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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 5th • 7:30 PM

**“Sierra Club, the Green New Deal,
and the Inland Empire”**

*Presented by a Panel of Local Activists
and Leaders*

(see write up on Page 7)

Tuesday, June 4th • 7:30 PM

**“Creating Fire-Safe
Communities”**

Presented by Chad Hanson

(see write up on Page 12)

**Programs are held at the
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands**

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• The Climate Emergency •

Sierra Club And The Green New Deal In The Inland Empire

1984 was not only the year George Orwell's novel predicted omnipresent totalitarian government. 1984 was also the year that the scientist Wallace Smith Broecker appeared before the US Congress and said the buildup of greenhouse gases warranted a “bold, new national effort aimed at understanding the operation of the realms of the atmosphere, oceans, ice and terrestrial biosphere.” He went on to say that by dumping into the atmosphere huge amounts of greenhouse gases “we are conducting an experiment that could have a devastating effect.” “We’re playing with an angry beast – a climate system that has been shown to be very sensitive,” he said. Broecker, who passed away at 87 this last February, correctly predicted in 1975 that rising CO2 levels in the atmosphere would lead to pronounced warming.

In 2019—35 years later—that “devastating effect” is upon us. The last five years are the hottest ever recorded. Catastrophic fires, floods, polar vortex freezes, hurricanes,



**Join Us on May 5th for
an informative
PANEL DISCUSSION ON
THE CLIMATE
EMERGENCY.
Turn to Page 7 for details.**

cyclones and sea level rise are not 75 years away – it is happening now. The “Green New Deal” is debated in Congress and the Senate, and the administration continues to ignore the crisis and expand oil and gas drilling.

The news is at times overwhelming and frightening. Do we truly have just 10 years

to turn this around? What can we do here and now? There is hope. Two weeks ago, in late March, the *Washington Post*, while searching “climate change” brought up 45 hits. The “Green New Deal” may have been voted down by the Senate, but addressing climate change is finally in the forefront of the national debate. While the administration continues to ignore the crisis and expand oil and gas drilling, California and other states are taking matters into their own hands. Here in the Inland

Empire, the Sierra Club is taking action. There are three essential pillars to the “Green New Deal”:

1. Tackling the climate crisis and toxic pollution
2. Creating good, high-paying jobs, and
3. Fighting racial, economic and gender inequity

The Sierra Club states “The Green New Deal” takes aim at two of the biggest crises we face: climate change and inequity. These two crises are **joined at the hip**. The climate crisis magnifies systemic injustices, as many of the same working class families and communities

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Clean Air Victory in the Inland Empire Valley!

By Yassi Kavezade, Community Organizer, My Generation Campaign, Southern California, Inland Valley

This year the My Generation team in the Inland Valley of Southern California celebrated many victories. From growing its leadership base into new territory, to creating intersectional partnerships with grassroots labor networks. The biggest wins came manifested in community based policies to solve the epidemic of pollution from warehousing, railyards, and new development. We also won statewide policy for 100% clean energy SB 100.

Over the years the valley has seen a severe increase of mega warehousing especially near homes and schools. Many of the My Gen team have also worked in these facilities, with poor working conditions. In May of this year after years of organizing for a fair Air Quality Management Plan, we won a rulemaking to regulate warehousing, railyards, and new development at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This couldn't have happened without the commitment from My Gen youth showing up bright and early turning out their peers, participating for

public comment, writing letters to the editor, and creating pressure on social media. We also had many of these same youth leaders participate in mobilizing for 100% clean energy in California, Senate Bill 100.

SB 100 barely passed the approval of two moderate assembly members in our district. Last year this bill failed to

about SB 100 at last minute during the voting period. Finally on voting day we had hundreds of phone calls coming in collaboration with Sierra Club California and our digital team. Our activists also mobilized the chairs of democratic clubs, other elected officials, and their peers to call in and make phone calls. We barely made the votes but we did it and CA is on its way to clean energy by 2045!

Our campaign is special in that it provides a youth platform to advocate for cleaner air, energy, and a just future. We appreciate their bravery as they enter spaces that are technical and often leave community out of the decision making process. We hope to continue to support and grow our leaders for the future.

Thus, I am so excited to provide this update about Jessie Parks (left photo), a brilliant 17-year-old My Generation youth organizer!

Jessie is a resident of Riverside, California, and has seen the goods movement logistics industry encroach more and more near his high school. Mega warehouse houses in Perris, California, contribute to tons of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Jesse had the opportunity to speak at the state capital recently for the Climate Strike representing the Inland Valleys of Southern California. He spoke about the need to clean up our air, to hold the AQMD (Air District) accountable, and the health effects in the region because of air pollution. He was also quoted in a podcast by the *Washington Post* and profiled in the *Guardian*.



move out of committee. This year we worked with partners, activists, and staff of members in the district and

in Sacramento to ensure it passed. Our college and high school organizers came in with energy and determination to get the job done. We had several Letters to the Editor, two major Op-eds, and Twitter rallies to put the media pressure on our targets. The activists organized turn out of community members to show up in person in district office to flyer and lobby

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 www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

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 Meets 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
 Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park,
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 Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.
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A Sierra Club Concern: The Rains and the 2019 Super Bloom

By Maryellen (Elena Garcia), Santa Margarita Group

The unusually rainy weather that the Inland Empire was treated to in the early part of the year was both a boon and a bane.

While the inundations replenished our reservoirs, rivers and creeks, they also undermined some roads and hillsides.

The same rains that watered our lawns and gardens also gave rise to stubborn weeds. But what a wealth of color they

brought to our hillsides! Most of the members of the Santa Margarita Group (SMG) live within close striking distance of

I-15, the main artery that links San Diego to the South and points West and North. The amazing Super Bloom of

poppies painted hill after hill a bright orange along our freeway in Lake Elsinore, but it

unfortunately snarled traffic on a few weekends and brought out the worst in some purported nature-lovers

who trampled the flowers in order to get the perfect photo. Clearly, we as Sierra Club

groups need to do more to educate the general public as to

how best to enjoy nature while respecting its boundaries.



Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2019

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2019 Calendar are due by June 1, 2019.

