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SAN GORGONIO

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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**“Adventures in the West”**  
 Presented by Jim Vanderaa  
*(see write up on Page 1)*

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**“Tejon Ranch: A Biological Treasure”**  
 Presented by Nick Jensen  
*(see write up on Page 12)*  
**Programs are held at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

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## THE RESULTS ARE IN!

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

Sierra Club California has published our 2017 Legislative Report Card and the San Gorgonio Chapter has two superstars! Out of 40 California senators, only ten of them scored a perfect 100% and our Sen. Connie Leyva was one of them.” Over in the Assembly, there are 80 members. Fourteen scored 100% and our own Asm. Eloise Gomez Reyes was among them and Asm. Eduardo Garcia just barely missed the cut with 92%. When you get a chance, give them a call or send them a note to let them know how much we appreciate what they are doing for the environment and for environmental justice!

But wait. There's more! We also had four legislative representatives



SENATOR CONNIE LEYVA



ASM ELOISE REYES

who managed to pull off the rather difficult task of scoring perfect zero's on the Report Card. Senators Jean Fuller, Mike Morrell and Jeff Stone, and Assemblymember Jay Obernolte. Remember: Fuller, Stone and Obernolte will all be running for election in 2018 and we have plans for them.

Mostly, we had good news regarding our representation in Sacramento. The success of Eloise Reyes in defeating an “oily Democrat” in AD 47, seemed to

send a message to some of our so-called “moderate” Democrats and we saw much better environmental votes than we had in the past. Asm. Jose Medina and Asm. Freddie Rodriguez both brought their scores up to 83%

and our newest member, Asm. Sabrina Cervantes, was a disappointment at 50%. Room for improvement, but I think we are getting their attention!

Rounding out the scores of the remainder of our legislative delegation were: Sen. Roth, 58%; Sen. Wilk, 42%; Asm. Mayes, 8%; Asm. Melendez, 9%; Asm. Steinorth, 42%; and Asm. Voepel, 8%.

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## “Adventures in the West” Featured at Next Chapter Program

Presented by Jim Vanderaa

Jim Vanderaa, who has previously been a guest speaker at the San Gorgonio Chapter on his trips to Everest Base Camp, Kilimanjaro, and the volcanoes of Ecuador, returns with stories adventures with his son closer to home. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Jim will take us to Great Basin National Park in Nevada and a climb of Mt Wheeler, the solar eclipse in Idaho, to the rim of the Mt St Helens crater, and to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite.



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#### Los Serranos Group:

**Chair – Brian Elliot** brianelli@aol.com  
Meets 3rd Tuesday Upland Presbyterian  
Church, Ed Building 7 p.m.

**Mojave Group:**  
**Chair – Susan Stueber** 760-900-5330  
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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.  
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Episcopal Church, 28708 Hwy 18, Sky Forest

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur., 6:00 p.m. except July &  
August at Temecula Valley Library,  
30600 Pauba Road, Temecula

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### Results Are In! . . . Continued from

Expect to see endorsement announcements coming out in the next several months and I urge you to come join us as we work on campaigns to get good environmental candidates elected to office. Our involvement in these campaigns makes a big difference in the outcome and, believe me, the candidates remember who was with them, whether they win or not. It's also fun!

This year, your Political Committee intends to get much more involved in local races for County Supervisor and for City Councils. We've had TERRIBLE representation at those levels and we plan to do something about it. If you have ideas about who should be endorsed locally, contact your Group or contact

me. We want to hear from you. YOU are the Club!!

The 2017 Legislative Report Card can be found at [www.sierraclub.org/california](http://www.sierraclub.org/california).



**ASM EDUARDO GARCIA**

**LET'S TURN THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!!**

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

The outings calendar is on the Internet at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/>

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the March/April 2018 Calendar are due by February 1, 2018.

**FORMAT** items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.

**OUTINGS:** Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

**MEETINGS & other events:** Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

### GENERAL INFORMATION/

**RULES/DISCLAIMERS** – All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**. Many Outings specify items to be carried by **EACH** participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**\*\* ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** - Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at [sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org) and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

### Check this out . . .



California Department of  
**Parks and Recreation**

**Receive a \$20 CA State  
Park Pass if you or a  
relative are at least 62!**

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2018 it will be valid until December 31<sup>st</sup> and then you will need another for 2019. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1049](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049).

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS  
GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236  
Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of  
selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2,  
May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE  
BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM  
SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER  
MEETING**

Note: The January 2018 meeting will be January 9. The museum is closed January 2. Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS [ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com](mailto:ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com). (909) 800-3911. **CHAPTER**

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com)  
**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, [kimffloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimffloyd@fastmail.fm) (760) 249-5385. **CHAPTER**

**(2ND WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, [susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com](mailto:susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com) **MOJAVE GROUP**

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com) **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <[sierraclub.org/sangorgonio/big-bear](http://sierraclub.org/sangorgonio/big-bear)>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), (909) 815-9379. **CHAPTER**

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**WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES****Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings**

**MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK**  
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH 951-369-5117. **CHAPTER**

**DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31****Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)**

**DEC 29 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE**  
**HIKE/SNOWSHOE**

Join us for a 2-3 mile easy/moderate hike/snowshoe around the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. If we have enough snow we will snowshoe. All levels welcome, and no experience is required. MEET in Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR layered clothing. BRING snacks and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

**AB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**DEC 31 (SUN) 8:30 AM NEW YEAR'S EVE, JOSHUA TREE, WARREN PEAK HIKE**

