

Friends of Sweeney Ridge Newsletter

An organization working in partnership with **Pacifica Land Trust**
to preserve & protect our open space



July 2001

The effort to preserve the Scenic Sneath Lane Gateway to Sweeney Ridge

Our Friends,

THANKS! To all of you who participated or sponsored walkers in our Walk-a-Thon on June 16th. By any measure The Walk was a success. Over 100 participants helped raise over \$3,000 for Pacifica Land Trust to help save the 9.2 acre Scenic Sneath Lane Gateway to Sweeney Ridge.

The funds will help pay for costs which have already been incurred by PLT in the battle to save this land from development. The effort is proceeding well. A professional appraisal of the land has been made and PLT has entered into negotiations with the City of Pacifica for an option to purchase the land for preservation. In the meantime, PLT is exploring potential sources for funds to exercise the purchase option.

Our group will continue to provide support to PLT in the days ahead. But now, we are planning some fun events which will allow us to enjoy Sweeney Ridge and help the Golden Gate National Park Association protect this great resource.

SAVE THE DATE: August 18th.

On August 18th, we'll join National Park Service Ranger George Durgerian for a hike along the ridge top from Skyline College to the Portola Discovery marker and back. We'll meet at Parking Lot #2 on the south side of Skyline College. The hike will begin at about 1:30 p.m. During the 3 hour walk we'll learn more about the natural environment of the ridge as well as some history of human involvement with the ridge. Phone GGNRA offices at 415-556-8642 for reservations.

If you missed a chance to get a Friends of Sweeney Ridge shirt during the Walk-a-Thon, we'll have a few remaining shirts for sale at the trailhead prior to our hike on August 18th. All proceeds benefit Pacifica Land Trust.

This autumn we'll begin a real "hands-on" activity to protect the native plants and wildlife of Sweeney Ridge. Beginning on September 8th, Ranger George Durgerian will lead us in a Stewardship Program. On the second Saturday of each month, we'll meet to remove invasive plants from the ridge trails. It's a great way to get a self-paced physical workout and make real, visible progress in conserving the ridge lands. Come join us and get down and dirty!

To learn more about these events and our other plans, contact us at the number below. Or, come to our next meeting at 106 Merced Dr. San Bruno on Monday July 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

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