

# The Shasta Newsletter

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**Celebration of Life for Bruce Waggoner Sunday, May 17, 2015:** A Celebration of Life will be held for Bruce Waggoner, former Shasta Group leader and friend to many, on Sunday May 17 at 11am at the Brandy Creek picnic area at Whiskeytown NRA. Please meet just downstream of the walking bridge across Brandy Creek at one of the picnic table areas. After the celebration will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and chairs to sit on. Parking permit is required. Contact John Livingston 530.243.4124, [Livingstonjohn@att.net](mailto:Livingstonjohn@att.net) for any questions.

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**ExCom meeting dates:** Meetings are held in the Redding Library and begin @ 6pm and end before 8pm. Meet in the **upstairs Fireside RR:** May 19 & June 16; **Meet in the Foundation RR:** August 18 & September 15. All Shasta Group members are welcome; we value your ideas and suggestions.

**Thanks and appreciation:** The following businesses and Shasta Group members donated raffle items for our successful fundraiser at the March 13 program and potluck. If you shop at these businesses, please thank them for contributing items for the benefit of the Sierra Club Shasta Group.

**Businesses:** Churn Creek Meadow Organic Farm, Moore's Flour Mill, Rocha's Auto Service, Sierra Nevada Brewery, Sports, Ltd., The Chiropractic Place, The Fly Shop, Turtle Bay Exploration Park

**Shasta Group members:** Debra Atlas, Gordon Johnson, David Ledger, Terri Lhuiller, Linda Pankonin, Dianna Thrasher, Carl and Marti Weidert

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## Shasta Group Outings & Events: April to August 2015

Outings schedules are posted in local newspapers and calendars in the Redding and Red Bluff areas. A schedule of the outings is provided below, and on the Shasta Group website: [www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/shasta](http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/shasta) The outings are also posted on the Meet-Up website: [www.Norcaladventurers.com](http://www.Norcaladventurers.com) If you need more information about an outing, please call Outings Chair John Livingston 530.243.4124 [Livingstonjohn@att.net](mailto:Livingstonjohn@att.net) or check one of the websites above.

**Hike Classifications: Total distance in miles:** Grade 1 (up to 6), Grade 2 (6 - 10), Grade 3 (10 - 15), Grade 4 (15 - 20) Grade 5 (20 or more); **Total elevation gain in feet:** A (up to 1000), B (1000 - 2000), C (2000 - 3,000), D (3000-4000), E (4000 or more).

**NEW: Type and Purpose of Outing Classification:** C: Conservation E: Education H: Hiking W: Walk T: Trail Work

**Hiking Essentials:** Hat, Water, Sun Protection, Lunch, Layered Clothing, Sturdy Shoes/Boots

**May 9, 2015, Saturday, Piety Hill Loop Trail (1A, HE).** The Piety Hill Loop Trail starts at the Cloverdale trailhead on Cloverdale Road north of Clear Creek Road. Meet at the Sav Mor shopping center parking lot on Westside Road off Hwy 273 close to the Carl's Junior at 8:30 am to carpool, as parking for cars is limited at the trailhead. Liability waivers will be available for signing. Bring a lunch and water and wear appropriate footwear. There is an outhouse but no drinking water at the trailhead. This 3.85 mile easy to moderate trail has gentle hills, and lovely views of the Sacramento Valley to the east and Clear Creek Canyon from the offshoot overlook trail. We will discuss some of the restorative work done to the Lower Clear Creek Watershed and the history of Piety Hill itself. The hike should last 2.5 hours. Limited to 15 people. For more information contact leader Patricia Seaton 530.347.6758, [pseaton@pacbell.net](mailto:pseaton@pacbell.net).

