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## Membership Meetings

*Tuesday, July 2*

### “Little Known Gems of the National Park System”

Speakers: Ladd & Gail Seekins  
(see write up on Page 11)

*Tuesday, August 6*

### “24 Peaks in 24 Hours for the Wildlands Conservancy”

Speaker: Paul Melzer  
(see write up Page 12)

**Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.  
at the San Bernardino  
County Museum, 2024 Orange  
Tree Lane, Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

## Jenny Wilder Receives Erin Brokovich Award

By

Carol Wiley, San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Chair

At a recent meeting of the Alliance for Responsible Recreation Jenny Wilder was presented with the Erin Brokovich Award.

This award is presented annually to a person for their outstanding leadership and action in protecting our lands from damage from ORV abuse. In addition to the presentation of the plaque, the ceremony involved passing on some beautiful wind chimes crafted out of a melted down ORV found in the desert and created by artist Mark Heuston.

Jenny is well known for her great organizing talents, networking skills, her accomplishments with Friends of Juniper Flats, working with the Bureau of Land Management, dedication to many environmental issues and effective activism. Besides all this she is chair of the Mojave Group of the Sierra Club, leads many hikes and works on graffiti removal on the Pacific Crest Trail along Deep Creek.

Congratulations to Jenny on this well deserved honor!



## Chapter Awards Presented

By

Carol Wiley, San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Chair

The annual San Gorgonio Chapter awards were presented at the June meeting. These awards are to recognize the outstanding contributions by deserving volunteers in the chapter.



The first award was the Joe Momeyer Conservation Award which is given for outstanding contributions to the conservation efforts. This year we presented two awards to two very deserving people. The first was presented to Jono Hildner, Political Chair for the chapter (pictured above). The award was presented by Kim Floyd, Conservation Chair for the chapter, who nominated Jono for his success in firing up the Political Committee for the chapter and providing the leadership so that

we are known by two environmentally friendly newly elected Tankano and Ruiz. Jono has filled an important gap that the chapter suffered regarding our ability to influence local elected officials. We have many great political opportunities in the chapter. These opportunities were mostly missed before Jono's leadership. We will get much better as time goes on. Additionally, related specifically to conservation, Jono has been the Chapter lead on the My Generation effort working closely with Allen Hernandez and Chapter activists to assure success of our Local Clean Energy campaign currently focused in the Riverside and San Bernardino high population areas. Jono has been our Chapter leader to win funding both from the Chapter and the National Activists Network to fund

an expansion of the My Generation Local Clean Energy efforts into the East Coachella Valley this summer. Jono has provided a great boost of new insight and energy for the Chapter. Thanks to Kim Floyd for providing the above information.

The second Joe Momeyer Conservation Award went to Ann Turner-McKibben (pictured above) and was



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## Renewable Energy on the Upswing

By Allen Hernandez

Community Organizer, Sierra Club  
Local Clean Energy,  
Inland Empire

California is often known as the leader in cutting edge technologies and innovation. Last month the Solar Energy Industry Association released a report naming California the leader among all US states in solar job creation. As evident by the report, California leads the way in locally produced renewable energy.

Keeping up with that encouraging trend, Rim of the World High School has quickly found itself at the forefront of renewable energy trailblazing as well. One visit to the school and you will quickly notice, besides the breathtaking mountain view, four small-sized commercial wind turbines and solar panels sitting along the sidewalk of the school's parking lot. Along with the locally produced renewable energy in the school's parking lot, there is a computer system in one of the science classrooms which monitors the energy being produced by the wind turbines and solar panels, which students and staff have access to. As far as I know, this is the only school in the nation to have such an elaborate one-of-a-kind renewable energy system in place.

On May 17th, the Sierra Club's My Generation Campaign and the San Gorgonio Chapter's Mountains Group had the pleasure to be part of a program highlighting Rim of the World High School's accomplishments and a program aimed at involving more young people to advocate for more local clean energy in their communities.

The program started with presentations to two of Rim of the World High School teacher's Barry Schell's science classes and the Mountains Group in the school library. Mr. Schell first presented to the audience the specifications of the wind and solar energy system at Rim of the World, which currently powers about 3-4 classrooms. I then took the stage and presented on how the Sierra Club's local clean energy campaign, called the My Generation campaign, has been able to advocate for local distributed generation in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties through the leadership of young people. I outlined how young people in the Inland region have canvassed, lobbied, protested, written in support of and made videos in support of local clean energy for their communities. At the end, Rim of the World High School students and Mountains Group members were invited to join the Sierra Club in its first exclusively local clean energy lobby day in Sacramento set to take place August 25-26 in Sacramento.

After the presentation, Mr. Schell led a guided tour of the school's renewable

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## Political Update

By Jono Hildner, Political Chair

The big news is that our endorsed candidate for Senate District 32, Norma Torres, won the special election on May 14, quite easily. While we didn't get her a lot of campaign volunteers, a group of folks from the My Generation showed up to help her Get Out the Vote (GOTV) the weekend before the election and it was appreciated.

She just voted for the Shared Renewable Energy bill that we strongly supported and which will now go to the Assembly.

Now, we have a short time frame to endorse a candidate to replace her in Assembly District 52. As this article goes to our editor, we still don't have a final list of candidates, but know that the



primary will be July 23 and if needed, a general election on September 24.

As of my deadline, votes on bills in both houses were going fast and furious in an effort to move bills from one house to the next. If bills hadn't moved out of the house where they originated by May 31, they were dead for the year.

Here is a short list of the issues we were supporting and some that we oppose. I've not included bill numbers, as the lag time for the Palm & Pine is such that individual bills are likely to have been amended by the time you read this.

#### SUPPORT:

- Bills that would declare a moratorium on fracking until the

impacts on the environment are known and regulations developed that would allow the public to know what is being pumped into the ground and how the waste water is being treated and disposed of.

- Giving the Coastal Commission the ability to actually enforce their regulations by fining violators. As it is now, violators simply ignore the letters they get from the Commission.
- Efforts to increase public access to energy produced by solar. Both by sharing in community based projects and for low income households to better afford it.
- Improving notice regarding big projects that require CEQA review.
- Banning single-use plastic bags.
- A number of efforts to protect wildlife, including restriction on bobcat trapping.

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energy system and monitoring system. Members of the Mountains Group and several students were able to observe and ask questions about the wind turbines and solar panels, along with seeing how exactly the school's monitoring system for their system worked and how it documented energy use for Rim of the World High School.

Rim of the World High School was also presented with special award of recognition from the Sierra Club's My Generation Campaign and the San Gorgonio Chapters Mountains Group for their contribution to local clean energy and the environment.

For those interested in participating in advocating for more local distributed clean energy alongside Rim of the World High School students and Mountains Group members at our August lobby day event in Sacramento, please contact My Generation Campaign Inland Empire Organizer Allen Hernandez at Allen.hernandez@sierraclub.org.

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# Group News

## Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

### Xeriscape Tour

For the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row the Big Bear Group will host the Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour set for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger's Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny's Restaurant. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

A tour booklet, which includes the locations of the 8 stops, a map and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Experts will be on hand at each of the homes on the tour to explain the ins and outs of creating a beautiful landscape and conserving water at the same time. Several of the tour sponsors will be on hand at the Eminger's starting location to answer questions about topics such as composting, tree care and artificial turf. Drought-tolerant plants will be on sale at Eminger's throughout the day.

Once again the tour will feature a special Fire Wise home where the homeowner married defensible space with drought tolerant and native plants. Attendees will be able to pick up information on which native plants should be planted within 15 feet of the



## Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

*If you don't consider yourself an "Off Roader," why would you know about the OHMVR and its commission and why would you want to contact them?*

*Why would you even be reading this article?*

Last month I wrote about the State Parks being broken and about the destruction of public lands caused by uncontrolled Off Road Riding. It appears that the Off Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMVR) division gets a huge amount of money from taxes paid at the pump, and yet there seems to be an increase in damage and less control. Did you know that Off-highway recreation includes both motorized recreation and motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation activities?

