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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 4th • 7:30 PM
“Botswana Safari 2013”
Speaker: Brian Elliott
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Tuesday, April 1st • 7:30 PM
**“Ken Burns’ Yosemite:
A Gathering of Spirit”**
(see write up on Page 12)

Programs are held at the
**San Bernardino
County Museum, 2024 Orange
Tree Lane, Redlands**
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

Essential March Fund Request Underway

Every year in March the Sierra Club allows the chapter its only opportunity all year long to send a chapter-wide direct mail request for donations. Chapter members should receive this letter soon. The letter outlines major priorities and needs of the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Now, more than ever, your contribution is vital! Sierra Club cutbacks now have reduced the San Gorgonio return from your annual Sierra Club membership to only about our cost of producing just the *Palm and Pine*. All other expenses and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your contribution will decide whether we can accomplish this year’s goals.



There is so much work to be done; it takes time and effort; it’s expensive and we can’t do it without your help. Please send your gift as soon as you receive your Fund Appeal letter. Our vigilant San Gorgonio Chapter members are our greatest source of income. **Thank you so much for your past support.**

In case your letter doesn’t arrive, remember to make your check out to:

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You may also contribute through our secure Sierra Club Foundation website at <http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/donate>. Donations sent to us through this link benefit only the San Gorgonio Chapter and are tax deductible.



The San Gorgonio Chapter recommends a vote for Dean Wallraff for National Director in the upcoming election for the Sierra Club’s Board of Directors.



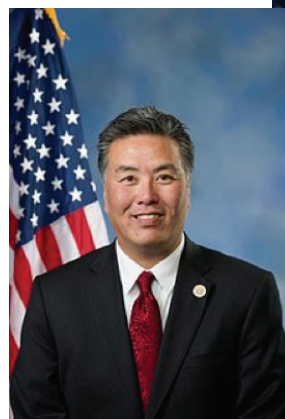
2014 Elections

by Jono Hildner, Political Chair

The 2014 election cycle is upon us and we have a huge amount of work to do to get our environmental supporters elected to office. As most of you know, the Inland Empire, our Chapter, has been represented for years by those who are either indifferent or outright hostile to protecting the environment we hold dear. That is starting to change, in part, due to the efforts of you, the Sierra Club members, with a bit of guidance from your Chapter Political Committee. Lots more effort is needed and we will be looking for “boots on the ground” in critical elections this year. **LET’S TURN THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!!**

We have started strong with the Club endorsing two fine members of Congress who we

helped get elected in 2012. Mark Takano in Congressional District 41 and Dr. Raul Ruiz in Congressional District 36. Both of these freshmen earned



Representative Mark Takano



Representative Raul Ruiz, MD

100% scores from the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) in their ratings of first year members of Congress. While both races

Sign-up NOW For Leadership Training on June 7-8

By Ralph Salisbury,
Outings Chair

If you have enjoyed the Chapter’s Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The many rewards include the satisfaction of introducing fellow members to your favorite places as well as the convenience of tailoring outings to your schedule. June 7-8 (Saturday and Sunday) is the next opportunity for you to receive the training at the Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and



includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Physiology and Psychology of Leadership, and Environmental Considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

Applicants need to be at least eighteen years of age and current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee for the Sierra Club Outing Leader’s Handbook, the Chapter Leader’s Folder, all materials, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and use of the facility. Saturday night dinner is a great break from a long day, however there is one more session after dinner. Participants will be asked to contribute one food item. For an application form, please e-mail or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. Additional questions should be addressed to ralphsalisbury@att.net

with be contested, Dr. Ruiz is expected to face the more difficult challenge.

Two years ago, he defeated the Republican incumbent, Mary Bono Mack. This year, he faces her former Chief of Staff and six-year member of the Assembly, Brian Nestande. The district has a nearly even registration split between Republicans and Democrats and there is some talk that the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) will target this race. So will we.

The other Congressional race where we need to focus a lot of effort is in Congressional District 31. This district is centered in San Bernardino and is currently represented by Rep. Gary Miller-R. He earned a 3% lifetime score from the LCV. With a record like that,

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Come Along on a “Botswana Safari” at Our Chapter Program on March 4th

Sierra Club member Brian Elliott will present a slide show on his Botswana wildlife adventure last summer. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, March 4, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Ln., Redlands.

Brian and his wife Janice had a 14-day tent camping safari in northern Botswana with an additional three days at Victoria



Falls in Zambia. Botswana has some of Africa’s best wildlife viewing and is home to its highest elephant population.

The Elliotts visited the great salt pan of Naix National Park and Nata Bird Sanctuary, took a boat through the Okavango Delta and spent four days each in the Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park.

They focused on birding and wildlife observation, seeing hundreds of elephants, 21 lions, and three leopards, some of each no more than 5 feet away. There were many giraffe, wildebeests, warthogs, springboks and more as well. They saw and identified more than 160 species of birds.

Brian is a former geologist who is now in his 29th of teaching at San Dimas High School. He

has organized and led many backpacking trips including several in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska and on Baffin Island in Canada. He has rock climbed extensively across North America, Europe, and Australia including big wall ascents of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite. Brian was a member of a Himalayan climbing expedition in the mid-90s with a group of his friends in the Karakorum Mountains in Pakistan.



Group News

Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

MONTHLY MEETING SUBJECTS

All our General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Discovery Center at starting at 6:30 pm.

If you have wondered about the conditions of Big Bear Lake our first meeting of the year on March 20th is for you. Scott Heule, the General Manager of the Municipal Water District, will make a presentation on the state of the lake. How does the present level of the lake compare to levels of the past? How are we coming with efforts to



reduce the number of carp in lake? How is the fight to reduce Eurasian Water Milfoil in the water coming? What about the effort to prevent Quagga Mussel from gaining a foothold? Learn the answer to these questions and many more.

At our April 17th meeting, join a Sierra Club Big Bear backpacking group via a video presentation on a journey in July 2013 into the remote Humphreys Basin in the John Muir Wilderness. Follow along as they struggle up the scenic North Fork of Bishop Creek to reach 11,423' Piute Pass. See as they saw the alpine ponds, streams, wildflowers and water falls along this section of the trip. Once arriving at Piute Pass you will be treated to grand views of one of the Sierra's finest alpine basins. This huge lake filled lightly timbered area has spectacular views of the Glacier Divide. Follow along on day hikes to Desolation Lake and along Piute Creek into Piute Canyon. Enjoy the vivid wildflower displays along the trails to these destinations. Spend an evening watching the sun set at the group's base camp at the Golden Trout Lake.

CONSERVATION

As the economy picks up so do the proposed developments. Presently, we along with the Friends of Fawnskin are providing comments and monitoring a proposed 67 home development in the lower Moonridge area, the 50 home development at Moon Camp, a development of a wetlands east of Big Bear Lake city hall and an eight home development just east of the Castle Rock Trail.

OUTINGS • By: Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair

Expanding Hiking Programs in the Spring!

