

***The Green Party of Ventura County
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Schedule of Activities

Friday Aug 16		
6:30-7:30 PM	GPCA-CC Dinner	
7:30-9:00 PM	GPCA-CC Meeting	
Saturday Aug 17		
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast/Registration	
9:00- 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony – "Reconnecting the Heart and the Brain"	
10:00 - 11:00AM	Facilitation/Consensus Training	<u>WG/SC Session I:</u> -- Communications -- Green Issues
11:00 - 11:10 AM	10-minute break	
11:10 - 12:00 PM	Organic Gardening History of Anarchy	<u>WG/SC Session I:</u> Continues
12:00 -12:55 PM	Lunch / Women's Caucus	
12:55 - 1:55 PM	Organizing Locals	Social Justice
1:55 - 3:20 PM	<u>WG/SC Session II:</u> -- Campaigns and Candidates -- GROW -- Electoral Reform	2:20 - 3:20 PM Living Light on the Earth (Solar Power)
3:20 - 3:30 PM	10-minute break	
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Corporate Personhood	GMO Show / Fair Trade
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Corporate and Election Reform/ IRV Demo	Organizing Local Actions <i>CPR</i>
Dinner (on your own)		
5:30 –9:00 PM	Evening Event – SOY!	

Sunday Aug 18		
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast/Registration	
9:00 - 10:00 AM	The Slate	
10-minute break		
10:10 AM - 12:10 PM	<u>WG/SC Session III:</u>	10:10 AM - 11:10 PM
	-- Bylaws -- Platform -- Finance	Nuclear Waste Trail Yucca Mountain
10:10 AM - 11:10 PM	Diversity	
11:10 AM - 12:10 PM	Presidential Selection Questionnaire	
Lunch / Regional Caucuses		
12:10 - 1:20 PM		
1:10 - 3:10 PM	GPCA History / Future Focus	1:10 - ... (Campaigns/Candidates meet with Slate)
3:10 - 3:30 PM	Evaluation/Closing Ceremony	

Be sure to check the GPCA web site for last minute changes and updates.

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August 2002 GPCA Gathering

Location

Chumash Interpretive Center / Oakbrook Regional Park

Thousand Oaks, Ventura County

The August 2002 GPCA Gathering will be held at the Oakbrook Regional Park Chumash Interpretive Center located at 3290 Lang Ranch Parkway in Thousand Oaks, California. Even though the park is located within the city boundaries of Thousand Oaks, the park lies in a valley of 427 acres of Oak Groves in a wilderness setting.

The Gathering Program

The Gathering will offer a variety of workshops that appeal to both new and seasoned party members. The workshops are structured to apply to your level of interest, from discussions of general Green concepts and issues to planning party policy and working on the party 'machine.'

Saturday is being locally promoted as an 'Eco-Justice Festival', open to all who are interested in the Greens and Green issues. The day will have a fuller program of workshops, focusing on a wide variety of issues including working for social justice, living with ecological wisdom (including addressing issues of sprawl), and organizing local activities, as well as peace and no-nuclear weapons, women's issues, and corporate crime; and will wrap up into the evening with a concert and some comedy to help round out the day. Sunday will be primarily reserved for party issues in anticipation of the upcoming November state elections, including workshops addressing Diversity, the GPCA's history and future focus, and providing local chapter organization skills.

As this is an election season, the Slate candidates (Peter Camejo, Donna Warren, Jeanne-Marie Rosenmeier, David Sheidlower, Laura Wells, Larry Shoup and Glen Mowrer) will be prominent throughout the weekend. They will be speaking throughout the event as well as leading and participating in workshops and meeting with individual people to answer questions on their campaigns and positions. Attendance by any given candidate is subject to her/his schedule.

In order to attract families, we will also be hosting a children's program throughout the weekend. This will allow parents to attend workshops while the youth are exposed to environmental concepts via crafts, games and songs.

Host Contact

(805) 527-3470

(805) 584-8220

Registration

Please register for the gathering in advance at <http://www.cagreens.org/registration/>. If you don't have access to the web, go to your local public library and ask them to help you register. If online registration is not practical for you, contact the hosting committee at the above phone numbers. If you have special needs please be sure to note them when registering. After registering online, follow the payment instructions below.