Here are the answers to some questions about the OHMVR Commission:

- 1) When was the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission created?**  
California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission was created by the Legislature in 1982.
- 2) How many commissioners are there and who are they?**  
Nine Commissioners are appointed to staggered four-year terms. The Governor appoints five of the members (subject to Senate confirmation), and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint two members. The Commission membership is intended to represent a broad range of groups including OHV recreation enthusiasts, biological or soil scientists, rural landowners, law enforcement, environmental protection organizations, and non-motorized recreation interests.  
The current commissioners are listed on the Commission page with their biographies: [http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22606](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22606)
  - Paul Slavik, Chair Huntington Beach, CA. Slavik was appointed by Governor Brown in July 2008 (expires Jan 2016).
  - Breene Kerr, Vice Chair, Los Altos Hills, CA. Kerr was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in February 2011 (expires Jan 2014).
  - Diana Perez, Santa Maria, CA was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in Feb 2011 (expires Jan 2016).
  - M.Teresa Villegas, Los Angeles, CA was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee in July 2012 (expires Jan 2015).
  - Edward Patrovsky, Apple Valley, CA was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee in January 2013 (Expires 2017).
  - E. Theodore Cabral, Penngrove, CA was appointed by Governor Brown in March 2013 (expires Jan 2016).
  - Kevin Murphy, Morgan Hill, CA was appointed by Governor Brown in March 2013 (expires Jan 2016).
  - VACANT – will be appointed by Governor Brown
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After reviewing the biographies of the above commissioners, it appears to me that three of the current 7 commissioners, Paul Slavik, E. Theodore Cabral and Kevin Murphy all clearly represent motorized recreation and in particular dirt bikes.

M.Teresa Villegas may be perceived as representing the environment.

It appears that the following groups may not be fairly represented: biological or soil scientists, rural landowners, law enforcement, environmental protection organizations, and non-motorized recreation interests. Apparently no commissioner represents rural

home and which should be planted outside a 15 foot circle. The point being you can have a beautiful, natural yard and be Fire Wise, too.

Native plants will also be on sale mid-way through the tour at Hunters Nursery with native plant expert, Orchid Black on hand to answer your questions. For additional information on the Sierra Club's Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of last year's gardens, go online to: [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org) and scroll down to the bottom where you will find links to several digital photo albums of past tours.

### Outings

In May the Big Bear Group held their yearly patch party where patches were given to hikers that completed the 5 peaks of Big Bear or Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail.

#### Five Peaks of Big Bear 2012 honorees were:

Beatrice Etchison	Charlotte Watts	Ed Caliendo
Janet Roy	Marc Beckoff	Mary Marble
Mike Lucero	Nora Sanchez	Ricky Lara
Warren Larson		

#### Pacific Crest Trail-Section C honorees were:

Bob Young	Catherine Shih	Ed Caliendo
Jim Seifert	Kerri King	L.J. Forster
Linda Newsome	Roberta Darrow	

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land owners, and no commissioner represents biological or soil scientists.

Adequate representation is important because this is the voice of the people of California about Off Road recreation which is destroying California scenery, wildlife and biodiversity. The decision makers in the OHMVR division of State Parks get their information about how the people of California perceive OHV recreation from this advisory group. If that group is dominated by dirt bike enthusiasts, then it is likely that they will receive a demand for every more "riding areas". It is equally unlikely that they will receive any useful information about the environmental damage caused by dirt bikes and ATVs.

If you are concerned about uncontrolled OHV riding and the destruction of natural resources in California, please contact Governor Brown and urge him to ensure a balance of interests on the OHMVR Commission. Your voice can make a difference!

#### 3) What are the primary duties of the Commission?

In 2008, SB-742 revised the OHMVR Commission's duties and responsibilities to be more advisory in nature and in line with those of the California State Parks and Recreation Commission. The OHMVR Commission has responsibility to be fully informed about all governmental activities affecting the program. The commission must hold a specified number and type of public meetings a year. The commission has the responsibility to review and comment on the Division's Strategic Plan; consider and approve general plans of SVRAs; receive public comments about the program, and review plans for new and expanded recreation areas applying for grant funds. The Commission is responsible for preparing and submitting a program report to the Governor, the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, and the Committee on Appropriations of each house on or before January 1, 2011, and every three (3) years thereafter. The report must address specified issues ([http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/OHMVR\\_Comm\\_Policies-Procedures\\_Final\\_101411.pdf](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/OHMVR_Comm_Policies-Procedures_Final_101411.pdf))

It is the responsibility of the Commission is to receive public comment on:

- Program implementation,
- Proposed substantial acquisition or development projects, and
- Property owner or tenant complaints on OHV impacts to their property.

#### The OHMVR Commission Wants to Hear From You!

The Commission wants to hear the views of the OHV Community and others about what is happening in riding areas. The Commissioners welcome your thoughts on ways to improve OHV recreation, where you feel grant money should be spent, or any problems you may see, along with suggestions for solving them. If you cannot attend a local meeting, please submit your written comments to:

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# Group News

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I would like to give a special thanks to Ed Caliendo for his hard work in making these programs successful.

**Monthly Meeting Subjects**

Our July 18 special guest speaker will be the Mountain Top District Ranger Scott Tangenberg. Scott will have a presentation on the diverse trees of Big Bear and the surrounding San Bernardino National Forest. He will also talk about volunteer opportunities with the Forest Service in Big Bear. For those looking for something interesting and rewarding to do, I highly recommend that you attend this meeting.

Our August meeting will be a dessert potluck and will feature Erv Nichols as our guest speaker. As many of you know, Erv was Chair of the Big Bear Group ten years ago. He is an accomplished photographer and will show us many of his photographs taken since leaving Big Bear and working as a volunteer in National Parks and National Forests all over the west and Alaska. This will be an entertaining evening so bring a dessert to share for what will be an enjoyable experience.

**Conservation**

The down swing in the economy has slowed down growth in the Big Bear Valley but there are several large projects lurking under the surface which are being carefully monitored by the Conservation Committee. The plan to move the Zoo to the land purchased by the County at the Moonridge Triangle is moving forward. We have just completed our review of planning documents and have submitted our comments to the county.

**Scholarship Fund Raiser**

On May 7 the Big Bear Group held a successful fund raiser at Maggios Restaurant to help fund our annual scholarship program. This Scholarship is given to a graduating senior at Big Bear High School. Those students who apply for the scholarship must write an essay on an environmental problem in the Big Bear Valley and propose a solution. These essays are then judged by the Executive committee and a winner is selected. This program has been in place for five years and has been well received by the community.



## Moreno Valley Group

*By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary*

The Moreno Valley Group had an information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event held on April 22 at the Western Metropolitan Water District demonstration garden in Riverside. We spent the afternoon and early evening sharing information about the Sierra Club with visitors. We also shared information

thanks to her for all of her work preparing things for the event. Also we want to thank all of our great volunteers: Ann Aasen, Alex Aasen, Theresa Carson, Manya Jiannino, Steve Jiannino, Kathryn Jones, Jonathan Lipscomb, Ann McKibben, and Mike Millspaugh for their help.

