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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 6th • 7:30 PM
“Jordan & Egypt’s Sinai”
Speakers: Ladd & Gail Seekins
(see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, June 3rd • 7:30 PM
**“Nature Photography: How to
Take Better Photos”**
Speaker: Steve Kaye
(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)

Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

As we swing into the intensity of political endorsement season, the workload has piled up. However, this year the Excom has agreed to provide the Political Committee with a temporary part-time assistant to help manage all the work that is required and to get members to work on the campaigns of our endorsed candidates.

Meet Opamago Agyemang! For obvious reasons, everyone calls him “O.” So now you have O and Jono doing all of the political “heavy lifting” in the Chapter. O’s picture and bio are on page 6, as he is one of our 2014 Young Environmental Champions. I hope that if you get an email or a call from O, you will try to accommodate his request for help in our endeavors.

Because of *Palm & Pine* deadlines, we have no more endorsements to announce at this time, other than Mark Takano in

CD41 and Raul Ruiz in CD36. There are many races where we think we can make a difference for the environment, but it will be crucial to get our members and their like-minded friends to the polls. If we just sit back and watch, those who favor polluters and the ravagers of the land will win.

That is why we have brought O on



board. He will be contacting members, by phone or by email, to not only let you know who we have endorsed, but to help us get out the vote (GOTV). With any luck, we will also have a new Chapter

website that will keep you informed and perhaps, a Facebook page that will keep you engaged. I’m looking forward to an exciting political year, albeit exhausting one, filled with loads of opportunities to turn the Inland Empire green.

For state-wide races, you will again have to look to the website <http://california2.sierraclub.org/>, as endorsements for those races will not be finalized until after the CNRCC meeting at the end of April. I can tell you a couple of things before then, however. Yours truly participated in the interviews and the endorsement process for Controller and the leading candidates were very desirous of our endorsement. I can also tell you to not expect to see endorsements from the Sierra Club for Governor or Lt. Governor, as neither of the leading candidates have expressed a willingness to be interviewed by us.

Keep an ear to your phone and an eye to your email and think about how we can get our allies to the polls this year and make a real difference for the environment.



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

By Ralph Salisbury, Outings Chair

Do you like the outdoors? Have some favorite hikes? Or perhaps you like to cycle or kayak. Consider becoming a Sierra Club Outings Leader. The San Gorgonio Chapter’s annual training will be held this coming June 7-8 at the Club’s Keller Hut in Running Springs.

Twenty-five years ago I signed up for this training. What a rewarding experience it has been. Introduce fellow members to your favorite places and pick the date and time – can’t beat that. And few places allow such ideal conditions for mountain, desert and coastal activities of all sorts year round.



This course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership and Environmental Considerations. Sunday includes a field exercise.

Applicants need to be at least eighteen years old and members of the San Gorgonio Chapter. There is a fee of \$34 for the use of the facility, food and all course materials. Saturday night we lean back and relax with a great dinner and return for one final session.

There is some pre-course study so submit your application now.

Contact the chair for information and application at ralphsalisbury@att.net or 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



Come Along on an Exciting – and Colorful – Journey in Jordan and Egypt’s Sinai at the Chapter Program on May 6th

Chapter members Ladd and Gail Seekins will present a new slide show of their trip in February and March 2009, “An Adventure in Jordan and the Sinai.” The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Ln, Redlands.

The Seekins’ visit to Jordan and the Sinai was part of a longer trip that also included Lower and Upper Egypt, which they covered in slide shows that they presented several years ago. This program is completely new, never having been presented before.

While in the Sinai, Ladd and Gail visited the beach resorts along the Red Sea, climbed Mt. Sinai, and toured St. Catherine’s Monastery, said to be at the place where God appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush.

The Seekins entered Jordan intending to see Petra and then return to Egypt. Petra is the unique rock-carved “Rose-Red City,” so called because of the color of the stone from which it was cut. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was named by *Smithsonian Magazine* as one of the “28 places to see before you

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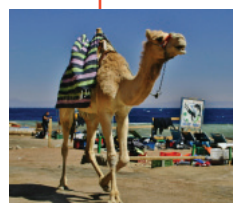
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die." UNESCO has described it as "one of the most precious cultural pro-perties of man's cultural heritage."