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

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

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

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

It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings & Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

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

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

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

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 the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, 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.
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(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
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.
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(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, ssstueber16@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO:

PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

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

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
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WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES *Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings*

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: Judy Smith 951-369-5117.
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APR 29– MAY 5

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

MAY 1 (WED) 7:30 AM MT. WILSON VIA CHANTRY FLATS HIKE
Strong hikers are invited to join us on this strenuous loop hike up to Mt Wilson Peak 5650 ft. We will start at Chantry Flats, climb up 4000 feet elevation gain, enjoy a lunch break at the observatory at the summit, then descend by way of Sturtevant Camp, back to Chantry, making it a KILLER 16-mile loop! Fabulous vistas with forested trails make this a rewarding all day adventure. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Carpool from Upland or meet at trailhead, confirm with leader by April 29. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 1 (WED) 8:30 AM PCT: WARNER SPRINGS TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE
Hike the PCT at Warner Springs to Eagle Rock. MEET: Warner Springs Community Center at 8:30 AM so we can carpool to the starting point. An 8-mile moderate hike with about 900' cumulative ascent. Hike to Eagle Rock then back to the Community Center. This trail is not shaded except for short areas where oaks provide some shade. The trail and the peak provide views of Palomar Mountain. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take 79 south to the Warner Springs Community Center. BRING: enough water; snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. REGISTER with LEADER: GARY MARSALONE, hikesie@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 2 (THU) 7:30 AM BIGFOOT TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
Hike ~7 miles south from West Entrance Station parking area (3340'); descend ~300' then climb up canyons & hillsides to 4300'. Descend to Park Boulevard & cars. RATED: 50% moderately strenuous, 50% strenuous. Total elevation gain ~1150 feet. Sand, rough footing, and boulders in canyon streambeds. Good footwear a must. MEET: 7:30 AM, Joshua Tree Visitor Center parking lot, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. COST: Vehicle entrance fee/pass required. Additional details sent to participants. BRING: 2-3 liters of water, snacks for 5-6 hours, trekking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, etc.), personal first aid supplies, Leave No Trace bag for used wrappers/TP. WEATHER: Check forecast prior to hike. Average May high mid-80s. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayefferhiker@yahoo.com & include your name.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAY 3 (FRI) 7:00 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (8,303'), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to the scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 3 (FRI) 9:00 AM CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
Join us for an 8-mile R/T 1000' elevation gain difficult hike to the top of Crafts Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

The Big Bear Group is now “up and running” since snow will no longer be hampering us. Our first general meeting was March 16th with Chad Hanson, now a member of our National Sierra Club Board and founder of the John Muir Project, along with his wife, Rachel, gave us an update on the research discovered from the California fires and how logging and clearances highly affect climate change. It was disturbing to hear how those things truly cause fires to spread quickly and give citizens a false sense of security.

Visit our booth at the Bear Valley Electric Service’s annual Earth Day festival on April 19th! It is held in their yard and we join many other organizations from the Bear Valley. The address is 42020 Garstin Dr., Big Bear Lake and runs from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The theme this year is, “Protecting Our Species.”

Our General Meetings are the third Thursday of each month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm. Come visit us!

Big Bear Group Executive Committee Election

This year’s Nominating Committee wants you to know that if you wish to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination, you can contact Ed Wallace at rushewallace@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Before you do, please look over this year’s Election Rules:

ELECTION RULES

- Nominees must be Big Bear Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 1.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominee, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a Petition Candidate.
- The name of any Big Bear Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 10 Big Bear Group members. Petitions with valid signatures must be received by 6:00 pm on September 20.
- Ballots will be mailed as part of the *Palm and Pine* newsletter by October 5.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 22nd at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted in Ellen Kesler’s home, Big Bear City, CA, on December 3 at 6:00 pm.
- The two-year term of office for the newly elected ExCom members will commence on January 1, 2020, and will run through December 31, 2021.

Everything accomplished by the Big Bear Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference. If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member, please feel free to contact Ellen Kesler at jcricket47@yahoo.com.



Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Sierra Club has endorsed Darrell Peeden for the Moreno Valley Unified Board of Education Trustee Area 5 Special Election on May 9, 2019. The recommendation is the result of all interested candidates submitting their answers to a questionnaire, being interviewed by four Sierra Club members, and finally being voted on by four levels of the Sierra Club. Scrolling down his website (www.Peeden2019.com) allows you to learn more and to see the many leaders who have endorsed him and to offer help and/or donations. Please take time to vote for Darrell in the upcoming election.

Please look at our calendar of outings listed on our group web page: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley Here is a huge thank you to Christina Torres, Group Outings Chair, Nancy Power and Beatriz Vindiola for organizing and leading our group’s outings!

We are sad to report that our former group chair, Michael Millsbaugh passed away suddenly in February. Please look for a separate article about Mike on Page 6 of this *Palm and Pine*.

Mystic Lake has reappeared in the northern San Jacinto Valley (south of Highway 60 between Moreno Valley and San Jacinto) because our wet winter. The safest place to view Mystic Lake is from the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. Take the Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; turn north and drive to the wildlife area headquarters. For more information contact the SJWA office at (951) 928-0580; <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/San-Jacinto-WA> Please do not drive on the roads if there is rain and the roads are muddy.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

Developer Highland Fairview submitted an application to expand the Skechers. The enlarged 768,000 square foot building would connect to the existing Skechers building by a conveyor bridge. It was approved by a 7-0 vote of the Planning Commission. The project may be considered by the Moreno Valley City Council in April. For more information on the project or to email comments, contact city planner Jeff Zwack, at jeffz@movoal.org

San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan: No new news. A number of years ago (June 2016) the Moreno Valley Group commented on the proposed Land Management Plan (LMP) for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The LMP will be the guiding document for managing the 19,000 acre SJWA in the future.