Many changes have taken place in

the city of Moreno Valley since our last group news. On April 30 the Inland Regional Corruption Task Force conducted a raid and served search warrants at the homes of the five Moreno Valley city councilmembers, the corporate offices of developer Highland Fairview, and a local real estate broker. The task force is composed of the

FBI, IRS, and U.S. attorney's office. Some of the warrants were under Riverside County district attorney's office. Although the warrants have not been made public, they are apparently related to a corruption



*Box Springs Hike, Moreno Valley Group, May 2013*

*Photo by Margie Breitreuz*

investigation being conducted by the Riverside County Grand Jury. Many articles have appeared in The Press-Enterprise and their reporters have done an excellent job of sharing information with the public. You can view their articles at: [www.pe.com](http://www.pe.com)

In other developments the Moreno Valley city attorney retired in December 2012 and will be on administrative leave until July; the city manager resigned May 14; and the city's economic development director left the city on May 22. If

you are interested in following these changes at city hall, please view articles at [www.pe.com](http://www.pe.com) for in depth coverage.

Community meetings regarding the World Logistics Center continued to be sponsored by the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Sierra Club, Residents for a Livable Moreno Valley and concerned citizens. The speakers at the meetings have covered

topics related to air pollution/health issues, increased traffic congestions, and the project's effect on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Moreno Valley High School Lecture Hall. For more information contact Tom Thornsley at (909) 797-1397 and [savemorenovalley@hotmail.com](mailto:savemorenovalley@hotmail.com)

The comment letters on the draft Environmental Impact Report for the World Logistics Center warehousing

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*Earth Night in the Garden, April 2013*

*Photo by Ann McKibben*

about the proposed World Logistics Center warehousing project and the effect it will have on the quality of life for the whole inland area. Manya Jiannino organized the group's participation in the event. Many



## Santa Margarita Group

*By Jim Mitchell, Chair*

We need to focus our attention on the trouble-plagued San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant located on the Pacific Coast at the northern edge of San Diego County. The plant has been shutdown for more than a year because a damaged steam pipe in one of its reactors allowed radioactive material to escape. Now Southern California Edison, the main plant operators, wants to re-start the nuclear power plant despite the fact there is wide spread concern that the plant has design failures and because there is evidence that those design failures have not been corrected.

We need to be especially concerned because the apparently defective San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant is in our neighborhood, just 25 miles west of Old

Town Temecula. The danger zone around a nuclear power plant should there be a serious radiation incident is 50 miles. Within 50 miles of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant 8.4 million people live. That includes San Diego, all of Orange County, much of the city of Los Angeles and most of the populated parts of Riverside County.

Because of our concern, the Santa Margarita Group has asked the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) not to allow the San Onofre Nuclear Power Station to be re-started until such time as there has been a thorough and transparent public hearing that closely examines all aspects of the nuclear generating facility so as to unconditionally guarantee future public health and safety. We have also

asked the NRC to keep open the very real possibility of permanently closing the San Onofre Nuclear Power Station.

Please keep on top of this very important issue.

**Tribute to Bobbe Wilder**  
*by Meryle Hammatt*

Bobbe Wilder, well known and greatly admired community activist, passed away on May 3rd in Murrieta. Bobbe and the organization she helped found and lead, Save Our Southwest Hills (SOS), spearheaded a 7 year battle against the proposed Liberty Quarry planned for the hills south of Temecula. As a result of Bobbe's tireless efforts, many organizations and more than 50,000

local residents, 150 medical doctors and hundreds of local businesses joined in the fight against Liberty Quarry. The battle she helped lead successfully ended a few months ago when the Pechango Indians purchased the proposed quarry site. During the last year among her many accolades, Bobbe received two separate awards of recognition from the Sierra Club for her conservation work. Bobbe is survived by her daughter and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Myles Wilder. Bobbe will be greatly missed by all of us, especially those who had the privilege of knowing and working with her.

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JULY/AUGUST 2013

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2013 Calendar are due by August 1, 2013.

**FORMAT** items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

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All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & 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.**

### WHAT TO BRING

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 & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by \*\* in the calendar. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & you don't have a permit or find a ride in a vehicle with a permit, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily permits equally among everyone in the vehicle or a suggested \$.50 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America The Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

### CARPPOOLING POLICY

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

### LIABILITY WAIVER

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor's guardian must sign on the minor's behalf.

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO:  
DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). There is no meeting in July 2013

because of conflict with the Independence Day holiday. PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB 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.  
SB 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>  
(760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters,  
42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEEMEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location &  
directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>  
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE:  
Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting  
will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY  
ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the  
Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971  
North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave.,  
Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com> CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & 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

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile Conditioning hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley  
Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR  
layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY  
NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks  
are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on a 3-mile  
walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <bspreng@gte.net>  
(760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley  
Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable  
walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY  
NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

### JUNE 24 – JUNE 30

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUN 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave.,  
Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

**\*\*JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM VAN DUSEN CYN TO LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS HIKE**  
This is Hike #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing  
all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 11.0 mile through- hike.  
RATING: Moderate MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake BRING: ten essentials,  
layered clothing, sun protection, 3-liters of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes.  
An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER DICK  
BANKS, at (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

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## JULY 1 – JULY 7

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**\*\*JUL 1 (MON) 8:00 AM SKYLINE TRAIL HIKE**  
The Skyline Trail is first trail to be added to the San Bernardino National trail system in year. We will hike the five mile portion from Bear Mountain to Grand view point. The vistas along the trail are stunning. We will then return the way we came. This is a moderate 10 mile roundtrip hike over rolling terrain. We will MEET at Vons Shopping Center at 8:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. For more information Call hike LEADER ED WALLACE at 909 584 9407 or e mail ednjeanne@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO 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

**JUL 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUPEXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 4-7 (THU-SUN) INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND, BLACK ROCK CARCAMP**  
This will be a very busy weekend in the Black Rock. No specific activities planned at this writing but it's a shame to waste such a long weekend so it'll probably be a car-camp. Possible amateur radio class on Sunday! After 6/15, call for more info. Leader is very familiar w/ the area and can find plenty to do up there. Sorry, no RVs or Trailers. Dogs on leash, LNT. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775/843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**\*\*JUL 5- 7 (FRI -SUN) 8:00AM FULLER RIDGE TO FOBES TH BACKPACK**  
This is a backpacking trip and the continuation of the Pacific Crest Trail Section B Winter Program. This trip will consist of a 25 + mile total distance. We start the backpacking trip at Fuller Ridge (7720') and hike south to Saddle Junction (8100') a total of 11.3 miles the first day. On day 2, we will continue from Saddle Junction (8100') hiking to Apache Spring (7340') and camp adjacent to a fresh water spring and comfortable campgrounds. The third day we will hike the final 5.1 miles to Fobes Trailhead. RATING: Moderate BRING: Backpacking equipment, tent, sleeping bag, bear canister, rain-gear, food, stove, water purification pump or drops, and the ten-essentials. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com or contact CO-LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, at (909) 362-2531. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUL 6 (SAT) 7:00 AM FORSEE CREEK TRAIL TO ANDERSON PEAK HIKE**  
This is a great conditioning hike through the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a full day of rigorous hiking to the top of Anderson Peak (10,864') and returning the same route to our cars. This is a 15.0 mile hike with a 4,064 elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the trail head or Vons Shopping Center. We will meet at Vons Shopping Center at 6:15 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at 7:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call early as San Gorgonio Wilderness Permits needs to be obtained. This hike is limited to 12 participants. Call Hiking LEADER, ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 7 (SUN) 4:00 PM NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE HIKE**  
Enjoy the sunset from the dramatic panoramic view point. This will be an easy hike. About 3 miles Round Trip with about 500' elev. gain. The North Etiwanda Preserve is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic view is really cool. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek – exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement) BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, dtsierra@msn.com, 909-899-2795 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