The Seekins' time in Petra was so enjoyable that they decided to stay in Jordan and see the rest of the country. In Amman they saw the National Archeological Museum with its Dead Sea Scrolls and the impressive Roman Theater. Other visits in

Jordan included Jerash, the most extensive Roman city in the Middle East, Madaba with its Byzantine mosaics, the labyrinthine Crusader castle ruins at Karak, and the Dana Nature Preserve. They swam in the Dead

Sea and spent a night in a Bedouin tent in the spectacular desert landscape of Wadi Rum. They toured Bethany, where Jesus was baptized, and visited Mt. Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land.



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 unless otherwise noted.

Monthly Meeting Subjects

Summer is approaching and those of us that live in Big Bear understand how short of a season this is. If you have ever tried to grow vegetables in the Big Bear Valley you understand what a challenge this can be. If you haven't tried but want to the program on May 15th is designed to help. Among the topics to be covered will be composting, growing tomatoes and other vegetables in a cool climate and native plants. Don't have the space or sunshine in your yard to grow a vegetable garden? Could a plot in the community garden be in your future? How to make that happen will be included in the evening's discussion.

Electric bills too high! Have you ever thought about living off the grid or perhaps generating more power than you can use and selling the excess to the power company? How do you go about making this happen with a combination of wind and solar power in a fuel efficient house? Our meeting on June 19th was designed to help you answer these questions and will be held at Christie Walker and Robbie Bos's dream house in Baldwin Lake. This will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. The meeting will be held outside, bring a sweater in case the evening is cool. Directions are as follows: Head out to Baldwin Lake on Baldwin Lake Road, turn east (only way you can turn) on Ponderosa Ranch Road (two streets north of the Baldwin Lake horse stables. Take a left on High Chaparral Road (first dirt road) which ends on a cul-de-sac. Robbie and Christies is the first and only driveway on the left. Park in the drive way or on the cul-de-sac and walk down the drive to the house. Need help call Ed Wallace at 909 584 9407 or Christie at 909 547 2237.

CONSERVATION

If there is one thing I have learned in my almost 12 years in Big Bear, good things do happen but it usually takes some time. For about four years we have been working with a group of organizations including the Big Bear Valley Education Trust, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the USFS San Bernardino National Forest, the City

of Big Bear Lake, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, the San Bernardino Community College District, the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation and the Big Bear City Community Service District, to preserve and protect an isolated 302.5 acre parcel of Forest Service land containing the last pristine pebble plain in the Big Bear Valley. These pebble plain areas contain rare plant communities only found in the Big Bear Valley. It is estimated that less than 10% of this rare habitat still exists. This remaining Forest service island which is surrounded by private land was being adversely affected by illegal off road vehicle traffic, illegal trash dumping and illegal tree cutting. The involved organizations realized that the best way to preserve this area was to purchase key parcels that adjoin the Forest Service property and eventually create a preserve that would be used for outdoor education for the students of the Big Bear Valley School District, research by colleges and universities and appropriate recreation activities. The good news is that the plan has taken a step closer to reality with the purchase 166 acre parcel of land on the southern border of the property. There is still much to be done but the organizations involved deserve kudos from all that care about preserving our natural heritage.



