

Crescenta Valley Group Newsletter

October – December - 2026

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Conducted Tour of Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing

Sat, Oct 3, 2026; 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM



Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing undergoing construction

Event organizer: Pat Kramer

pat@writerpatkramer.com

The Crescenta Valley Group invites you to join the in-progress Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing site for a tour at 10 am on Saturday, October 3. The tour is being conducted by Lauren Gill who serves as the California Deputy Director for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and is a key partner to the Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRC)

Level: Easy

Signup Instructions are the Club's website: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles-events-schedule-activities>

Please sign up so we know to expect you! Meeting address will be send upon registration.

Recommended Items: Please wear comfortable shoes and consider bringing water and sun protection. Weather is expected to be sunny and pleasant.

Vietnam and Cambodia Travel Adventure

Feb 26, 2027, 8:00 am – Mar 21, 2027, 8:00 am (Time is tentative.)

Event Organizers:

Stephanie Gross: madelinesmother@gmail.com 818-545-3878

Fred Dong: madelinesdad@earthlink.net 818-545-3878

Join us for this 22 day, 21 night adventure in Vietnam and Cambodia to experience the culture, historic sites, and beautiful sights of this exotic land. You can also do Vietnam only as a standalone 16 day, 15 night tour or Cambodia only as a standalone 7 day, 6 night tour. Our trip will take us to 6 UNESCO world heritage sites in Vietnam and 2 UNESCO world heritage sites in Cambodia including many important historic places.

See Vietnam Tour 2/26 to 3/15/2027 write-up for Vietnam Itinerary details

See Cambodia Tour 3/12 to 3/21/2027 write-up for Cambodia Itinerary details

Level: Moderate (O)

Cost: Price includes, 21 nights lodging (2 Persons, 2 beds per room) in three and four star hotels, transportation within Vietnam & Cambodia, admission to sightseeing places, many meals, and more. Does not include airfare from the US. The price is \$3,600 plus \$500 for the Cambodia airfare (total \$4,100) until July 31 and \$3,800 plus \$500 for the Cambodia airfare (total \$4,300) starting August 1 unless fills earlier. Non-members \$100 more. Single supplement is \$1,500. We will not cash your checks until after July 31.

Signup Instructions: Send e-mail address, mailing address, phone number(s), SC#, check (Sierra Club) to Co-leader/Reserv.: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA Leader: Fred Dong 818-545-3878

Cancellation Policy: Per Trip Letter after sign-up

Canadian Rockies National Park Tour

July 1- July 9, 2027

Event Organizers:

Stephanie Gross madelinesmother@gmail.com, (818) 545-3878

Fred Dong madelinesdad@earthlink.net 818-545-3878

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Tour National Parks in the Canadian Rockies: Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho. Great opportunities for wildlife viewing with the spectacular mountains, glacial lakes, and glaciers. Sightseeing and easy hikes from our bus. We will visit the Columbia Icefield with an easy hike to the Athabasca Glacier, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Medicine Lake, Emerald Lake, and many more with beautiful mountains and glaciers nearby. Expect to see moose, elk, bears, big horn sheep, and many more of the animals

Cost includes, 8 nights accommodations -2 per room own bed, bus, bus refreshments, excursion fees, most lunches and one dinner. Price for SC member is \$3,125 thru 12/31/2026, after 12/31/2026 \$3,350.

Non-SC member \$100 extra . Airfare Extra. Sign-up early, we expect to fill quickly.

Send e-mail, Home & Cell Phones, SC#, check (Sierra Club) for entire amount (we will not cash your check before 12/31) to Reservationist: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021

Leader Fred Dong. Co Leaders: Stephanie Gross, Jeff Wilson



John Yard Memorial Bench Dedication

CV Management Group dedicated the “John Yard Memorial Bench,” Sunday, Aug. 3, 2026, at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, after the group’s annual summer picnic there. John Yard, who passed in 2019, was an active member of the Sierra Club serving in various leadership roles, including CV group chair.

Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP) Applications

The Deadline for submitting applications to LADWP for the Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP) is October 31, 2026. Leap is funded by the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Through LEAP, LADWP customers living within Disadvantaged Communities (as defined by DWR) may qualify for FREE landscape design and construction services to replace traditional lawns with a sustainable, drought-tolerant landscape.

For more information, check out www.ladwp.com

CV Group Management Committee

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