## JULY 8 – JULY 14

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

**JUL 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB 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. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 8-12 (MON- FRI) NORTH LAKE TO HUMPHREYS BASIN BACKPACK**  
Join Ed and Terrance on this scenic 15 mile round trip backpack up the North Fork of Bishop Creek with it picturesque alpine ponds, meadows, lakes and waterfalls. After crossing Piute Pass we will camp in the lake-filled Humphrey Basin and spend the next few days day hiking this stunning area of the John Muir Wilderness. The wild flower blooms at this time of year should be spectacular so be sure to bring a camera or perhaps try your luck fishing in the Golden Trout Lakes. If the group is interested we will attempt to summit Pilot Knob. Space is limited. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net, or CO LEADER TERRANCE MCCORKLE (760) 252 2194, oldhikerdude@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 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

**JUL 10 (WED) 9:00 AM NANA TRAIL, PCT, VD CANYON. LOOP HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 6-mile loop hike with a 1200-foot elevation gain that includes a short hill scramble through open terrain. Bring water, sturdy boots, snacks and clothing appropriate to the weather. We will meet in Von's parking lot Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Call LEADER DICK BANKS for more information at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 11 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUL 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM HUMBER PARK TO TAHQUITZ PEAK HIKE**  
Join me on a 8.5 -9 mile out and back hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the fire lookout station

on Tahquitz Peak. This is a strenuous hike and should take about 5 hours of hiking time. There is 2400' of elevation gain. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to Saddle junction. From there we will head south 1.4 miles on the PCT gradually climbing through the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for .4 miles then take a short spur to the summit. Please bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Be sure to BRING sunscreen, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide, I will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please REGISTER as soon as possible. To register or for more information please email me at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or at (951)302-1059. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 243 in Idyllwild just south of the ranger station turn northeast on North circle Dr. Drive .7 miles. At the four way intersection turn right on South Circle Dr. Drive .1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top and park where the outhouse structures are. LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

## JULY 15 – JULY 21

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUL 16 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**JUL 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 17 (WED) 9:00 AM SHADY COVE 2W09 TRAIL HIKE**  
This hiking trail starts just west of the Shady Cove Group Campgrounds in the National Children's Forest near Snow Valley and travels up towards Keller Peak. The mileage is estimated at 3.5 miles round trip with a 400' elevation gain. RATING: Moderate MEET: We will meet at the Shady Cove Group Campgrounds near the water tank and parking area. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, trail snacks sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. PLEASE CONFIRM: Call Hiking Leader, ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 17 (WED) 10:00 AM CASTLE ROCK HIKE**  
Be part of the "Royalty" that enters the CASTLE. This Big Bear premier lake vista hike for the fit is rated moderate/strenuous due to altitude and pitch within the 1.6 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and there is a 700' elevation gain in just 3/4 of a mile. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble for the last 100 yards (this part is optional). Rain/Snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUL 18 (THU) 9:00 AM GRANDVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**  
We will access Grandview Point via a moderate 7-mile loop route that includes Pine Knot Trail, Lost Trail and 2N08. If our timing is right, we should see a wide array of wildflowers along the way, including lemon lilies, corn lilies, fire weed and giant lupines. BRING water, snacks, sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather. We will MEET in the east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center and carpool to the trailhead from there. Drivers will need Adventure Passes. Contact LEADER DICK BANKS for further information at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 20 (SAT) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE TO BIG HORN MINE HIKE**  
Four miles round trip 500' elevation. Rated easy to moderate. Come join us on a 99% full moon hike to this historic mine. BRING, flashlight, lightweight jacket, water, snacks, day pack. We will MEET at Vincent Gap, 5 miles from Big Pines on Hwy 2. LEADER: BILL SPRENG (760) 951-4520 bspreng@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 20-21 (SAT-SUN) ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACK**  
Join us for another easy backpack to a hike-in camp in the Angeles National Forest to get in shape for next month's backpack in the Sierra. Hike in will be slow paced, 3 miles or less, and there will be picnic tables, pit toilets, and fire rings. Beginners with plenty of hiking experience welcome. Friendly dogs in good shape also welcome. Contact LEADER LYGEIA GERARD at Goody2shz@yahoo.com or (760) 868-2179 for equipment list and further details. MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 20-21 (SAT-SUN) 8:15 AM BEGINNER BACKPACKING BACKPACK**  
This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake, you will backpack 4.0 miles to Dear Springs Trail Camp were the group will camp over-night. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. MEET: Onyx Summit at 8:15 a.m. located on Hwy 38. BRING: ten essentials, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, water purification capabilities, layered clothing, sun protection, bear canister, food, and two-liters of water. CALL: For additional information and RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813, dogs111@msn.com or CO-LEADER JIM SEIFERT, (760) 694-5370. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 21 (SUN) 4:00 PM NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE HIKE**  
Enjoy the sunset from the dramatic panoramic view point. This will be an easy hike. About 3 miles Round Trip with about 500' elev. gain. The North Etiwanda Preserve is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic view is really cool. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek – exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement) BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, dtsierra@msn.com, 909-899-2795 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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## JULY 22 – JULY 28

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUL 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**JUL 26-29 (FRI-MON) EASTERN NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE**  
Once again, we partner with ranger John from BLM in Ely for a scintillating wilderness service project in Eastern Nevada. We've worked in the Mt. Grafton Wilderness south of Ely, the Highland Ridge, just south of Great Basin National Park, and the Becky Peak Wilderness in the Schell Creek Range north of Ely. Where will it be this time? Sign up and find out. We do know that it will be useful, enjoyable, hard work for wilderness with pleasing camaraderie in a wild, scenic area. Central commissary offered for usual fee, contact LEADER VICKY HOOVER, (415) 977-5527, or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

**JUL 27 (SAT) 6:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,064), 11 miles total trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, and sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR (909) 983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM ARRASTRE WATERFALL HIKE HIKE**  
This is a short, easy/moderate hike of about 3 miles round trip to a desert riparian area in the Juniper Flats area. BRING 2-3 quarts of water /snacks and a hiking stick and gloves; wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hat and sunscreen. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! We will take time to enjoy the area, and help to keep it clean by packing out trash left by others. Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the great outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/grandparents! MEET at Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 7 am. For more information contact LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUL 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM VAN DUSEN CYN TO CUSHENBURY PASS HIKE**  
This is Hike #6 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is an 8.9-mile through-hike, requiring the shuttling of hikers. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake or at Cushenbury Pass located at east end of Baldwin Lake at Hwy 18. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Must call for reservations LEADER DICK BANKS, at (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

## JULY 29 – AUGUST 4

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUL 31 (WED) 6:30 AM TELEGRAPH PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Telegraph Peak (elevation 8,985 ft), 13 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1-1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Telegraph Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 2 (FRI) 8:00 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This is moderate hike out of Wrightwood of 6 miles R/T with gain of 2200 ft. This is a great summer hike to the summit at 8505 ft. We will MEET at McDonalds Restaurant Hwy 138 and Hwy 15. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Call leader if coming for further details. LEADER JOE WHYTE (909) 949-0899. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 2-4 (FRI-SUN) 2:00 PM S B MTS, ANNUAL CHILDRENS' FOREST CAR CAMP**  
We'll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday. Join us for a potluck at 6 PM on Saturday. BRING: drinks, a dish to share, fire wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight. Day hikes and other optional activities. If you plan to attend, please CALL LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT (909) 336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*AUG 3 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC B FULLER RIDGE TO DEVIL'S SLIDE HIKE**  
Near to top of San Jacinto Peak, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) winds down the south face of San Jacinto Mountain passing through Strawberry Junction, arriving at Devil's Slide trailhead. This is a through-hike that continues our quest to complete the Pacific Crest Trail, Section B. This is a 14.5 mile through-hike with frequent elevation gains and losses. Over the first five miles the trail gains 1,220', over the next 2.8 miles the trail descends 900', over the next 2.3 miles the trail gains 960', over the next 1.9 miles the trail descends 900' and finally the last 2.5 miles the trail descends 1,620' ending at the Devil's Slide trailhead. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Office parking lot, 54270 Pine Crest Road in Idyllwild. From this location we will caravan to the Devil's Slide Trailhead and parking area before carpooling to Fuller Ridge where the hike will begin. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM GREY'S PEAK HIKE**  
This is a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is an 8-mile, 1,400 feet moderate/strenuous hike. Meet at 8:30 AM at the Big Bear Discovery Center or 8:45 A.M. at the Grey's Peak trailhead located on Hwy 38, half a mile west of Fawnskin. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Bring 2 quarts of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. To register call LEADER JIM SEIFERT, at (760) 694-5370 or ironmany2k@hotmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