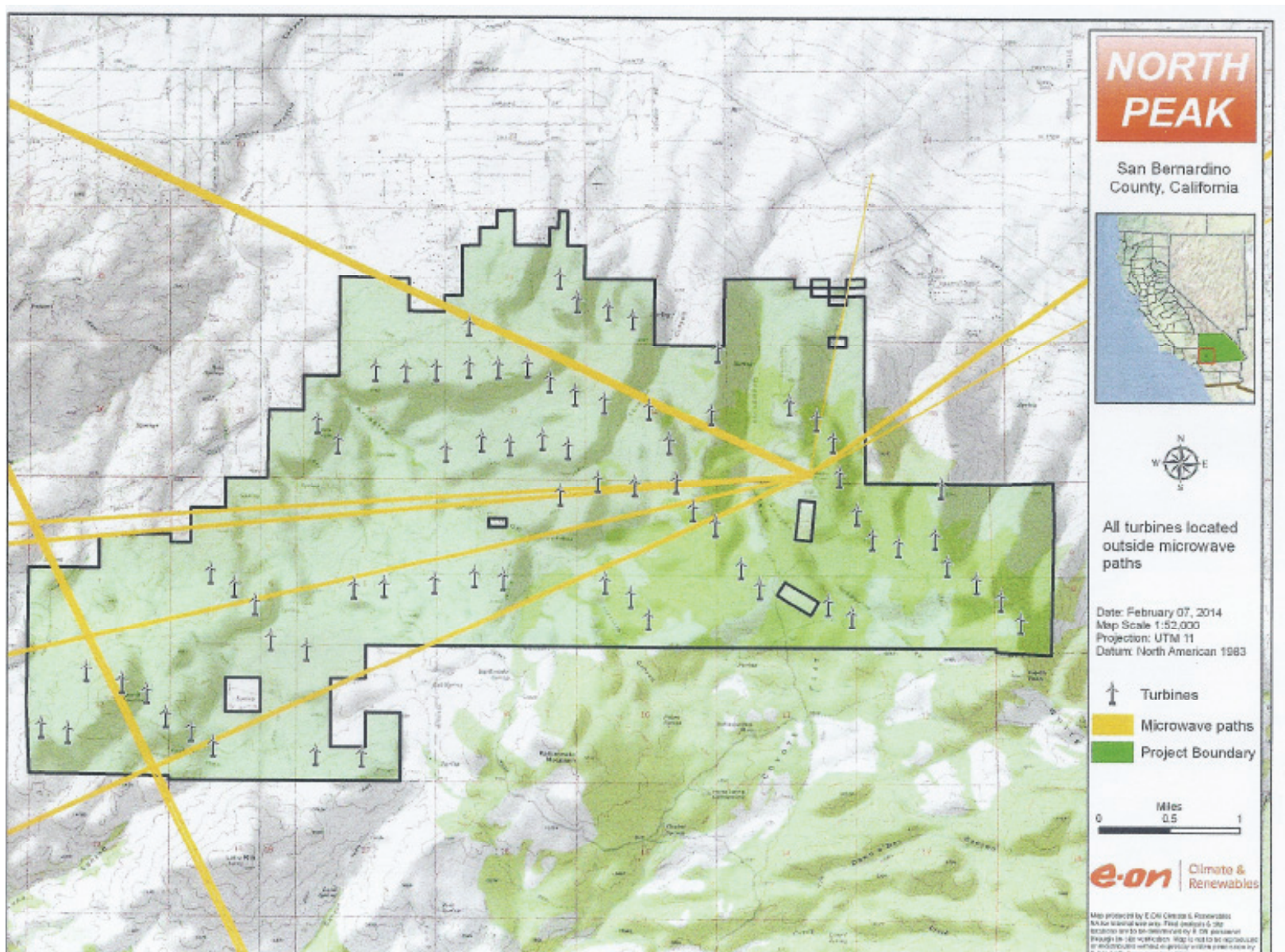
Dorf Pussytoes from the pebble plains.

Mojave Group By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore Enjoy Protect

Remember years ago there was a proposal for development in Fairview Valley? It is called Hacienda at Fairview Valley. The process began in late 2007 for 3,114 homes on 1,557 acres of rural living land (mostly over 20 acre parcels). It is a master-planned residential community way out there with equestrian, family-oriented, and active adult (55+) lifestyles with overlays for equestrian and/or golfcourse. It would also support land uses such as retail/commercial, parks, recreation, open space, public safety and public facilities.