World Logistics Center (WLC): The developer wants to avoid further delays as a result of our latest appeals and has requested settlement talks. In late November the California Supreme Court denied hearing the WLC’s appeal of our August Court of Appeal victory on using initiatives for development agreements. Despite three court decisions in our favor in 2018, the WLC is still very much alive. Although the judge ruled that the city’s Environment Impact Report was deficient as to the energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts of the project, the city issued a Revised Final Environmental Impact Report for the WLC in July 2018 to address those issues. Please contact the Planning Department and request that you be put on their mailing list to receive information on the project: Patty Nevins, Planning Manager, (951) 413-3206, pattyn@movoal.org

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor’s approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit is tentatively scheduled for May 17.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to “Sierra Club” with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have taken time to donate! We appreciate your generous donations.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The first part of 2019 is the best time to buy your Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) which is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. Other special passes are also available. The lake is being refilled and the bike trail around the lake is now open. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Santa Margarita Group

By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.
• SMG Secretary •

RECENT SUCCESSES

We expect our Earth Day Festival, held on April 6, to have been a big success. It is the third time that our Group has organized it and the second year it has been held at the Vail Ranch Headquarters at its heritage site on Temecula Parkway. With 30+ vendors or sponsors, all advocates for an environmentally aware lifestyle; a games area for the younger set and a series of speakers on the main stage on the theme of “Healthy Diet, Healthy Planet,” the day offered something for everyone. It was held in advance of the traditional date for Earth Day, April 22, in order to jump-start awareness of environmentalism for the whole month.

Our education projects continue to be effective in bringing along younger environmentalists. Our Intern program, in partnership with Mount San Jacinto College (MSJC), has some students monitoring water bodies for fairy shrimp and various toads and frogs and others monitoring burrowing owl colonies. They are working with biologists from Riverside County Regional Parks, who contribute their hands-on expertise. Interns are also working with Eve Cannella at the Butterfly Garden at the Vail Ranch Headquarters, open to the public as well as to butterflies.



A special way to celebrate “the green” on St. Patrick’s Day was an event held on March 17th, one of our “Sierra Sundays.” SMG Vice Chair Teri Biancardi coordinated a presentation and tour of the recently-restored creek at Meadowview, a homeowners’ community in Temecula. She described how Federal, State and County agencies had joined together with Meadowview’s HOA to create a state-of-the-art erosion control design for their drainage problems. The creek was restored to its natural flowing form that withstood the unusually large recent storms.

NEW VENTURES

Boundaries concern us when it comes to the right of big cats to roam freely in the face of human encroachment on habitat that was once solely theirs. For several years we have been cleaning debris and trash from under the freeway bridge over the confluence of the Temecula and Murrieta creeks to encourage mountain lions and other wildlife to use it to cross to the other side. We hope that this will increase their gene pool and forestall inbreeding as well as freeway fatalities. The Santa Margarita Group is forming a Wildlife Crossing Coalition in collaboration with local staff from the Nature Conservancy and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve. Leaders from the SMG are Teri Biancardi and Pam Nelson, who held the first meeting of the new coalition on April 5th. Our long-term goals will be to find ways to fund and do studies, explore crossing designs and effect acquisitions to make the north San Diego and south Riverside Counties more functional for wildlife movement.

Our political committee is spreading the word about LEAPS, the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage project that has been proposed—and rejected—time after time. Proposed by Nevada-Hydro Corp, it would take water from Lake Elsinore, run it uphill to Decker Canyon in the Cleveland National Forest to an upper reservoir and send it to

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Remembering Mike

Mike Millspaugh was a member of our Chapter's Executive Committee (ExCom) and Chair of the Moreno Valley Group for many years. On February 10th he unexpectedly died at age 70. While many of us know one another as Sierra Club members we many times do not learn about other aspects of people's lives.

Mike grew up in West Covina. After graduating from Edgewood HS he spent four years serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was then able to earn his degree in Sociology at CSU Fullerton in 1972 and later his Master's degree in Public Administration from Pepperdine University. Mike worked as a probation officer and also as an aerospace financial analyst before going back to school to earn his teaching credential from Chapman. It was in teaching special education at Moreno Valley HS (1990 — 2011) that Mike found his passion.

He was also involved in his community. Besides helping the Sierra Club, he was very involved with his Riverside Universalist Unitarian Church, two Toastmasters Groups and the UCR Osher Extension Learning Group. All of these groups as well as those from his school were well represented at his services and his burial at the Riverside National Cemetery.



Here is Mike (lower right) with our Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee (ExCom) members from about two or three years ago. Sitting next to Mike is Christina Torres and Theresa Carson. At the back row L-R is Manya Jiannino, Ann Turner-McKibben, and George Hague. Mike resigned to do a better job of taking care of his wife Jan.

As Chair of the Moreno Valley Group he helped us raise the necessary money to challenge projects that impact the environment and/or impact the health of people — especially the children he taught. He helped maintain our Group's membership by writing letters to those who allowed their membership to lapse and also welcomed new members. He joined others to help elect politicians friendly to the environment. He collected signatures on petitions, knocked on doors, placed door hangers, talked directly to people and telephoned people to encourage them to vote for candidates like Congressman Mark Takano. He joined rallies like the First Woman's March, and other Sierra Club members to help the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) protest Redland's Mountain View gas-fired power plant. To Mike, democracy was not a spectator sport. He would appreciate if others would follow his example.



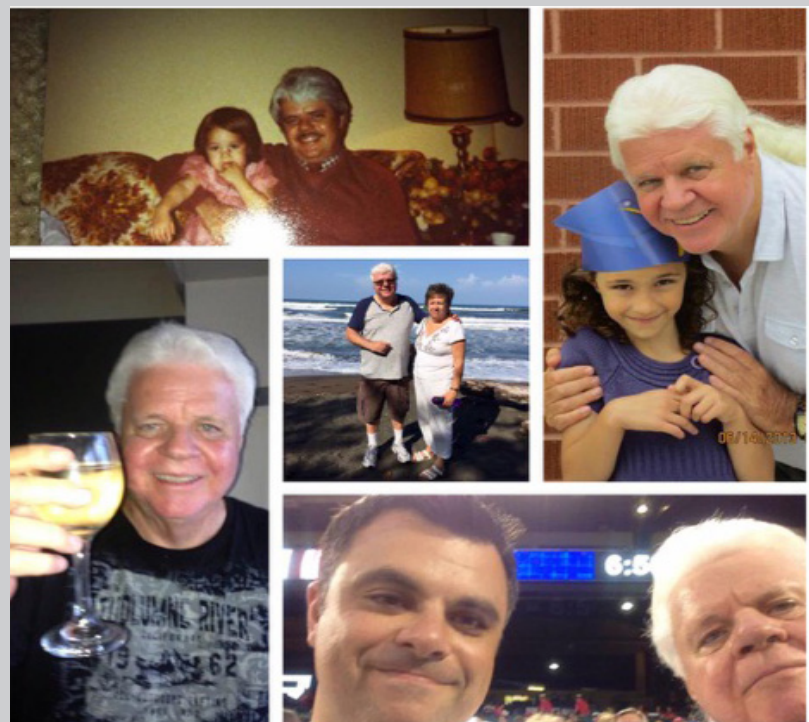
Mike Millspaugh worked for the election of our Congressman Mark Takano (with tie). He interviewed Mark to gain the Sierra Club endorsements and attended fund raisers. He worked on several campaigns of local politicians and ballot measures.