Please register and send payment as early as possible.

Online registration will close on Friday, August 16 at 9PM.

Fees and Payment

\$35 for the full weekend. This will include all meals, workshops, the Saturday night entertainment, and camping facilities for those interested in camping on-site.

\$20 for the Saturday 'Eco-Justice Festival' only. This will include all meals and workshops on Saturday as well as the evening entertainment.

There will be various discounts available to participants:

- \$5 discount for online preregistration
- \$8/day for family members under 14 years of age
- Guests may attend the Saturday evening entertainment for only \$12 if they arrive after 5pm.

Send your registration payment to:

Green Party of Ventura
PO Box 940096
Simi Valley, CA 93094-0096

Payable to: Green Party of Ventura

The Site

Oakbrook Regional Park is a county park located in the city of Thousand Oaks. It is a 427-acre wilderness area of Oak Groves that has a 5,000-year history as a Chumash settlement site. Many of the oaks are hundreds of years old, some even over 1,000 years. The site has ranch house ruins, a Chumash Playing field, a mock cemetery, some mock sweatlodges, a large grinding stone and petroglyphs on the site. The Chumash Interpretive Center is an air-conditioned building built at one end of the park which includes a museum, restrooms, a library, and an outdoor arboretum plaza. The only source of water in the park is at the Center; however, water will be made available at all the workshop sites.

Here are the rules of the park:

No alcoholic beverages allowed.

No firearms or other weapons allowed.

Dogs not allowed except 'Seeing-Eye' dogs.

Smoking is allowed only in the Center's Plaza area or in other designated areas. (This is a very dry area with an abundance of tinder.)

No off-trail hiking allowed.

No harvesting of herbs, flowers, plants, shrubs and/or trees allowed.

Oak trees are not to be cut or nailed or violated in any way.

No campfires allowed. We will have an evening area lit up for our use. Camping only in designated areas. Primitive (tent) camping only; no RV or trailer camping.

No bicycles or skateboarding allowed in the park.

Additional Site Information

There is lots of wildlife, including snakes and rattlesnakes. Please be cautious.

There is lots of poison oak and poison sumac in off-trail areas.

No shower facilities; no water except at the Center. The Center is air-conditioned and has two restrooms.

Another portable restroom is available at the Playing Field / Sweatlodge area.

The Museum will be open to visitors on Saturday. A donation for the center is requested.

A local phone is available in the Center.

The park is located 1.5 miles east of Highway 23, and 4 miles north of Highway 101.

There is a shopping mall / grocery store available within 1 mile (Oakbrook Plaza).

Other Notes/Features

- Given that the weather in Thousand Oaks in August often exceeds 90 degrees, we strongly advise attendees to dress lightly. A hat and bandanna would not be a bad idea. (The evening temperature will likely be around 65 degrees.)
- This event will be held in a primitive oak grove. Although we will have chairs for those who require it, we would ask that those who are comfortable sitting on the ground to please bring a pad or blanket to use.
- In the interest of ecological wisdom, we would ask all Greens to bring their own dishware, cup, and cutlery marked with their name for easy identification. We will have on-site washing facilities so you may reuse these throughout the weekend. For those attendees who do not wish to bring their own eatingware, we will have these items available for a small usage fee.
- We might also recommend bringing along a small daypack with which to carry all these items and/or to use as a seat.

Site Directions

Saturday - Sunday Event

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-5 south. Soon after passing the LA enclave of Sylmar, take the I- 405 splitoff. Then take the turnoff to Hwy 118 (the 'Ronald Reagan' Freeway), and head west. Take the 118 through Simi Valley; near Moorpark, the highway will turn south and become Highway 23. Once in Thousand Oaks, take the 'Avenida de los Arboles' turnoff and go left (east). Take this road to the end and turn right on to Westlake Boulevard. You will see signs directing you to the Chumash Interpretive Center. Take the first left on to Lang Ranch Parkway.