Despite quite a bit of opposition, the County planning commission recommended approval for the project in December 2013 and the County Board of Supervisors approved it in late February 2014. These



two actions came on all of a sudden after three years of quiet. Included in the final EIR are some mitigating factors as a compromise for the numerous comments people made. This is a really sad sprawl project. Take a rural buffer on the outskirts of the Town of Apple Valley in the County area, and build a master-planned community. This project will take 30+ years to build. Meanwhile I suspect it will be annexed to the Town of

Apple Valley and concessions made to cut corners. That is what is happening with the Jess Ranch Master Plan – we are losing the most important feature of the specific plan – the ponds along the river path for all to enjoy. 406 houses are being built up to the river bank. The “new” builder – Pulte- is refusing to develop the river path into a pleasant

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place to stroll as well as burying the historic Jess Ranch Ponds. But who is keeping track of the original plan and enforcing the build out to follow the intent of the master plan that was approved by the county over 30 years ago? To oppose such a project, more resources and more people are needed to work with the elected officials and planning departments. It takes a lot of vigilance, paper work, but without that work, our quality of life and health are at stake. We put a lot of money into the farm/home for the future to have it all disappear because some company wants to change the zoning and make a huge profit for far away investors. None of our Mojave Group members are paid.

We are all volunteers with multiple tasks on our plates. Things we care deeply about. And we will continue to do what we can. Won't you help? Join us at our meetings or online via email and facebook. Contact Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com for more details.

NORTH PEAK WIND FARM proposal (BLM # CACA 54138) will bring blinking red lights to all who look up at the Marianas and San Bernardino Mountains from the Victor Valley and Lucerne Valley. This proposal is from a very large foreign company, E.ON, to use your public lands (Juniper Sub Region managed by the BLM Barstow office) for their own profit and that of their multinational investors. In 2012 E.ON had \$180 billion in revenue, is the largest investor owned utility in the world and

has 72,000 employees. Despite the fact that they are the 8th largest wind farm company in the world, this project will their first on public land in the USA. Most of their other projects are on large private ranches in Texas. Will YOU let them destroy your public lands and views without doing you part?

What will you get? Good time to ask your County supervisor.

There will be 40-70 giant turbines in Arrastre Canyon, Grapevine Canyon and west towards Bowen Ranch. The turbines are about 400 feet tall and are set in a huge concrete pad and the brush underneath is scraped to bare earth (about 200 square feet) to help diminish the risk of fire. There will be roads, operations and maintenance facility, substations, switchyard and overhead transmission line. This project, if approved, will be functioning in 2017. They have completed their preliminary avian studies and are moving forward. There are many reasons that this project should not be approved. You can probably think of many yourselves. Couldn't all that energy come from rooftop and parking lot solar? Are those huge turbines that kill birds and disrupt wildlife and diminish the value of our homes really necessary? The Draft EIR will be coming out any day. You can get your copy by writing or calling the BLM Barstow office and be sure you get a response: Joan Patrovsky, (jpatrovs@blm.gov), Realty Specialist/Project Manager, BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Theresa Carson, Christina Torres and Eileen O'Brien have put together a wonderful schedule of outings for May and June. The first hike is May 7 (Wed) 5:00 p.m., Olive Mountain Hike. On May 14 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. there will be a Sycamore Canyon Full Moon Hike; please see complete details and all of the group hikes in the Palm & Pine and the Chapter web page, <http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/node/3> or contact Theresa Carson at (951) 660-7246 or tlcarson01@gmail.com

The group had an outing to Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve on February 16. Theresa reports: "It was about a 7 mile hike with lots of regular group members and one new hiker to our group. We had lunch at the adobes. The weather was warm and there wasn't any water in the vernal ponds, but there is now!"

The city of Moreno Valley Planning Commission heard comments at their March 13 meeting regarding the ProLogis 2.2 million-square-foot warehouse project located south of Highway 60 between Moreno Beach Drive & Redlands Blvd. (In December the project proponents uprooted thousands of citrus trees next to the auto mall in preparation for the project.) Consideration of the project was continued until April 24 because they forgot to include a 300 page draft EIR letter from an attorney. They are now revising the final EIR which will give everyone another chance to comment on this massive project. Part of their land has been designated for homes

by the city's general plan. If the project is built, it would be next to lands designated for homes. Please contact planner Jeff Bradshaw at (951) 413-3224 or jeffreyb@moval.org for more information.