Spring begins March 20th, and we begin to emerge from the cold weather of winter. With spring come new hiking adventures. We are introducing a new spring challenge by hiking Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2014. This 110.2 mile challenge takes us from Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce. We have separated Section D into 13 Saturday hiking segments. It all begins on Saturday, April 5th and continues every Saturday until June 28 when we halt our hiking until November 8th. By November the weather cools enough so that we can complete the last two segments of Section D. The first 25 miles of Section D climb from I-15 near Cajon Pass (3,000') to a ridge that parallels the San Andreas Rift Zone in San Bernardino National Forest. Next, we hike through some 75 miles of Angeles National Forest, ascending Mt. Baden-Powell (9,399') along the way. Finally, we descend through Soledad Canyon on our way to Escondido Canyon and the town of Agua Dulce (2,530').

Those hikers completing all of Section D will receive a PCT Patch acknowledging the accomplishment. The customized patch will be presented to the individual hikers at our annual Awards Party.

Here is a tentative schedule:

Pacific Crest Trail, Section D Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce
 1st Segment, April 5th -Cajon Pass to Swarthout Canyon Road 3n28, (5.5 miles)
 2nd Segment, April 12 - Swarthout Canyon Road 3N28 to Sheep Creek Truck Road 3N31, (8.6 miles)
 3rd Segment, April 19 - Sheep Creek Truck Road 3N31 to Inspiration Point, (13.1 miles)
 4th Segment, April 26 - Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap, (4.6 miles)
 5th Segment, May 3 - Vincent Gap to Islip Saddle, (11.6 miles)
 6th & 7 Segment, May 17 - Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost & Eagles Roost to Cloudburst Summit (10.8 miles)
 8th & 9 Segment, May 24 - Cloudburst Summit to Three Points & Three Points to Little Rock Creek Road 5N04, (8.8 miles)
 10 Segment, June 7, - Little Rock Creek Road 5N04 to Mill Creek Summit, (11.5 miles)
 11 Segment, June 28 - Mill Creek to Messenger Flats, (11.8 miles)
 12 Segment, November 8 - Messenger Flats to Soledad Canyon Road, (14.2 miles)
 13 Segment, November 15 - Soledad Canyon Road to Agua Dulce, (9.7 miles)
 This completes Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, a total of 110.2 miles.

Five Peaks of Big Bear Patch Awards Program

Want to challenge your physical conditioning? Then why not hike the Five Peaks of Big Bear. Not only improve your physical condition, but enjoy the magnificent mountain and Lake views. Those hikers completing this challenge will receive a custom designed patch at our annual "Patch Party."

Below are listed a tentative hiking schedule for the Five Peaks of Big Bear:

June 14 - Bertha Peak (7.5 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)
 August 9 - Greys Peak, (8.0 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)
 August 23 - Delamar Mountain (5.25 miles, with 1,150' elevation gain)
 September 13 - Gold Mountain (8.0 miles, with 1,640 elevation gain)
 October 11 - Sugarloaf Mountain (10 miles, with 2,500' elevation gain)

Big Bear's Group Hike Leader Jim Seifert will be the primary leader to complete all five-peaks over the 2014 summer. If you would like to know more about Jim Seifert, please go to Big Bear Groups website. www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org.

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Los Serranos Group

By Mary Ann Ruiz, Group Chair and Sue Brown

Los Serranos Group to Host Screening of "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit."

Documentary Film Honors the 150th Anniversary of Legislation Signed by Abraham Lincoln to Preserve Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

Join us on March 18th for Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit*, a newly released short documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This act, the first time a government set aside land for public use and enjoyment, gave birth to the national park idea. We are excited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Yosemite with this inspirational film, provided by the Yosemite Conservancy, which brings to life an amazing time in America's conservation history. We hope that Yose-



Awesome photo of Yosemite by Mary Ann Ruiz

mite lovers will join us for this unique experience. Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. The Los Serranos Group will host the screening on Tuesday, March 18th at the regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. - First Presbyterian Church Education building, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland. There will be a short business meeting first and refreshments will be served. New members and the public are welcome.

Los Serranos' April 15th meeting will feature speaker Kim Bosell, a Natural Areas Administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Kim will share with us her program *The Urban Black Bear*. American Black Bears are captured throughout the summer in photos and video roaming through Southern Californian neighborhoods and are often the lead story on the local nightly news. They swim in backyard

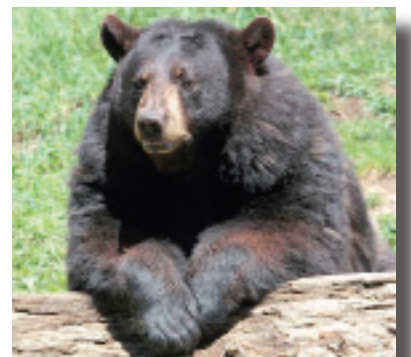


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Group News

Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore

Enjoy

Protect

Spring is around the corner and it's time to put on the day pack and go exploring the trails near and far. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) is a good place to begin as there are numerous trailheads within an hour or so of the Victor Valley. We are fortunate to have the trail so close as it passes through the San Bernardino Mountains to the San Gabriel Mountains on its way from Mexico to Canada. Between the two mountain ranges the PCT passes through Deep Creek Canyon and runs beside Silverwood Lake. We also have 3 National Parks close by for a weekend trip: The Mojave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park and Death Valley National Park. In addition to the public forest lands you can explore the nearby public lands managed by the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) including the Juniper Flats Area, the Granite hills, Fairview Mountain and Bell Mountain.

We invite you to look us up on Facebook for updates on our hikes and activities: Mojave Group Sierra Club.

California is rich in biodiversity, and the Mojave Desert is no exception. As the government encourages renewable energy and large corporations try to turn the desert into an industrial zone, biologists are busy surveying the areas for flora and fauna. They are finding an even richer biodiversity than imagined with new species previously undiscovered. These

habitats need your help. Please consider signing up as a Mojave Group Activist to receive email alerts when action is needed. We already have an email list for monthly meeting and hiking updates (contact Melody to sign up for those updates), but those updates rarely include "activist alerts". Your letter writing skills and your voice for the Mojave Desert has never been so great. Contact Jenny for more information and to sign up – JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730.

It is said that illegal OHV (Off

Highway Vehicle) trespass is the #1 threat to our National Forests and public lands. As many of you know firsthand, it is also #1 threat to rural communities. People are buying dirt bikes, quads and "side by side" utility vehicles (which are not street legal) to ride around the neighborhood, the desert and our National Forests. The riders come out in great numbers to go exploring off designated routes, not caring about the damage they are doing. There are thousands of miles of trails that they can ride on legally, but they are constantly hammering for more and they prefer to ride through the neighborhood from their garage. In January this year 30+ dirt bikers descended on a community in Kern County for a frenzied ride on private property, public land managed by the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and the (PCT) Pacific Crest National



A section of the temporary trails with sign and emerging new trail to the right. Photo by Jenny Wilder

Scenic Trail. The PCT is built for hikers and equestrians and dirt bikes on the trail create a very dangerous situation as well as "whoop de doos" making hiking difficult. It takes a lot of work to smooth out those little bumps and decreasing the width created when they go around.

