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DALEY RANCH IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALIST TRAINING

The Daley Ranch Volunteer Association is now accepting applications for coveted positions as Volunteer Naturalists. Training classes for Naturalists will begin September 13 and continue on Saturdays through November 8. Trainees will learn about the cultural and natural history of this area. Courses include botany, reptiles, birds, mammals, Native American studies, entomology, and geology as well as training in Basic First Aid and CPR. Upon completion, volunteers will be able to lead visitors on tours of the Daley Ranch trails and talk about what can be seen from the peaks, valleys, and scenic overlooks. Classes will be kept small to allow more one-on-one training.

To join this team of well-trained Naturalists, pick up an application at the Dixon Lake Ranger Station, download one from the Daley Ranch website, or call the Volunteer Office at (760) 839-4241.

The Daley Ranch has over 22 miles hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails and is open daily from dusk to dawn. The hills and valleys of the area were once frequented by the Luiseño, Kumeyaay, and other local tribes of Native Americans. Their presence may be found in many areas of the Ranch. A beautiful redwood house, built in 1928, is located in the middle of the meadow; however, it is currently closed to the public. In 1869, Robert Daley first settled in the valley, building a log cabin and eventually laying claim to over 1600 acres. Further acquisitions gave the Ranch the 3,058 acres enjoyed today as a park owned and operated by the City of Escondido.

Visit the Daley Ranch website at www.ci.escondido.ca.us and click on Daley Ranch to learn more about this unique, historic area located in the north eastern section of the City of Escondido.

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