



Portola and Castle Rock Foundation

Inspiring the Protection of Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods State Parks Through Quality Educational Experiences and Infrastructure Improvements

Member and Volunteer Appreciation Event Castle Rock State Park, Kirkwood entrance Sunday, September 17th 12:00 PM

Please make plans to join us at Castle Rock State Park on Sunday September 17th at 12noon.

Stop by to meet Portola and Castle Rock Foundation Board members as well as some of the State Parks personnel that help make Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods the gems we love to visit and support. El Buen Taco truck will be providing lunch. The State Parks Interpretation Team will be on hand for a guided hike.

Please register on EventBrite to indicate the number of guests or lunch and whether you'll be joining the guided hike

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/portola-and-castle-rock-foundation-appreciation-event-free-taco-lunch-tickets-707863768587>

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(If you are unable to register via the link, just bring a copy of this newsletter to the event.)



Shooting Stars, Castle Rock State Park, August 12th

The Perseid meteor shower event hosted by Portola and Castle Rock Foundation in August was VERY successful with fantastic weather and a large crowd.

Unfortunately, the shooting stars were not cooperating, but there were a few SPECTACULAR fireballs to keep people engaged. We plan to host this event annually. Tickets are limited and sell out quickly so watch this space for your 2024 invitation.

Portola Redwoods Camp Hosts



Meet William and Mary, our Camp hosts at Portola Redwoods State Park. John and Mary are residing in the Park until December, helping campers and visitors at both the campgrounds and in the visitor center.

Portola Redwoods Visitor Center Revitalization Project

PCRF and State Parks have launched the Portola VC Revitalization Project. After spending a couple of years improving the front porch, we are ready to work on the building itself. This long overdue project will take a few years and more fundraising to complete.

The first item to kick off this large-scale project is the replacement of the roof of the VC which will start the last week of October. We are so excited to see the blue tarps that have been protecting this historic structure finally come down. Our plan includes installing a green, fire resistant, metal roof with tongue and groove underlayment for the interior ceiling. No more plywood and old water spots!



We are also working with a contractor to replace all the single pane windows with double pane windows, providing the visitor center with even more robust weatherproofing and climate management. Additionally, we are working on a structural engineering review of the old historic fireplace to see what changes are needed for its continued use and safety. Other improvements we've identified include electrical work, lighting and a new HVAC system.

When you visit the gift shop inside the VC, you will likely be asked if you would like to donate a \$1 to help us with this amazing but massive project. Donations are slowly coming in from visitors and donors, but more is needed for us to transform this building with continued use into future decades. Please help us with fund this project by making a donation today. Include the 'VC' in the memo field to direct your donation to this project.



*TipToe Falls, Portola Redwoods State Park
August 2023, photo by Tracy Schwartz*



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