In 1971 the Chappie-Z'berg Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law was passed to managed Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use which was causing significant damage to California's natural resources and bringing OHV enthusiasts into conflict

with rural landowners and residents. Through this law, the Legislature addressed the conflicts caused by the growing use of motorized vehicles off-highway by adopting requirements for the registration and operation of these vehicles. In addition, the Law provided funding for administration of the Program along with providing facilities for off-highway motor vehicle recreation. (California Vehicle Code § 38000, et seq.).

Has all the money (hundreds of millions of dollars) that you pay at the pump, mixed with the "green sticker" fee made any difference at all? Are the resources better protected? I think not. (See my article in the April 2013 issue of the *Palm and Pine* for more information about that money and efforts to manage OHV use). The OHV division of State Parks (<http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>) which was set up to manage OHV use has focused too much on providing more and more areas and trails for OHV use and this mantra has permeated our public lands where the managers see the green of the dollar bill instead of the vibrant landscape with wildlife, plants and trees. The public is invited to make comments on the grants between March 4 and April 7 (http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164). The Baldy Mesa Trails is one example of the tremendous impact of OHV damage to the environment and low impact recreation.

Cajon Place and the Baldy Mesa OHV Trails.

This area of the San Bernardino National Forest is between the Cajon Pass and Phelan. Phelan residents are plagued by illegal riding and vandalism, and have tried to stop the expansion. The forest manager decided the impacts would be insignificant. In this small enclosed area the agency finds that of the 78 miles of trail 68.4 miles are illegal user created trails. Despite numerous complaints, petition and

protests, the agency will legalize 23 miles of user created trails and use OHMVR funding to restore 55 miles of trail and open up 23 miles of trail to OHV use. This represents an increase from 9.6 miles of temporary trail. Those temporary trails were also user-created trails that emerge



View of hillclimbs at the edge of Baldy Mesa seen through the fence that now lines 3N24. Photo by Jenny Wilder

after allowing green sticker vehicles on a 4x4 dirt road (about 2.4 miles long). This is by no means an isolated example of the proliferation of routes when green sticker vehicles are allowed on dirt roads.

YOU are not alone if your quality of life has been severely degraded because of OHV noise, dust, aggression and trespass. The Alliance for Responsible Recreation (ARR) was formed in Southern California a decade ago to help communities address the issues. This is a coalition of community and environmental groups impacted by the problem of unmanaged illegal and legal OHV riding. ARR is not alone; there are numerous localized and national groups that are working on better management of OHVs to help curb the negative impacts to the environment and quality of life.

If you are distressed with OHV issues in your neighborhood or public lands, you are invited to find out more about the Alliance for Responsible Recreation (ARR) by contacting Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730 or Kim Floyd at Kimffloyd@fastmail.fm or 760 680 9479. ARR works closely with the Sierra Club on OHV issues.



Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Proposed World Logistics Center Update: According to the Moreno Valley Planning Department, the project proponent for the World Logistics Center (WLC) has submitted the last of the revised studies and draft responses to comments on the draft environmental impact report (EIR). City staff is reviewing the information and eventually will issue the final EIR. The proposed project plans to put 41,600,000 SQUARE FEET of warehousing on 2,710 acres (approximately the size of 700 Full-sized Football Fields) in eastern Moreno Valley. The project site is located between Highway 60 and the northern boundary of the state-owned 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA); it would share a

two mile border with the SJWA. The wildlife area is home to endangered and threatened plants and animals. The SJWA is known for the high number of wintering birds of prey (over 20 species of raptors can be found there, five species of owls).



Moreno Valley Group Lake Perris hike, January 2014 Photo by Theresa Carson

The proposed project will significantly impact air quality, traffic, and cause long-term health issues for residents of Moreno Valley and most of the Inland Empire. For updated information, please contact Mark Gross at (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. Please attend the planning commission and city council hearings on the project and if possible, please wear red.

Support Needed for Comments on WLC documents: Please consider making a donation to support the Sierra Club as they



San Jacinto Wildlife Area Photo by George Hague

make comments on the proposed World Logistics Center project. The proposed project will be one of the largest facilities in the country (not county but country). It is possible that the massive environmental documents will be released in the next

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH-APRIL 2014

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2014 Calendar are due by April 1, 2014.

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

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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.

CARPOOLING 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 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. 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 909-584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). 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, <desertily1@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) 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. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. 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 walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. 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
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. 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 HIKE
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on

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this Mojave River walk. 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

FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings.
(Also refer to **Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities**)

FEB 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.
CHAPTER

FEB 27 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE
Moderate 2 to 3-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then we return on the sidewalk. We start promptly at 4:30. Sunset is 5:43 BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 28-MAR 3 DEATH VALLEY CAR CAMP
On Friday, February 28, we will meet at primitive campsite at 11:00 a.m. to set up. Fridays hike will be at 12:00 noon in the Amargosa Canyon. Sat. we will travel through lower Death Valley, seeing the sights and hiking at Natural Bridge and Golden Canyon, and camping at Texas Springs Campground in Furnace Creek. Sunday we will travel north through the park stopping at sites along the way to Mesquite Sand Dunes and camp at Stovepipe Wells. Monday we will hike up Mosaic Canyon. You will need to bring your own food, plenty of water and start with full tank of gas. There are some services at Furnace Creek and Stovepipe Wells. If you choose, you can join the trip for just Sat. & Sunday. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY at 760-245-8734 or earthingwiley2000@yahoo.com.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN HIKE
This scenic desert hike is an 8.0 mile loop. Location is north of Barstow. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous with two minor rock climbs (no special gear/skills needed). MEET: Call hike leader for meeting time and place in Barstow CA. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. To REGISTER please contact LEADER JIM SEIFERT (760)694-5370 or email ironmany2k@hotmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Come hike through some of the area proposed for the Sand to Snow National Monument, along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Round trip about 9 miles, 1500 ft of gain. Wear hiking boots to navigate the rocky wash, bring water, snacks and lunch. Most of the hike is in the sun so bring sunscreen and wear a hat! MEET: Contact leader for meeting place LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 3 – MARCH 9

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings.
(Also refer to **Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities**)

MAR 4 (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

MAR 5 (WED) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 4:30 as sunset is at 5:48. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 6 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6-9 (THU-SUN) SPRING AT JOSHUA TREE NP CARCAMP
Visit Joshua Tree National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We may explore palm oases, boulder areas, and desert canyons or climb peaks within the Park. Camp in the Indian Cove campground (picnic tables, fire grates, and pit toilets). Bring your own drinking water or fill up at the Indian Cove Ranger Station. Hikes may be off trail. Some vehicle travel on dirt roads may be required. COST is \$30 per person and includes 3 nights of camping. \$20 deposit required to confirm participation. Group size limited to 16. RESERVATION & INFO: call LEADER: RICH JURICICH, rich.sierraclub@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

