

## **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) Educational Programming**

**Hills Alive-** Activity-based and interactive fieldtrips to the hills for local schools and arranged by a teacher for an entire class or grade. Programs are geared toward grades K- 6<sup>th</sup> and are aligned with California's Common Core Standards and the Next Generation academic standards. *Hills Alive* uses multi-sensory teaching techniques to lead children to learn about habitats, plant and animal life cycles, food chains, Native Americans and coexisting with wildlife.

**Jr. Ranger Programs-** These consist of an in-class sessions and an outdoor hike focusing on topics related to conservation, park stewardship and wilderness skills development.

**Docent Training-** Four-week training sessions in the Fall where trainees enjoy spending quality time in nature while learning about local history, plants, animals and history and receive training in interpretive teaching techniques. Trained docents guide public hikes and conduct youth programs.

**Public and Family Hikes-** Guided hikes lead by trained docents and rotated monthly throughout various Preserve trailheads including Powder Canyon (La Habra Heights), Turnbull Canyon (Whittier), Arroyo Pescadero (Whittier) and Sycamore Canyon and Hacienda Hills (Hacienda Heights). Two- to three-mile educational hikes are held on the third Saturday morning of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Additional hikes are held at the availability of docents. The hikes range in difficulty level depending on trailhead from easy to moderately strenuous. (Summer times June through Sept. 8 a.m. to 10a.m.).Subject to weather. Rain cancels.

**Lil' Explorers-** *Summertime only.* A series of 1-hour themed classes for parents and their children 2-4 years old. Preschoolers enjoy hands-on interaction with the wonders of nature through a large array of multi-sensory activities. Classes are held Fridays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a designated trailhead for 4-week sessions. Registration required through the City of Whittier and La Habra Parks and Recreation schedule of classes.

**Nature Workshops-** A themed series held at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead on three selected Saturdays throughout the year. Guest lecturers vary with the season and topic. Topics may include butterflies, herpetofauna, co-existing with wildlife, Native American culture, mammals, raptors, and native plant talk and sale. *These programs are sponsored by the Barbara Lee Fish Memorial Education Fund.*

**Restoration or Trail Clean Up Days-** Volunteers help the Habitat Authority in the restoration of native habitats or clean-up trails. Habitat restoration involves invasive weed removal, seeding, planting, or related maintenance activities. Clean-up days are held on a Saturday for a 3- to 4-hour period beginning in the morning. Equipment and training are provided.

**Earth Day Celebration –** A celebration of nature themed event to be held in April. Interested people will have the opportunity to help participate in an earth-friendly activity while enjoying nature with like-minded others. To be held at 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at a designated trailhead.

*All Programs: Check [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) for updates.*