

Mountain bikers learn safety skills



JOE WOODS/Special to The Acorn

LET'S RIDE—Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) instructor Mark Langton of Thousand Oaks gives instructions to students at CORBA's bike skills clinic last Saturday. The free clinics take place on the first Saturday of every month. New riders are welcome.

Topanga artists open their studio doors

Artists will open their private studios to the public during the 10th annual Topanga Canyon Artists' Studio Tour on Sat. and Sun., June 11 and 12 in Topanga.

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Guests on the tour can meet more than 40 professional artists in their working studios and their view art as well as purchase works directly at studio prices.

The self-guided studio tour is accessible by car and winds throughout the mountainous area surrounding Topanga.

The tour starts at the Topanga Canyon Gallery in the Pine Tree Center, 120 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., No. 109, Topanga. At the gallery, visitors can pick up detailed maps with information about the artists.

Guests can set their own pace.

Several artists will also demonstrate their techniques during the tour.

Tickets for both days are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Children under 16 are free.

For advance tickets, call (310) 455-7909 or go online to www.topangacanyongallery.com/.

For an additional fee, guided transportation can be arranged for small groups to visit the studios.

Works by artists on the tour can be viewed at the Topanga Canyon Gallery through June 19. The exhibition will include paintings, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, photography, mixed media, custom jewelry and more from traditional to contemporary and from representational to abstract.

The Studio Tour reception and silent auction will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Sat., June 11 at the Topanga Canyon Gallery.

Tour artists were invited to donate a canvas which will be

displayed and auctioned during the reception. Monies raised will help promote the art and culture of Topanga Canyon.

Free workshop reveals 7 ways to cut college costs!

A free college planning workshop offers insider secrets to parents of college bound high school students during the **month of June** in Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Goleta. Families from Camarillo, Ventura and other areas are encouraged to attend.

The workshops will focus on how to get maximum aid from both Federal and Institutional resources. Regardless of your income, assets, or equity, these workshops will show you how to double or even triple your

eligibility for free grant money, how to get a private education for the cost of a state school, teach you how to avoid 90% of the mistakes most parents make, and learn what the admissions office doesn't want you to know!!!

The workshop dates are Saturday, **June 18th** at the **Simi Valley Library** from 10:30-11:45am, Tuesday, **June 21st** at the **Goleta Library** from 7:15-8:30pm, Saturday, **June 25th** at the **Goleta Library** from 10:30-11:45am and Tuesday, **June 28th** at the **Thousand Oaks Library** from 7:15-

8:30pm. The classes are being taught by a local Pepperdine Graduate.

The workshop is free, but reservations are required. To reserve your seat go to www.123ncp.com. If you don't have internet, call **805-300-5919**. Our workshops fill up fast, so don't be left out! **Call now while it's fresh in your mind.** Don't miss out on getting all the money your family is entitled to. Seating is limited, call before all the financial aid is gone.

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Go back in time at Pioneer Jamboree

The Stagecoach Inn Museum will host the annual Pioneer Jamboree from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., June 11 on the museum grounds at 51 S. Ventu Park Road, Newbury Park.

The event will have music, storytelling, butter churning, crafts, games, gold panning, 1889 lessons in Timber School, antique toy making and other hands-on activities from life in the 1800s.

Fully functional historical antique gasoline burning engines from the turn of the century will be on display.

The museum complex will be open for tours throughout the day. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children ages 4 to 17 and free for under 3. Free parking is available in Stagecoach Park.

For information, call the museum at (805) 498-9441.

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