A 7-mile loop combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; an occasionally steep trail through the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short, steep, occasionally loose walk-up ascent of Warren Peak; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak. Vegetation includes some nice larger pinyon, juniper and oak. Starting elevation of 4000 feet with 1100 foot gain. RATED: Moderate MEET: Visitor's Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance station or fee. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103 **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JANUARY 1 – JANUARY 7****Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)**

**JAN 3 (WED) 8:30 AM ZANJA PEAK – YUCAIPA HIKE**

Five-mile moderate to difficult hike with 1100' elevation gain and great views of surrounding mountains. BRING: water, snack, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles then veer left on Oak Glen Rd. In 1.0 mile turn left into the trailhead parking (opposite Shadow Hills Dr.) Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN

**MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**\*\*JAN 4 (THU) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**

This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. ADVENTURE PASS will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. MEET: Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**JAN 4 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**\*\*JAN 5 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, HEAPS PEAK ARBORETUM WALK**

Here's your last chance to get the kids out into nature before the end of winter break. Join us for a 1-mile easy walk on the family friendly Sequoia Trail. The interpretive trail is an educational opportunity to learn the names of local plants and animals. MEET: Heaps Peak Arboretum on Highway 18. Adventure Pass recommended. WEAR layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather or poor trail conditions will cancel. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

**SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**JAN 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE**

This is a FAMILY FRIENDLY beginners hike. Come and learn about riparian areas (A wetter area usually with water present.) This hike is in the northern area of Juniper Flats just south of Apple Valley. This is a short approximately 2-mile hike. The first part is downhill and then after spending some time at Arrastre Falls

we will head back up. RATED: Easy. WEAR: sturdy shoes/hiking boots, and dress in layers. BRING: snack/lunch, sunscreen, camera and binoculars if you have them. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 9:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, (760) 900-5330, sstueber16@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**JAN 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM INDIAN CANYONS: FERN CANYON LOOP HIKE**

In the Indian Canyons on the south side of Palm Springs, we'll hike along some small oases in the Fern Canyon Wash, then climb out to the Vandeventer Trail on this 6.5-mile loop on the east side of Palm Canyon, which we will parallel or drop into on the way back. Nice views of the Desert Divide and San Jacinto mountains. Entrance fee of \$9 per person, \$7 for seniors. RATED: Easy-Moderate with 1000 ft. gain and loss. MEET: At the Starbucks, 682 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264. BRING: ten essentials, layers and sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JANUARY 8 – JANUARY 14****Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)**

**JAN 8 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**

Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**JAN 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. **CHAPTER**

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**JAN 10 (WED) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE**

Time to "peel" the potato. This moderate, 5-mile R/T jaunt has a 1,200' elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and, after reaching the saddle, there are great vistas of the cities of Upland and Claremont below. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM JAN 9. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686, jmwandjjw@hotmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**JAN 10 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JAN 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**JAN 11 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

**JAN 11 (THU) 9:00 AM HOPALONG CASSIDY TRAIL HIKE**

The Hopalong Cassidy Trail is an 8.3-mile moderate hike with an elevation change of 1,345 feet. In places the trail clings to the mountainside while it slices across the escarpment, giving great views of residential enclaves and golf courses in Palm Desert. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

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**Attention San Geronio Chapter Members . . .**

**After you've read this issue of the *Palm & Pine*, and before you fold it up and place it on the coffee table, look for your Group's 2018 ballot (below), mark your selections, then cut out the ballot and mail it in.**

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT . . . IT COUNTS!**

**Printed Ballot Instructions for ...**  
**Big Bear Group Executive Committee Election**

It is time to bring new members into our Executive Committee and we have eager volunteers who wish to participate!  
 Instructions for voting:  
 Print your name and address and **SIGN THE OUTSIDE** of the envelope to verify your ballot. If two ballots are enclosed from a Joint Membership, print **BOTH** names and address and have **BOTH MEMBERS SIGN** the outside of the envelope.  
 Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by  
**January 8, 2018.**

**Printed Ballot Instructions for ...**

- Los Serranos Group Executive Committee Election
- Tahquitz Group Executive Committee Election
- Santa Margarita Group Executive Committee Election

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so the ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a Joint Membership are enclosed, be sure to print the name and address and sign for both.  
 Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by  
**January 24, 2018.**

**Big Bear Ballot**  
Please vote for 5 or fewer.

Marv Cira

Peg Hitchcock

Ellen Kesler

Peter Michaelson

Sherry Noone

**Big Bear Ballot**  
Please vote for 5 or fewer.

Marv Cira

Peg Hitchcock

Ellen Kesler

Peter Michaelson

Sherry Noone

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot - Joint Member)

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
 Sierra Club Big Bear Group, PO Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

**Los Serranos Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

Brian Elliott

Jeff Warhol

Mark Rush

**Los Serranos Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

Brian Elliott

Jeff Warhol

Mark Rush

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot - Joint Member)

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
 Joe Whyte, 1404 Albright Ave., Upland, CA 91786

**Printed Ballot Instructions for ...**  
**Mojave Group Executive Committee Election**

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so the ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a Joint Membership are enclosed, be sure to print the name and address and sign for both.

**David Hansen** has been very active in promoting and protecting the Juniper Flats area which is our favorite place to hike in the winter months. He has also supported several issues affecting our desert region including CADIZ and our new National Monuments. He has had several articles printed in the local *Victorville Daily Press* newspaper.

**Vesna Lazic Polovin** has volunteered her time for over a year on the Mojave Executive Committee. She has been active in tabling at various events for our group. Vesna has also volunteered to help as our Mojave Group membership chair.