Mike was also not one to stay on the sidelines, when action was needed he stepped up. This is a couple years old but he was there at the first Women's March, taking a stand. He is on the right side with the green sign.



This picture is of a rally Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice CCAEJ organized along with the Sierra Club at the Redland's Mountain View gas fired power plant. Many consider it the dirtiest power plant in California. Mike is at the center of the back row.



His family sent the above pictures with his wife, son and grandchild.

There was so much more to Mike and what he brought to many lives. He was a gentle person who acted to benefit others. A teacher's influence never ends and all his work with students will be felt for generations.

JOIN US. . .Chapter Meeting May 7 “Sierra Club, the Green New Deal, and the Inland Empire”

Join us Tuesday May 7th at the San Bernardino County Museum for a program on the Sierra Club, the Green New Deal and the Inland Empire. We will see a presentation describing just how the Green New Deal fits into the Sierra Club’s vision for action on the climate crisis.

After the presentation, we will hear from local activists and leaders about work happening now in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to advance the promise of a Green New Deal.

Come and learn more about what is happening here in your region and how you can help. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Back in school, we learned about the “New Deal” in the 1930s. President Roosevelt acted quickly upon election to stabilize the economy and provide relief and jobs to people suffering from the Great Depression.

Fast forward to 2019 and we are talking about the Green New Deal at a time when the threat is not economic but to all life on the planet.



We know the current federal administration will not act to confront the climate crisis. We must work at the local and state level to change the course of our climate.

We are finally seeing lawmakers and public opinion move in the direction of a Green New Deal that will help offset climate disruption as well as provide a more equitable economy. We can act locally to make a difference.

SEE YOU ON THE 7th!!



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of color who have to grapple with low wages and toxic pollution are now also getting hit hardest by climate-related storms, wildfires, and flooding. We can’t fully tackle climate change or inequity without addressing the other. A “Green New Deal” would take on both.

Here in the Inland Empire, we are tackling the climate crisis from several fronts including promoting local renewable energy. The Chapter supports Community Choice Energy, a process that allows cities to form a cleaner, greener more efficient energy provider. Community Choice energy will improve air quality, reinvest in energy efficiency and local energy generation resources, while lowering or matching electricity costs.

A specific example of another type of local action is opposing the proposed new town called Paradise Valley on 5,000 acres bordered on the north by Joshua Tree National Park and on the south by the Mecca Hills Wilderness. The proposal is the antithesis of the “Green New Deal” concepts, disrupting the desert ecosystem; increasing GHG emissions by developing so far from existing urban infrastructure, facilities and services; and focusing more on building second homes for those who can afford it than on providing good jobs and affordable housing in existing communities that need it. We are working with a coalition of social and environmental justice groups in the Coachella Valley, and major conservation organizations to stop this horrific leap-frog development. (Please see enclosed box: “Save Joshua Tree - Stop Paradise Valley”).

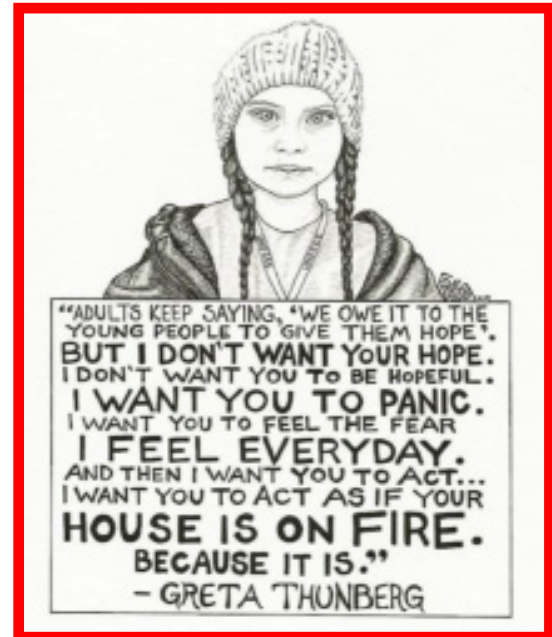
Don't Pave Paradise Alert!!
Save Joshua Tree - Stop Paradise Valley

The March/April Palm and Pine featured an article on the proposed Paradise Valley Specific Plan east of the Coachella Valley along Pinkham Wash, comprising the connecting landscape linkage and biological corridor between Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP) and the Mecca Hills Wilderness. The proposed “new town,” which borders on JTNP, is a huge threat to JTNP’s renowned night sky, its Wilderness values, its wildlife sustaining springs (through groundwater withdrawal), and its connectivity with other major conserved areas. And because County approval of the proposed project would compromise the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), if the County gets away with violating the MSHCP here, it would place the entire southern border of JTNP at risk since the MSHCP Conservation Areas that now buffer JTNP would no longer be off limits to major development.

The next Riverside County Planning Commission hearing is on May 15 at 75515 Hovley Lane East in Palm Desert. Please attend if you can to show your opposition to this project and your support for JTNP and the MSHCP. Please see the March/April issue of the Palm and Pine for additional information, photos, and map.