****MAR 7 (FRI) 8:00 AM SILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE**
This 9 mile strenuous hike will use Forest Service road 3N36 to get us to our final destination 6767' Silver Peak with its spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. INFO: For trailhead information or to confirm call LEADER ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE/HIKE
Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary—it is not difficult to learn—just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing, BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS. 909-867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com>.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM LOST HORSE MINE LOOP, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
This loop trail is 8.4 miles long with about a 500 foot elevation gain overall. The trail starts up an old, rutted wagon road to the Lost Horse Mine about 2 miles in. The gold mine's wooden stamp mill is still mostly intact and well preserved in the aridity of the desert. From the mine, the trail climbs over a ridge with spectacular desert views, drops down past other smaller claims, and then climbs back up again. The terrain varies from rugged pinyon/juniper hillsides to Joshua tree lined washes. RATING: Some short sections of the trail are strenuous but most of the trail is moderate. MEET: Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA. Carpooling from there, we will take as few cars as possible as the parking area for the trail is fairly small, at the end of a one-mile dirt road. COST: There is a \$15 per car entrance fee to Joshua Tree National Park unless you have a federal parks pass. BRING: Ten essentials, 2-3 liters of water, lunch & snacks, and sun protection - there is virtually no shade along the hiking route. Rain cancels as the dirt road would be too muddy. RESERVATIONS & INFO: APPRENTICE LEADER L. J. FOSTER, (951) 845-9440 eljayeff@verizon.net or LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 8 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
Join us on a lovely moderate 6 mile round trip hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats Area, just south of Apple Valley. We descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a little upstream from Deep Creek Hot Springs. Enjoy the lovely views and a gorgeous location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Protection Act of 2010. This is not a hike for beginners. High clearance vehicle recommended. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. BRING binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO & LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730 or CO-LEADER WENDY WALKER, wendynwalker@gmail.com or 760 220-6141.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 2 to 2.5 hour hike to the towers on the Spring Trail. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$4.00 per vehicle, car-pooling recommended. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 10 – MARCH 16

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings.
(Also refer to **Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities**)

MAR 10 (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

MAR 11 (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

MAR 12 (WED) 9:00 AM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE
This new (10 months old) trail in Claremont is rated strenuous at 2 1/2 miles R/T and about a 600' elevation gain. Good vistas overlooking Pomona Valley. The hike loops into Johnson's Pasture and terminates at Thompson Creek. Join me in adding this new trail to your resume. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking stick. MEET at the NW corner of 16th Street and Mountain Ave in the Upland Stater Bros parking lot to carpool. To confirm, please call by 5:00 PM March 11. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or jmwandjw@hotmail.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 12 (WED) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 4:30. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 12 (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

MAR 13 (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

MAR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM PLUNGE CRK TRK TRL TO LITTLE MILL CRK HIKE
This 12-mile “out and back” hike begins in the East Highland Ranch residential neighborhood and quickly climbs into the San Bernardino National Forest on the historic dirt Plunge Creek Truck Trail. If we are lucky, the wild flowers and yuccas will be in full bloom and water will be flowing in the creeks! RATED: “Strenuous” due to the length. Elevation gain is 1,300' in the first 2.5 miles but then mostly mild rolling terrain. The return trip is generally downhill as we retrace our steps and enjoy expansive views of San Bernardino Peak, Highland, Redlands and Riverside from approximately 3,000' elevation. MEET: 6943 Pleasant View Lane, Highland, CA, 92346. (This is NOT my house so please do not disturb occupant. We will park our cars here and begin the hike on the asphalt road located on the left side of this home.) BRING: Layered clothing, ten essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Please contact by 9:00 PM Thursday, March 13. LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, (909) 362-2531, email: kitchenchic@mac.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM OZZIE'S TRAIL HIKE
A 4 mile round trip hike which does climb 1000 feet. Explore the upper reaches of Juniper Flats with its breathtaking views across the Victor Valley. BRING water and snacks. WEAR layered clothing and strong walking shoes. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley at 8am. LEADER NORMAN BOSSOM coachnorm@yahoo.com 760-912-3725
MOJAVE GROUP

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MAR 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLAIR VALLEY, ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK HIKE
Join us on a two-part moderately difficult hike within Blair Valley. We will first drive to the Marshal South Cabin trail. Marshal South and his wife lived atop the remote mountaintop from February 1932 to the mid-'40s, raising 3 children in an adobe cabin, much like the Native Americans of that region. Little remains of the dwelling except some of the walls and the water cistern, but the view from the site is awesome. This trail is about 1.5 round trip and is the steepest climb of the day, but well worth the effort. From here we will drive to the Pictograph Trail head. After hiking the mile trail to the pictographs and examining them we will hike to a dry falls where the canyon falls off, taking in the views to the west. For the remainder of the hike we will bushwhack through Smugglers Canyon taking in the desert scenery. There is a slow elevation change but the area is relatively flat. The total distance for the two hikes combined is about 8 miles with about 900' of elevation gain/loss. For those interested there is another place of interest, "The Morteros Trail". This is a self-guided tour of the ruins of a Kumeyaay Indian Village. This will not be part of the hike, however I will show you where it is and you can spend as much or as little time as you like at the site. WEAR long pants (many sharp cacti), high top hiking boots, (or gators) with tough soles, dress in layers. BRING a gallon of water per person, a hat, snacks, lunch and of course sunscreen and sun glasses. Steady rain cancels. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take Ca-79 south (about 40 miles). Turn left onto San Filipe Rd/S2. At junction with CA-78 turn right then left on CR-S2 again. After mile sign 22 the road will turn slightly left then to the right. When it begins to straighten out the entrance is on the left. If you see mile marker 23 you went too far. MEET near the restrooms. The dirt roads in the park are in fair condition and passable by car but a high clearance vehicle is better. INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951) 302-1059.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 15 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL TO SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
We will hike west from State Highway 173 to Cedar Springs Dam on Silverwood Lake. Distance: 9.5 mi. Elevation gain: 500 ft. BRING water, lunch, boots and warm jacket. MEET & CARPOOLING: This hike requires a car shuttle, so please call LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 15-16 (SAT-SUN) EARLY SPRING IN THE CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE/HIKE
This outing combines a day of service in the Carrizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. Weather can be cold, gray, and rainy, or it can be warm and bright - we take our chances. The service will be in removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility on the Plain, and the recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. This is an opportunity to combine car camping, day hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 15-17 (SAT-MON) TURTLE MTNS WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE
Join the CA/NV Wilderness Committee for its annual wilderness service trip with the Needles Field office of the BLM. We're heading back into the Turtle Mountains this year, and (hint) you can expect this trip to turn into a Triple Green Festival-- as BLM and Sierra Club jointly celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the 20th anniversary of the CA Desert Protection Act -- and -- St. Paddy's Day. Tall tales, nostalgia and celebratory goodies will be in order. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER VICKY HOOVER at 415-977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MARCH 17 – MARCH 23

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

MAR 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Join us for Ken Burns' Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit, a short documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary this year of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This inspirational film is brought to us by the Yosemite Conservancy, the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park. 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

