



South Skyline Association Annual Spring Event

A town hall format to address hazardous activities on our local roads and parking areas.

The South Skyline Association (SSA) is pleased to announce its Annual Spring Event, which will be a town-hall-style community gathering where residents will have the opportunity to engage directly with local government and law enforcement representatives.

This important event will bring together the South Skyline area residents and, hopefully, key officials from multiple jurisdictions to discuss matters affecting our community. The matters include speeding enforcement, public highway safety, reckless behavior, excessive noise, vandalism, and other pressing local issues.

Invited guests include representatives from local law enforcement, specifically the sheriffs of Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties. Additionally, supervisors from these counties, representatives from Caltrans, and state assembly members from Districts 3 and 5 have been invited to participate in the discussion.

As of this writing, we have not received a response from all of those invited, but we would like to get this conversation started as a first step in addressing these issues.

SSA members and local residents are encouraged to submit their questions in advance, or there will be an opportunity to write them down upon arrival at the registration desk. These questions will be compiled and presented to the officials on the panel, who will have the opportunity to address community concerns directly.

Friday, April 11, 2025

TIME 7:00 pm – Refreshments
7:30 pm – Introduction to panel and Q&A

PLACE



Thomas Fogarty Winery

Hill House, 19501 Skyline Blvd
2.7 miles north of Page Mill Rd.,
across from Rapley Ranch Rd.

Fogarty wines will be available.
We request a donation of \$10.00
per glass. Light hors d'oeuvres and
soft drinks will be provided.

The evening's schedule will be structured as follows:

- **30 minutes:** Resident presentations to officials
- **30 minutes:** Open Q&A, including pre-submitted and live questions
- **Up to 30 minutes:** Remarks from elected officials on their roles and responsibilities

This is a valuable opportunity to connect with decision-makers and discuss important topics impacting the South Skyline community. Your voice matters—please join us for an evening of meaningful dialogue and civic engagement.

For more information or to submit questions in advance, please fill in [this form](#) or send an email to president@southskyline.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Have You Renewed Your SSA Membership for 2025?

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Renewals:

1. When does my membership expire?

Membership renewal is every January unless you have paid for multiple years. If you aren't sure if you paid you can always check on our website's membership page. Your membership status may automatically appear at the bottom of the page. If not, select "renew choices," enter your email address and select "Look Me Up." A message will appear that will give you your membership status. www.southskyline.org/membership

2. Can I Auto Renew?

Yes. There is now an option to Auto Renew.

3. How do I make a payment?

Go to our website membership page at www.southskyline.org/membership

To pay online: Enter the email address you used when you signed up

To pay by check: Download and mail the completed membership application at <https://southskyline.org/wp-content/uploads/SSA-membership-renewal-application.pdf>

Mail a check for \$20 (for each year) for annual dues payable to "South Skyline Association" and mail to 400 Skyline Blvd., La Honda, CA 94020

4. What if I don't know what email I used when I joined?

If your email can't be found, try an alternate email that you might have used when you signed up. If that doesn't work, email us at membership@southskyline.org and tell us your name, address, and which email you want to use so we can change it if needed.

Free Spring Chipping Applications Begin in March

SOUTH SKYLINE FIRESAFE COUNCIL

Applications will be accepted from 3/1/25 to 4/15/25.

Chipping will start the last week of April.

For eligibility and other details go to [Free Chipping Program](#) | South Skyline FireSafe Council

SPUG Quarterly Report

Month/Year	Amerigas	Ferrellgas	Kamps	Suburban/SV
March 2025	2.750	3.252	3.510	4.630
February 2025	2.750	3.275	3.510	4.630
January 2025	2.750	3.151	3.510	4.630
December 2024	2.750	3.049	3.410	4.630
November 2024	2.750	2.928	3.410	4.630
October 2024	2.750	2.796	3.410	4.330
September 2024	2.750	2.736	3.410	4.330
August 2024	2.750	2.874	3.410	4.280
July 2024	2.750	2.794	3.410	4.330
June 2024	2.750	2.797	3.410	4.330
May 2024	2.750	2.925	3.410	4.330
April 2024	2.750	3.058	3.410	4.330
March 2024	2.750	3.145	3.410	4.330

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement go to our website: www.SouthSkyline.org/spug/. If you have questions, please email propane@southskyline.org.