**Carol Wiley** has been an extremely important member of our executive committee acting as our publicity chair. She has been either the chair or vice chair of the Mojave Group for many years. She has supplied continuity to our executive committee's new members.

**Tahquitz Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

Kim Floyd

Jono Hildner

Al Murdy

**Tahquitz Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

Kim Floyd

Jono Hildner

Al Murdy

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot - Joint Member)

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
 Tahquitz Group, Sierra Club, PO Box 4944, Palm Springs, CA 92263

**Mojave Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

David Hansen

Vesna Lazic Polovin

Carol Wiley

Write-in:

**Mojave Ballot**  
Please vote for 3 or fewer.

David Hansen

Vesna Lazic Polovin

Carol Wiley

Write-in:

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot - Joint Member)

Your ballots can be mailed to: Quintin Lake, 17100-B Bear Valley Rd. #237, Victorville, CA 92395 or emailed to Quintin Lake, qlake15@gmail.com  
 You can also vote at our January 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

**Santa Margarita Ballot**  
Please vote for 4 or fewer.

Pam Nelson

Elena Garcia

Teri Biancardi

Margaret Meyncke

**Santa Margarita Ballot**  
Please vote for 4 or fewer.

Pam Nelson

Elena Garcia

Teri Biancardi

Margaret Meyncke

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot - Joint Member)

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
 Santa Margarita Group, Sierra Club, C/O Michael H. Momeni  
 32407 Dahl Drive, Temecula, CA 92592

## Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair  
and Jenny Wilder, Chair of the Friends of Juniper Flats

### Juniper Flats and the West Mojave Route Designation

Welcome to the Victor Valley which is surrounded by beautiful mountains and extraordinary desert scenery! Hiking trails in the mountains are well publicized; however, did you ever wonder where to hike in the desert? The West Mojave Desert is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and includes the Juniper Flats Area which borders Apple Valley on the south side of the Victor Valley region. This is a “transition” area between the Mojave Desert and the San Bernardino Mountains. Here you may enjoy unique mixes of flora and fauna found in both the desert and mountain regions as well as extensive views.



The Juniper Flats Area is home to an abundance of history including the main dirt road 3N14 (or Coxe Truck Trail) to the old gold mining district in the mountains as well as homesteaded ranches such as Bowen Ranch and Rock Springs Ranch. In the northwest corner, there is an ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) which was established in the 1980s to help preserve important archaeological and biological resources.

By the time you read this, the BLM may have released for comments their draft Route Designation Plan for the West Mojave. Over the past decade the Friends of Juniper Flats have



worked with the BLM to include designation of hiking/equestrian trails in Juniper Flats. We have the understanding that the draft will include our Hiking Trail Proposal in Alternative 4 (Juniper Flats Hiking Trail Proposal) which means that it is not in the preferred alternative.

It is important that your comments promoting hiking trails for this route designation are submitted prior to the BLM deadline. Without your support, we may lose some spectacular trails to motorized use or restoration. Designated hiking trails are needed in special areas such as Juniper Flats to ensure a balance of recreational pursuits, to encourage low impact recreation and for the safety of all visitors. We encourage you to visit our Friends of Juniper Flats web site (FriendsOfJuniperFlats.org) and look under the hiking tab. When the draft WEMO Route Designation plan is released we will have some helpful tips on how to write comments. We also have a blog site (Friends of Juniper Flats Wordpress Blog), where you can enter your email address and click on the “follow” button to receive an email when a new blog is posted. Please also leave us a note!

In addition to supporting our proposal for Juniper Flats, you may consider supporting hiking trails in other areas such as Bell Mountain, the Fairview Mountains, and the Granite Mountains in the Victor Valley and the Middle Knob Region north of Hwy 58. Designation of hiking trails is a rather new concept for the BLM, but they must hear from you if that is to change.



## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group outings leaders Christina Torres, Eileen O'Brien & Beatriz Vindiola have some fun hikes planned for this winter. First up is a hike on January 3 at Zanja Peak; on January 14 there is hike planned at Chino Hills State Park. If you are reading our article in December, there are hikes scheduled for December 16 and December 20, too. Please check out the details on our web page: [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)

**Ironwood Village Project (IVP):** While the private development proposal is postponed indefinitely, this area is expected to be under attack again with the upcoming General Plan Update. Stay tuned for updates on both fronts.

**Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVL):** The project includes a 1.3 million square foot warehouse across the street from an established neighborhood, presenting concerns related to air quality, noise and traffic. The developer wants to reduce the required minimum setback from 300 feet to just 100 feet. The project was unanimously approved by the city planning commission in July 2017. The city council hearing has been continued to January 16, 2018. Comments may still be submitted to the planner, Julia Descoteaux at [juliad@moval.org](mailto:juliad@moval.org). The environmental documents can be found at the city's web page: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/cdd/documents/about-projects.html>

**World Logistics Center (WLC):** A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, and Sierra Club are represented by Earthjustice in two separate challenges at the Superior Court and the Appeals Court. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge will be heard in the Superior Court in January 2018. Our Superior Court loss in the challenge to the initiatives has been appealed in hopes of blocking two Moreno Valley city initiatives which may allow the city to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project.

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** The final environmental document for development of up to 11,350 houses on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area was released in August 2017. The Riverside County Planning Commission has recommended approval of an alternative allowing 8,725 units. The Board of Supervisors heard public comments on November 14 and December 5. While we would love to have a responsible decision from the Board denying this ill-advised project, we have been working with the Center for Biological Diversity in the event it is necessary to litigate this project again.

