INAUGURAL PRAC INTERPRETERS SEMINAR SLATED FOR APRIL!

Nationally renown naturalist Elizabeth Terwilliger, and former National Park Service interpreter Lester Hodins are scheduled to instruct at the first-ever PRAC Interpreters Seminar. The event will take place Monday, April 25, 1988 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Park Place in Walnut Creek, California.

Mrs. Terwilliger is nationally known for her work in helping children discover the outdoors. For over 40 years she has taught in Marin County, and in 1984 she was presented by President Reagan with a Presidential Award For Volunteer Action. Mrs. Terwilliger has written various books, and has been the subject of numerous films and television programs.

Mr. Hodins, currently a Ranger with the City of Palo Alto, worked for six years as an interpreter with the U.S. National Park Service at Redwood National Park near Crescent City, California. He has a varied background in environmental education and interpretation.

Terwilliger will present the topic "Park Interpretation For Children" from 9:00am to 12:00pm; and Hodins will teach on "Park Interpretation for the Public" from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. A "provide your own" lunch period will run from 12 noon to 1:00pm.

Cost for this all-day seminar is $15.00 per person for PRAC members, and $20.00 per person for non-members. Attendance is limited to 40 people, so early registration is encouraged.

To register, send a check for the proper amount to: "1988 Interpreters Seminar", Park Rangers Association of California, P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95818. For more information on this exciting event contact: Cliff Lindquist, PRAC Vice President, 2169 Youngs Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA., 94598, (415) 944-5766.
RANGER LAW ENFORCEMENT REFRESHER SLATED FOR FEBRUARY

The Park Management Department of West Valley College will conduct a "Law Enforcement Refresher Training For Rangers", February 22-24, at its Saratoga campus.

The three-day seminar is designed to provide field-level rangers with enforcement knowledge and skills updates in the following areas:

- Arrest, Search, and Seizure
- Controlled Substances
- Legal Updates
- Juvenile Violations
- Stress
- Wildlife Law
- Workable Solutions
- Courts
- Field Techniques

Instructors will be from the West Valley College Administration Of Justice Department, and from San Francisco Bay Area law enforcement agencies.

The cost of the seminar is $30.00, and includes instructor fees, supplies/equipment, handouts, and refreshments. Fees cannot be refunded after February 18, 1988.

To register, or to obtain more information, contact: Tom Smith, Coordinator, Park Management Department, West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA., 95070. Checks should be made payable to the Park Management Club Of West Valley College.

NATIONAL PARK VISITORS SET RECORDS IN '87

Excerpt From McClatchy News Service Wire

Visits to Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon national parks hit record highs during 1987, with Yosemite recording 3.24 million visitors.... (This) figure eclipsed the 1986 mark of 2.98 million.

At Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park visits climbed to 2.22 million (the previous high was 2.17 million in 1976.)

Overall national park use in California climbed 5.5 percent to 35.5 million visits.

Bill Thomas, regional NPS spokesman at San Francisco, said that at the present rate of increase, visitors will probably need a reservation to get into the more popular parks within the next decade.

Park officials attribute much of the increase to a dry winter, a good economy and California's mushrooming population.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area saw the heaviest use of any NPS area in California last year, with 19.2 million visitors!
1988 PRAC/CSPRA/LEAGUE CONFERENCE UPDATE

The 1988 PRAC/CSPRA/LEAGUE Conference, at Sacramento's Woodlake Resort & Convention Hotel, is less than two months away! The event, scheduled for March 11-14, promises to be the most informative and exciting ever.

PRAC members should be receiving their registration packets within the next few weeks. For more conference information call Patricia Posner at (916) 445-9672.

Conference organizers are still looking for committee volunteers. If you have some time and wish to help, contact Ken Gray at (916) 324-1828.

See you all in Sacramento when we find "NEW VISIONS FROM OLD TRADITIONS".

WANTED: YOUR RANGER PATCHES(?)!!

PRAC Treasurer, Bruce Baker (also a Park Ranger with the Town of Los Gatos) is trying collect ranger patches from agencies throughout California.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in giving, selling or trading patches with Bruce contact him at Los Gatos Parks & Forestry Department, (408) 354-6809.

Let's help Bruce build an impressive collection.

"Oh my God! It's Leonard! ... He's stuffed himself."
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