SSA has agreements with Amerigas, Ferrellgas, Kamps, and Suburban Propane Scotts Valley. The open market price is more than \$1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price. **Please note: Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices SSA posts are for the first of the month.** Our SPUG rate is based on a keep-full basis, not will-call service.

You are not required to pay sales tax on propane if you do not have natural gas available where you use propane. If you get your propane from Amerigas, you will need to submit a sales tax exemption form. Contact Amerigas for the form.

Membership dues are due every January. Those whose SSA membership has lapsed can be disqualified by our propane providers from receiving the benefit of the SPUG price. Membership can be renewed at <http://SouthSkyline.org/membership/>.

South Skyline Fire & Rescue News

BY ANDY SEIGEL, CAPTAIN, SSF&R

Cal Fire winter staffing did not last long! They returned to base fire season staffing on January 27th—normally, this occurs in May. As a result, CZU has 3 additional engines staffed. As far as we know, backyard burns are still allowed subject to the standard conditions.

Notable Incidents

We had two notable calls this quarter. One was a multi-motorcycle accident on Highway 9. We landed two air ambulances simultaneously at Sempervirens point.



The other was an illegal burn of several dozen piles. The first step for burning is always the same: confirm that it's a permissive burn day. If it isn't... don't burn! Even if you have a permit.

Pancake Breakfast!

Our annual pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, May 31st, 8-11am at the Saratoga Summit Cal Fire Station,



12900 Skyline Blvd. Still made from scratch. We hope to see you there!

New Water Tender in the Works

Thanks to your generous donations, we should be able to fund over 10% of the cost of a replacement water tender! The design/bid process is well underway. Build time can range from one to three years, depending on the manufacturer.

Recruiting

Our candidate is making his way through the 2025 volunteer fire academy. We'll be working hard to recruit several more for 2026.

Visit us at: <http://southskylinefire.org>

Winter Update from Portola and Castle Rock Foundation



We have an exciting 2025 ahead of us as we plan for the 80th anniversary celebration of Portola

Redwoods State Park. June 14 from 11am to 4pm promises to be a memorable day filled with nature, history, and community. Please check our website portolaandcastlerockfound.org or sign up for our newsletter (info@portolaandcastlerockfound.org) to get additional details and the calendar of events which we'll publish as we get

closer to June.

On March 22, we're hosting a volunteer day with State Parks to help prepare the campground for camping season which starts on April 1. We'll provide lunch—please sign up on Meetup and bring a friend and your own work gloves. <https://www.meetup.com/bay-area-outdoors-volunteering-meetup-group/events/306121755/>

Lastly, Portola and Castle Rock Foundation operates a gift shop inside of the Portola Redwoods Visitor Center. State Parks is able to help us staff the store on occasion but we greatly depend on volunteers

to help us in that space. We use the store profits to support our two Parks. If you would like volunteer in our store, meet our campers and visitors and support the work we do, please reach out. With enough volunteer hours, you can receive a Santa Cruz District State Parks pass with the potential of a statewide State Parks pass. Send an email to info@portolaandcastlerockfound.org if you're interested in learning more.

PCRF truly appreciates the tremendous support we receive from the South Skylines Association and the South Skyline community. Thank you!

What Do You Mean, Fire Safe?

BY LARRY WATSON, BOARD MEMBER SOUTH SKYLINE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (SSFSC)

In This Article

1. **What to learn from the LA fires: Escape is your highest priority!**
2. **Fire Safe Inspections**
3. **Is your neighborhood a candidate to become a FireWise USA® community?**
4. **Managing your biomass through the Seasons: Spring**

1. What to learn from the LA fires?

We saw videos of the January (yes January) firestorms in the greater Los Angeles area. For me, I learned that our escape plan is the most important point in preparation for a similar event. Could our South Skyline area experience a year-long drought and associated wildfire season with possible wind gusts to 100 mph?

Let's compare three fires, the recent LA fires, our nearby CZU Complex Fire in 2020, and the next possible one in our neighborhood using the "Wildfire Triangle": **ignition, biomass, and wind**.

In all wildfires, **ignition** is either created by Nature (lightning) or by humans, and, without **ignition** no wildfire. The **biomass** available on any day, at any location, is essentially constant. The burned vegetation in the wildland areas of the LA fires, had a fraction of the **biomass** density characteristic of both the South Skyline and the CZU-affected areas. For any location, the wind is the only variable determining a wildfire intensity. You can only control the **biomass**, not possible **ignition** and the concurrent **winds**.

