AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, August 22, 9:00 am
TONIGHT Star Party: Saturday, August 15, 7:30 pm
TOMORROW Karaoke: Sunday, August 16, 7:00 pm

Hike Report - Shoreline:
The air was still though hazy from the Bonnie Doon fire, and the temperature was idea though typical of a Northern California summer morning. It put one in mind of Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, The Pastoral. We saw all the usual birds on our walk out to the "Benchmark", as well as some that are rarer...

A Great Egret, and...

...there in the distance a Great Blue Heron

Our numbers were smaller today due to many camping out this weekend in the Santa Cruz area. I wonder if the smoke from the fire got anywhere near them. But in spite of the small turnout, the fellowship was large and friendly. Hope many of you are back next week!

Coming up: The usual every Saturday hike at Shoreline, and tomorrow (Sunday) Karaoke in Mountain View. See below for details. And for the latest on *all* the upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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TONIGHT! Saturday, August 15, 2009, 7:30 pm: Monthly *Star Party,* Foothills Park, Palo Alto
Sponsored by Peninsula Astronomical Society.
The **NEXT** Peninsula Astronomical Society Star Party of the season is Saturday, August 15. Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) *and* a picnic dinner. While the sun sets and twilight deepens, we'll have our picnic and get our telescopes set up. Dress warmly in layers. Clear nights can get chilly.
Time: 7:30 pm gathering at the Park'n'Ride till ~10:30 pm. ***Please note:*** New admittance policy in 2009: *The Park entrance will close at 8:00 pm, so don't be late or you won't get in!*
Admission: ***FREE!!***
Location: Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. From there we'll carpool to Foothills Park. Any car with a telescope or a Palo Alto resident aboard gets in free. Or you can just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. We will be joining the Peninsula Astronomical Society, http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/pas.htm, for this month's summer star party.

Directions:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=i-280+and+page+mill+rd&csz=los+altos+ca+94022
More information: http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com.

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TOMORROW! Sunday, August 16, 2009, 7:00 pm till ?: Karaoke
Contact Mark Constantz, constantz@yahoo.com for details.

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Saturday, August 22, 2009 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee* - Mountain View
Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!
Directions to Lakeside Café:
From northbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).
From southbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.
Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.
Map:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043
More information: Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html, call Randy on 408.739.2881 or Email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** These hikes are every Saturday *****