



Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds eNewsletter

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Friends 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 18, 2012—Schedule for the Day

AT THE MONUMENT

9 AM - Friends' table for sign-in will be in the Yurt (with refreshments), Please make sure that if you come to the Monument for the day that you do check in.

Use your membership card to purchase Friends' items in the temporary Visitor Center. (A Fee Free Day has been applied for - check when you arrive)

10AM - Activities begin

10 AM to 12 Noon - Special Interpretation at the Scudder Pit done by Friends' member Dr. Bob Carnein

1 PM to 4:30 PM - Hornbeck Homestead open with special interpretation by Cassandra Brooks (3-4:30)

1 PM to 3 PM - Science Lab will be open in the Yurt

10 AM to 3 PM - Tours of the new Visitor Center

Sign up at the Friends' table as only 10 people can go at a time.

3 PM - Concert at the Monument in the Amphitheater

Jeff Wolin will sing songs from the new CD that is being produced in conjunction with New Orleans Jazz - Proceeds from its sale will benefit the National Jr. Ranger programs at NPS areas.

Regularly scheduled activities such as Ranger talks will occur throughout the day.

AT THE NATURE PLACE

5PM - 6:30PM

Social Hour and Silent Auction - Downstairs at the Nature Place

6:30PM to 8 PM

Banquet in the Back Dining Room

Directions to the Nature Place

Go west on 24 to the town of Florissant. Less than a mile after Florissant, you will see a red Real Estate Office on the left. That is Wagon Tongue Road. Make that left onto it.

Travel about about 3 miles to the first split in the road. Take the left which goes to Sanborn Western Camps and The Nature Place. You will then come to a gate with flags in about another 3 miles—go left.

Keep going until you see a sign on the right for The Nature Place. You will come right up into the parking lot for the main building which is where our events will occur.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, August 18 either during the day and/or at the banquet. There are still places available at the banquet. (Call Sally at 719-687-9204)

Waldo Canyon Fire Rehabilitation Project



Workday: Friday, August 10th, 2012

Project Location: Meet at the Flying W Ranch (map below)

Project Times: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Volunteers Needed: 75

Workday Description:

In response to the most destructive fire in Colorado's history, volunteers will help mitigate flooding and repair fire damage at the Flying W Ranch in the Waldo Canyon burn scar. This area of the burn is now subject to erosion and mud slides threatening Colorado Springs' municipal water supply. Work will involve removal and chipping of burned hazard trees, re-shaping the ground surface, re-seeding, mulching and building erosion control structures to stabilize drainages prone to flood events.

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) will be working with staff from Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and various volunteer groups. **You must be registered prior to attending this project, please contact Lisa@uppersouthplatte.org.**

Important Notes:

CUSP will provide hard hats, tools and materials necessary to complete project work. Portable restrooms will be available on site. A safety review and work demonstration will precede the project work. **Weather** which could create hazardous conditions may cause the project to be canceled or rescheduled; CUSP will monitor weather and notify you of any changes in a timely fashion.

Requirements of Volunteers:

Prior to the project each volunteer must submit a **completed Liability Release Form**. A **Volunteer**

Sign-up Sheet must be initialed by individuals.

Please Bring:

Any applicable medicines (including epi-pens, insulin and inhalers)

Sunscreen

Sun glasses or safety glasses

Work gloves

Sturdy shoes with good tread

Long pants and long sleeved shirts are strongly recommended

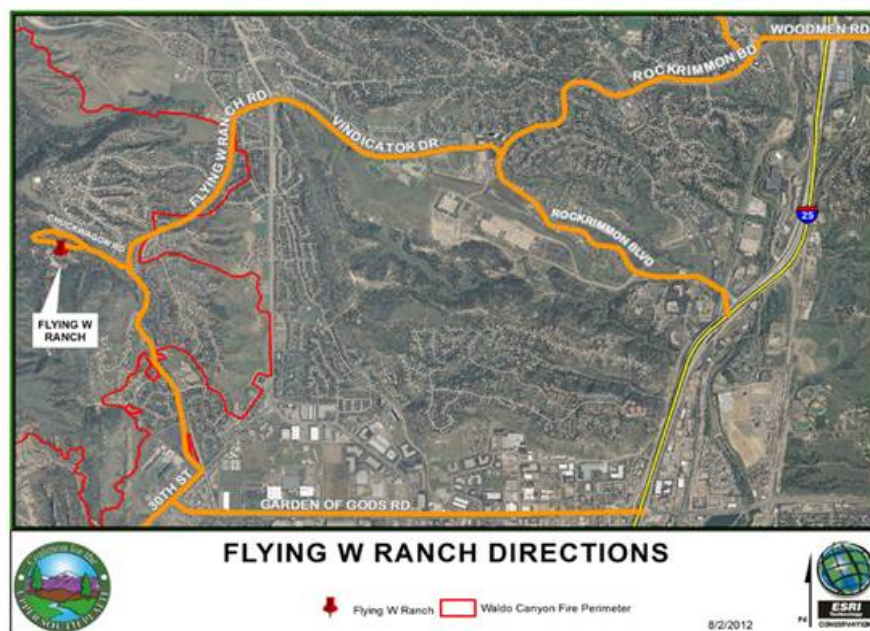
Water containers, the use of reusable containers is encouraged – refills will be provided

A sack lunch

What to Expect:

The burn area is in an exposed mountain environment. **Please be aware and prepared for potential hazards**, including but not limited to: driving on mountainous roads with loose gravel and high flash flood potential; exposure to sun, wind, lightening and rapidly changing weather conditions; working with sharpened tools in areas with unstable terrain and footing; possible falling trees; hiking at significant elevation. Medications may have adverse effects in sun, heat or altitude, please list medications and medical conditions on the CUSP release form so staff may be aware of potential concerns. Know your limitations and inform staff immediately if you become ill or injured. Be prepared to exit quickly in the event of an emergency or changing environmental conditions. Please drink plenty of water prior to and during the project to avoid dehydration. Please wear appropriate clothing; clothing may become stained or ruined.

Flying W Ranch: 3330 Chuckwagon Rd, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919



This challenging project will require team effort. **Please be prepared to get dirty!**