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Fat Tire Fun(d)raiser 2011

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Malibu Creek State Park

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The annual CORBA/IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking event is on October 1st this year at Malibu Creek State Park. [Details](#) and [Online Registration](#)

A Message from CORBA's President

By Mark Langton

Fat Tire Fun(d)raiser Registration Open

Save the date: November 13, 2011. For 2011 we have altered the format of our annual anniversary event. In years past it had grown to be quite the undertaking, with lots of festival activities, vendors, a poker ride, even a cyclocross race. Although fun for attendees and a great success, our volunteer coordinators and support staff got pretty burned out, despite the many accolades received from appreciative participants.

The bottom line is to raise money for [our programs](#) while having fun celebrating our great trails and advocacy efforts. So this year we decided to keep it simple and do what we love best—RIDE! We are excited to be back at [Malibu Creek State Park](#) in Calabasas. The main ride route will feature the Crags Road Trail through the creek canyon, past the M*A*S*H site, and up Bulldog Motorway, and will also connect to National Park Service property at the Solstice Canyon section of the Backbone Trail with an optional out-and-back to Kanan Dume Road at Tunnel #1. It will continue along Mesa Peak Motoryway (the downhill last third is AKA Tapia Mtwy), finishing by coming back into Malibu Creek State Park via the Tapia Spur Trail. With the out-and-back to Kanan Dume Road the ride is 27 miles, or 15 miles if the Backbone Trail to Kanan Rd. is skipped. There will also be shorter easy rides in Malibu Creek State Park including the Grasslands Trail to De Anza Park. There will be plenty of opportunities for every level of rider to have a great ride in support of your local trail advocacy organization. You can view the route maps and details of the rides on our [ride routes page](#).

Of course, we'd hate to pass up the opportunity to have some cool demo bikes on hand, and so far we have gotten commitments from Trek, Specialized, Giant, and Bionicon who will have some of the newest technology on hand.

We're also very excited to announce that New Belgium Brewery will be serving samples!

And of course there will be a raffle, with some really cool prizes including bikes, gear, and more.

Visit our [Fat Tire Fun\(d\)raiser 2011 web page](#) for more information and to get registered. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date! Take a Kid Mountain Biking will be Oct 1, 2011

The annual IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking day, always the first Saturday in October, will be October 1st this year. For details and photos of previous years' events, please view our [Take a Kid Mountain Biking web page](#).



Upcoming and Recent Trailwork

For many years, most trailwork has been done by volunteers because of budget cutbacks at our parks systems. So come out and help CORBA and other volunteers keep our trails in top riding shape! You can learn more about what to expect and what you'll need to bring with you on our [Trailwork web page](#). Keep in mind that CORBA now provides prizes and lunch after the event for volunteers who register in advance! And by registering in advance, you'll help us prepare by knowing how many volunteers to expect. If you come out to two or more trailwork days in a year, we'll give you a cool long-sleeved CORBA trail crew shirt - be sure to ask for yours!



- Trailwork days are being planned for October/November in the Angeles National Forest, but the dates have not yet been confirmed. We'll be posting the dates on [our calendar](#) as soon as they are confirmed.
- **October 15: 20th Annual COSCA Trailwork Day.** Join CORBA, [SMMTC](#), [COSCA](#) and other volunteer groups to work on the Conejo Open Space trails in Thousand Oaks. There will be a thank you lunch and prize drawings after the work. This is a great event with many volunteers. This year we will be revitalizing a trail in Sunset Hills that had become completely overgrown. If you hike or ride the trails in Thousand Oaks, come out and help maintain these trails! No prior experience is necessary. Read the rest of the [details on our blog...](#)
- **September 11: Verdugo Peak trails** Thirty-two volunteers headed up Hostetter road (La Tuna Canyon) in the Verdugo Mountains. Eagle Scout candidate and St. Francis High School racer Steven Ayoob had chosen to work on the trails at Verdugo Peak for his Eagle Scout project. Verdugo Peak is the highest peak in the Verdugo Mountains. CORBA trail crew volunteer Steve Messer served as an advisor for the project, supplying CORBA's tools and expertise. After a round of coffee, juice and donuts, the group held a moment of silence in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001. Steven gave instructions and organized the group before heading up to the peak and trailwork site. At the top Steve Messer gave a talk on safety, tool use and the objectives of the trailwork. Steven Ayoob is a member of Boy Scout Troop 127 out of Glendale, and is the troop's fifth Eagle Scout candidate for 2011. He has ridden the trails in the Verdugos and wanted to help improve and preserve them. See the [whole story on our blog...](#)

To see all trailwork dates, including those of other groups, visit the [CORBA trailwork calendar](#).

General News

Backbone Trail Just Got Closer to Completion

The National Park Service has completed the purchase of another important land parcel along the route of the Backbone Trail, leaving just a scant mile or so still not open to the public. For more information, [click here](#).

Mountain Bike Photography Technique

from *Digital Photography Review* dpreview.com

Good sports photography isn't easy. Many popular sports - football or motor racing, for example - give amateur photographers limited access. To make matters worse, getting close enough to the action for worthwhile shots can involve expensive long lenses that are beyond the financial reach of many photographers.

Mountain biking is different. Whether it's on a recreational level in beautiful surroundings or part of the race scene with pro-level riding, access is straightforward. A DSLR with standard zoom is all you need to get started, and the techniques for bike photography translate to other sports too. It's a great way into sports shooting. Read the rest of this article at dpreview.com.

New on the CORBA Website

- [Backbone Trail Just Got Closer to Completion](#)
- [COSCA Annual Trailwork Day to Be October 15th](#)
- [More New Riders Join September CORBA Kids Ride](#)
- [Fat Tire Fun\(d\)raiser Registration Open](#)
- [COSCA Strategic Plan Public Workshop Sep 20](#)
- [Eagle Scout Project at Verdugo Peak](#)
- [September 3rd Skills Clinic Photos](#)

Recreational Rides

For a list of upcoming recreational rides, please visit the [CORBA Calendar](#).

- Next [CORBA Kids Club ride](#) will be Saturday October 1st, as part of the annual [Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day](#) at Malibu Creek State Park. See our [Rides Calendar](#) for details.
- Next **Beginners ride** will be Saturday October 8th. See our [Rides Calendar](#) for details.

CORBA's [Recreational Rides calendar](#) provides a full monthly schedule of mountain bike rides for all skill levels. Mountain bike rides are organized by CORBA member clubs and led by experienced and knowledgeable guides. Recreational rides are a fun and social way to experience a variety of trails in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, and beyond.

Free Mountain Biking Skills Clinic

Saturday October 1st is the next skills clinic.

The CORBA free skills clinic is held on the first Saturday of every month at [Malibu Creek State Park](#).

Mountain biking is a lot like tennis or skiing. Just a few minor

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adjustments in technique can make a huge difference in your control and proficiency. If you want to get better faster, you need to know the fundamentals of mountain biking technique. Whether you're just getting into mountain biking or have been riding for years, you'll learn some valuable tips from our Introduction to Mountain Biking skills class that is offered each month. Check out our [Skills Clinic web page](#) for all the information. After the clinic, see photos of your new skills on the CORBA web site that you can share with your family and friends!

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Join Our Team! Do you have any ideas about mountain biking recreation in the L.A. region? Would you like to apply your skills and manage projects that contribute to the sport and lifestyle that you love? Is there an advocate in you? We are recruiting motivated individuals who work well with others. Send an email to info@corbamtb.com or come to a monthly Members Meeting to find out more about what we do and how you can help. Check the [calendar](#) for the next meeting.

Other simple ways to support CORBA

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