



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The San Diego-Riverside chapter continued to operate two restored lookout towers on Palomar Mountain in 2023. High Point Lookout (Register#735) is owned by the Cleveland National Forest, and Boucher Hill Lookout (Register #394) is owned by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation. The chapter deployed approximately 80 volunteer lookouts to staff the towers. The towers opened for the season on 5/1/23 and closed on 11/30/23.

Covid cleaning protocols that were adopted in 2020 carried through for the 2023 season. We held classroom training in April and in-tower training in May for 18 new lookouts.

Below are the fire statistics for both towers for 2023.

2023 Statistics	High Point	Boucher Hill
Smokes Reported	38	63
Lightning Strikes Reported	9	0
Visitors	1,499	9,432
Days Staffed/Open	210/211	206/211

Membership:

As of 12/31/2023, we have 80 active members. The numbers are up slightly from 2022. In person training of new volunteer lookouts is scheduled to commence in April for the 2024 season. There are approximately 60 individuals that have expressed interest in becoming lookouts for the 2024 season.

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