

Dear Hikers:

Hiking of this month will be at Augustin Bernal Community Park in Pleasanton. The distance of the hike is about 4.5 mile, which is consisted mostly gravel roads. The slope of the trail is mostly gentle climbs. The hike will take about 2.5 hours.

Restrooms: Available at the Golden Eagle staging area.

Date/Time: **Friday, 12/19/2014, at 9:00 a.m.**

Gathering Place: **Golden Eagle Staging Area and Parking Lot**

Direction from I-680 South Bound: Take Bernal Ave Exit, turn left towards west direction, drive 0.3 miles turn left onto Foothill Rd, drive 0.7 mile turn right onto Golden Eagle way. Take the left land through the Golden Eagle Estate security gate (you need to show him the guest pass or tell him that you are with the Golden Crane Senior Center); continue on the golden eagle way to the Golden Eagle Staging Area and Parking lot.

Direction from I-680 North Bound: The same as southbound.

Weather Forecast: Mid 50s to mid 60s F. Rain is a possibility. You will be notified through email, if there is a change of plan due to rain.

Clothing and things to Bring: Dress in layers with a light jacket. Hiking shoes are preferred, but sneakers are fine. Please bring water and snacks. Hat, sunglasses, hiking sticks is optional.

Trails: Starting from the staging area along the **Golden Eagle trail** for .49 mile, next follow the **valley view trail** for another 1.61 miles, turn left on **blue oak knoll trail** for .12 mile to Blue Oak Knoll. We go back to the parking lot on the same trails. If you are tired during the hike, you can turn back any time.

Please direct any questions by email or by calling Yeao-Nan Hsieh at (925) 895-6020.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Sincerely,

Yeao-Nan Hsieh