The city of Moreno Valley continues to work on the final environmental impact



Moreno Valley Group Outing to Santa Rosa Plateau, February 2014
Photo by Theresa Carson

report (FEIR) for the World Logistics Center (WLC). The 41,600,000 square foot warehouse project proposes to put warehouses on 2,710 acres of land south of Highway 60 and if built would share a two mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. The city may have the Final EIR out by late spring, summer or later. We hope when they have public hearings on the WLC before the planning commission

and city council that you will consider speaking or coming to support those who speak. Please contact planner Mark Gross at (markg@moval.org) & (951) 413-3215 for more information.

Please take time to donate what you can to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistic Center project. Your donations will used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. 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!

Riverside County planners are still working on the revisited version of the Villages of Lakeview project. It is possible that the environmental documents will be available by July or later.

Riverside County General Plan Update—The proposed release of its draft environmental impact report (DEIR) is April or May for a 60 day public review. Please contact Frank Coyle (FCOYLE@rctlma.org) and Kristi Lovelady (klovelad@rctlma.org), Riverside County Planning, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside,

CA 92501-3634 at (951) 955-0781 and request a copy of the draft EIR for the GPU and all other documents and notices of all meetings pertaining to it.

Moreno Valley residents who are concerned about the huge number of warehouses proposed for Moreno Valley can check out the articles and information posted by a local citizens' group at <https://www.facebook.com/SaveMoVal>

There is a Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, May 24, 2014, Hike to Olive Mountain (Difficult), 7:30 a.m.; meet at Palm Middle School, 11900 Slawson Avenue, Moreno Valley. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml

For information hours and visitors fee for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Check our group Facebook page for pictures and information about our outings and other events:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub> & our web page http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley where you can find the complete list of our outings.

For information on the recall of Moreno Valley city council members, local residents have information at: <https://www.facebook.com/RecallMorenoValleyCityCouncil>

Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

This spring the Santa Margarita group hopes to see the formal adoption of our initiative to construct the adoption trail along the Murrieta Creek, which will span about 16 miles from Temecula to Lake Elsinore. Murrieta City council was the first to approve (unanimously) the project initiative with the remaining three cities to hear presentations about the proposed trail in April and May. The Sierra Club had a significant body of supporters at the Murrieta hearing, all identifiable by our club hats, and the mayor Alan Long had special words of thanks for the work we've

done towards bringing this important quality-of-life asset to the region.

April means Earth Day and we'll be celebrating it on the 19th at Temecula's Rose Haven Heritage garden, with a



Vicki Hoover and Margaret Meyncke tabling the Norco Back Country Horsemen event.

birthday cake for John Muir. We'll also be highlighting the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The Rose garden is a beautiful venue, which is home to approximately 1600 roses.

The Monte de Oro Recycled Fashion show is

scheduled for April, on the 26th. This event is organized by a community member who shares the same concerns for our planet as Sierra Clubbers, which is why we'll have a table there. It's also a great night out.

Finally for April, we'll host Anysia Dickson, a local volunteer for the wildlife rescue group, Project Wildlife, for our program on the 10th. She's promised to bring along some of her critters to help with the presentation.

On May 3rd our group is sponsoring a Pacific Coast Trail welcoming and 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2014

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2014 Calendar are due by June 1, 2014.

FORMAT items similar to 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**.