MAR 19 (WED) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 4:30. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 20 (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: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE
The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7 mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." Along the way you pass private cabins built in the early 1900s and pass by a system of concrete check dams that create their own series of waterfalls before reaching 50 foot Sturtevant Falls. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR <john@stclairs.us> or 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM FOREST FALLS MOMYER TRAIL/ALGER CREEK HIKE
This is a popular 6.5 mile hike in the Forest Falls area. We will start out crossing Mill Creek and then head up an exposed trail with lots of chaparral and great views. Next we get into some shade with the oak and Jeffrey pines. After about 3 miles we will find ourselves in a more forested area that will take us to Alger Creek, which is a lovely setting to have our lunch. RATED: Moderate in difficulty with a 1,400' elevation gain. MEET: Take Hwy 38 up to the Forest Falls turn off, continue up Valley of the Falls Drive approx. 2.9 miles until you see the large turnout on the left for the Momyer Creek Trail. BRING: the 10 essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch and 2.0 liters of water. RAIN OR SNOW CANCELS! RESERVATIONS: Contact APPRENTICE



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BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 22 (SAT) 8AM LOWER DEEP CREEK HIKE
Lower Deep Creek and the Mojave River (western section). Easy 4 mile round trip exploring this beautiful area. Be prepared, bring a camera, this area is rich in wildlife. BRING water, smacks, layered clothing and be prepared for the possibility of wet feet. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley at 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760 912 3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 23 (SUN) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE ADVENTURE HIKE
One last cool weather hike in the Park, destination to be determined. We will hike from 8 to 10 miles, with no more than 1000 ft of gain. Possible hikes are Willow Hole, Fan Canyon Overlook, or Pinto Basin to Crown Prince Overlook. Spring flowers will be in the early stages, weather should be perfect. WEAR hiking boots, layers, BRING sunscreen, hat, 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. 8:30 is in Ontario area, or 10:00 AM at the entrance off Hwy 62 from town of Joshua Tree. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 23 – MARCH 30

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.
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MAR 25 (TUE) 8:00 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 NEAR CAJON PASS HIKE
This hike is 13.6 miles on the PCT with an elevation gain overall about 1800 feet. This hike is one way and will require a car shuttle. This is a good spring hike up and down canyons and parallels Highway 138. MEET across from McDonalds Jct. Hwy 138 and I-15. If interested contact LEADER, JOE WHYTE at 909 9490899 or whytejoe@msn.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.
CHAPTER

MAR 28 (FRI) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK LOOKOUT HIKE
This strenuous 12-mile round trip hike using a portion of the Santa Anna River Trail has a 2800 ft. elevation gain. The hike rewards us with great views of the Santa Anna River drainage and the peaks along the ridge from San Bernardino Peak to San Gorgonio. BRING water, lunch, layered clothing and good hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot in at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM and the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00 AM. RESERVATIONS: Please call to confirm. LEADER ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 or email at edjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALEY LAKE HIKE
Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, and snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9:00 A.M. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or <fsellis67@gmail.com>. CO-LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 28-30 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE TOUR CARCAMP
MEET at Sunrise Campground at 11.00 am on Friday, 4 mile rt hike to Teutonia Peak that afternoon. Potluck that evening. Saturday enjoy a 6 mile hike around Barber Peak from Hole-in-the-Wall. Hike to Kelso Dunes on Sunday. For those wanting to stay over on Sunday, we car camp at Granite Pass. Camping is primitive so bring plenty of water. More information will be available at time of sign-up. RESERVATIONS: Contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY at desertylly1@verizon.net or 760-245-8734.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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MAR 29, (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC B, HWY 74 TO CEDAR SPRINGS RD HIKE
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail Winter Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This segment is a total of 10.7 miles and takes us closer to Idyllwild. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: at 7:00 a.m. at Hwy 74 at the PCT junction. There is an open parking area just off of Hwy 74. BRING: ten-essential, 3-liters of water, lunch and trail snacks, sun-protection, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 31 – APRIL 6

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

APR 1 (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

APR 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT SEC D, CAJON PASS - SWARTHOUT CANYON RDHIKE
This is the beginning of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, 110.2 miles during the spring and summer of 2014. This first segment starts at Cajon Pass on I-15 and travels west to Swarthout Canyon Road, a 5.5 mile distance. This is a shuttle-hike with a 560' elevation gain. RATING: Easy MEET: McDonald Restaurant, just east of the Cajon Pass, at the junction of I-15 and State Route 138 at 8:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 1.5 liters of water, trail snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDFLOWERS, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
The Juniper Flats area is one of the best for viewing wildflowers. Hopefully this year will bring out some of our favorites: goldfields, cream cups or nodding bells, California poppy, bajada lupine, gray ball sage, coreopsis, phacelia (Washoe & lace leaf), Wallace's woolly daisy, white forget-me-nots, Joshua trees, antelope bush, desert almond, etc. We will enjoy a leisurely hike about 3-5 miles round trip from the Vatican to Hidden Arch. Best to BRING a hiking stick along and plenty of water, snacks/lunch, camera and binoculars. WEAR layers, hat and hiking boots/shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 am. High clearance vehicles recommended. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

APR 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, WILLOW CREEK FALLS HIKE
If weather (and rain!) cooperate, we'll explore the area off of Highway 173 north of Lake Arrowhead, to visit the pleasant Willow Creek Falls. But even if the water isn't flowing, springtime is always nice, so come join us and enjoy the views and flowers on this easy exploration. Distance: about 3 miles WEAR: hiking boots, hat and weather appropriate clothing and gear BRING: Water, snack MEET: Call to confirm trip, meeting place and hike details. LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL 661-449-2867 or <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>. CO-LEADER: SANDY ELLIS. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**
This will be an easy hike to the 90-foot Bonita (“Beautiful”) Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 4.5 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 7 – APRIL 13

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.
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APR 7 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 8 (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

APR 9 (WED) 9:00 AM UPPER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
After “getting up” you can join us in “UPPER” Marshall Canyon. It's a moderate rated convoluted 4.5 mile trek that winds its way via a 750' elevation gain to the loops top. There's plenty of foliage and views on this one, thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a Regional Park for all to enjoy! BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking stick. MEET: NW corner of 16th Street and Mountain Ave in the Upland Stater Bros parking lot to carpool. CONFIRM: Please call by APR 8, 5:00 PM. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 9 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE “M” HIKE
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the “M” on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep area; hiking poles are helpful. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. The driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 9 (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

