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**WANTED for the Open Space Authority:
Volunteers with Hiking Boots, Mountain Bike, or Horse!**

San Jose, CA – Whether you're an accomplished outdoor enthusiast, or someone whose hiking boots or mountain bike are still clean, you are invited to join the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's Volunteer Trail Patrol. This group of volunteers will patrol the Authority's Boccardo Trail, which is a strenuous 1.5-mile route with a 1,000-foot elevation gain (3 miles round trip). This is a great opportunity to spend some time outside, learn about the wonderful open space lands that are preserved in Santa Clara County, and help educate other hikers, bikers, and equestrians along the trail.

As part of the Authority's Volunteer Trail Patrol, you will help to monitor open space lands, provide maps and other written and verbal information to other trail users, educate visitors about proper trail use, trail safety, and trail etiquette, and provide Authority staff with information on trail usage and conditions. Not only will you be outside among beautiful open space lands, you will also be giving back to the Authority by helping to manage these public lands.

The main requirements to join the Patrol are interest, enthusiasm, and a desire to help the Authority in protecting the open space lands it maintains on behalf of the public. Trail Patrol Volunteers will attend two training sessions provided by the Authority, and periodic Trail Patrol meetings. All of these sessions are guaranteed to be fun and informative, and will help each volunteer to become more familiar with many aspects of the Authority's open space lands. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and are asked to commit to patrolling for a minimum of four hours per month, for a one-year period.

Equestrian volunteers need to own or have regular access to a horse, and must successfully complete a qualification ride with a volunteer trainer. Volunteer bicyclists provide their own bikes, and are required to wear helmets.

You are wanted...for the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Volunteer Trail Patrol! The training dates are November 8th and 15th, so sign up now. For full details and registration, contact Lori Raymaker at 408-224-7476, or visit the Authority's website at www.openspaceauthority.org.

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority...

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is an independent public agency with the exclusive mission of preserving and maintaining open space areas and public recreation lands within Santa Clara County. It is funded by an annual assessment on properties within its jurisdiction, which includes San Jose, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Campbell, Morgan Hill, and some unincorporated parts of Santa Clara County. The Authority has so far preserved over 9,000 acres of open space land for the public benefit. Visit the Authority's website at www.openspaceauthority.org.

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