WHAT TO BRING

Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3) flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 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. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. 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, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. 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 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. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org 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 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

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:

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2014 Young Environmental Champion Awards

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

Last year, the San Gorgonio Chapter decided to create a program to recognize young environmental activists who were doing outstanding working on environmental issues within the Chapter boundaries. Last year, we recognized eight young people and this year, we recognize ten, three of which were recognized last year, but have continued to do some pretty amazing work on behalf of our mother earth and environmental justice. Two of this year's Young Environmental Champions (YECs) were sponsored attendees at the Sierra Club summer program (Sprog) where they spent a week learning environmental leadership skills. They have both put in countless hours putting those skills to work for our My Generation campaign and other environmental causes in the Inland Empire. Pictures and bios of the ten for 2014 are listed below; as you read their bios, you will be inspired by them and recognize that the cultivation of such young activists is key to the future of the Sierra Club. Boomers, once the lifeblood of the Club are getting older and we need this infusion of new energy. Besides, working with these young folk makes some of us feel more youthful. All of this year's champions were identified through their work with the My Generation campaign, but if you have a deserving young person in your area, please send a nomination note to any member of the Excom.

Erica Thames
23 years old
Riverside, CA

My Generation 2013 Summer Intern and Current Beyond Coal Organizer in Texas. Erica led the My Generation Campaign organizing efforts in the Summer of 2013. She led the organizing efforts in our two protests against Southern California Edison; led a team of volunteers on weekly petition gathering, tabling, presentations and canvassing in Riverside; helped with logistics for My Generation's Energy Efficiency Community Forum in Redlands and My Generation's Green Mixer in San Bernardino; part of the street team during the Keystone XL Pipeline protests; helped in logistics for Good Jobs Green Jobs in Washington DC; participated in Southwest SPROG, led in-district lobby efforts to Senator Richard Roth, Senator Norma Torres and Assemblymember Cheryl Brown; participated in phone-banking against AB 327; was the My Generation lead on the Norma Torres for Senate Campaign; wrote "How a Southern California Community Organized to Push for Rooftop Solar Jobs" for the Sierra Club's blog; sits on the Sierra Club's National Diversity Support Team and the Sierra Student Coalition's Anti-oppression committee, was profiled for the *Colton Courier* locally and MTV nationally for her environmental Justice work, was quoted in the *NY Times*, *Huffington Post* and other major national newspapers for her work in diversifying the environmental movement, was part of a climate change video that was featured in the *Huffington Post*.



to Las Vegas to support our work there; participated in Southwest SPROG, led in-district lobby efforts to Senator Richard Roth; helped with logistics for My Generation's Green Mixer in San Bernardino; wrote "How a Southern California Community Organized to Push for Rooftop Solar Jobs" for the Sierra Club's blog; participated in the CNRCC at San Luis Obispo this past year; participated in Public Utilities Commission hearing in San Francisco to stop expansion of natural gas, being the chant leader in the subsequent rally; profiled in *Colton Courier* for work on fighting natural gas plants; and led research efforts in the Inland Empire to turn out to AQMD hearings.

Rosalinda Sosa
20 years old
San Bernardino, CA

My Generation 2013 Summer Intern. Rosa is the current Student Trustee on the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, having been elected by the student body after running on a platform of fighting to install rooftop solar on San Bernardino Valley College. Rosa helped lead the My Generation Campaign organizing efforts in the Summer of 2013. She participated in our organizing efforts in our two protests against Southern California Edison; led a team of volunteers on weekly petition gathering, tabling, presentations and canvassing in San Bernardino; helped with logistics for My Generation's Energy Efficiency Community Forum in Redlands and My Generation's Green Mixer in San Bernardino; part of the street team during the Keystone XL Pipeline protests; helped in logistics for Good Jobs Green Jobs in Washington DC; led in-district lobby efforts to Senator Richard Roth, Senator Norma Torres and Assemblymember Cheryl Brown; was profiled for the *EL Chicano Weekly* for her environmental work and her trip to Good jobs Green Jobs as one of three students to receive a scholarship and; participated in our natural gas plant protest in Redlands, participated in Sierra Club's Lobby Day in Sacramento and was part of a climate change video that was featured in the *Huffington Post*.