Managing the **biomass** in your defensible space and hardening your home against burning nearby biomass are important and are matters that



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you control. But beyond your driveway, you require cooperation and planning with others in your neighborhood, and cooperation from the agencies that maintain and border public roads. Have you done a personal inspection recently or received notice of one done by Cal Fire? Another resource is available for our neighborhood.

2. Inspections

The South Skyline Fire Safe Council can provide a free Advisory to property owners by our trained team of advisors to address your concerns in the event of a future nearby wildfire.

Your visit can be in person, or the team can leave an Advisory Form filled out with recommendations for being more fire safe. These visits are similar to Cal Fire inspections but have a lot of added details per their LE100 inspection forms and other wildfire-research specific to our area.

Check out the free Advisory at <https://www.southskylinefiresafe.org/programs-2/home-advisory-program/>. There you can either review the inspection form and/or schedule an inspection.

3. Is your neighborhood a candidate for a FireWise USA® community?

The national Firewise USA® recognition program provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community. In the South Skyline area, Las Cumbres and Portola Heights are Firewise USA communities.

Why go Firewise?

- Discounts on wildfire insurance (including the FAIR plan)
- Create a safer community for residents as well as first responders

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- Access to educational opportunities and grants
- Collaboration & knowledge sharing with other Firewise USA communities

What are the requirements to achieve Firewise USA recognition?

- A minimum of 8 homes in a contiguous area (such as along a common road)
- Follow a 6-step process to assess community risk and develop an action plan
- Make a minimum investment of volunteer time and funding for risk reduction activities (such as roadside clearance or home hardening)
- Hold an educational event each year

If you are interested in learning more about the Firewise USA program, go to <https://www.nfpa.org/en/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa/become-a-firewise-usa-site> or contact our neighbor, Bill Hult at bill.hult@gmail.com.

4. Managing Your Biomass Through the Seasons

It's Spring, and for those of us that can participate in the Santa Cruz County Backyard Burn program, April 30 is the end date. If Cal Fire doesn't close the season early, it's time to light up the final piles (compliant with regulations, of course).

Regarding biomass throughout our area, the greatest extreme wildfire threats and high vegetative maintenance expense along rights-of-way are due to Douglas-firs. All biomass is combustible but Douglas-fir foliage is also flammable, i.e. once ignited it will continue to burn. Removing large fir trees before they are blown down, or become lightning rods during dry thunderstorms, is very expensive and dangerous. But planning ahead by pulling seedlings or cutting them at ground-level is a wonderful thing to do while the soil is still damp, eliminating future problems. Harvest (pull, cut low, or mow) those Douglas-fir seedlings now!

Our Fire Safe Council

There are over 100 Fire Safe Councils throughout California, and our community has its own. It is one of the smallest with no paid staff, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to support our programs can be tax-deductible. Please also consider representing your neighborhood as a project volunteer. Visit our website <https://www.southskylinefiresafe.org/> and give us your feedback including suggestions on how it might be a more valuable resource for you and your neighborhood.

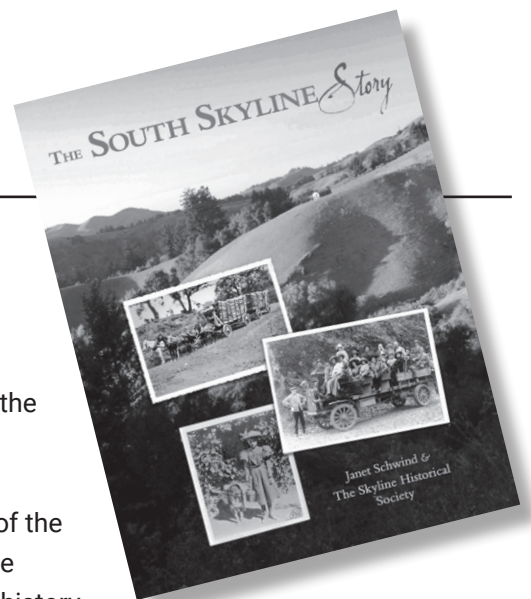
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In this book the reader will follow the paths of the native Ohlone people and experience the rugged life in the logging camps, mills, and ranches. Learn how the crude trails, dusty ranch and private roads of the ridge properties through four different counties were connected by the building of the boulevard. This book introduces the waves of people who left the "flatlands" to succumb to the lore of the mountains of the area we call "home." Complete with detailed maps and vintage photographs, this book should be in the library of every person who loves local history.