**Donations Needed:** Your donations are essential to our continued efforts to challenge the latest version of the Villages of Lakeview project and to continue our World Logistics Center litigation. Make checks out to the “Sierra Club” with the notation of either WLC and/or VOL and send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you.

**The Riverside County General Plan Update (GPA 960):** Some of our concerns include impacts on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species as well as the sprawl-promoting nature of the plan. A separate lawsuit was filed on the Housing Element (HE) because it has similar problems. Settlement talks have resolved portions of the General Plan suit related to greenhouse gas issues and the Housing Element suit. We believe the settlement will protect the environment and strengthen the County's Climate Action Plan. We will be in court in 2018 on the remaining aspects of our General Plan Update litigation.

**Mid County Parkway (MCP):** The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would facilitate a project like the Villages of Lakeview. While we lost in the first rounds in both federal and state court, the Center for Biological Diversity has filed appeals on both decisions on behalf of the Sierra Club and other groups.

**Lake Perris State Recreation Area:** The 2018 Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris; it is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651)



Box Springs Towers Spring Trail, October 29, 2017  
Photo by Chistina Torres



Pumpkin Rock Hike, Norco, October 22, 2017  
Photo by Chistina Torres

# Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Nuclear Scientist

## Temecula's proposed ALTAIR Development

The wildlife corridor is the region at the upper-central section of this photo between the upper dirt road and the Interstate 15. Development site is located to the right of AMPM



ALTAIR development site

Temecula City Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Altair final documents. We are continuing meetings with agencies, non-profits, city staff and developer. This housing tract proposal of at least 1750 units on the west side of I-15 will be positioned between the hillside and adjacent the housing west of Old Town. In addition, a Western Bypass will run along the upside of the development. There are several problems with this kind of housing density on this strip of land. Increased traffic (over 3000 more cars), air quality, aesthetics of our valley and impacts on the wildlife corridors and last wildlife crossing at I-15 are a few. We will be voicing our opposition to the proposal at the City Council Meeting on December 12, 2017. Please contribute to our wildlife crossing and

corridor fund. We need to prepare for possible litigation. Make your checks out to "Sierra Club SMG" and add "Wildlife corridors and crossings" in the memo line, then mail to George McMackin, 40335 Garrison Dr., Temecula, CA 92591.

## Workshop: Regional Commuter Electric Train, East Ontario to San Diego via Temecula Valley

Transportation workshop on October 25 was the first step for creating a regional commuter train via Temecula valley. The proceedings of this workshop are posted at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/view/commuter-train-via-temecula/home>

The following topics were presented:

- Michael H. Momeni, Welcome and Introduction, the Workshop Organizer
- Temecula Infrastructure Development, Matt Rahn, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Temecula;
- Riverside Transit Agency, Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Manager;
- Geotechnical consideration for the development, John Rogers, P.E., F.ASCE Los Angeles Section President;
- The Next Generation Rail Study and the Countywide Long Range Transportation Plan, John Standiford, Multi-Modal Service, Deputy Executive Director of Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC);
- Los Angeles-San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Planning Study, Stephen G. Fox, Project Manager, SCAG;
- High-Speed Rail Development from Ontario to San Diego, Michelle Boehm Southern California Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority.

A follow-up workshop has been contemplated to be during the October 2018.

## Monthly Presentation

Maria Serrano, the wildlife photographer and career school teacher was the speaker for November 2017. Her presentation showed her passion for Nature with intriguing wildlife photographs and instructive methodology.

## Eco-friendly Fair



October 4<sup>th</sup>, Pam and Caren attended the annual Thompson Middle School Eco-Fair. We were one of the many "stations" that the 7<sup>th</sup> graders visited during the 5-hour session in the school gymnasium.

## Skyview Park

Santa Margarita Group members Caren Hanson and Elena Garcia staffed a table with Sierra Club information at the dedication of Skyview Park in Temecula on October 21st. This park is family-friendly and was attractively xeriscape landscaped using drought-tolerant plants. The park shows expansive views of fields and hills of the northeastern portion of Temecula.

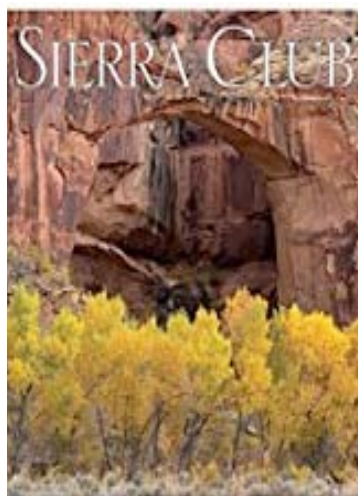
The other activities of our group during this period are:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> some of our members attended and helped with Gordon Pratt's Annual Native Plant Sale at his acreage in Anza was another fun success. Customers were pleased with his butterfly-specific plants and amazing views. We thank Gordon and Cissy for their generous donation to our Group from the proceeds of the plant sales.
- November 4<sup>th</sup>: Pam Nelson and Caren Hanson attended the annual Family Workshop Day at the Santa Rosa Plateau. Again Caren's interactive environmental games were a success. Earth Club students from Murrieta Vista High School and students from Mt San Jacinto Community College helped the many families enjoy the games.
- Our Outreach committee met at the Vail Lake Resort to plan the Holiday party and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting (January. 11, 2018). Our annual Holiday Party at the Vail Lake Resort (December 10<sup>th</sup>).

