**Hike of the Month**

In the month of July we are starting off a new hiking group to train for the popular summit climb. Our goal is to train a group to the top of Mount Diablo and then tackle the hike again together in September. We will meet on alternate Saturdays in July and August for a short day hike. We will start at 9:00 AM and hike 4-5 miles to an easy summit view.

This hike starts from Camp Pyles and will allow us to experience a variety of habitats, including grasslands, oak woodlands, and heavy forest. The hike is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. The hike will be led by our hiking guide and will stop to discuss the flora and fauna along the way.

Join us on our hike to the top of Mount Diablo and the opportunity to meet other hikers who share the same passion for the great outdoors.

*Note: All hikes are free, but you must register in advance. Make sure to bring water, snacks, and appropriate hiking gear.*

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Nature Walk: Birds, Butterflies and Blooms**
  - Date: Wednesday, Aug 2
  - Time: 8:30-12:30 pm
  - Location: Back to Curry Point

This nature walk will focus on identifying birds and butterflies found in the area. Participants will learn about the habitats and behaviors of these creatures and how they contribute to the ecosystem. The hike will be led by a naturalist and will include stops to observe and learn about the local flora and fauna.

- **Astronomy Program**
  - Date: Saturday, July 22
  - Time: 8-11:00 pm

Join us for an astronomy program featuring a night sky tour and educational sessions on various celestial objects. Participants will have the opportunity to see planets, stars, galaxies, and more using telescopes.

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**Fundraising Campaign**

We are excited to announce that our fundraising campaign is still going strong! We have reached our goal of $80,000, but we need your help to reach our goal of $100,000. Please consider making a donation to support our mission.

**Video Tours of Mount Diablo**

Discover the beauty and diversity of Mount Diablo with our video tours. These videos combine lively interviews and interactive segments to provide an engaging experience for visitors.

- **Summit Meridian by Steve Smith**
- **Soap Root by Dan Fitzgerald**
- **Madrone Canyon**
- **Harvest of Fire: Trees**

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**Fun Fact**

Did you know that the California State Lottery provides funding for the new Education Center at Mitchell Canyon? This allocation was made as part of the State Budget signed this month by Governor Newsom. It was championed through the legislative process by legislative representatives.

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**Upcoming Events**

- ** environ**
  - Date: Tuesday, Aug 15
  - Time: 4-6:30 pm

This event will feature local environmental organizations and provide an opportunity to learn about conservation efforts and volunteer opportunities.

- **Diablo Blue**
  - Date: Wednesday, Aug 16
  - Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Join us for a special event featuring live music and local crafts. This event is open to the public and is a great way to support local artists and artisans.

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**Don’t forget that we can accept gifts of securities which allow you to avoid capital gains taxes on the appreciation of the stock. Please contact us for details.**

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**Tip for Mobile Users:** Turn your phone sideways for a better view!