APR 10 (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

****APR 11 (FRI) 7:30 AM KELLER PEAK VIA EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE**
This 12-mile moderate to strenuous round trip hike with 1900 ft. elevation gain will take us to the oldest remaining of the original fire lookouts in the San Bernardino National Forest. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA at 7:30 AM and at the Children Forest Visitor Center at 8:00 AM. From there we will car pool to the trail head which has very limited parking. Please CONFIRM call LEADER ED WALLACE 909 584-9407 or email ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 11-13 (FRI-SUN) 11:00 AM CULP VALLEY, ANZA BORREGO S P CAR CAMP
Culp Valley, in the Upper Sonoran plant zone, is our base for a hike down the old California Riding and Hiking Trail to Borrego Valley 3000 feet below. We'll be see a variety of plants on the way. On shorter hikes we'll visit local springs: we'll see effects of water sources on plant life and check recovery from a 2002 fire. Primitive campground. OK for passenger cars. You may arrive on Friday or Saturday. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, <billengs@yahoo.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC D, SWARTHOUT CYN RD TO SHEEP CRK HIKE
This is the second segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This second segment starts at Swarthout Canyon Road and travels northwest 8.6 miles to Sheep Creek Truck Road. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,740' elevation gain. RATING: Moderate MEET: MEET at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 8:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.0 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

****APR 12 (SAT) 8:30 AM TENAJA CANYON TRAIL TO FISHERMAN'S CAMP HIKE**
We'll hike down the Tenaja Canyon Trail to Fisherman's Camp and then on to view the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 10.0 mile hike (5 miles out and 5 miles back) to San Mateo Canyon. The hike is difficult with about 1600 ft. of elevation gain over several hills and creek crossings and a quarter mile of steep switch backs. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks, be prepared for areas with poison oak and chaparral. We will meet at the first trailhead (Tenaja Trail). “Rain Cancels” BRING plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take the Clinton Kieth exit. Go west on Clinton Keith. Past the Santa Rosa Plateau Eco. Reserve turn right onto Tenaja Road at the 3 way stop sign. Stay on Tenaja Rd. past the stop sign and follow down the long downhill and curve to the left. Shortly after the curve turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER GARY MARSALONE at (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 12-13 (SAT-SUN) HOT SPRINGS AND COLD NIGHTS PRIMITIVE CAMPING
We'll be visiting a Trego Hot Spring in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. Exact itinerary will depend on playa conditions. It's drivable as of January but who knows about April?. We may end up staying at the one spring with good all-weather access. Leader is very familiar with the area. Easy. Sorry, no RV's or trailers but see outing on 5/24-26. Dogs on leash OK. Bad weather cancels. RESERVATIONS: Signup 3/29 - 4/8. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. GREAT BASIN GROUP

APRIL 14 – APRIL 20

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

APR 14 (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

APR 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Los Serranos' April meeting will feature speaker, Kim Bosell, of the LA Department of Parks and Recreation. Kim's program “The Urban Black Bear” will educate us on bear habits and human/bear interactions in the San Gabriel Mountains and our local neighborhoods. 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

APR 16 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 17 (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 909-584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 19 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D, SHEEP CRK TO INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
This is the third segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This third segment starts at Sheep Creek Truck Road and travels northwest 13.1 miles to Inspiration Point. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,789' elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: MEET at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 7:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.5 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

APR 19-20 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO SERVICE AND FLOWERS SERVICE/CARCAMP
This outing combines a day of service in the Carrizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. If there are winter rains, wildflowers can be spectacular, although this is not a promise that can be made far in advance. Weather will be cool in evenings and comfortable

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You Are Invited to The . . . 7th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain on March 8th

By Ralph Salisbury

Saturday, March 8 is the 7th Annual Blue Mountain Walk & Fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of Blue Mountain, the Sierra Club and The Foundation of Grand Terrace. The event is entirely free however the Friends hope you can make a contribution to help the cause. The walk starts at 8:00 a.m. from the trailhead at Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace.

Every year alternating Saturdays and Sundays Friends of Blue Mountain opens up this hiking and walking treasure for all to enjoy. It's free, however donations are encouraged by the Friends to help defray significant costs and to raise money to permanently open the mountain to the public. Last year, once again over 1,000 signed in for the event. It's wise to

land purchase but hope you can help out with the very significant costs. Just imagine an adjoining park to Box Springs which



provides a rich outdoor experience every day to so many at no cost. If possible please bring a donation (checks OK). The Friends really need your support.

March is just perfect for enjoying the magnificent views all along the hike. Just look how clear it was last year in the accompanying photograph. It's 1 3/4 miles to the peak and once there panoramic views of our signature peaks include Mt. Baldy, Mt. San Gorgonio, San Jacinto Peak and to the south Santiago and Modjeska outline the Cleveland National Forest.

To access the trailhead, from the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until



show up a little early for best parking and to sign in. Hikers must set out no later than



10:45 a.m. and must begin your trek down by 12:30 p.m. Friendly pets on leashes are welcome too.

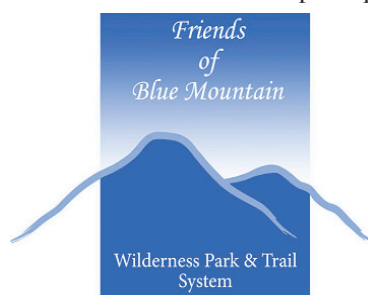
Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces. The group's vision is to create a 500-acre wilderness park connecting Blue Mountain with neighboring Box Springs Mountain reserve. Currently the FOBM plan on opening an 80-acre park which will still allow year-round access to the 2428 foot peak.

It may surprise most, but the mountain is in private ownership even though development isn't feasible. Friends of Blue Mountain continues making progress with

Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Avenue to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. Parking is available along Honey Hill Drive and if needed overflow parking is available at the Grand Terrace City Hall down Palm before Barton Road.

All participants should bring water, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear along with a windbreaker as winds tend to be continuous at the top. And don't forget your camera! And Friends of Blue Mountain really hope you'll bring a contribution to help toward land acquisition.

For more information please go to the Friends of Blue Mountain website at www.friendsofbluemountain.org or e-mail ralph.salisbury@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org.



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A Sad Passing . . .

Sierra Club leader, activist and volunteer Lori Ives died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014. She and husband Robin met and shared a passion that would fuel their Angeles Chapter activities for a lifetime.

Even before she began mountain climbing, Lori Ives forged new paths as one of the first



women to attend Harvey Mudd College (HMC). Lori was the only woman in her class when she graduated in 1961.

During the 1980s the couple worked to establish protection for California's coast and participated in an eight-year campaign that resulted in the passage of the California Wilderness Bill. In the 1990s they worked for the eventual passage of the California Desert Protection Act.

Lori's passion was communications. She edited the Angeles Chapter's *Schedule of Activities* for nine years and continued to edit and publish the Sierra Club California/Nevada *RedBook*. She also published the *Conservation Committee Newsletter*.

Lori was very well-known and always very helpful to the San Gorgonio Chapter. Needless to say, this lovely lady will be missed by those who knew and loved her.