## AUGUST 5 – AUGUST 11

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**AUG 6 (TUE) 8:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This moderate 5 mile R/T hike is a 1,200' elevation gain challenge to "peel" the potato via Evey



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Canyon to reach the summit. Rain/Snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO 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

**AUG 7 (WED) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 10 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1-1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 7 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT: ONYX SUMMIT TO ARRASTRE CREEK HIKE**  
This is a moderate, 8-mile hike on the PCT with an elevation gain of only about 800'. There is a variety of vegetation along the way in mostly scenic, lush forest. Bring sturdy boots, ample water and food for snack breaks and lunch. We will meet at Vons at 9:00 AM and carpool to the Onyx Summit parking lot. If you prefer to meet us at Onyx Summit at 9:30 AM, please let me know. Call LEADER DICK BANKS at (909) 866-9232 for more information. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 7 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 8 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*AUG 9 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**  
This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent stands of pines, cedar and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000 ft with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. We will MEET at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. Plan on lunch at the Malt Shop in Green Valley Lake. Please BRING Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. For more information call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 11-14 (SUN-WED) JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS BACKPACK**  
Starting and ending at the Rock Creek trailhead we will explore the Little Lakes Valley of the John Muir Wilderness. Our trip will include three nights of trail camping, fly fishing, photography, and hiking. You will be surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery the High Sierra has to offer. We will explore Heart Lake and Long Lake with an optional day hike up Morgan Pass to Upper Morgan Lake while camping two nights at Chickenfoot Lake. We'll retrace our steps and then hike along the Mono Pass Trail to beautiful Ruby Lake for the last night. Rated: Easy to moderate in difficulty. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, insect repellent, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, food, water purification, and rain gear. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. CALL: Space is limited to ten-participants. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com, or CO-LEADER ROBERTA DARROW at (909) 362-2531. BIG BEAR GROUP

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### AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 18

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**AUG 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

**AUG 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 16-18 (FRI-SUN) EASTERN SIERRA BACKPACK**  
Join us for three days/two nights for one of the easiest backpacks in the Sierras. We will start at the Virginia Lakes trailhead and hike approximately one mile, 400' gain to beautiful, secluded Cooney Lake at 10,200'. Must have recent backpacking experience, lots of current hiking experience, and plenty of gear. Friendly, altitude-acclimated dogs also welcome. Group size strictly limited. Sign up early to secure your spot. SEND contact information, a large SASE, and check for \$5 (permit fee) to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, or call or e-mail for further details: (760) 868-2179; Goody2shz@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 17 (SAT) 7:00 AM OZZIE TRAIL, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE**  
Come and experience a morning hike in the Juniper Flats Area, Apple Valley. Hike is about 4 miles round trip and rated easy/moderate. There is an invigorating climb at the start of the hike with about 1,000 elevation gain. Then we walk along the ridge with beautiful views of the Victor Valley and mountains beyond. BRING 2-3 quarts of water, snacks and a hiking stick; wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hat and sunscreen. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! MEET at Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 7:00am. For more information contact LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*AUG 17(SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MT PEAK VIA PCT HIKE**  
This is a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a 6-mile, 700 foot elevation gain. RATING: moderate/strenuous. MEET: Hikers are to meet at 8:30 AM at the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Polique Canyon Road and park near the PCT crossing on Polique Canyon Road. BRING: adequate water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing and good hiking shoes. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: To register contact LEADER JIM SEIFERT, at (760)694-5370 or ironmany2k@hotmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM CRAFTS PEAK, SAN BERNARDINO MTS HIKE**  
Join us for a moderate hike (8 miles, 1500 ft. elevation gain) from Green Valley Lake to Crafts Peak at 8,364 ft. This area was burnt in the 2007 fire, so many of the trees are still in the process of recovering. It will be interesting to see how nature continues to restore itself. Views in all directions, from Lake Arrowhead and Mt Baldy to Big Bear Lake and San Gorgonio Mountain. WEAR sturdy boots, BRING sufficient water, lunch, hat and a jacket. CALL LEADER DON FISCHER (909) 939-0332 for carpooling meeting time and place. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

### AUGUST 19 – AUGUST 25

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**AUG 19 (MON) 7:00 AM LAKE PEAK & THE 10,000 FT. RIDGE HIKE**  
This hike will take us from the Fish Creek trailhead in the San Gorgonio Wilderness 6 miles to the summit of Lake Peak. From there we will explore the remote 10,000 Ft. ridge. This is a moderate to strenuous hike which will cover approximately 15 miles from start to finish. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Space is limited. For more information call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407 or ednjeanne@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 19 (Mon) 7:00 PM SB MTS MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT MEANDER**  
Join us for our 3rd annual moonlit stroll (and night-time picnic) in the forest. An easy route, we'll not be setting any speed records here; just a leisurely and safe adventure in the "dark" (who knows what we might see?). Afterwards, we'll share a small informal potluck to celebrate all making it back together. (Rain, fog or fire will cancel.) BRING: weather appropriate clothes and a flashlight (preferably red lights to preserve our night vision). MEET: Current plan for location is the Heap's Peak Arboretum, but that may change, so please do check in to confirm. Call for important details and to verify where we'll meet. CONTACT LEADER STEVEN FARRELL (661) 449-2867 or <mr\_sqf@yahoo.com>. Adventure Pass required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**AUG 20 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**\*\*AUG 21 (WED) 9:00 AM GRAYS PEAK TH TO HANNAH FLAT CAMPGR HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult 9-mile round-trip hike with an 800-foot elevation gain. The Grays Peak trailhead is located on the west side of Highway 38, about 1/2 mile west of Fawnskin, across from the Grout Bay picnic area. A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING 2 quarts of water, snacks, hat, sunscreen layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. We will MEET at the trailhead where adventure passes are required. For more information call LEADER DICK BANKS at (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 25 (SUN) 3:00 PM EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE AND POTLUCK**  
This is a 3-hour, 6 to 7 mile hike with about 1000' of elevation gain in the Running Springs area. We'll hike about 1.5 hours downhill and then retrace our steps uphill to develop an appetite and return to our cars where we'll enjoy a potluck dinner at the picnic tables in the Children's Forest. (The entire trail is 9 miles but we won't be hiking to the bottom this time.) Restrooms are available at the Children's Forest. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Upper terminus of the Exploration Trail, located 4 miles up Keller Peak Road in Running Springs just below the Children's Forest. BRING: Ten essentials, sturdy hiking boots, 2 liters of water, hat, sunglasses, and layered clothing as we'll be picnicking into the early evening. Adventure Passes are required to park at the trailhead. Please let me know what food or drink you will bring to share at the potluck. CONTACT LEADER ROBERTA DARROW at (909) 362-2531 or kitchenchic@mac.com BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 1