Get your copy by contacting Skyline History President Chuck Schoppe, email: chuck_sch@hotmail.com or phone: 408-867-9229. Your cost: \$24.95 plus tax (\$2.32=\$27.27). Priority mailing is \$9.30, for a total of \$36.57.



What Makes Sudden Oak Death “Sudden”?

BY JANE MANNING

The Sudden Oak Death (SOD) pathogen is invisible to the naked eye. Although we may observe other pathogens taking advantage of the oak tree’s SOD-weakened state, the activity of SOD takes place out of view. The microscopic SOD pathogen, which is related to kelp, is carried by dripping or wind-blown water from infected California Bay Laurel or tanoaks. It enters the oak through the bark. It then finds its way to the thin cambium layer, which is the tree’s vascular system located just beneath the bark. This layer physically shuttles water and sugar between the roots and leaves and is especially delicious from the SOD pathogen’s perspective. Inside this layer, SOD proliferates, consuming and destroying this layer. The oak responds to the attack with its general defenses, sometimes including seeping visible on the trunk. However, no specific immunity to SOD exists in California oaks because they did not evolve with SOD.* Younger or less stressed oaks may fare better.

The invading SOD multiplies and consumes the cambium, slowly cutting off water and nutrient transport. Because our oaks have evolved in a tough climate and can withstand some environmental stress, they may appear ‘normal’ early in the infection. (Often however, if you look carefully, you will see less leaf-out or drier leaves.) This girdling of the cambium by SOD gradually stresses the tree such that opportunistic pathogens, such as ‘charcoal ball’ or

honey mushroom fungi may also invade. Note: these are not SOD itself; they also occur on trees stressed by injury or drought.

After one to several years of less access to root water due to girdling, the oak canopy will just give out—this is the “sudden,” because this phase of the process happens quickly. The important thing is to monitor oak health near infrastructure because the drying wood of the SOD-infected oak is brittle, as well as rotted and weak due to the opportunistic infections mentioned above. In dry weather, rotted wood is also very easily ignitable by wildfire. In our heavily SOD-infested region, the reality is that a healthy oak is an oak with almost nothing interfering with its canopy. Take a look at this video (<https://youtu.be/u1WQiA14Hr4> – or search “Lee Klinger, Sudden Oak Life”) to see the amazing recovery of oak trees cared for by a technique called “fire mimicry”, meaning imitating fire. And please join the SOD blitz because helping oaks is happy work!

**The phosphate-based SOD prevention treatment at www.sodblitz.org, applied in autumn, stimulates the basic immune response in time for spring, when warmer, humid weather supports increased SOD spore counts in the forest.*

2025 South Skyline Sudden Oak Death Blitz:

Join hundreds of volunteers by gathering samples of your trees to help in the research of Sudden Oak Death

Pickup packets at Saratoga Summit CalFire Station (12900 Skyline Blvd, Los Gatos)
Starting at 5 PM Friday May 2 thru Sunday May 4. Collect samples over the weekend.
Drop off by 9 AM Monday May 5th.

Info and mandatory training at www.sodblitz.org or contact skyline_sod@yahoo.com

Tomcat Clover Prowls Along the Trail

BY SARAH SCHOEN, PHOTOS BY DAVID SCHOEN

Clovers as a group have been very successful and widespread members of the pea family Fabaceae. There are 31 species in California, and 12–13 species in Russian Ridge alone. Some are native, some are introduced, and they are not always easy to name. A good one to start with is tomcat clover (*Trifolium willdenovii*).

Clovers were highly valued by indigenous Californians. At least 15 species of clover were used as food. The annual plants were often tended by burning meadows, then reseeding them with clover seeds. As nitrogen fixers, clovers helped recover soil nitrogen lost during the fire. Clovers were and continue to be eaten as spring greens or dried and stored as winter food. For tomcat clover in particular, Miwok ate the raw leaves and buds before blooming. Tomcat clover could be eaten raw, steamed, or

dried for winter, then soaked and boiled. After blooming the plants may become bitter. Paiute ate the plants raw and also ate the seeds.