Yassamin Kavezade
22 years old
Riverside, CA

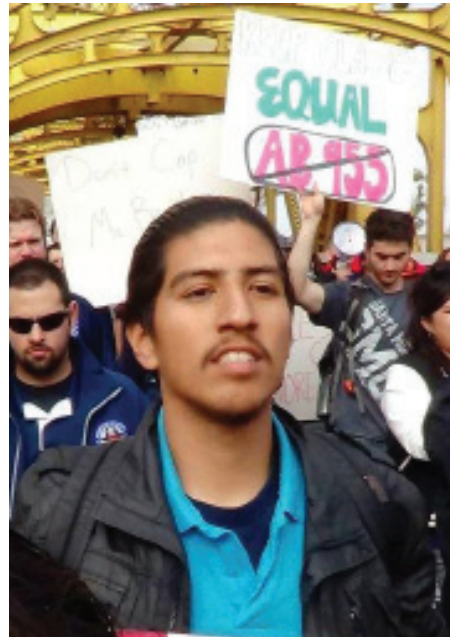
Yassamin is the current president of Sustainable UCR, the largest environmental student organization at UC Riverside. She currently leads the volunteer organizing team for the My Generation Campaign in the Inland Empire. Yassamin led the organizing efforts for our big march against natural gas at the Mountainview Gas Plant in Redlands, turning out dozens of students and community members. She was part of the leadership team organizing our efforts in our two protests against Southern California Edison; part of a team of volunteers on weekly petition gathering, tabling, presentations and canvassing in Riverside; part of a team that travelled



to Las Vegas to support our work there; participated in Southwest SPROG, led in-district lobby efforts to Senator Richard Roth; participated in phone-banking against AB 327; helped with logistics for My Generation's Green Mixer in San Bernardino; wrote "How a Southern California Community Organized to Push for Rooftop Solar Jobs" for the Sierra Club's blog; sits on San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Committee; participated in Sierra Club/CEJA Lobby Day in Sacramento; participated in Public Utilities Commission hearing in San Francisco to stop expansion of natural gas, giving public comment in the process; profiled in *Colton Courier* for work on fighting natural gas plants; and led organizing efforts in the Inland Empire to turn out to AQMD hearings.

Javier Hernandez
23 years old
Colton, CA

Javier is founder and CEO of Javi's Production Company. Javier has helped the My Generation Campaign in the last year in covering the events through photography and video. Javier has provided his audio visual skills for us in covering our events such as our natural gas plant rally in Redlands, the Keystone Pipeline rally in Los Angeles, tabling and petitioning events, and much more. Javier was one of three students last year to receive a scholarship to attend Good jobs Green Jobs. Javier has also participated in canvassing, petition gathering and tabling for the My Generation Campaign. He was part of a group of activists to travel to Las Vegas to help the Beyond Coal Campaign in Nevada. Javier was profiled in the *Colton Courier* twice in 2013 – once for attending Good Jobs Green Jobs and again for his work in the audio visual arts and his collaborative work with the Sierra Club.



Opamago Agyemang
22 years old
Riverside, CA

Opamago is a co-leader in the My Generation Campaign and serves on the San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Committee. Opamago led the media and communications efforts for our big march against natural gas at the Mountainview Gas Plant in Redlands, turning out 8 media outlets. He was part of the leadership team organizing our efforts in our two protests against Southern California Edison; part of a team of volunteers on weekly petition gathering, tabling, presentations and canvassing in Riverside; part of a team that travelled



Pati Calzada
26 years old
Colton, CA

Pati is active with Javi's Production Company and with the My Generation Campaign. Pati has helped the My Generation Campaign in the last year in covering the events through photography and video such as our Green Mixer, the Keystone Pipeline Protest and our Southern California Edison protests. Pati has also helped with canvassing and petition gathering for the Sierra Club. She was part of a group of activists who travelled to Las Vegas to help the Beyond Coal Campaign in Nevada.