– Bill Havert

Green House Gas emissions are causing climate change as well as health hazards in our communities. *LA Times* quotes Rev. Leo Woodberry, a pastor from South Carolina, during a panel titled “Ensuring Climate Equity – “There would be no need for us to battle climate change if we had not closed our eyes when communities of color, and low-income communities, were being poisoned.” Here in the Inland Empire, emissions are worsening with the advent of the logistics industry. Open space along transit routes is being converted to massive warehouse facilities with the approval of local city governments. Many thousands of diesel truck trips per day have been added, often directly adjacent to residential zones. Our chapter has challenged these projects head-on, including suing cities and developers when environmental impacts are not addressed. Our work has improved many projects with mitigations such as infrastructure for future electric cargo vehicles; electric powered forklifts and yard trucks, solar power on rooftops and filtration systems for impacted schools and residences. We work with environmental justice partners such as Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice to hold city councils and developers accountable to our communities.



Progressive environmental policy set locally is key to fighting climate change; especially in our current political climate. Working to elect policy-makers with a commitment to protecting our environment, our air quality, and addressing climate change through legislation has been a cornerstone of our work. We are happy to report a clear majority of State Assembly and Senate districts are now represented by Sierra Club-endorsed candidates in our region. We still have much work to do at the municipal and county levels. Our Voice at the Capitol, Sierra Club California, addresses policy at the state level, working with volunteers to promote good legislation, influence policy and hold Climate Change at the forefront of state issues.

“Our actions today are going to lock future generations in to a climate that they’ll have very little control over,” states Jonathan Lamontagne, of Tufts University. Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, Sierra Club California and our National organization hope you will help us on this path to take action for future generations.

We must indeed act as if our House is on Fire!

– Contributing writers to this article: Bobbi Jo Chavarria, Vice-Chair, Sierra Club - San Gorgonio Chapter, Member, San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee, AD47 Delegate, California Democratic Central Committee, San Bernardino County; Mary Ann Ruiz, San Gorgonio Chapter Chair; Kim Floyd, San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation Chair; Joan Taylor and Bill Havert, Tahquitz Group

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MAY 4 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC D; ACORN TRAIL HIKE
A 15-mile segment of the 110-mile PCT Section D, Acorn Trail to Forest Service RD 3N28. Start at Acorn TH in Wrightwood at the end of Acorn St. and hike up 1750 ft. in 2.1 miles to the PCT at 8200 ft. It is a nice dirt and tree covered trail with great views of Pine Mt. of the Sheep Mt. Wilderness. We will have a nice snack at the bench and take off toward McDonald's. We should meet the real PCT hikers coming north. The next 12 miles will descend 3000 ft. to junction 3N28. RATED: Moderate to strenuous due to distance. BRING: 10 essentials, sun screen, hat, 2-3 liters of water, snacks, lunch, and hiking poles. MEET: McDonald's on HYW 15, 3230 Wagon Train Rd, Phelan, CA 92371. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER HIKE
This 5-mile exploratory hike from Hesperia Lakes towards the Mojave Forks Dam is rated as moderate only because of some soft sand in the area. There are several areas of historical interest. WEAR strong footwear, a hat, BRING water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 4 (SAT) 8:30 AM BERTHA PEAK (PEAKS OF BIG BEAR) HIKE
A "Peaks of Big Bear" hike, the first of the season. Complete all five peaks and earn a commemorative patch. Bertha is a moderate, 7.5-mile, 1400 ft. elevation gain hike. Start at the Cougar Crest Trailhead, hike through pine, oak and juniper with great views. The trail turns off on the PCT for a short bit then the final push to the top. Bertha Peak is an Electronic Relay Station. We will take our break there then return on the same trail to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate with a short steep rocky section. MEET: Cougar Crest trailhead located 1/4 mile west of the Discovery Center. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 5 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area, Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Ave., Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. CHAPTER

****MAY 5 (SUN) 8:00 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL HIKE**
A favorite hike for its great views of the San Gorgonio wilderness. Chances are that Mt. San Gorgonio will still have snow on its peak. This is a 7-mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Aspen Glen picnic area, 40105 Mill Creek Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Adventure Pass required for parking. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing, a good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles, two liters of water, sunblock, snack/lunch. RESERVATIONS & LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.co, 760-333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 5-7 (SUN-TUE) COOPER CANYON BACKPACK
This backpack is to 5 hike-in group campsites in the Angeles National Forest via Wrightwood. 3 miles with moderate elevation gain/loss. Hike on Monday to water fall. Seasonal stream water (treat before using). RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, rlmourino@yahoo.com, 760-953-3854. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 6 – MAY 12

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MAY 6 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

****MAY 7 (TUE) 7:30 AM CHANTRY FLATS LOOP HIKE**
A moderately strenuous 10-mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, past Sturtevant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoeges Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. A very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested. Elevation gain 1800 feet. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required to park at trailhead. MEET: Contact leader to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 7 (TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, 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

MAY 8 (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 Ridgcrest.) Enter on Ridgcrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

****MAY 9 (THU) 7:30 AM CHAPMAN TRAIL - ICE HOUSE LOOP HIKE**
Hike a strenuous 9-mile loop with 2600 foot elevation gain, up the Ice House Canyon Trail, a snack at the saddle, then down via the Chapman Trail through Cedar Glen Camp.

Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required to park at trailhead. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 9 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 10 (FRI) 9:00 AM SLIDE PEAK HIKE
A 6-mile R/T, 800' elevation gain difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. MEET at yellow post site 5, Keller Peak Road (1N96) off HWY 18 in Arrowbear for a car shuttle. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING jacket, trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 or Text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 10 (FRI) 4:45 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go 1/2 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

MAY 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM RYAN MOUNTAIN, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
Often rated as one of the best hikes in Joshua Tree due to its splendid views, this short and somewhat steep trail is 3 miles round trip with 1000 feet of elevation gain. RATING: Moderate to strenuous, due to elevation gain. MEET: Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252. BRING: Ten essentials, hiking boots, layered clothing, 2-3 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, first aid kit, and poles. WEATHER: Rain cancels; check forecast. RESERVATIONS Please call or text (cell) (951) 833-1328 with your name and cellphone number. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON. CHAPTER

