



# San Diego Mountain Biking Association



## Del Mar Mesa Preserve “Tunnels” Trash Cleanup Is a Success!

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The April 18 Del Mar Mesa “Tunnels” trash cleanup led by City of San Diego Senior Ranger Gina Washington proved to be a huge success. Ninety-three (93) volunteers were organized into three teams and spent five hours picking up trash on City-owned open space within the Del Mar Mesa Preserve, land that is part of the City’s Multiple Species Conservation Program. The trash collected was carried out and transported to two 40-cubic yard dumpsters provided by the City. The trash included discarded food cans, milk crates, buckets, piping,

mattress box springs, glass, chairs, car parts and tires, old bikes, batteries, and even a weight set.

In addition to the hard work provided by the volunteers, special thanks goes to San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) member Mike Maio for the cleanup idea and helping Senior Ranger Gina Washington organize the event. Also, special thanks to Shasta Landscaping for their volunteers and to Luna Grill Neighborhood Kabobery and Marvin Gerst of the Del Mar Mesa Planning Group for donating food

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Marissa Brand and her 3-year-old son Alexander worked as a team to gather bags of debris.



Karen Tipler and her son Julian haul trash out of Deer Canyon.



Ninety-three people volunteered their time to clean up Del Mar Mesa Preserve.



## Trash Cleanup *Continued from front*



**Many more encampments were found than expected, keeping the volunteers busy.**

to feed the troops. Thanks also go to REI and local bike shops Black Mountain Bicycles, North of the Border Bikes and ProBuilt Wheels for contributions to the event.

The event was a special opportunity for the mountain biking community to demonstrate environmental stewardship. It was evident that everyone who participated enjoyed taking part in this event.

Taking care of open space that supports healthy and biologically diverse habitats contributes to quality trail experiences for all. This is part of being a responsible stakeholder. SDMBA will continue

to support more open space stewardship events in the future. We hope you will join us in these efforts to protect, preserve and enhance our local natural environments.



**Hauling the trash out of Deer Canyon by hand proved to be one of the most strenuous tasks of the day.**



**A 40-cubic yard dumpster was brought to the site, but proved to be inadequate for the large amount of trash collected. The overflow debris was hauled away in a volunteer's truck and trailer and deposited in a second dumpster.**

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