SEE THE BIG PICTURE

Get a bird’s-eye view of Gaviota Overlook and the incredible scenery of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Channel Islands, and some of the last undeveloped coastline in Southern California with our short video, Gaviota Overlook: Dreaming Bigger at sblandtrust.org/gaviota-overlook.



A SPRING TO GUSH ABOUT

WITH SUCH A WET WINTER, Arroyo Hondo Preserve received more than 34 inches of rainfall this year! Preserve Manager John Warner said, “we could not have had two better winters in a row. Mother nature has been watching over the canyon by giving it a gentle but wet first year and a wet, but not too wet second year.” John said that as a result, “every square inch of topsoil is now covered with plants (with the exception of some small areas where the fire was so hot it killed the seed bank entirely).” This is excellent news after several dry winters and the 2021 the Alisal Fire.

During the January storms, Arroyo Hondo Creek branched out, splitting itself in two at the first crossing before the Hollister Family Meadow picnic area. The creek is running fast and clear and has scooped out much of the remaining post-fire debris from the Steelhead Pool and the fish ladder further downstream, with complex implications for *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, often referred to as *O. mykiss* or steelhead, an endangered species that requires specific habitat and creek conditions to travel up- and downstream from freshwater to the ocean to spawn.

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Dane St. George, an environmental scientist from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife observed that “fires are not uncommon in southern California and the watershed has likely undergone many cycles of wildfires and subsequent recovery,” referring to the 1955 Refugio Fire and the 2004 Gaviota Fire as historically recent examples. “Many of the plants and animals that inhabit the Arroyo Hondo have special adaptations to persist in a fire-prone landscape and the system will eventually recover,” offering an encouraging view of the canyon’s ability to support the network of plant and animal species that have lived here for thousands of years.

Historically, Arroyo Hondo Creek has been an important sanctuary for steelhead, especially in drought years when larger neighboring canyon creeks ran dry while Arroyo Hondo’s year-round creek is fed by groundwater seeps and springs in the upper watershed. “Because of the high quality perennial habitat in the upper watershed, Arroyo Hondo provides refuge for *O. mykiss*

when conditions otherwise are not good,” said St. George. In fact, he said after the 2013–2016 drought that resulted in near extinction of steelhead along the Conception Coast, CDFW’s monitoring work discovered “that Arroyo Hondo supported some of the highest densities of *O. mykiss*.”

For now, St. George said it is too early to predict how creek changes will impact a more robust return of steelhead as the creek continues to scour itself out. He emphasized that there is reason for optimism. “The great start to the water year should support spawning habitat for longer than usual, allow for easier migration for both upstream migrating adults and downstream migrating smolts, and provide more over-summer habitat.” Arroyo Hondo continues to be a thriving, living example of our region’s ecology and the role fire, rain, and biodiversity play in maintaining balance, with a flourishing crop of wildflowers, mushrooms, and animals welcoming spring—and hopefully, the return of steelhead.

STEELHEAD AND RAINBOW TROUT—SAME BUT DIFFERENT

STEELHEAD, INCLUDING THE federally endangered southern California steelhead, are genetically the same as rainbow trout—all being part of the same species, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*. The important difference is that steelhead choose a different lifestyle. Rainbow trout are lifelong freshwater residents. Steelhead travel between freshwater creeks and the ocean. When mature, they swim back to fresh water to spawn or breed, making them what biologists call anadromous fish.

Steelhead and rainbow trout start their lives the same way—in fresh water, as little eggs tucked into a bed of gravel, called a redd. Adult females dig the redd, lay their eggs, and after male fertilization, the eggs are covered in a protective layer of gravel. From there, the eggs hatch and as the tiny fish mature, some remain rainbow trout while others begin transforming into sea-bound smolts, the transitional form of a young steelhead. At maturity, rainbow trout display their characteristic spectrum of colors—green, yellow, or even blue-hued backs with a smattering of speckles and a pinkish-red stripe along their sides. As smolts, steelhead become more streamlined, growing larger than rainbow trout and developing silvery scales for better camouflage in the open ocean.

Both forms of *O. mykiss* live on average four to six years in the wild. As adults, steelhead travel upstream from estuaries to spawn several times during their lifespan before returning to the ocean. As members of the same species, it doesn’t matter whether eggs were laid or fertilized by steelhead or rainbow trout—offspring become lifelong freshwater residents or anadromous fish after hatching, regardless of parentage. This varied lifestyle is an impressive strategy that allows young *O. mykiss* to adapt to shifts in their habitat and increase their chances of survival.



FROM THE FIELD: GAVIN SPENCER SETTLES IN

GAVIN SPENCER IS THE ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE ASSISTANT MANAGER and filled this new role in the fall. Gavin helps host weekly school visits for the preserve’s nature education program and “it is a highlight of my week. I cherish welcoming students onto the land.”

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When he’s not welcoming kids to the preserve, he works on projects including digging muddy holes to repair broken pipes, weeding restoration sites, fixing drinking water systems, doing safety checks across the preserve, and recently, lots of mud and sand cleanup after storms. For him, “calling AHP my office is still surreal. Listening to the ecological symphony of migratory



birds, rushing waters, and the rustling of riparian canopy while working for the betterment of the land in service to the community is deeply gratifying. My sense of appreciation for Arroyo Hondo is deepened by interactions with docents, trail volunteers, and the public that use this space for recreation and education.”

VISITING THE ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

The Arroyo Hondo Preserve welcomes visitors on the first and third full weekends of each month to explore the canyon, trails, and ridgeline views. After a rainy winter, the creek is running cool and clear—fire-following wildflowers are abundant and some rare species have been sighted!