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BACKPACK TRAINING IN JUNE • By: Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair

On Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, the Big Bear Group is providing a two-day, and one over-night introduction to backpacking and wilderness camping. You will sleep under-the-stars in the San Bernardino Mountains. You will learn the fundamentals of backpacking including:

- Proper packing of the backpack
- How to properly hoist a loaded backpack
- Adjusting the pack to fit your body
- Proper use of trekking poles
- Review of Trail Etiquette
- Selecting a tent site
- Setting up the tent
- Organizing your tent before sunset
- Water purification
- Training of map and compass techniques
- Bear canister use and precautions
- Don't eat where you sleep
- Proper method of lighting a propane stove
- Proper method of "Shitting in the Woods"
- Leave no trace review

If requested, we will recommend equipment. To sign up for the class, please contact Jim Seifert at (760) 694-5370 ironmany2k@hotmail.com or contact Ed Caliendo at (760) 328-1090 dogs111@msn.com

Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

2014 is the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and the Santa Margarita Group is planning to honor that ground-breaking piece of legislation by hiking 50 miles in wilderness this year. Our progress will be recorded on a special "Wilderness Thermometer" and highlighted at our monthly meetings. So far we've notched up ten miles, from two hikes in January. Our hiking group trekked the San Mateo Wilderness, while "Outdoor Families" hiked in the Agua Tibia. We'll be returning to this theme with events later in the year.

In addition to that, we've got lots of great hikes and activities planned, and at the same time, we continue to ramp up our focus on the more serious issues facing our region, from threats to wildlife, to nuclear power.



Guy Romero, President of the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation, receives the Santa Margarita Group's fundraising donation check from Jim Mitchell, Group Chair. Photo by Ginger Greaves, Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation

species, the Citrus Pysllid, which is becoming a real threat to the health of California's citrus, and the Gold Spotted Oak Borer, also an import, which is wreaking havoc on our state's iconic oak trees. Upcoming programs will feature wildlife rescue, a member's great safari adventure, a local author and more.

By the time this column goes to press we'll have had a Sierra Sunday Valentine's event at the Macaroni Grill, because we also enjoy the great indoors. Also our dedicated members, Margaret and John Meyncke, are planning to table a number of future outdoor



January's Tenaja Falls hike. Photo by Gary Marsalone

On that note, we're very concerned about the decommissioning of San Onofre, which apparently now includes a plan to store the spent, "high-burnup" fuel rods above ground – essentially forever. Heightening concern is the fact that the plan includes the storage in casks of these rods at numbers that have never been tested. Our Group is networking with local activists and keeping a careful eye on the situation.

Back in our valley, we're making exciting progress with the Murrieta Creek Trail project that the Santa Margarita Group initiated. To date, we have produced in conjunction with the technical assistance of our National Parks Service grant staffer, Patrick Johnson, and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps of the route, and a time-lined action plan for each of the participating four cities. The next phase involves a road show of council meetings in which our team will ask each city to sign off on the plan, as well as begin to involve private entities in supporting the trail building effort.

The first hike of the year was a nine-miler on the Tenaja Falls trail. In January one can generally expect a healthy cascade, but not this year. The falls were dry, and there were only large puddles of standing water where the San Mateo creek usually flows. Not good news for those of us who rely on water for our survival. On February 22nd we'll be in Hellhole Canyon. Bob Audibert is leading an interesting desert hike on March 15th in



Small but entertaining Outdoor Families group in Dripping Springs in January.

events that are an important part of our outreach, and we're grateful for their commitment to this aspect of our work.

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AT THE TEMECULA VALLEY LIBRARY, 30600 PAUBA ROAD, TEMECULA STARTING AT 6:00 PM.

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

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in the day. The service is removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility on the Plain, and the recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

APRIL 21 – APRIL 27

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

****APR 21 (MON) 9 AM JOHN MUIR'S BIRTHDAY, HEART ROCK SAUNTER**
On John Muir's Birthday, we'll again honor his exasperated opinion of hiking, "I don't like either the word or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not hike!" Join us for an easy walk and appreciation of our forest. We will follow the Seeley Creek trail to an overlook of "Heart Rock" falls, discovering and appreciating who knows what along the way. Distance: 2 miles RT. BRING: water, a snack, good shoes, and your curiosity. MEET: Contact LEADER STEVE FARRELL for information and meeting place details. 661-449-2867 or mr_sqf@yahoo.com. Adventure Pass required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 22 (TUE) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE RIDGE HIKE
Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, and snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing. BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS. 909-867-7115, fsellis67@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 scsangor@gmail.com. CHAPTER

APR 23 (WED) 8:00 AM BOX SPRINGS PEAK HIKE
This hike by trail and road in the Box Springs Nature Reserve is about 8 miles R/T with a gain of about 1800 feet to reach Box Springs Peak at 3047 feet elevation. The trail head is near Blaine St. and Two Tree Rd. MEET: Call LEADER, JOE WHYTE, 909 9490899 or whytejoe@msn.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 23 (WED) 9:00 AM CITY CREEK PEAK HIKE
This is a 10-mile hike from the ranger station parking lot on Hwy 330 in Highland to City Creek Peak with about 1200' of elevation gain. RATING: Moderate to difficult. MEET: We will meet at the trailhead at 9:00 AM. People from the Big Bear area will meet at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center (Civic Center), 39707 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead from there. BRING: sturdy boots, appropriate clothing, 2 quarts of water, sun protection and lunch. INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 23 (WED) 5:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 5-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak with 1,000-foot elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. Hiking poles are helpful on this trail. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 Freeway in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

****APR 25 (FRI) 8:00 AM BUTLER PEAK HIKE**
A moderate to strenuous 12-mile round trip hike to the 8579 ft. peak with grand views of the Bear Creek drainage and beyond. MEET at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM and at Grays Peak trailhead at 8:30 AM. Adventure pass required. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. CONFIRM with LEADER ED WALLACE (909 584 9407) or email at ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 26 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT SEC D: INSPIRATION PT TO VINCENT GAP HIKE
This is the fourth segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This fourth segment starts at Inspiration Point and travels west 4.6 miles to Vincent Gap. This is a shuttle-hike with a 180' elevation gain. This is a short but compelling exposure to the PCT. RATING: Moderate. MEET: From Inspiration Point, go west 3.2 miles on Highway 2 to Vincent Gap which affords ample parking and great views. We meet there at 8:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 1.5 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

APR 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK HIKE
Deep Creek Canyon/Mojave River Basin. An historic outing exploring the flume, piping and structures connected with the water supply to Hesperia from 1880s to 1940-. A 4 mile round trip. Take a camera, water and smacks. WEAR layered clothing and good walking shoes. Be prepared for the possibility of wet feet. MEET at the VV Museum at 8am. LEADER NORMAN BOSSOM coachnorm@yahoo.com or 760 912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

APR 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK
MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM S B MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE**
Join us on a moderate 6 mile (RT), 1,000 ft. elevation gain hike located north west of Lake Arrowhead. This hike includes some rock scrambling to reach the summit, which comprises an imposing stack of large granite boulders. Your efforts will be rewarded with mountain and desert views. BRING: lunch, water, good boots and layered clothing. Adventure Pass required. MEET: Call for meeting place to carpool. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 28 – MAY 4

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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APR 30 (WED) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 3-mile hike in the park. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$4.00 per vehicle, car-pooling recommended. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP



Second Annual Redlands Sustainability Festival
 Saturday, March 29th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

At the University of Redlands
 Co-sponsored by the Redlands Sustainability Network and the University of Redlands.
 Come celebrate sustainability with music, exhibits, presentations & activities for children.



Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park

Wednesday, April 16th, 2014
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Schools

Thursday, April 17th, 2014
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Public

ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

If you would like to schedule classes to take part in the event, please contact Andrea Carrillo at 909-993-1939 or acarrillo@chcra.org.

Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was partially funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. The Earth Day Event is partially funded by a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.



Don't miss out on the 2014 Earth Day event hosted by the Cucamonga Valley Water District at the Frontier Project in Rancho Cucamonga! The event is taking place on April 5, 2014, and will feature a variety of educational booths and activities for your whole family!

Where: 10435 Ashford Street
 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
 (909) 483-7462
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Gilman Ranch Earth Day Event
 1901 W. Wilson St.
 Banning, CA 92220
 Date: April 12, 2014
 Time(s): 9:00 a.m.

Riverside County Parks is hosting an earth day event at Gilman Ranch in Banning on April 12th at 9:00 a.m. The event will run until 3:00 p.m. and will feature different educational activities and booths for the entire family.

For more information, call Jannette at (951) 205-0494

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency, in cooperation with the City of Chino and the Santa Ana Watershed Association, invite you to participate in their Annual Earth Day Celebration. The 2014 Event is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014, so please save the date.

This event brings together environmental organizations and community groups who deliver education, tools and information to the public on ways they can become more environmentally friendly.

This is a free community event that provides fun and education for all.



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in this race. Perhaps Glenn Miller-R, Council Member from Indio.

Assembly District 40 - Redlands. The incumbent is Mike Morrell-R who is almost sure to win in SD 23 special election. This means an open seat with nearly even voter registration and no clear front runner. We could make a difference.

Assembly District 42 - Yucaipa. Open seat. With Republicans having a 42 to 34 percent edge in registration and multiple R's running, this could be interesting and I believe worth our attention.

Assembly District 47 - Rialto. Cheryl Brown-D is the incumbent. We did not endorse in this district two years ago, but Cheryl has a only a 33% on our scorecard. Brown is almost certain to win this election, but it's worth our time to see if we can get her to be more green and get our endorsement.

Assembly District 52 - Ontario. Freddie Rodriguez-D is our previously endorsed incumbent. We need to look to see if Freddie votes as well as we hoped/expected. If so, we can probably endorse again.

Assembly District 58 - Imperial Valley. Open seat. Geographically, most of this district is in Imperial County, but most of the population is in Riverside County. This seat will be won by a Democrat and it looks like Eduardo Garcia, from Coachella could be unopposed. We need to make sure that this seat is filled by an enviro who believes in environmental justice.

Assembly District 61 - Riverside. The current incumbent is Jose Medina-D. His scorecard rating is 33%, so we need to have a long talk with him, but he is almost certain to win re-election.

As you can see, we're going to need the help of lots of Club volunteers to have this election season go our way. If you want to help, even a little bit, in any of these races, please send a note to Jono@Hildner.com.

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pools, enjoy a snack and climb a tree in communities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. These opportunistic creatures are mastering the technique of living with humans. What can we do to discourage bears around our homes and deal with bears in our neighborhoods?

Kim Bosell spent three years with the California Department of Fish and Game on an urban bear study that trapped and radio-collared bears. Kim was tasked with tracking the bears to determine how much time the bears were spending in urban areas, what they were eating and where they were sleeping while there. Later she worked for the City of Monrovia Parks and Police department handling all black bear and mountain lion calls and has many years of experience as a public administrator responding to bear concerns in the urban setting. Join us at 7:00 pm on April 15th, to see this informative and engaging program about bear and human behavior. Info contact: MaryAnn Ruiz, ruizmaryann@gmail.com

Los Serranos Group Excom Election

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by March 15, 2014. Mail to:
 Joe Whyte
 1404 Albright Ave.
 Upland, CA 91786

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

<p>Los Serranos Group Ballot Please vote for 2 or fewer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian Elliott</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sue Brown</p> <p>First Ballot</p>	<p>Los Serranos Group Ballot Please vote for 2 or fewer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian Elliott</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sue Brown</p> <p>Second Ballot - Joint Membership</p>
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Candidates' statements

Brian Elliott

I am a long time Sierra Club member and outings leader. I am a high school teacher and currently teach Advanced Placement Environmental Science. I wish to increase my involvement with the Sierra Club by becoming an excom member for the Los Serranos Group.

Sue Brown

I, Sue Brown, am a lifetime Sierra Club member and have been active in the Los Serranos group for over 5 years. I have served as Outing chair person and Programs chair. I wish to continue to serve the group on the executive committee. Your vote will be appreciated. Thank you.

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month or two. Your donations will used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. Previous donations allowed us to hire a traffic engineer who made comments on the draft environmental impact report. As a result, the project proponent had to make significant changes to their traffic, air quality, greenhouse gas and noise analysis. If we decide to litigate (if the project is approved), these comments could make the difference between losing and winning.

Please take time to donate what you can to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the project. Any size donation is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Please make a memo notation "WLC". Thank you to all who have made donations—your strong support makes a difference!

Mike Millspaugh, Manya Jiannino, and Ann McKibben were elected to the group excom in our fall election. 2014 group executive committee: Chair, Mike Millspaugh; Conservation Chair, George Hague; Membership & Outings Chair, Theresa Carson; Treasurer, Manya Jiannino; Secretary, Ann McKibben. A big thank you to all of those who sent in donations this fall.

Volunteers Needed: Earth Night in the Garden event in Riverside on April 22. If you can volunteer for an hour or more, please contact us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Manya Jiannino at (951) 243-3775.

Please look for our up-coming outings within this issue of the Palm & Pine or contact Theresa Carson at (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, March 22, Hike to San Timoteo Canyon (Moderate), 7:30 a.m.; Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, 11150 Redlands Blvd; parking area next to mobile office next to Redlands Blvd. Verify all information (951) 413-3703.

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To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club to leader
 Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.
 For more information contact leader: 626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com



Chapter's April 1st Meeting Will be Awesome!

Join us for Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit*, a 27-minute documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This act, the first time a government set aside land for public use and enjoyment, gave birth to the national park idea.

The program will begin at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 1, 2014, the regular monthly meeting of the Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Ln., Redlands.

The San Gorgonio Chapter is excited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Yosemite with this inspirational film that brings to life an amazing time in America's conservation history. We hope that Yosemite lovers far and wide will join

us for this unique experience. This film was funded by donors, through a grant provided by Yosemite Conservancy, the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park.

The Yosemite film is directed and narrated by Ken Burns and written and produced by Dayton Duncan. Burns is well known for his landmark documentaries, including *The Civil War* and *Baseball*. Burns and Duncan previously collaborated to produce *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

On the same program with the Burns film will be the 15-minute short subject *One Day in Yosemite*, one of the Yosemite Nature Notes series. On June 26, 2012, thirty filmmakers spread throughout Yosemite National Park to create this portrait of the park and the people who visit and work there.

