Spotlight on: Service At Oak Canyon, Anaheim

Oak Canyon is a unique forested nature center which is tucked into the so called “Anaheim Hills” community in the western end of the City of Anaheim. The center features an interpretative center, four miles of hiking trails, an amphitheater and other features sometimes only found in far away mountain locations. Sprawling over nearly 60 acres, the center proved a welcoming location for regular service visits during the summer of 2020. We reprised a follow-up effort this past summer and focused on one major project: to rebuild hundreds of feet of post and rail fencing which was sorely in need of some tender loving care. Notably the fencing was all located in the main parking lot area and main entrance frontage of the Nature Center. An ace service squad commandeered by GOALS stalwarts Grace Cardona, Elias Barrios, Gustavo Morales and Dave Wilk dedicated almost every Friday morning throughout the summer and managed to return the fence line to its stately glory by the middle of August ‘21. “What a difference” exulted Nikki Sandusky, who oversees the green oasis for the City of Anaheim’s Community Services agency. “In some areas there was limited maintenance for decades. I am just amazed at how much you guys did in such a relatively brief period of time.” GOALS is certainly delighted that thousands of visitors will now enjoy this tranquil resource even more as they attend camps, hike, and appreciate this remarkable space. For more information on Oak Canyon visit the center at 6700 E Walnut Canyon Road Anaheim, CA 92807 or contact the City of Anaheim’s Community Services offices at City Hall in Anaheim.

The annual GOALS “Summer of Service” is one of many subsidiary GOALS community programs. GOALS typically operates region-wide service outreach to support physical restoration projects, social service efforts and our own “Homebase Projects” as we maintain or upgrade our many facilities and equipment needs with the overall program operations.