

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) Training Course Class #2 Graduates!**

Robbs Resort, CA. The latest crop of volunteer leaders, trained in leadership and land stewardship graduated with 16 students on November 12, 2006. This is the only course of its kind in the country, with hands-on individualized supervision/leadership course available to and designed for volunteer recreational leaders.

Sponsored by key recreation organizations, the students were treated to three intense days of leadership boot camp. Thanks goes out to the [BlueRibbon Coalition \(BRC\)](#); the [Off-Road Business Association \(ORBA\)](#); [United Four Wheel Drive Associations \(UFWDA\)](#); the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs [Conservation and Education Foundation](#); and the [Rubicon Trail Foundation](#). The students were fully sponsored by these awesome groups. In fact, these are many of the same sponsors that helped initiate and sponsor the very first VLLS course in June 2004.

VLLS is a three day intense workshop designed to train volunteers to lead other volunteers to victory! Designed and conducted by Del Albright, students work in teams to learn more on subjects like Public Speaking, Volunteer Supervision, Facilitation and Meeting Management, Team Building, Recreational Incident Command System (RICS), Erosion Control, and Volunteer Development.

Several Class #1 alumni attended this workshop to serve as coaches and instructor assistants. Those alumni included Dan Stra (CT), Doug Barr (NV), Rusty Folea (CA), John Stewart (CA), Mike Overmeyer (CA), and Dennis Mayer (CA). Dennis Mayer also served as the Logistics Chief to set up the course, pay the bills and arrange for student lodging and meals at Robbs Resort.

Student graduates of Class #2 were: Brandon Chappell, Bob Van Zant, Jerry Sparkman, Mike Ross, Todd & Teresa Ockert, Gary Lefler, Deborah Pulskamp, Scott Emmons, Pete Newell, Randy Burlison, Don Spuhler, Mark Langford, Mike Jackson, Brian Whitford, and Bret Preble.

Robbs Resort (see web site here: <http://www.dorobbs.com/>) provided the setting, as well as lodging and meals for the workshop. Scott Morgan, Proprietor of Robbs, was a gracious and fun host for the entire event. Robbs has also supported the on-going efforts of the Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR) with meals and entertainment. "Having a place like Robbs Resort that not only supports our access to the Rubicon Trail, but also is a

darn fun place to hang out, is a wonderful addition to the whole Rubicon experience,” said Del Albright, Trail Boss, Friends of the Rubicon.

Many more VLLS workshops are being planned by the Rubicon Trail Foundation (RTF), the primary host of this course. “We have no greater need than to train and encourage volunteers in taking on leadership positions,” said Dennis Mayer, Treasurer, Rubicon Trail Foundation and member, Auburn Jeep Club.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.delalbright.com/RLTC/rltc.htm>



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