MAY 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 ABOVE DEEP CREEK HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated moderate because of the gentle elevation gain of 600' over the first 2 1/2 miles. The views on route over the Victor Valley and Deep Creek Canyon are stunning. WEAR strong footwear, a hat, BRING water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN (PEAKS OF BIG BEAR) HIKE
The train has been closed because the Holcomb Valley Fire burned all the way east to the transfer station and the foot of Gold Mountain. This beautiful stretch of the PCT has just recently opened. Let's do it. A 7-mile hike with a 1,300-foot climb. RATED: Moderate with a strenuous section. MEET: Vons parking lot near Starbucks, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Carpool to the trailhead. Those coming up 18 through Lucerne Valley may meet us at the trailhead off Holcomb Valley Rd at 8:20. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing, boots, trekking poles, two liters of water, sun block and snack/lunch. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: PETER MICHELSEN, 760-333-3103, petermichelsenor@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 13 – MAY 19

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MAY 13 (MON) 8:30 AM JANET'S TRAIL & JENKS LAKE HIKE
This is a two-part hike. The first part is Janet's Trail, a scenic, approximately 3-mile, round trip trail by a creek. Then we drive 6 miles down Hwy 38 to a pull out and take the trail up to Jenks Lake. Have our lunch break there and walk around the lake, then head back down to our vehicles. RATED: easy/moderate, approx. 800 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: Trailhead for Janet's trail is across from the large South Fork pullout on Hwy 38. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 13 (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

MAY 14 (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

****MAY 15 (WED) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**
A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 11 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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MAY 16 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, flashlight, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. RSVP by noon on May 16. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 17 (FRI) 9:00 AM LAKE VIEW LOOP HIKE
A 6-mile R/T moderate, 600' elevation gain hike. BRING a trash bag, as we are sure find some snow-play trash along the way. MEET At the Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. Well behaved dogs welcome. BRING trekking poles, jacket, snacks, and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 or Text 760-405-4311, karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated moderate because of areas with soft sand. The views across Summit Valley are always worth seeing. WEAR strong footwear and a hat BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 18 (SAT) 8:30 AM LAKE FIRE EDUCATIONAL HIKE
The 2015 Jenks Lake fire scorched more than 200,000 acres of the San Bernardino wilderness and burned for over two weeks before containment. The smoke colors from the fire were the usual grays and browns but also red, purple and blue. For more than three years the burn area has been in recovery. Join ecologists Rachel and Chad for an educational hike. After our recent wet winter, we can expect to cross creeks a few times. A 6-mile round trip hike with a 1,000 foot elevation gain. RATING: moderate with some rocky stretches. MEET: Wildhorse trailhead on 38. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, 2 liters of water, good hiking boots, sunblock, snack/lunch and trekking poles. LIMIT 12 hikers. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103 with any questions. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 19 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See the May 5 write up.

MAY 19-21 (SUN-TUE) LITTLE JIMMY TRAIL CAMP BACKPACK
Little Jimmy trail camp ust above Crystal Lake, Angeles National Forest. A moderate backcountry hike-in campground nestled just 2 miles off the Angeles Crest Highway. It features 16 first-come, first-served sites with fire rings, vault toilets, and vintage backcountry ovens. From Islip Saddle, hike for 1.5 miles up the switchbacks to the campgrounds and live amongst the Coulter pines and big Douglas firs. Hike on Monday to fire lookout site. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, 760-953-3854, rlmourino@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 20 – MAY 26

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MAY 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAY 22 (WED) 6:30 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE**
A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, 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, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 24 (FRI) 9:00 AM DOGWOOD TRAIL HIKE
A 3 to 4-mile moderate hike amongst the blooming dogwoods. MEET at the entrance to Dogwood Campground, Daley Canyon Rd. off HWY 18. Do not block the gate. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text) or e-mail heathercsoo@aol.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 26 (SUN) 8:00 AM SOUTH FORK TO SLUSHY MEADOWS HIKE
Get outdoors over the Memorial Day weekend. A 9-mile round trip hike to Slushy Meadows along the South Fork Trail. Hike through old fire growth to Horse Meadow, on to Poopout Hill. Cross the boundary into the San Gorgonio Wilderness where and continue to Slushy Meadow. Take our break there before returning to our vehicles on the same trail. RATED: Moderate/Strenuous due to length, elevation gain 1600 ft. MEET: South Fork Trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd. BRING: at least 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 27 – JUN 2

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MAY 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

****MAY 29 (WED) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**
A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 30 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. SOME ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, flashlight, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. RESERVATIONS by 8 pm on May 29. LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA (562)713-4470. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 30 – JUN 4 (THU-TUE) ESCALANTE BACKPACK BACKPACK
This moderate backpack goes to Neon Canyon starting from either Harris Wash or 25 Mile Wash, depending upon the information I can find. It will be 30 miles r/t with pack using the Harris route or 34 miles r/t using the 25 Mile Wash route. Both routes have dramatic scenery including narrows. Explore Ringtail Slot and Neon Canyon with day packs. If we come in by way of Harris, we will also explore Choprock Canyon, a long slot canyon. WEAR shoes you don't mind getting wet as we will be wading much of the time. Limit 10. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVID HARDY, 702 875-4826, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com email preferred. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAY 31 (FRI) 9:00 AM STRAWBERRY CREEK HIKE
A 3 to 4-mile R/T moderate/strenuous hike with 1000' elevation loss and gain. Learn about the controversial Nestle's extraction of Strawberry Creek water. MEET At the large (South Side) turnout on the West end of Pine & HWY 18 in Rimforest. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING jacket, trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311, karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 1 (SAT) 5:30 PM ARRASTRE CANYON RIPARIAN AREA HIKE
Easy/moderate 3-mile evening family amble down into the Arrastre Canyon riparian area via a dirt road. What can we hear, see, smell? Do you wish to learn more about hiking? What are the 10 essentials? Come and experience the outdoors. BRING: Water, snacks and a sense of adventure. MEET: AMC Theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd., Apple Valley CA RESERVATIONS & LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760 964 0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

****JUN 1-2 (SAT-SUN) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE**
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. The course is free however there is a \$15 deposit, refundable for those that attend. For an application form, contact ralphsalisbury@att.net or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. The first five hours of Saturday classes may be attended by current chapter outings leaders to fulfill their recertification requirements. Please contact the LTC Chair if interested. CHAPTER

JUN 2 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See the May 5 write up.