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**AUG 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**\*\*AUG 28 (WED) 8:00 AM NO # ROAD FROM 2N09 TO 3N12 HIKE**  
The trail head starts in the Holcomb Valley Forest at the junction of 2N09 and No # Road. It meanders west to 3N12 for approximately 3.0 miles. We will then turn-around and return to 2N09 to complete the hike, a total of 6.0 miles. This hike has very little elevation change. Rated: This will be a slow to moderate paced hike, and is rated easy. MEET at the Cougar Crest Trail parking lot at 8:00 A.M. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. To REGISTER please CALL LEADER ED CALIENDO(909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 31 (SAT) 8:00 AM SOUTH FORK TO DOLLAR LAKE HIKE**  
We will be hiking through the San Gorgonio Wilderness starting at the South Fork trailhead (6,880') and climbing 2,340' over a 6.9 mile distance to reach Dollar Lake (9,220') where we will eat lunch and take in the beautiful views before returning to our vehicles. The total distance of this hike is estimated at 13.8 miles. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the South Fork trailhead parking area located off of Hwy 38 on Jenks Lake Road. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and trekking poles. CONFIRMATION: There is a limit of 12 participants so please CALL LEADER, ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

### COMING UP

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**SEP 14-15 (SAT-SUN) INDIAN WELLS CANYON SERVICE AND HIKE**  
Indian Wells Canyon, north of Ridgecrest and adjacent to the Owens Peak Wilderness, has been impacted by erosion and by illegal off highway vehicle trespass. On Saturday, our group will assist BLM Wilderness Resource Specialist Marty Dicks putting up barriers, concealing illegal routes, and placing signs. If the work has been completed adequately then Sunday will be used for a hike up into the Wilderness and perhaps to Owens Peak itself. The ponderosa forest and chaparral should provide a delightful diversion in the early fall. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670, CONTACT: TOM BUDLONG, TomBudlong@roadrunner.com, 310-476-1731. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**SEP 14-15 (SAT-SUN) BRISTLECONE PINES, WHITE MOUNTAINS CARCAMP**  
Come with us to the beautiful White Mountains to camp, hike and just relax. On Sat, we'll hike the ancient bristlecone pine forest on a moderate 5 mi round trip interpretive trail, followed by a picnic lunch and a short optional hike to a nearby old mining cabin. Back at camp, we'll enjoy happy hour, a potluck feast and a campfire. Sunday pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email address, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**SEP 21 (SAT) 7:30 AM OAK GLEN, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE**  
The lovely hike to a small oak glen in Arrastre Canyon is about 5-6 miles round trip. The hike includes unique plant assemblages, clusters of huge boulders and lovely views of the Victor Valley. WEAR sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, sunscreen and hat. BRING 2-3 quarts of water, lunchM snacks and a hiking stick. Don't forget the camera and binoculars! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. High clearance vehicles are recommended to get to the trailhead. For more information and to sign up, CONTACT LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 27-29 (FRI-SUN) CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE AND HIKING**  
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional and scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. On Saturday, we will join other volunteers in doing trail maintenance for National Public Lands Day. On Sunday, we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the Monument. LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 12-13 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE AND HIKING**  
This weekend is part of a continuing project to aid the mobility of pronghorn in the Carrizo Plain National Monument. Our service on Saturday will be to either remove or modify several sections of fence for the benefit of the pronghorn. Sunday will be, at the choice of the group, either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the plains. This is an opportunity to combine car camping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 26-27 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CAR CAMP**  
Spend Halloween weekend with the ghosts of California's colorful past. Primitive camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. We'll return to camp for Happy Hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. SEND \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are 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

**(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. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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will sit across from developers and their attorneys to demand that the environment as well as the health of the area residents will be protected. She continues to be an official representative for the environmental community on the current Riverside County General Plan Update. Every two months you can read her excellent article and usually see some of her pictures concerning the Moreno Valley Group in the Palm and Pine. She uses this opportunity to inform members of projects which can impact the environment and ways they can help. She also helps table at Earth Day events, not only to distribute information about the Sierra Club, but also to pass out information on projects like the World Logistic Center. Ann Turner-McKibben is long deserving of this honor of being recognized as one of our Chapter's leaders in conservation. This information was provided by George Hague of the Moreno Valley Group, who has long worked with Ann. She also received the Majorie and Clark Jones Service Award in 2007 and the Alice Krueper Service Award in 2003.



The Ralph Salisbury Outings Award is given to someone who has demonstrated a long-time commitment and has made outstanding contributions to Sierra Club outings by organizing, leading and supporting the outings program. This award went to Joe Whyte (pictured above) of the Los Serranos Group and was presented by Ralph Salisbury. Joe received the "Majorie and Clark Jones Service Award" in 2009. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday and continues to lead wonderful hikes for the Sierra Club as well as the LaVerne Trail Trekkers, friends, family and anyone that can keep up with him. He has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. Joe also does volunteer work, including Meals on Wheels and Travelers' Aide at Ontario Airport. He has recently received CERT training and is prepared to help in emergencies. Thanks to Joe's wife of 52 years, Fran, for helping with this information. The following was written by Jeff Warhol, long-time friend of Joe's. "Joe Whyte--Mountain Man. In the over 30 years I've known my neighbor,

mountain mentor and friend, Joe Whyte, I never cease to be amazed at this 80 year old gentleman. I have told him many times before "I would want to be just like you if I ever grow up." It was in the 80's that he hooked me on hiking and ever since doing Mount Whitney with him back then, I have been dragging my bucket of chicken up countless more summits with Joe as my "point man." Joe's pleasant manor and unique sense of humor helps a lot on the trail. His tenacity, pace and grit inspires those years his junior. Joe's knowledge of trail worthy information makes many think he is author, John Robinson's ghost rider. Happy trails, Joe and may you have many, many more." Thanks Jeff for that insightful look at Joe Whyte.



The Alice Krueper Service Award is given for long-time service working with other entities. This was presented to Cameron Barrows, PhD (pictured above) by Kim Floyd, Conservation Chair. Cameron W. Barrows, PhD got his BS in Renewable Natural Resources from UC Davis in 1977, Masters in Biology from CSU Long Beach in 1980, and his PhD in Environmental Sciences in 2006. Dr. Barrows is no stranger to important, and often controversial, endangered species issues. From the mid 1970's to the mid 1980's, Cameron did groundbreaking research on Spotted Owls. Since then, we in the California desert are very fortunate that he has been engaged with the conservation of deserts, both as a land manager and as a research scientist. Over that period Dr. Barrows has published nearly 40 papers addressing the conservation, monitoring, and ecology of arid lands, including papers on patterns of dune arthropod, reptile, and plant biodiversity. His focus has been on the dynamics of species populations in response to threats ranging from habitat loss and fragmentation, invasive species, and climate change. Through appointments on separate scientific advisory committees

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## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

April 7-9; May 5-7; June 2-4; July 21-23; August 25-27; September 15-17, 2013

By Joan Jones Holtz

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard cruise to Channel Island National Park. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' twin diesel Truth.



The cost, \$590, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest, and present evening programs. To make a reservation send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information call or e-mail leader (626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com).



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project were due in April. As a public service The *Press-Enterprise* has posted the comment letters on their web page: <http://blog.pe.com/environment/2013/04/26/moreno-valley-many-comments-on-mega-warehouse-complex/> The proposed project will significantly impact air quality, traffic, and cause long-term health issues. These issues will affect all of Inland Empire, beyond the geographic borders of the city. The proposed project will cover 2,710 acres (approximately the size of 700 full-sized football fields). The project site is located between Highway 60 and the northern boundary of the state-owned 11,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The draft document can be found on the city's web page: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/misc/wcl-deir.shtml> Please contact: Mark Gross (markg@moval.org), Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552 and request that you be notified of all meetings as well as future documents for this project.