Reservations are FREE and required—make yours online and get the most current visiting information at sblandtrust.org/arroyo-hondo-preserve-reservations or join the waitlist at sblandtrust.org/waitlist if open weekends are full.

SUMMER HOURS:

The first and third full weekends of the month, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am–4pm.

OPEN WEEKENDS:

May 20–21, June 3–4, June 17–18, July 1–2, July 15–16, August 5–6, August 19–20, September 2–3, September 16–17

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

The Land Trust has a fresh lineup of summer events throughout the county for you to explore—**don't miss Discover Outside in June!**



MAY

5/2–5/31

Celebrating the Protection of Nature with The Oak Group

Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library

5/4

Artists' Reception for Celebrating the Protection of Nature with The Oak Group

Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library

5/11 • 9:00 am to noon

Wildflowers and Native Plants of Aliso Canyon! with Kate Symonds

Aliso Canyon

5/14 • 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

3rd Annual Mother's Day Nature Hike

with Ann Lippincott and Ann Bronstein
Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve

5/20 • 9:30 am to noon

Natural Wonders of Orcutt Hike and Park Hangout! (Bilingual) with Carlo Calderon

Orcutt Hills Open Space

5/26 • 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Post-fire Wonders of Arroyo Hondo Preserve

with Kate Symonds

Arroyo Hondo Preserve



JUNE

6/3–6/11

Discover Outside Event Series Free and open to the public

- Explore the great outdoors on one (or all!) of our Land Trust Treks.
- Gather with friends to celebrate conservation at a local brewery.
- Visit the iconic Arroyo Hondo Preserve for a day of family fun.
- Discover the beauty of our landscape through art with our Kids Draw Nature activities.
- Dive into summer reading with the Land Trust and the Santa Barbara Public Library.
- Learn to cook with local produce and join us for a live-streamed, kid-friendly cooking class.
- Support the Land Trust through shopping days with our partners at Patagonia, REI, and J. McLaughlin.
- Give back by volunteering at a local beach cleanup.
- Unearth new knowledge about native plants and dig into your summer garden.
- Chill-out on the last day of school with an ice cream happy hour.

JULY

7/1

Birds of Oso Flaco Lake

(Bilingual) with Carlo Calderon
Oso Flaco Lake

7/22

Coronado Butterfly Preserve walk

(Bilingual) with Carlo Calderon, Goleta



Visit www.sblandtrust.org/news-events to learn more and to sign up!



Land Programs Associate Carlomagno Calderon with Land Programs Manager Leslie Chan and Penny the Beagle.

LAND TRUST PROGRAMS TAKE ROOT

THE LAND TRUST HAS SEEN much growth in the last two years, with a rising demand for public access, nature education, and community programming throughout Santa Barbara County. To meet this call and to better engage the many communities of our region, the Land Trust enlisted the expertise of Leslie Chan as the first-ever Land Programs Manager and recently welcomed Carlomagno (Carlo) Calderon as the Land Programs Associate. Carlo's background in ecology and outdoor education helps him engage and support community connection with the outdoors and work with the Land Stewardship team on restoration projects and monitoring easements. Together, Leslie and Carlo are planning and implementing fantastic programming that spans the county with special events and outdoor experiences.

Leslie and Carlo are advancing the organization's ambitious strategic plan and facilitating meaningful conversations throughout the county. They are developing new partnerships with community-based organizations in Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc, Orcutt, and Guadalupe. After launching a fresh calendar of Land Trust Treks—a free, public series of guided hikes and outdoor experiences for the community to explore our scenic region—the duo began hosting bilingual Treks including a successful birding event for families at Guadalupe Dunes. Their focus on engagement and conservation planning is already instrumental in the eventual creation of a preserve in the Santa Maria Valley and to improve the Conservation Blueprint with more emphasis on community conservation priorities with recent and ongoing partner feedback.

It is an exciting time of growth, transition, and planning at the Land Trust. Your continued support allows us to meet an important season of potential impact with all the tools we need to achieve quality land conservation that stands the test of time and serves our community.

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4 Ways to Get Involved

THE LAND TRUST HAS AN INCREDIBLE NETWORK of volunteers who help keep our preserves and programs thriving and open to the public. Whether you want to co-lead a Trek, work on Arroyo Hondo's volunteer trail crew, or participate in an occasional native restoration planting day, there are lots of fun ways to jump in and be part of the Land Trust's mission—no experience necessary!

1. JOIN LAND TRUST TREKS

These guided hikes and outdoor experiences are for the community to explore Santa Barbara County and to meet your local land trust. Help us lead or support Treks or send us your favorite locations for future Treks. **Email Carlo Calderon at ccalderon@sblandtrust.org.**

2. HOP ON A TRAIL CREW

Volunteer Workdays are held the first full weekend of each month from 9:00 am–12:30 pm at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve for trail maintenance projects. **Sign up by emailing volunteer@sblandtrust.org.**

3. GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AT A RESTORATION DAY

We host occasional volunteer days at the Coronado Butterfly Preserve, Arroyo Hondo Preserve, and other locations across the county. **Check sblandtrust.org/news-events/ for upcoming dates.**

4. MAKE IT A PARTY

Have a group of friends, family, or colleagues who would enjoy volunteering together at a special, Land Trust-conserved place? **Let's make it happen—email info@sblandtrust.org.**

Find more volunteer opportunities at sblandtrust.org—and welcome to the team.



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