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# SIERRA CLUB 2018 CALENDARS

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- Santa Margarita Group will continue supporting the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) improvements, education and hiking program, and events. This Reserve is becoming a destination for high school classes, Boys & Girls Club, and educators from the area.
- Murrieta Creek Regional Trail team (City representatives from Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore will meet on December 5<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Trail sign-graphics. We will display the app, Easy2hike, for Trail-users on the Trail signs. The original team includes volunteers from Wildomar, Kathy Bundy, and Gary Andres.
- Our January 11, 2018 general meeting will be a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Santa Margarita Group. Our founders and members will celebrate the day when the Group was formed in order to fight the local quarry proposal. Chapter leaders will describe the goals and current issues at the Chapter level.

*Calendar . . . Continued from Page 4***JAN 12 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**

Join us on a 1-2-mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out but don't have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL leader to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**JAN 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM CR&HT SEG 1: BLACK ROCK TO COVINGTON HIKE**

For the second year we will offer a patch program for the four segments of the California Riding & Hiking Trail within Joshua Tree. This 7.6-mile first segment is intended to be a key exchange hike to minimize driving on dirt roads. One group starts at Black Rock Canyon, weaving eastward through low pinyon pine scrubland to a wide sandy wash. A 1,000' uphill climb takes us to the highpoint at 5,130', then it's two mostly downhill miles along large Joshua trees to the Upper Covington Flats trailhead. Other group hikes in reverse. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Visitor's Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. BRING: ten essentials, layers & sun protection, lunch, 2½-liters water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JAN 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER WALK HIKE**

This is an easy 5-mile hike along the banks of the Mojave River. The outing starts close to Deep Creek Road and heads towards the Deep Creek Dam. Great views along the route make this trip quite special. BRING water, a snack, wear suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**JAN 14 (SUN) 9:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK – RIMCREST HIKE**

Moderate hike along a ridgeline and Telegraph Canyon to Four Corners where we break. The hardy will continue 1 mile up San Juan Hill for excellent views and back to Four Corners. Total 8 miles, 1,200' gain (including San Juan Hill). MEET: From the Riverside area, take the 91 freeway to Yorba Linda Blvd. Go northwest on Yorba Linda Blvd. for 2.4 miles, and turn right on Village Center. Go a mile and turn left on Fairmont. Go 0.3 miles and turn right on Rim Crest. Park on NE side, note parking warnings. BRING: water, a snack, and sturdy shoes. Rain within 48 hours cancels. INFO & LEADER: RESERVATIONS: by Jan 13 by 8 p.m. to LEADER CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**JANUARY 15 – JANUARY 21**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

**JAN 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**JAN 17 (WED) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE**

We will hike 3 miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elev. 3400'). After lunch we'll take Lost Canyon trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt Wilson Trail, stopping at First Water, then continuing 4.5 miles, ending

at Mt Wilson Trail Park. This will complete an 8.5-mile loop, requiring a short car shuttle. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**JAN 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM CR&HT SEG #2: COVINGTON TO JUNIPER FLATS HIKE**

This is segment two of the California Riding & Hiking Trail patch program. This is a key exchange hike requiring a park entry fee. We hike 11.3 miles in the most remote section of the CR&HT with an elevation change of 2660' beginning either at Upper Covington Flats heading east or Juniper Flats heading west. We'll cross a desert plateau and a panoramic ridge; view unique rock formations; hike past Quail Mountain, the tallest in the park; and hike through a Joshua Tree and juniper forest in Lost Horse Valley. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252. BRING: the ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, 760-408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JAN 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS TO OAK GLEN HIKE**

This easy 4-mile hike through Juniper Flats to the Oak Glen area has wonderful views of rock formations. It also has a very interesting mining history. There are old mines and a small town where the gold was extracted. The hike is rated as easy. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**JANUARY 22 – JANUARY 28**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

**JAN 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. **CHAPTER**

**JAN 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**

Join us on a 1-2-mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out but don't have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**JAN 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE: QUEEN MINE & EAGLE CLIFFS HIKE**

Pass mining claims and interesting terrain on this moderately-paced 4-mile (plus off-trail exploring) round trip hike. Rugged climbing to the Eagle Cliff miner's cabin and occasionally faint trail with very sketchy footing. Good photos! Hike repeated on Wed, February 21. RATED: Moderate. 500 feet elevation gain/loss overall. MEET: Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252 for carpool with dirt road segment. BRING: Water & snacks for 3-4 hours' hiking, trekking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, protective clothing), your personal first aid & No Trace toilet supplies. WEATHER: Desert winter days can be warm or cold; check forecast prior to the hike. Extreme wind, rain, or snow cancels. LIMITED to 8 participants. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com or leave message at (951) 845-9440 (voice only). **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JAN 27 (SAT) 9:00 AM CALCITE MINE HIKE**

Join me on a minimum 4-mile easy/moderate hike with about 600' of gain/loss. We will travel through an amazing slot canyon. The upper slot on the way up and the lower slot on our way back. At the mine area, a plateau with spectacular rock formations and great views of the Salton Sea, hikers will have time to explore the area. This could add a mile or more to the hiking distance. The hike requires climbing over boulders and a steep climb out of the slot canyon. There is little shade so bring sun protection. Rain cancels. WEAR good slip resistant hiking shoes, BRING water and lunch. DIRECTIONS: From Borrego Springs travel east on S22 to mile marker 38, park in dirt lot on north side of road. For detailed directions, questions or to register for the hike contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951)302-1059. **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

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**JAN 27 (SAT) 9:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This easy 4/5-mile hike through Juniper Flats takes us to Round Mountain. We all might not climb the mountain as it very difficult. Some can walk around the base to take in the views of the San Bernardino Mountains. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com  
**MOJAVE GROUP**

