

## What is Friends of Blue Sky Canyon?

Friends of Blue Sky Canyon is a nonprofit public benefit corporation which was founded by an informal citizens' group to preserve and protect Blue Sky Ecological Reserve in Poway. It is funded 100% by donations.

## Who Manages the Reserve?

The Reserve is jointly owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation, and the City of Poway. The City of Poway oversees the day-to-day management of the Reserve, and its many dedicated volunteers.

## What does Friends of Blue Sky Canyon do?

Friends promotes educational and interpretive activities at the Reserve by supporting the City of Poway in the purchase of items needed for various nature programs. Interpretive signage, taxidermy displays, science displays, the Girl Scout Patch Program, and habitat restoration are a few examples of how Friends supports Blue Sky Ecological Reserve.

## What makes Blue Sky Canyon special?

Rarely is there a tranquil, natural place so close to an urban setting, with easy access for hikers, school groups, nature enthusiasts, joggers, scout groups, and researchers. As visitors travel through the four distinct habitats - coastal sage scrub, riparian, oak woodland, and chaparral - they may see deer, coyote, bobcats or other animals, nearly 60 species of birds, and 400 species of plants!

Frequent visitors marvel at the special wonders each season brings.

## How can I help?

- ◇ **Become a Member!** Application is on the reverse side.
- ◇ Sign up with AmazonSmile and/or eScrip! There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you. Easy instructions follow.
- ◇ **Become a volunteer docent!** Visit [www.poway.org/volunteeropportunities](http://www.poway.org/volunteeropportunities) or call (858) 668-4781 for more information.

Your support will help us to teach the people who visit the Reserve about the wonders of nature. We hope that what they learn will lead them on the path to understanding, love, and conservation of the world around them.

Please join us.

*The Board of Directors of Friends of Blue Sky Canyon*



For information on upcoming programs and events, please visit the City of Poway's website at [www.poway.org/bluesky](http://www.poway.org/bluesky), or the Friends of Blue Sky Canyon website at [www.blueskyreserve.org](http://www.blueskyreserve.org)

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Once selected, you will receive an email confirmation and you can begin shopping. Be sure to bookmark AmazonSmile.com and begin all of your shopping at this site, not at amazon.com.

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1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Sign up!"
2. Under Step 2 of the registration form ('Select your school or nonprofit'), start typing **Friends Of Blue Sky Canyon** in the search box, then select Friends of Blue Sky Canyon.
3. Finish registering your grocery, debit and/or credit card(s), then use them when you shop in town or online, dine out, or book travel.

See the eScrip website for participating merchants and special offers, and download the app ForgetMeNot.

## Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Support Levels:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors/Students | \$10    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual       | \$15    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family           | \$25    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rattlesnake      | \$35    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gnatcatcher      | \$50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodrat          | \$75    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coyote           | \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Great Horned Owl | \$250   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bobcat           | \$500   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Osprey           | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golden Eagle     | \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other            |         |

Please mail your check and application today to:

Friends of Blue Sky Canyon  
Attn: Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 733  
Poway, CA 92074

*For in the end, we will  
conserve only what we love,  
We will love only what we  
understand, And we will  
understand only what we are  
taught.*

*Baba Dioum*



*Thank you for  
becoming a  
Friend of Blue Sky!*

# BECOME A FRIEND OF BLUE SKY



### Mission Statement

*Friends of Blue Sky Canyon*  
is a nonprofit corporation  
dedicated to promoting  
environmental awareness,  
providing educational and  
financial resources, and  
preserving and protecting the  
biological and cultural resources  
of Blue Sky Ecological Reserve  
for the enjoyment of current and  
future generations.