JUN 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This hike was a real hit last June. We start out with about 8 miles out and back on the Santa Ana River trail, we will have a short snack break. The hike will wind us around the mountains below Hwy 38, through pine, oak, juniper with some interesting views. After our hike we will drive a short distance to the scenic and historic Oaks Restaurant in Seven Oaks for lunch. RATED: Moderate with about 1200 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: trailhead is down Glass Rd off Hwy 38. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATION & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 3 – JUN 9

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JUN 3 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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JUN 4 (TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, 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

JUN 5 (WED) 7:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE
A strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction!!! Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 7 (FRI) 10:00 AM STRAWBERRY PEAK WILDFLOWER WALK
A one-mile easy family friendly leisure walk on the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Strawberry Peak trail, stopping frequently to smell and identify the flowers. MEET at the Strawberry Peak trail head on HWY 189 across the street from PineCrest Christian Conference Center, 1140 PineCrest Rd. Twin Peaks, CA 92391. WEAR hat, long pants, and walking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 8 (SAT) 5:00 AM 6-PEAK CHALLENGE, Mt. SAN GORGONIO HIKE
This is the tallest peak in Southern Cal. We will start in Mill Creek Canyon and hope to get there early enough to get the upper parking lot. The hike consists of 5 sections. Section 1: Parking lot across the wash to trailhead. Section 2: next 1000 ft of vertical elevation gain. Section 3 follows Vivian Creek and is enjoyable but long. Section 4 is from High Creek Campground with the long switchbacks to 10,000 ft. tree line. Section 5 is the long climb with no trees and can get hot going to the peak. 17.5 miles with 5,840 ft. climb. Will take around 10 hours. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, sun screen, hat, poles, snacks, and lunch. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM EYE OF GOD HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated easy. The location is in Big Bear with views over Baldwin Lake and surrounding Mountains. The Eye is a very large white rock and was a valued Native American site. WEAR strong footwear and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN PARK HIKE
Moderate 5 to 6-mile hike in Box Springs Park on the Towers Loop. BRING: water, snack, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles the parking area is on the right, 2618 Box Springs Mountain road. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS by 8pm June 6. LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562)713-4470. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 10 – JUN 16

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JUN 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

JUN 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

****JUN 12 (WED) 6:30 AM MT. HARWOOD HIKE**
This will be a VERY strenuous hike to the top of Mount Harwood (elevation 9,552), 7 miles total trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the register ridge trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 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: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 13 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUN 14 (FRI) 9:00 AM LITTLE BEAR CREEK HIKE
A moderate hike on the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Five miles R/T with a 600' elevation loss and gain. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. MEET lower parking lot of Mountains Community Hospital (29101 Hospital Rd, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352). LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text) or e-mail heathercsoo@aol.com.. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND HIKE
A 5-mile hike rated moderate because of an 800' elevation gain over the first 2 ½ miles. The hike takes us through the Wrightwood (San Gabriel) Mountains with its great views and interesting woodlands. WEAR strong footwear and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 16 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See the May 5 write up.

****JUN 16-18 (SUN-TUE) GUFFY CAMPGROUND CARCAMP**
Guffy Campground at 8,300-foot elevation is a primitive tent-camping site overlooking the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area and has 6 trailside campsites. No water. Vault toilets. Adventure Pass required for vehicles parked at this campground. High clearance vehicle recommended for the 6-mile forest road from Inspiration Point, near Wrightwood. Several day hike options. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, rlmourino@yahoo.com, 760-953-3854 MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 16-21 (SUN-FRI) PARUNUWEAP CANYON BACKPACK
This canyon east of Zion NP is not frequently visited. Not in the park, no permit is needed. A 30 mile round trip backpack recommended for the middle to late June when the water conditions are best. There are several side slot canyons to explore along the way and the main canyon is similar to the Zion Narrows. RATED Moderate. RESERVATION & LEADER: DAVID HARDY, 702 875-4826 hardyhikers@embarqmail.com email preferred. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

JUN 17 – JUN 23

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JUN 17 (MON) 8:30 AM JOHNS MEADOW HIKE
A favorite hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. About 7 miles round trip with 1400 ft. of elevation gain. We cross a couple of seeps on the trail, possibly a small creek and then the larger creek before we take our break at Johns Meadow. If the larger creek is too difficult for hikers to cross safely, we will take our break right there. Some of the wildflowers should be in bloom. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Forsee Creek Trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM PEBBLE PLAIN ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE
A 5-mile moderate loop hike around the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Pebble Plain Reserve. Learn about the SBMLT's efforts to preserve this delicate habitat. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Vons parking lot to carpool, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311, karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM DOBLE MINE HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated as moderate due to a short 500' elevation gain. Our journey will take us through the historic Gold Mountain area of Baldwin Lake near Big Bear. There are still many mining structures in the area. Historic commentary will be given. WEAR strong footwear and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM HARFORD SPRINGS RESERVE HIKE
Easy approx. 5-mile loop with little elevation change and great views of San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains the whole way. BRING: water, hat, sunscreen, snack, wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: at 8 a.m. at 21470 Gavilan Rd, Perris CA. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: for hike and possible carpooling by 8 pm on Jun 21. LEADER: NANCY POWER (626) 372-4304 or nancyrpower@yahoo.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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JUN 24 – JUN 30

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JUN 25 (TUE) 9:00 AM TRAM TO IDYLLWILD (OR REVERSE) HIKE
Hike the Willow Trail from the Palm Springs Tram to Idyllwild or in reverse on this one-way key exchange hike. Starting from Humber Park, we climb 2500 ft. and descend 500 ft. in 7.9 miles. Those starting at the Tram reverse the climb and descent. Meet in the middle for a key exchange. If Hwy 243 from Idyllwild to Banning is not reopened by the hike date, we will adjust but not cancel. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Downhill group meets LJ at the Food 4 Less, 1691 E. 6th St., Beaumont, 92223. Uphill group meets Dave at Humber Park, 24559 Fern Valley Rd, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water, and poles. Tram cost is \$25.95+ shared parking cost. RESERVATIONS & LEADERS: DAVE MELTON dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or LJ FOSTER at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