Tomcat clover is a native annual that grows 4–8" or sometimes up to 16" tall. The stems are erect or spreading, growing more robustly in areas with more rainfall. A taproot allows it to grow in drier locations. It can even survive in serpentine soils.

Leaves grow alternately from the stems, and are helpful in identifying the plant. Like other clovers, they each have 3 leaflets. The genus name, *Trifolium* is for 3-part leaf. Unusually, the leaflets of tomcat clover are typically long and narrow, not rounded like most clovers. Identification by this method is quick when you don't have a lot of time.

The flowers of pea family members have a similar



Tomcat Clover (Keator 1994)

configuration. They have 5 partially fused petals of different shapes with mirror image symmetry. These include 1 large petal at the back of the flower (banner), 2 petals on the sides (wings), and 2 fused petals at the center (keel). Inside the keel are the 10 mostly fused stamens and 1 stigma for pollination. These are out of sight and protected until an insect lands on the wings and pushes down, opening up the keel.

Tomcat clover has large, showy heads of many individual small flowers. These are multicolored - pink and purple and sometimes white. At the base of the head is a wheel-like circle of bracts called an involucre. It is sharply long-toothed. 1–2 seeds per flower ripen in a legume capsule.

One of the more similar clovers in our area is the whitetip clover (*Trifolium variegatum*). It has oblong leaflets, rounder than the tomcat clovers, but not as round as a shamrock. It has a deeply-lobed involucre with sharp points. And the flowers more commonly have white tips.



Tomcat Cluster

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Take A Hike in Sanborn County Park

BY KIM BORICK

If you live in our mountain community but have not yet visited Sanborn County Park let this be the year you do. Nestled in the hills above Saratoga, this 3,453 acre property stretches up to Skyline Boulevard and shares a border with Castle Rock State Park. Whether you are looking for a pleasant stroll, moderate hike or a physical challenge, there are a multitude of trail “offerings” here; some enhanced by remnants of history and others sporting evidence of geologic forces at work.

The main entrance to Sanborn is located off Hwy 9 on Sanborn Road. This lower area of the park

is home to the main complex, with campgrounds, picnic areas, buildings dedicated to outdoor education programs, bedrock mortars used by the first people of these mountains, the Silicon Valley Shakespeare Theatre and more. From this lower complex area one can connect with numerous trails.

One of the more popular hikes includes the Nature and San Andreas trails. This can be a short out and back of less than 2 miles from the main parking area, rated easy to moderate. Examination of the park’s [road and trail map](#) reveals many nearby options for you to select

your route and/or expand your exploration. Some of the lower “trails” in the park will also take you on sections of paved road.

One of the attractions of the popular Nature/San Andreas Trail is that it leads through the woods to the former estate of Judge James Welch, known for his enthusiastic promotion of the “beautiful and scenic” Skyline Boulevard opened in 1929. He built a lovely two-story summer home on his then 700 acre property in 1908, using halved redwood logs and incorporating numerous natural features of the surrounding area in its design. Adjacent to the house,

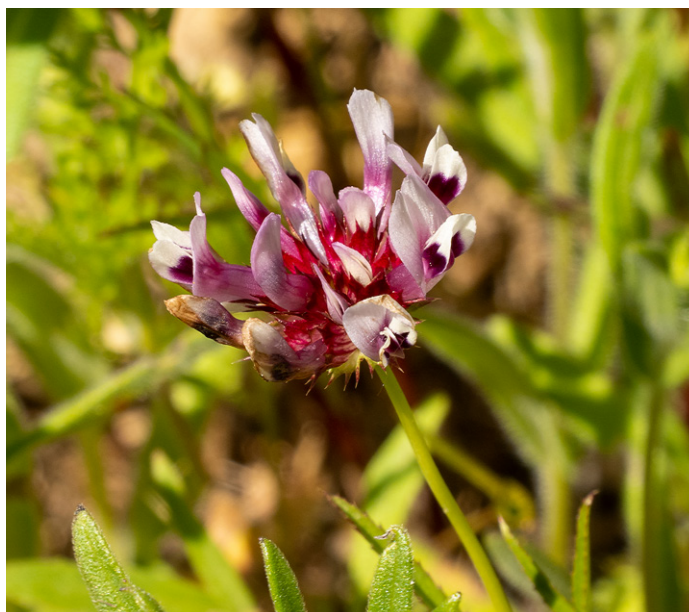
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TOMCAT CLOVER CONTINUATION

Tomcat clover is pollinated by insects, including a large number of native bees, attracted by its honey scent. Along with other members of the pea family, it is also one of the larval hosts for two butterflies—the gray hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*) and the orange sulfur (*Colias eurytheme*).