FROM THE SOUTH: Come up I-5 or I-405. From I-5, take the Highway 134 turnoff and head west towards Ventura. This will turn into Highway 101. From I-405, take the Highway 101 turnoff and head west towards Ventura. Once in Thousand Oaks, take the Westlake Boulevard' turnoff and go right (north) about 4 miles. You will see signs directing you to the Chumash Interpretive Center. Take a right on to Lang Ranch Parkway

FROM THE WEST: Head down Highway 101 all the way into and through Ventura County. Once in Thousand Oaks, take the Westlake Boulevard' turnoff and go left (north) about 4 miles. You will see signs directing you to the Chumash Interpretive Center. Take a right on to Lang Ranch Parkway.

FROM THE EAST: Take I-10 into Los Angeles; then take the I-210 splitoff and then the Highway 134 splitoff. Highway 134 will turn into Highway 101. Once in Thousand Oaks, take the Westlake Boulevard' turnoff and go right (north) about 4 miles. You will see signs directing you to the Chumash Interpretive Center. Take a right on to Lang Ranch Parkway.

FROM LANG RANCH PARKWAY: About 1/4 mile down the road, you will see the gate to the Center, a rusted iron gate with native American figures and symbols, on the right side. Turn in to this gate and go all the way to the end of the parking lot; and take the road marked "Private Road - no trespassing." Inside the 2nd gate, you will be directed as to where to park and register for the event.

Friday Night CC Meeting

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-5 south. Soon after passing the LA enclave of Sylmar, take the I-405 splitoff. Then take the turnoff to Hwy 118 (the 'Ronald Reagan' Freeway), and head west. Take the 118 through Simi Valley. Take the First Avenue turnoff and head left (south). Go about 3 miles, crossing Cochran Street, Los Angeles Ave., and Royal Avenue.

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FROM FIRST AND ROYAL: Head south on First Avenue. Cross Arcane and Bennett Streets. Turn right (west) on Carefree Lane and take to the end. Turn right again on to Tranquil Lane. 750 Tranquil Lane is about 10 houses down on the right and has solar panels on the roof. Park anywhere you can on the street.

Housing

Home Stay

The Ventura County Greens will make every effort to accommodate those who wish to stay in private homes. Contact the hosting committee at (805) 527-3470 or (805) 584-8220.

Local Hotels (All non-union)

Name	Distance	Price	Phone	Address
Best Western Oaks Lodge	4.09 miles	\$60	805-495-7011	12 Conejo Road Thousand Oaks
Clarion / Posada Royale Hotel	4.18 miles	\$145	805-584-6300	1775 Madera Road Simi Valley
Thousand Oaks Inn	4.23 miles	\$95	805-497-3701	75 W Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks
Hyatt Westlake Plaza	4.40 miles	\$99	805-557-1234	880 S Westlake Village Rd. Westlake Village
Westlake Village Inn Hotel	4.44 miles	\$140	818-889-0230	31943 W Agoura Road Westlake Village
Radisson Inn	5.12 miles	\$80	818-707-1220	30100 W Agoura Road Agoura Hills
Grand Vista Hotel	5.33 miles	\$150	805-583-2000	999 Enchanted Way Simi Valley
Days Inn of Thousand Oaks	5.57 miles	\$82	805-499-5910	1320 Newbury Road Newbury Park
Clarion Palm Garden	5.71 miles	\$119	805-716-4200	495 N Ventu Park Road Newbury Park
Holiday Inn Express Simi Valley	5.75 miles	\$110	805-584-6006	2550 Erringer Road Simi Valley
Motel 6 / Newbury Park	5.77 miles	\$56	805-499-0711	1516 Newbury Road Newbury Park
Motel 6 / Simi Valley	5.77 miles	\$74	805-526-3533	2566 Erringer Road Simi Valley
E-Z 8 Motel	6.54 miles	\$50	805-499-0755	2434 W Hillcrest Dr. Newbury Park
Best Value Inn	6.96 miles	\$44	805-499-2414	2850 Camino Dos Rios Newbury Park
Goodnite Inn Calabasas	8.17 miles	\$62	818-880-6000	26557 Agoura Road Calabasas

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