AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, August 29, 9:00 am

Hike Report - Shoreline:

Report courtesy of Carrie:

The hike was great - clear, cool, perfect weather. Saw several unusual birds! We saw a red-tailed hawk at the top of a tree munching on a ground squirrel near the kiddie boat playground. Saw a harrier hawk near the marshlands, only 20 feet above us, flying overhead. Saw 2 greater yellowlegs, and a great egret hunting in the lake. The fish REALLY zipped away when they saw him!

The usual suspects were all there - snowy egrets, godwits, coots, cormorants, Canada geese, mallards, swallows, etc. Do mallards have bright orange legs? Several were standing on a log. Their bodies looked like mallards and their legs were construction zone orange - very eye-catching! We started out with maybe a dozen, but grew to 20 during schmooze time. Two first-time-in-a-long-timers showed up for the coffee. It was good to see them again. Come on by next time!

Star Party Report - Foothills Park:

Special Report courtesy of Warren:

It was exceptionally clear and we could see the Milky Way! We also saw Jupiter and its moons, the Ring Nebula, and a flash from an Iridium satellite. There were four of us. We stayed until after 10 and had a great time.

Coming up: The usual every Saturday hike at Shoreline, see below for details. And for the latest on *all* the upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Saturday, August 29, 2009 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee* - Mountain View

Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!

Directions to Lakeside Café:

From northbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).

From southbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.

Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.

Map:

http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043

More information: Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html, call Randy on 408.739.2881 or Email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** These hikes are every Saturday *****