**May 22-May 25 Car Camp/Day Hikes (1A, WCE). Friday-Monday** Memorial Day weekend road trip to Dry Valley Rim & Smoke Creek Desert 25 mi. east of Susanville. Will group car camp @ 2 different locations depending on road/weather conditions. Low mountains, flowing desert creek along old Noble's trail; Bring camera, paints, binoculars; wildlife & wildflowers guaranteed. Participants are expected to camp/hike as a group; must bring all personal camping gear, water (2 gals./day/person), food, clothes for all conditions, & cook for yourself. Weather could range from 20s to 70s-rare late season snow possible. Leisurely short hikes cross-country on rocky uneven ground; sturdy boots a must. Rendezvous Honey Lake Wildlife Area/Fleming Unit hunter's camp Friday night or Saturday before 10 a.m. Limit 10 participants. Email to reserve spot, get trip details: [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com) 530.474.4300.

**June 6, 2015, Saturday, Wintu Loop Trail (1A,WE).** We will hike the **Wintu Loop Trail** from Swasey Recreation Area west of Redding. Meet at 8:30 am behind the Chase Bank at the Shasta Mall on Dana Drive for carpooling or at the trailhead at 9:00 am. Liability forms will be available for signing. Bring a snack or lunch and water and wear appropriate footwear. There is a restroom but no drinking water at the trailhead. This is a moderate 2.8 mile hike with a climb, and is not recommended for small children. We'll traverse through manzanita, chaparral and forest. On a clear day, there are beautiful views of Mt Shasta and Mt Lassen. This area is very close to Redding and yet has a wonderfully wild feeling to it. The hike should last about 1.5 hours. Limited to 15 people. For more information contact leader Patricia Seaton 530.347.6758, [pseaton@pacbell.net](mailto:pseaton@pacbell.net).

**June 6, Saturday, Lost Creek Trail Day Hike (1A, HCE).** Two mile trail north of Lassen Park provides only public access to upper Lost Creek on National Forest lands; bypasses private property. 4 mi. round trip. Sturdy hiking shoes required for lava field passage. No shade, no Public Facilities along trail; Double Woman Falls. Meet 9 a.m. at Reed's Market, Shingletown. Info: [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com) 530.474.4300.

**June 13, Saturday, Dayhike, Brokeoff Mountain, Lassen Volcanic NP (2C, HCE)** Beginning at 6,500' trailhead, steady uphill climb to summit @9,300' peak with views in all directions, return for total of 7 miles. Lunch break on top. Elevation gain 2,700' in 3.5 miles; Email leader to reserve 1 of 10 spots (limit 10 participants) and get meet time/location. Liability waivers sign at trailhead. Contact leader at: [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com) or phone 530.474.4300.

**Aug. 9 Sunday, Brandy Creek Beach swim, games, potluck. (1A)** 9:00 a.m. Picnic table in shade, leader will bring volleyball net, badminton rackets, beach ball, and charcoal. Participants invited to bring swim clothes, volleyball, floats, guitars, food to grill, & your favorite potluck side dish to share, your own eating utensils & drinks (pets/alcohol/smoking not allowed). Relax, swim, sunbathe, play games. \$5 day use fee. Exiting off JFK Memorial Drive, enter Brandy Creek Beach area and drive straight to end of road to park in lot next to Beach B. Meet @ Volleyball net/picnic table located between Beach A (lifeguard towers) and Beach B. Info: [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com) or (on day of event) 530.356.9719.

**Events by other groups: June 20, 2015, Saturday: Friends of Whiskeytown Annual Luau:** The fundraiser will benefit the park by adding new trails and equipment for their tours, plus more. Hawaiian food, entertainment and music. Brandy Creek Beach, 5pm-9pm. Tickets available at the Cascade Theater in Redding; \$40 per person.

**Shasta California Native Plant Society:** For information on the these outings, please call the leader David Ledger @ 355-8542. Dubose Property: May 16; Castle Crags Flume Trail: May 23; East Weaver Creek Trail, Weaverville: May 30; Butterfly Valley Fieldtrip: June 13; Paradise Meadows, Lassen VNP: June 27.

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