****JUN 26 (WED) 6:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy, elevation 10,069. 11 miles total with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 28 (FRI) 8:00 AM COYOTE ROCK/MILL PEAK HIKE
A 4-mile round trip moderate hike with a 600' elevation gain. Explore the Jim & Cathy Sims Trail on the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Coyote Rock Preserve. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Road, Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
An easy 5-mile hike through the Wrightwood area overlooking the Mojave Desert to the North. We will take the renowned Pacific Crest Trail for this hike. Wear strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE/PATCH PARTY
The annual Patch Party. All are welcome! I will lead a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike before our picnic. Located in the Fawnskin area, Gray's Peak is a 6-mile, 1200 ft. elevation gain hike through Pine, Oak, and Juniper, and some nice wildflowers will likely be out, along with some incredible boulder formations too. We will take a short break overlooking the lake, then return on the same trail back to our vehicles. From there you can join us at our Patch Party at Charlotte Watt's house in Fawnskin. It's always a fun time, great people and good food. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Trailhead is in Fawnskin, 2.7 miles from dam or 1/2 mile from town. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATION: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

COMING UP

JUL 1 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 2 (TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

JUL 4-7 (THU-SUN) FOURTH OF JULY, BLACK ROCK, NV DESERT VISIT
This will be a busy weekend in the Black Rock as many Burning Man Attendees use this as a "shakedown weekend" for their gear. Possible One-Day Ham License class. Typical events include visits to hot springs and the Emigrant Trail. No firm schedule set at this writing and few facilities, but we'll probably have portapotties. RESERVATIONS: No signups until after 6/15! LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775/843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

AUG 25-31 (SUN-SAT) MONO RECESSES & PIONEER BASIN BACKPACK
On this 30-mile on-trail semi-loop backpack, visit Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses - some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierra. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south trending basins above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. Start and finish at the Mosquito Flat Trailhead at the end of Rock Creek Road, south of Mammoth. Four camping spots and two layover days. We will strictly follow LNT practices and keep an early schedule. RATED: Moderate. But all sierra backpacks are strenuous - it's just a question of degree. BRING: Equipment list will be distributed. Individual commissary. MEET: TBA. Dates listed above may shift a day or two when we go to reserve permit at the end of February. For trip info sheet, contact LEADERS Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or DAVID HOLTEGAARD 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas & New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, & fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat & BRING plenty of cold water & a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the *meetup.com* page: *Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone!*
[MEETS April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309
[MEETS May 3, 17, June 7, 21, July 5]

(3RD WED) 6:30 OR 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize on the third Wednesday of each month. The June & December meetings are potluck dinners starting 6:30 p.m. other months start 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.
[MEETS May 15, June 19]



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a pump/powerhouse facility on the west side of Grand Ave in the Lakeland Village area. The electricity generated would be directed to north San Diego County. The project would endanger the natural ecology of the lake and threaten its abundant avian population while providing no benefits to local residents. We encourage members to join the Facebook page to Stop LEAPS : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1640975875966542/>

A new undertaking of the SMG is the Wildlife Connections Art Show, with opening and reception on May 3rd at The Gallery at Warner Springs, 31652 Highway 79, House #1. It features scratchboard artist Heather Lara's work, which employs various media and methods to create representations of wildlife. For a demonstration of the technique see her website: <http://www.heatherlara.com/home> Lectures on wildlife connectivity will be given on June 1, 8 and July 13 at the gallery from 4-6 pm, featuring experts from the Wildlife Research Institute, the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, UC Davis and the Nature Conservancy. Cost is \$20/person, to include local wine, appetizers and artist's demonstration. The Gallery will be the staging area for hikes on May 3rd and May 16th, as well as in June (non-Sierra Club). Contact Pam Nelson for questions at pamela05n@yahoo.com.

JUST FOR FUN

All members and their guests are invited to attend two events just to get outdoors and enjoy the Spring. On May 19th we will be at the quaint Shadow Mountain Vineyard in Warner Springs from 3:00 to 5:30 pm, our next Sierra Sunday. The \$20 tickets will include food, music and wine. Then, to close out our 2018-19 year of activities, we have tentatively scheduled June 23rd for our annual potluck lunch and games day at an outdoor venue to be determined. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and Website as they become available.

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup>

Website: <http://www.sierraclubsmg.org/>



Mark Your Calendars For Our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, June 4th Subject: *Creating Fire-Safe Communities*

Research ecologist Chad Hanson will discuss how we can create far more fire-safe communities. Chad's presentation is rescheduled from February, when severe weather kept him from the meeting.

Chad will also discuss why the current fire management focus on backcountry fire suppression and commercial logging is based on myths that are not only harming habitat in wildlands but are also dangerously diverting resources and attention away from protecting communities from wildland fire.



Chad was elected last spring to a three-year term on the Sierra Club national Board of Directors, receiving the highest number of votes among the five who were elected. He has a Ph.D. in ecology from UC Davis and is a research ecologist with the John Muir Project, based in Big Bear City. He previously served two terms on the Sierra Club Board from 1997 to 2003.

Chad previously presented *The Ecological Importance of Mixed Intensity Wildfires* at the August 2018 chapter meeting.

Outings Leader Training June 1-2

If you enjoy healthy exercise and the abundance of special places to visit in the San Geronio Chapter, then you have probably participated in our extensive Outings Program. Coming up is the opportunity for you to become a Chapter Outings Leader beginning this June 1 & 2 at the Sierra Club-owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

But outings need not be limited to hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. The chapter encourages a wide range of outings; perhaps you are more interested in family outings or special focus outings such as those emphasizing flora and fauna or photography. These outings oftentimes are shorter and slower and chapter members particularly request more outings of this nature.



The June training involves an overnight stay and includes instruction in outdoor leadership, Club Outings Administration, Map and Compass, Psychology of Leadership and environmental considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

For this year fees are being waived and only a \$15 refundable deposit is required. Additionally, participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner.

Early enrollment is highly encouraged, as upon receiving your application with payment you will immediately be provided some pre-course material to study at your own pace. For late enrollees, it is not necessary to complete this study material prior to the class; however, it will greatly aid you in doing so.

For an application form or general questions, please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net. Alternately you may use mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



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