Again we ask that our members think of making a donation to the Moreno Valley Group to raise money to support hiring

planning professionals to make comments on the World Logistics Center (WLC) environmental documents. The proposed project will be one of largest facilities in the country (not county, but country). It will have dramatic effects on the region's traffic, air quality, and health. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help the Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the WLC's massive environmental documents. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those who have already donated! Please send your donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We appreciate your help!

The Moreno Valley Group will restart its outings program in this fall. The new schedule will be posted on our web page: <http://www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub](http://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub) (you do not have to sign up to view our FB page.) Please contact our outings chair Theresa Carson at [tlcarson01@gmail.com](mailto:tlcarson01@gmail.com) or (951) 660-7246

if you have questions regarding our group outings and schedule.

Riverside County Planning Department was scheduled to hold an advisory committee meeting on June 13 on the county's General Plan Update (GPU). They are scheduled to hold the next advisory committee meeting on August 1. Their goal is to have the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) out for public review by fall 2013; planning commission meetings in February or March 2014; Board of Supervisor hearings in May or June 2014. The GPU will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development. Many of the land use designations follow developers' proposed specific plans and projects. Please contact Kristi Lovelady, Principal Planner, Riverside County Planning, 4080 Lemon Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA 92501-3634 at (951) 955-0781, [klovelad@rctlma.org](mailto:klovelad@rctlma.org) and request a

copy of the draft EIR for the GPU and all other documents and notices of all meetings pertaining to it.

The Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board has scheduled a "Hike to Hidden Springs" (Moderate) on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, Moreno Valley (parking lot in front of school). It is a 3.3 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

Lake Perris State Recreation (LPSRA) Area is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web page ([http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651)) for entrance fee information and hours of operation. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (for those age 62 and older) can be found at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23887](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887) The pass expires on December 31.

The group has volunteer opportunities for those who may want to donate their time. Next fall we will need someone to manage the group's Sierra Club calendar sales. It is an easy way to help out. Please contact us at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.



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### Trail Along the Murrieta Creek by Teri Biancardi

The Murrieta Creek trail project spear-headed by the Santa Margarita Group has reached a significant milestone in its work to connect up the trails of four cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta and Temecula along the river which runs through all of them. Our grant partner National Parks service trails expert Patrick Johnston has produced the rough draft of a beautiful report detailing every foot of the proposed trail, and the obstacles that remain to making the necessary connections between the cities. The planning departments of each city are now busy researching each of these obstacles and drawing up a timeline for resolution.

This project is the brain-child of our Santa Margarita Group Conservation Chair Pam Nelson who put together the

project proposal for a National Parks service grant last summer. The Santa Margarita Group was awarded the grant which consists of a trails expert being assigned to work on this project for a year, which can be extended. The cities have been very enthusiastic about the plan and have invested significant hours and expertise in working to make the idea of an Old Town to Old Town trail a reality.

### Our General Meeting Program, Outdoor Families and Outreach Program by Pam Nelson

**General Meeting Programs:** Our May program was timely and interesting. Dr. Alex Syphard spoke about wildfire ecology offering research findings on chaparral and fire. Prevention and fire-fighting methods are drastically different than other forest habitats. On June 13th, Dr. Winston Vickers shared his

research on mountain lion behaviors and distribution in S. California.

**Outdoor Families:** A ranger led us around Guajome Regional Park in Oceanside. We found the campground, 3 ponds and beautiful hiking trails. He showed us animal skins, skulls and reptiles in the multi-use facility. On June 14th, we visited the Temecula Berry farm to pick blueberries and see chicks and piglets.

**Outreach:** On May 25th, Margaret and John Meyncke set up their SC display at the Idyllwild Earth Fair. My husband Greg and I gave them a break, but the Fair was too entertaining to leave. The music, food and vendors were great and the setting in the pines was ideal. Our next tabling is on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Copper Canyon Park in Murrieta celebrating National Trails Day. Margaret and John brought their SC display and added a new map showing

our work from the Murrieta Creek Trail grant. We also led hikes starting at 9 :00 am. In the evening, the Meynckes took their display to the Treehugger's Ball in Silverado Canyon, in Orange County.

### Our hike on the Devils Slide Trail near Idyllwild by Gary Marsalone

On Saturday May 18 we headed to the Devils Slide Trail and enjoyed an early morning hike to the Saddle above Idyllwild. This trail was shaded by pines, oak and in the early morning the mountain ridge. The views along the trail provided fabulous vistas to the ocean in the West

### July Hike by Bob Audibert

On July 13 (Sat) 8:00 AM join us on a 8.5-9 mile out and back hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild

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## “Little Known Gems of the National Park System” Set For Chapter Program on July 2<sup>nd</sup>

You’ve probably visited many of our great National Parks; parks like Yosemite, Sequoia, the Grand Canyon, and Yellowstone. But you probably have not visited many of the National Park Service’s less well known units; places like Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, Minuteman National Historic Site, Ft. Bowie National Historic Site, and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

Ladd and Gail’s slide show at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter meeting will introduce you to 20 of these less visited National Historic Sites and Monuments, all west of the Mississippi and all worth visiting. And you may not have even heard of most of them. The sites represent the archeology of ancient Indian cultures, more recent Indian history, the American Frontier and westward migration, important fossil sites, Cold War defense, and much more.

Ladd and Gail just completed their sixth major recent trip visiting units of the National Park System. Their goal is to visit all of the more than 400 of them.

Now they’re more than half way to their goal. Most of the major parks were visited decades ago. Visits in recent years have been targeted at the minor sites. Only about five Park Service sites west of the Mississippi are left to visit.

The Seekins have presented many slide shows at past chapter meetings, covering their travels in the United States and abroad. The July program will not duplicate anything included in previous programs.

Ladd is a 35-year Chapter member, current Chapter Treasurer and Program Chair, past Chapter Chair and Outings Chair. He’s Delegate to the

California Conservation Committee and California Population Issue Chair and past Sierra Club California Treasurer and California Executive Committee member. He is a wholesaler/distributor of cut flowers and florist supplies.

Gail is also a Chapter member for nearly 35 years and is a past outings leader. She is a retired public health nurse with San Bernardino County and is very active with the Girl Scouts, her church and her folk dance club.



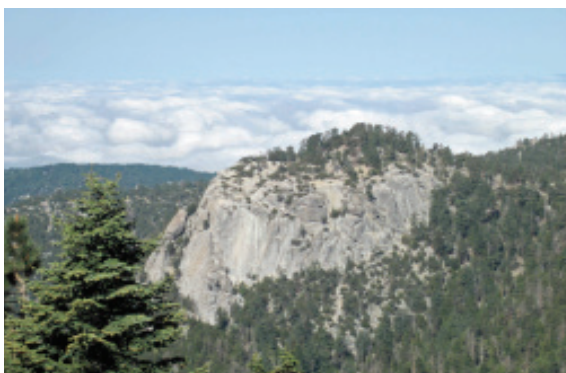
A National Park Service guide shows diagrams of 12th Century Mimbres black and white pottery during a rare tour of the large Mimbres pueblo site at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

– Photo by Ladd Seekins



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to the fire lookout station on Tahquitz Peak. This is a strenuous hike and should take about 5 hours of hiking time. There is 2400’ of elevation gain. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to Saddle junction. From there we will head south 1.4 miles on the PCT gradually climbing



View of Suicide Rock from Devil’s Slide Trail, Idyllwild Photo by Bob Audibert



Hikers on Devil’s Slide Trail Photo by Bob Audibert

right on South Circle Dr. Drive .1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top and park where the outhouse structures are.