Tomcat clover is widely distributed along the west coast from British Columbia to Baja California mostly below 5000' and also into Arizona and Idaho. It prefers sunnier locations and in the Santa Cruz Mountains, it is found in grasslands, on rocky slopes, and in chaparral.

OK, but why the name tomcat? In her book *Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve*, Toni Corelli explains it this way: “Each flower looks like a cat’s head, the banner the back of the head, the wings the eyes, and the keel the nose and mouth.” This spring I’ll be taking a closer look.



Tomcat Individual

TAKE A HIKE CONTINUATION

he developed a pond with an island that his children could row their boat out to and imagine adventures. Today children continue to play around the pond during family walks. The house (named Welch Hurst) was used as an international hostel for 30 years, closed in 2010 and is not currently open to the public.

The San Andreas Fault zone runs through Sanborn Park. Another feature of the San Andreas Trail are the markers citing evidence of geologic activity over time. For visitors eager to learn more about the geology of this specific area, it is recommended to download the "[Self Guided USGS Tour of the San Andreas Rift Valley](#)" from the USGS website before you go.

In the upper areas of the park, the John Nicholas Trail from Black Road to the Lake Ranch Reservoir is another popular hike, especially for dog owners. This 4-mile out and back walk on fire road with moderate elevation change is a treat but parking is limited at the Black Road entrance. In recent years this access to the park has grown more competitive; almost all the safe available parking is roadside.

Also popular with bicyclists, a more challenging hike to visit the reservoir is by starting the John Nicholas Trail from Skyline



Boulevard at the Sunnyvale Mountain parking lot. The trail zigzags down the hill approximately 950 feet and 3.4 miles to the reservoir with a few peeks through the trees of the valley below and some tafoni weathered rock to admire on the way.

Whatever level of hike you prefer, Sanborn County Park has a lot to offer. There is a daily parking fee in the Main Parking lot of \$6 per vehicle and one must pay at a "credit card only" fee station machine.

To learn more about the building of Skyline Boulevard or Judge Welch, see Janet Schwind's/Skyline History Society book "The South Skyline Story" published in 2014. Sanborn offers monthly "History Hikes" on the 4th Saturday or Sunday of every month. The hikes are

free however do require advance registration. [Online registration](#) opens the 1st of every month.

Other free, docent-led hikes coming up in the neighborhood:

- **Earthquake Walk** at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve, Sunday March 2nd, 1:00pm
- **Hawthorne's Area Estate Hike** at Windy Hill Preserve, Wed, March 12th, 10:00 am
- **Introduction to Geocaching** at Skyline Ridge Preserve, Sat, March 29th, 10:00 am

To register for these hikes, learn details or see other hikes available, visit the MROSD website and view the complete [Guided Activities calendar](#). Hope to see YOU on the trail!

SSA Membership Application and Renewal Form

APPLICATION TO: JOIN _____ RENEWAL _____ (please check one)

Contact Information

Name(s)	
Mailing Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Physical Address	
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Phone(s) (required)	
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Volunteer Interests

SSA always needs additional volunteers. Please tell us in which areas you may be interested in volunteering.

Board Member Skyline Propane User Group (SPUG) Committee
 Events Planning and Setup Membership Committee
 Website Committee Grants Program
 Skylines Newsletter Other

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications which you feel may be useful to our association.

Our Policies

All contact information is kept confidential. Dues are payable in January of each year and are not prorated if paid later in the year. Members must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Anyone is eligible to join regardless of property address. Members who live within the SSA boundaries are considered "regular members" and are eligible to serve on the Board, vote at general meetings, and receive hard copies of *Skylines*. All members receive an electronic copy *Skylines* newsletter. If your property is outside the SSA boundaries, you must confirm with your propane provider prior to joining they will honor the SSSA SPUG rate. Outside boundary members receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and all notifications. You can also join online at southskyline.org.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Enclose this application with your \$20.00 check payable to "South Skyline Association" and mail to:

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June 8, 2025.

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SSA Calendar 2025 Monthly SSA Board Meetings 7:00pm

April 10
May 8
June 12

For further updates
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