**JAN 27 (SAT) 9:30 AM THOUSAND PALMS OASIS HIKE**  
exploratory approx. 4-5 mi. easy/moderate hike. Possibility for picnic in shaded area afterwards. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack/lunch. MEET: 10 Fwy east exit at Bob Hope/Ramon, turn left on Ramon Rd for 4.8 mi, then left on Thousand Palms Canyon Road for 2 mi. to Visitor Center. Rain cancels. RSVP by Jan 26 by 8 p.m. to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.  
**MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

**JAN 30 (TUE) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE**  
Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water, snack and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Fwy exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. INFO & LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739  
**MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**FEB 1 (THU) 9:00 AM ORCHARD CAMP HIKE**  
Join us on this strenuous hike starting from Sierra Madre via the Mt. Wilson Trail. We will climb 2000 feet in 4.5 miles to the site of this historic camp and home to one of the oldest & largest canyon oak trees, estimated to be 1500 years old. We will return the same way: a 9-mile round trip hike. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader to confirm & for directions to trailhead or carpool place in Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 2 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**  
Join us on a 1-2-mile easy snowshoe excursion in honor of Groundhog Day. Will Phil see his shadow or not? Come on out and see! Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out but don't have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. CALL to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com  
**SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**FEB 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM BONITA VISTA HIKE**  
This is a family friendly beginners hike. It is easily accessible. It starts in south Apple Valley at the end of a paved road. As the name implies there are beautiful views from the top. This trail head has an interpretive sign and is the beginning of several different hiking possibilities. This hike is approximately 2-miles, with uphill at the beginning and downhill at the end. RATED: Easy. WEAR: sturdy shoes/hiking boots, and dress in layers. BRING: snack/lunch, sunscreen, camera and binoculars if you have them. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308 at 9:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, (760) 900-5330, sstueber16@gmail.com  
**MOJAVE GROUP**

**FEB 4 (SUN) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE CR&HT SEGMENT #4 HIKE**  
California Riding and Hiking Trail Segment #4 will precede Segment #3. Segment #4, Twin Tanks to North Entrance Station, is the easiest and least remote segment; we descend 1100 ft. in 7.3 miles, generally paralleling Pinto Basin Road. At the start of the hike, we pass along Belle Mountain and various rock formations including Bulls Eye Rock with its large hole; thereafter the trail is mostly in a wash. This is a shuttle-hike; all driving will be on paved roads. RATED: Easy. MEET: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms 92277. BRING: ten essentials, layers and sun protection, snack, and 2½-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com, (951) 845-9440.  
**BIG BEAR GROUP**

**FEB 4 (SUN) 3:00 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215/60fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St/3rd St. and drive east 2 miles. Turn left on Belvedere and right on Two Trees to trailhead parking. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA  
**MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 11**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
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**FEB 5 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**FEB 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.  
**CHAPTER**

**FEB 8 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com  
**SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

**FEB 8-11 (THU-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE CAR CAMP**  
Camping, hiking, restoration, and conservation, this car camp has it all! Take this rewarding opportunity to join the Sierra Club CA/NV Desert Committee and the National Park Service for a 1-day restoration project in the preserve. Participate in joint CA/NV Desert Committee meetings with the Wilderness Committee to discuss conservation concerns affecting our deserts and wilderness. Hikes and outings ranging from easy to moderate will also be offered in lieu of the meetings. CALL to RSVP and for details. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com  
**SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**FEB 9 (FRI) 8:45 AM MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE RESTORATION**  
Join the California/Nevada Desert Committee and the National Park Service for a restoration project in the Mojave National Preserve on February 9, one day before the Desert Committee meeting on Saturday and Sunday. We will gather on Friday at 8:45 am, work through the afternoon, and adjourn in time to reach Shoshone for the dinner hour. Our primary task will be to remove “culturally planted species” (tamarisk, fan palm, sunflowers) at the Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx. Don't miss this annual, pre-Shoshone service opportunity. Contact leader for project details, directions, camping options, and to RSVP. LEADER: SID SILLIMAN gssilliman@cpp.edu  
**CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE**

**FEB 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM COTTONWOOD SPRINGS HIKE**  
This 4 to 5-mile hike through the Juniper Flats area with lovely views across the area. There is a little uphill but the outing is rated as easy. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com  
**MOJAVE GROUP**

**\*\*FEB 11 (SUN) 8:00 AM SITTON PEAK HIKE**  
The Sitton Peak Trail offers endless views of Cleveland National Forest. From the peak, at 3,273 feet, you get views of Mt. San Jacinto, San Gorgonio, and Santiago Peak. Just off the Ortega Highway (74) near Lake Elsinore. We'll hike 10 to 11 miles in and out, taking 5 hours. RATED: Moderate. A challenging experience with 2150 ft. elevation gain. MEET: Ortega Oaks Candy Store at 34950 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. BRING: 10 essentials, 2-3 liters of water depending on weather, sunscreen, hiking boots, hat, poles, and a lunch to enjoy at the peak. Need Adventure Pass for parking. RESERVATIONS; Contact LEADER: DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456, or CO-LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com  
**BIG BEAR GROUP**

**FEB 11-13 (SUN-TUE) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE CAR CAMP**  
Join us for Sunday and Monday nights car camp at Sheep Pass Group Campground, site G02. We will hike, explore, relax and share our favorite campground cooking both nights. Campsite is reserved. COST: \$10 per night per participant for site, any extra will go to Los Serranos group. As of this writeup date, entrance fee is \$25 park per carload or National Parks pass is accepted. Jan 1 the fee may increase to \$70 per carload. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader for more info and to sign up. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com  
**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEBRUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 18**