### Getting Outdoors on our Urban Hikes by Margaret Meyncke

One of the goals of the Sierra Club is to get people outside. Our program, “Urban Hikes,” has been successful at introducing people to the idea of getting outdoors in a safe and convenient format. Our latest hike was at Rose Haven Heritage Garden in Temecula. This lovely three-acre community garden is open from dawn to dusk. It is owned and maintained by the Temecula Rose Society and provides many educational opportunities for all ages. There is a vegetable garden where local teenagers from high school and middle school work every



Urban Hike at Rose Haven Heritage Garden, Temecula Photo by Margaret Meyncke

through the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for .4 miles then take a short spur to the summit. Please bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide, I will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please register as soon as possible. Leader: Bob Audibert. To register or for more information please email me or at (bob.takeahike1@gmail.com) or (951) 302-1059. Directions: From Highway 243 in Idyllwild just south of the ranger station turn northeast on North circle Dr. Drive .7 miles. At the four way intersection turn

Saturday for fun and community service credit. There is a FREE third Saturday program for families, where they do a craft and garden activity. For our Urban Hike, we started with a treasure hunt called a “Discover Hike.” Each family

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## A CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Executive Committee (the Excom) of the San Gorgonio Chapter is designed to be comprised of nine elected members and seven Group representatives. We currently have nine elected members and seven Group reps. Five of the elected members are serving terms that end in December. That means that the Nominating Committee for this year’s Executive Committee election is looking for candidates to fill five available positions.

Even if all five incumbents are willing to run for re-election we would still like to find at least one more candidate. You can help us do that.

We are especially hoping to find Chapter members living in the Riverside or San Bernardino areas (and not part of one of our Groups) that are interested in providing input and helping us gain perspective about environmental issues and opportunities in those areas. You do not have to be an environmental expert, you just need to know your community and have an interest in improving it. We will help you learn what to look for and who to watch and how to get involved.

Or maybe you have some interests or experience that might be helpful to the Chapter. Our Treasurer could use help with our financial recordkeeping. Our Program Chair could use some help finding speakers and programs for our monthly meetings. Maybe you have IT skills that can help us with modern meeting and communication techniques. Or, perhaps, your background would be useful in fundraising or membership drives. You know what you can do, tell us!

If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com)

### San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed on, or before, July 23, 2013.
2. Nominees for the election must be San Gorgonio Chapter members who give their consent to be nominated.
3. Requests for nomination must be received by August 27<sup>th</sup> and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on August 28<sup>th</sup>.
4. If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate will be notified and may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate. To obtain Petition Candidate information, contact Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com).
5. The name of any Chapter member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 15 Chapter members. Petitions with valid signatures are to be sent to Sierra Club, P.O. Box 708, Blue Jay, Ca. 92317 and must be received by 6 pm on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
6. An Election Committee shall be appointed on, or before, September 24, 2013.
7. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of September 1, 2013, shall be sent ballots.
8. Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 25<sup>th</sup>.
9. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon.
10. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Chapter Office.
11. The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2014, and will run through December 31, 2015.

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589 STARTING AT 6:30PM.

For more information, please email us at [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) and visit our web site: [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org) and [www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup](http://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup) and for Outdoor Families information [www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies](http://www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies)



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for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Cameron has worked closely with private, state and federal land managers to ensure that they have access to the best available science for their land management activities and for the design of conservation programs. The above doesn't begin to tell all that Cam has contributed to the preservation of habitats and species and continues to do today. Today Cam is the go-to scientist for conservation in Coachella Valley and is a major force in California desert conservation as whole. His current area of investigation is cutting edge research into Climate Change and how it is affecting the desert in particular. He is a fact-driven scientist who not only understands the desert thoroughly, but also is one of the desert's most articulate spokesperson to educate other as to what is happening to our desert and what we must do to protect this fragile and irreplaceable resource. Thanks to Joan Taylor, Litigation Chair, for this information.

The Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award is given for outstanding

contributions to the chapter over a number of years. This was presented to Jo Ann Fischer. Ralph Salisbury presented this award to Jo



Ann (pictured above) for her invaluable work as Editor of the *Palm and Pine*. With over 20 years as owner of her own business, Write When U Need It, where publishing client newsletters "tweaked" her love of graphic design and writing, then combine over 30 years as a Sierra Club member in both the Angeles and San Gorgonio Chapters, she was pleased to volunteer her talents as Editor of the *Palm and Pine*. From day one, she has loved working with environmentally conscious people like the Sierra Club members. Her first issue of the *Palm and Pine* was the January/February 2010 issue and she has been putting out excellent issues ever since.

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## "24 Peaks in 24 Hours for the Wildlands Conservancy" on Tap For August 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

Ultrarunner Paul Melzer will speak at the August 6 chapter meeting. Paul is the Mission Advancement Executive for the Wildlands Conservancy and also competes regularly in runs of greater than marathon distance, describing himself as "a strong mid-packer."

Actually, Paul was first introduced to the Wildlands Conservancy when searching for steep mountain trails to train for the Barkley Marathons, a 100-mile trail race in the mountains of eastern Tennessee, described as the world's toughest because of its cumulative 60,000 foot elevation gain and 60-hour time limit. Paul needed the Conservancy's permission to use the Yucaipa Ridge trails.

This year in May, Paul attempted a challenging peak climbing adventure in the San Bernardino Mountains. Calling it "24n24," he attempted to climb 24 peaks within a 24 hour period. Accepting pledges and sponsorships, he raised over \$5,000 for the conservancy even though he was not able to complete the adventure.

Paul will speak on the Wildlands Conservancy and what it means to him, as well as on his running, his training, and his experiences on 24n24.

The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) owns and operates California's largest nonprofit nature preserve system. This preserve system includes 12

magnificent landscapes spanning over 145,000 acres of diverse mountain, valley, desert, river and ocean front properties. TWC also funded the largest conservation land gift to the American people in U.S. history - over 560,000 acres.

Operating exclusively with private funding, TWC purchases and restores landscapes and builds national park quality visitor facilities



- The west coast's largest nonprofit-owned preserve at Wind Wolves;
- California's largest nonprofit-owned wilderness at Pioneertown Mountains Preserve;
- California's longest stretch of nonprofit-owned coastline at Sounding Seas Reserve, and;
- The largest nonprofit-owned river estuary at Eel River Estuary Preserve.

The Wildlands Conservancy's administrative headquarters is at the Oak Glen Preserve. Situated at 5,024 feet, the preserve is adjacent to the steep escarpments of Yucaipa Ridge in



Wilderness. These peaks include Wilshire Peak (8,707 feet) and Galena Peak (9,324 feet), an important lambing ground for bighorn sheep. Habitats encountered on the main trail include ponds, streams, wetlands, oak and pine forests, chaparral, and willow woodland.

The preserve headquarters is at 103-year-old Los Rios Rancho, southern California's largest historic apple ranch.

Each year, more than 300,000 visitors make the scenic drive to Los Rios to pick apples, picnic, hike, participate in environmental programs, and enjoy homemade apple pie. The Wildlands

Conservancy acquired the ranch when it was being marketed for residential subdivision. The Conservancy has entered a long-term lease with third and fourth generation Oak Glen Apple growers to operate the orchards, packing shed and bakery. The lessee, Riley's Frontier Events, celebrates working the land, log cabin living, and hosts a country music venue and pioneer re-enactor events.

that are open to the public at no cost. Over the past ten years, TWC has been California's nonprofit leader in providing free outdoor education programs for school children.

The Wildlands Conservancy's over-arching goal is to call people back to the beauty, wonder, and inspiration of the natural world and to encourage people to be participants in saving our magnificent landscapes and restoring California's rich biological diversity.

The Conservancy's nonprofit preserve system now includes:



the San Bernardino National Forest. The 2169 acre preserve includes prominent peaks the Conservancy purchased to prevent exploitation of private lands within the National Forest and to promote the expansion of the San Gorgonio

