

Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship

#VLLSWorkshop



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Volunteer Leaders Hit the Trails

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30 Students from 8 States Complete 2015 Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) Workshop Presented by BFGoodrich Tires and Omix-ADA/Rugged Ridge

(Mokelumne Hill, CA, March 11, 2015). Albright Enterprises is proud to announce the completion of the fifth Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) Workshop – the only one of its kind in the country. Thirty-one students graduated on March 1st from this two and a half-day boot camp on leadership training in land use and access.

VLLS #5 was presented by BFGoodrich Tires and Omix-ADA/Rugged Ridge, with sponsorship help from MetalCloak, Poly Performance, Synergy Manufacturing, Raceline Wheels, Poison Spyder Customs, the Rubicon Trail Foundation and the California 4Wheel Drive Association Conservation & Education Foundation.

Developed and conducted by Del Albright, the workshop has produced over 120 graduates since 2004 to help save trails and keep outdoor motorsports alive and well. This year, Kurt Schneider, a previous VLLS graduate, served as a coach and co-instructor. “This is a life-changing workshop for many people in the off-road world,” said

Kurt. "The team building is intense, and the variety of topics covered leaves you amazed."

The course focused on helping volunteers learn to lead other volunteers so as to ensure the long term viability of recreational (motorized) sports and access. VLLS also teaches leaders how to avoid burnout in volunteers, while developing membership in clubs and groups. Much attention was also given to strengthening social networking skills.

"As the attendees introduced themselves and described the projects they had worked on I was feeling increasingly outclassed. I felt like a kid that somehow ended up at the grown up table at dinner. By the end of the workshop I felt we were, on a whole, on much more level ground," said G. Sequoia Armstrong - NAXJA Southern California Chapter President.

"The overall objective is to help volunteers lead other volunteers to victory," said Del Albright, RLTC/VLLS Course Developer. Part of the course is learning the Recreational Incident Command System (RICS) method developed by Del to help standardize and organize event planning and implementation.

Rebecca Antle, President, Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, said "Learning from the VLLS class and recreational users across the United States today, is guiding us toward a more united and brighter recreation future tomorrow."

Class members recreated primarily by four wheel drive, but also by motorcycle, OHV, snowmobile, side by side, ATV, and RV to responsibly access wheeling, camping, fishing, hiking, horse-riding, hunting, mining, and riding pursuits. This new crop of stewardship leaders will make a huge difference in ensuring our access for the future for all sports.



VLLS #5 had 1 national association president, 3 state association presidents and 30 past and present club presidents from 8 states. The class was broken into teams which they named themselves as part of the team-building process.

We present the class of 2015:

Team: National Wheelers

Beckie Amsden (CA)
Marlys Brink (CA)
Ed Tenney (WA)
John Lewins (WI)
Brian Mulhollen (CA)
Jerry Smith (CO)

Team: Wizards of Wheeling Wisdom

Tom Allgaier (CA)
Amy Sagraves (CA)
Steve Egbert (CA)
Jo Snyder (CA)
Troy McClintock (CA)
Bill Ellis (CA)

Team: Trails 'R' Us

Becky Antle (AZ)
Robert Casebeer (CA)
Larry Calkins (NV)
Melanie Munoz (NV)
Bob Alexander (NV)
Fred Meyling (NV)

Team: Public Access Patriots Assoc. (PAPA)

Eric Agee (CA)
Ryan Ward (UT)
Matt Rowland (IN)
Marc Bryson (UT)
Matt Sagraves (CA)
Melissa Nunley (CA)

Team: 7-Slot Society

Geoff Beasley (CA)
Crystal Crowder (WA)
Aaron Nunley (CA)
Ken Clarke (CA)
G. Sequoia Armstrong (CA)
John Briggs (CA)

Coaching staff included:

Kurt Schneider
Jeff Blewett
Dave Gross
Bret Preble
Steve Piazza

Guest speaker Don Amador, BlueRibbon Coalition and Quiet Warrior Racing, marveled the class with an in-depth insider's perspective on politics and advocacy.

VLLS is the hands-on follow up workshop to the online Recreational Leadership Training Course (RLTC). To learn more about RLTC, VLLS or to sign up for a future workshop, visit <http://www.rltc.biz>

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