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**FEB 12 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

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**FEB 13 (TUE) 9:00 AM OLIVE MTN HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, exit Perris Rd., go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**FEB 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. **CHAPTER**

**FEB 14 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**FEB 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**FEB 15 (THU) 9:00 AM BEAR FLATS HIKE**  
The Bear Canyon Trail to Bear Flats, also known as Old Baldy Trail, offers some of the finest scenery in the San Gabriels. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,260' and a 3.6 R/T mileage. Only a very small section of this trail is flat. BRING: water, layered clothing, sturdy boots and hiking sticks. Rain cancels. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM FEB 14. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 HIKE**  
This 5-mile hike is rated as moderate. The inward journey is a lengthy but steady elevation gain. The views above Lower Deep Creek and Deep Creek are stunning. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9 am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**FEB 17 (SAT) 9:30 AM BOX SPRINGS TOWERS & THE "M" HIKE**  
Moderate 5 to 6-mile round trip hike to the "M" via the Spring Trail. Approx. 400 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass Rd about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt). In 1.2 miles reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562) 713-4470, bgonz002@ucr.edu **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

### FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 25

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**FEB 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 21 (WED) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE QUEEN MINE & EAGLE CLIFFS HIKE**  
This is a repeat of the hike January 27. Please see the write up there. RESERVATIONS: Email LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com or leave message at (951) 845-9440 (voice only). **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**\*\*FEB 22 (THU) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**  
This will be a short hike up the rocky wash to the 90-foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501. **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 23 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**  
Join us on a 1-2-mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out but don't have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**FEB 24 (SAT) 7:30 AM INDIAN CANYONS: WEST FORK TO MURRAY CYN HIKE**  
On this well-liked hike in the Indian lands south of Palm Springs, we head southwest from the trading post, climbing 2500 ft. alongside a canyon on the trail that goes to Cedar Spring. At a fork we turn north to drop into a green area in the canyon, lateral across the slope, and then descend to the lower end of Murray Canyon, where we may see a little water. Total distance is 10 miles. This is a shuttle hike, on paved roads. COST: Entrance fee of \$9 per person, \$7 for seniors. RATED: Strenuous; experienced hikers only. MEET: At the Starbucks, 682 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**\*\*FEB 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM SITTON PEAK HIKE**  
Join me on a 10 mile RT moderate/difficult hike to Sitton Peak. There is 2150' of elevation gain/loss and a 1/4-mile scramble to reach the peak. Although the peak stands only 3,273' it has a commanding 360-degree view, which includes views of the ocean on a clear day. WEAR: dress in layers, BRING plenty of water, lunch and sunscreen. MEET at the parking lot across from The Ortega Oaks Candy Store, 34040 Ortega Hwy. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. A wilderness pass is required for cars parked in the lot and are available at sporting goods stores. For more information or to register please contact me. I will send a more detailed description to everyone that registers. Rain cancels. LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951)302-1059. **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

**FEB 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
This 6-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail is rated as moderate because part of our journey is off trail. The views across the historic Summit Valley are stunning. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

**FEB 24 (SAT) 9:30 AM LA QUINTA COVE TRAIL**  
Moderate 6.5-mile RT exploratory hike along a wash and hills along desert mountains to Lake Cahuilla and back. 548' elevation gain. BRING: water, sunscreen, hat, snack, sturdy shoes, camera. MEET: Intersate 10 east to La Quinta, exit Washington St. turn R on Eisenhower, R on Avenida Bermudas until it becomes Calle Tecate to dirt parking lot or call for carpool arrangements. Opportunity for lunch afterward. RSVP by 8 p.m. Feb 23 INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

**FEB 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM CR&HT SEG #3: JUNIPER FLATS TO TWIN TANKS HIKE**  
The third Segment of the California Riding and Hiking Trail patch program will begin at Juniper Flats on Keys View Road. This 11.9-mile section is the longest section of the CR&HT, gaining 353' and losing 793'. After shuttling, we head east leaving the Lost Horse Valley as we ascend a pass at mile three. Continuing east we descend into the open desert and begin an easy climb crossing the Geology Tour road. Next, we skirt the Jumbo Rocks area descending 593' over 4.4 miles to Twin Tanks. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Oasis Visitor Center parking lot, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms 92277. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

### FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4

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**FEB 26 – MAR 1 (MON-THU) DEATH VALLEY TOUR TOUR**  
The trip will begin in Shoshone near Death Valley at noon for a tour of the historic community and then primitive camping in the area. The next day we will go to China Ranch and hike in Amargosa Canyon. The third day we will drive through the heart of Death Valley visiting scenic sites and hiking some of the beautiful canyons. We will camp that night in the Furnace Creek area. The last morning, we will hike the dunes and then head home. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertylily1@verizon.net, call 760-245-8734. **MOJAVE GROUP**

**FEB 27 (TUE) 9:00 AM SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL – BOX SPRINGS MTN HIKE**  
Moderate 4-mile hike on Skyline Loop 1. BRING: water, snack, sturdy shoes. MEET: from Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, go north on Pigeon Pass Rd about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt). In 1.2 miles reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

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**FEB 27 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOMMEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

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**FEB 28 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET RIDGE TRAVERSE HIKE**  
This is a moderate but very long hike totaling 16 miles. We will start with Sunset Peak, then continue westward on the service road all along the ridge, past antennas, all the way down, ending in La Verne. This is a 1-way hike requiring a car shuttle. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. RESERVATIONS required no later than 2-24-18. Rain cancels. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 28–MAR 4 (WED-SUN) JOSHUA TREE NP IN LATE WINTER CARCAMP**

Visit Joshua Tree National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We may explore palm oases, boulder areas, and desert canyons or climb peaks within the park. We have the campsites from noon Wednesday until noon on Sunday. Hikes may require walking over rocky trails and some areas of rock scrambling off trail. Maximum hiking distance is 10 miles with up to 2000 feet of elevation gain. Some vehicle travel on dirt roads may be required. COST: \$30 per person and includes 4 nights of camping. \$20 deposit required to confirm participation. There is an additional Park entrance fee of \$25 per vehicle. We may also take a guided tour of the historic Keys Ranch (\$10 per person extra). Group size limited to 18 people. RESERVATIONS: Email or call leader for reservation information. LEADER: RICH JURICICH, rich.sierraclub@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181.

**CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE**

**MAR 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 2 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**  
Last chance of the season to get your snowshoes on, so join us on a 1-2 mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Too little snow or inclement weather cancels. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com

**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**UPCOMING**

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**MAR 20-23 (TUE-FRI) TOUR OF MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE TOUR**

The outing will begin on Tuesday at noon at Sunrise Rock campground on Cima Road. That afternoon we will hike Teutonia Peak for scenic views of the area. (3 miles round trip.) The next day we will drive to the Rock House and hike the loop trail (1 mile) and then go the Midhills to camp. Thursday we will hike in the area. Friday we will go to Mitchell Caverns for a tour of the famous caverns at 11:00 am. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertylily1@verizon.net, 760-245-8734.

**MOJAVE GROUP**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB  
RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA  
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa

Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & FEB 5, 12, 19, and 26]

**(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309 [MEETS JAN 5, 19, & FEB 2, 16]

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY  
AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**PROGRAM:** A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift. tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. [MEETS JAN 17 & FEB 21]



**Volunteer Opportunity  
in Yosemite National Park**

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge) is a National Historic Landmark building that represents the rich heritage of the Sierra Club in Yosemite Valley. The building houses several interpretive displays, a children's nature corner, a wonderful library, art projects and evening programs.

Since 1904 a curator and Sierra Club volunteers have provided information to park visitors. Today the program welcomes over 15,000 visitors to the Sierra Club's spiritual home in Yosemite Valley. Volunteer are currently needed in July, August and September 2018.

Volunteers spend a week from Saturday to Saturday in the park assisting the club's curator Bonnie Gisel, PhD by interacting with park visitors and carrying on the Sierra Club tradition of helping others appreciate and protect our natural environment.

The volunteer workweek consists of up to 25 hours for service in the YCHC with Monday and Tuesday free days to explore Yosemite. This opportunity includes free admission to Yosemite National Park and free camping in a group campsite; and, is restricted to volunteers only— no family members, friends or pets are permitted. Camping is limited to tents only. Volunteers bring their food and supplies.

- Potential volunteers must:
- Be current Sierra Club members
  - Be outgoing and comfortable interacting with park visitors
  - Have visited Yosemite within the last two years and have current park knowledge
  - Be familiar with current Sierra Club programs and initiatives
  - Be able to stand for up to 3 hours per day

To become a volunteer at YCHC, please contact Bonnie Gisel, Curator, at Bonnie.Gisel@sierraclub.org.



# Mark Your Calendars for our Chapter Program on February 6<sup>th</sup>: "Tejon Ranch: A Biological Treasure" Presented by Nick Jensen

At the February 6 chapter meeting, Nick Jensen will discuss his research on the ecology and botany of Tejon Ranch, the site of his PhD dissertation research. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.



Over the past two years working on Tejon Ranch, Nick has made more than 4,000 herbarium collections representing at least one new species, dozens of new

In the past, Tejon Ranch was the focus of a long and bitter fight to preserve its unique flora, fauna, scenic, and recreational attributes. Prior to 2008, Tejon Ranch was closed to scientific research. Now, 240,000 acres, nearly 90% of the ranch, have been conserved under the Tejon Ranch Conservancy.



populations of rare species, and countless range extensions.

At 270,000 acres, Tejon Ranch is California's largest contiguous piece of private land. Located primarily in the Tehachapi Mountains of Kern County, Tejon Ranch occupies one of the most interesting and complex ecological areas in the California: the convergence of the San Joaquin Valley, Sierra Nevada, Western Transverse Ranges, and Mojave Desert.



Nick recently was awarded his PhD by Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden/Claremont Graduate University. His research interests include biogeography, rare plants, and biodiversity. Nick is also interested in gaining a greater understanding of the threats to California's plants. Prior to his graduate career, Nick served as the Rare Plant Program Director for the California Native Plant Society and has worked as a botanist for the US Forest Service, Chicago Botanic Garden, and the private consulting industry.

Nick also presented his talk on his Tejon Ranch research at the October 2017 meeting of the Los Serranos Group.

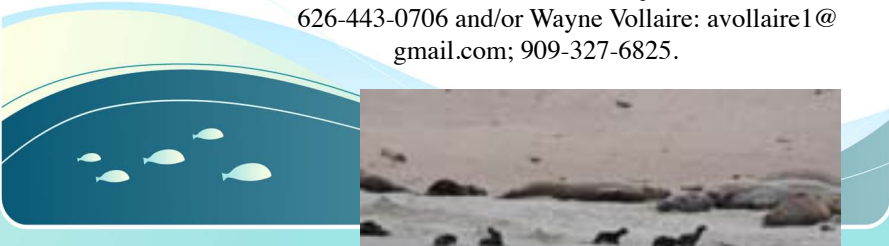


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