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Anthony Victoria
23 years old
San Bernardino, CA

Anthony is currently a reporter for the *Inland Empire Community Newspapers* in San Bernardino. Over the course of the last year, Anthony has written pieces covering and profiling the My Generation Campaign. Anthony has been crucial in spreading the word on on issues of pollution and youth engagement around local distributed generation. During the past year, Anthony has written “Local Organizers Organize Advocate for Change in Energy Policy,” “SBVC Student Leads Organizing Campaign for Environmental Justice,” “Green Remix: Mixer Provides Networking Opportunities for Inland Empire Residents,” “Clean Energy Supporters Rally at Mountainview Power Plant,” and “Local College Students Hope to Prevent Further Construction of Natural Gas Plants in Southern California.” Anthony has also helped with our video projects around dirty gas plants.

Barbara Ascencio
22 years old
Palm Desert, CA

Barbara is the current president of the Ecology Club at College of the Desert. She is currently the San Gorgonio Chapter Organizer in the Coachella Valley. Barbara is responsible for being the instructor for our after-school environmental advocacy program at Desert Mirage High School. She led dozens of students in filling a bus that went up to San Francisco to the Public Utilities Commission to give public comment about not approving more natural gas plants. Barbara also led the organizing efforts in the Coachella Valley to turn out to AQMD hearings. Barbara is also leading our efforts in working on solar permitting reform for the Coachella Valley.



Cynthia Portillo
16 years old
Mecca, CA

Cynthia is currently a student at Desert Mirage High School. She is a participant in our after-school environmental advocacy program. Cynthia is a leader in the program, being part of the group that went up to San Francisco to the Public Utilities Commission to deliver public comment. She was the spokesperson for the program, delivering the public comment for her colleagues at Desert Mirage. She was also



a chant leader during the rally immediately following the PUC meeting.

Estefania Salgado
17 years old
Thermal, CA

Estefania is currently a student at Desert Mirage High School. She is a participant in our after-school environmental advocacy program. Estefania is a leader in the program, currently leading a campaign on campus to have the school install solar on their rooftop. Estefania is also helping in the effort to reform solar permitting in the Coachella Valley.



Island Adventure!

7-days/6-nights on the Trans-Catalina Trail
June 8 - June 14, 2014



COASTWALK
California

Catalina Island: Beautiful secluded beaches, pine forests, bison, unique plants and hilly terrain. Join experienced Sierra Club leaders as we hike approximately 60 miles on the Trans-Catalina Trail (6-12 miles/day). This adventure includes, among other things, roundtrip ferry transportation, a private tour of the USC affiliated Wrigley Marine Science Center and its hyperbaric chamber, kayaking, nightly campfires and programs (including one by the Catalina Island Conservancy), and gear hauled from camp-to-camp. We will provide appetizers each afternoon. A celebratory dinner will be hosted by Coastwalk. You will have a free day to explore, on your own, the quaint town of Avalon, with its museums, botanical garden, nature center, shops and restaurants. You will work hard, you will learn a lot, and we hope you will enjoy this unique outback island adventure.



Coastwalk is a statewide non-profit organization responsible for the planning, development, and maintenance of the California Coastal Trail. Funds raised, above the direct trip expenses, will be utilized by Coastwalk to help it fulfill its mission. Space is limited. Cost: \$595/adult. For information, please contact volunteer leader Sondra Morison at skbrian@earthlink.net and/or Coastwalk's website at <http://coastwalk.org/overnight-hikes/trans-catalina-trek>.



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These kids ROCK!



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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> SB 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
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

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

MAY 1 (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

****MAY 3 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC D VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE HIKE**
This is the fifth segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This fifth segment starts at Vincent Gap and travels west 12.5 miles to Islip Saddle. This is a shuttle hike with 3000' cumulative elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: From Inspiration Point, go west 3.2 miles on Highway 2 to ample parking at Vincent Gap. We meet there at 7:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, at least 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. INFO: APPRENTICE LEADER, DAVID MELTON, (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com to register or contact LEADER, ED CALIENDA at dogs111@msn.com or 442-242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM WARNER SPRINGS SECTION PCT HIKE
Join me on a 8.5 mile Moderately difficult hike on the PCT. We will meet at the Warner Springs Community Center located at 30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA. 92086, across from the fire station. This is where the hike will finish. We will need to leave some of the cars here and ride share to the trailhead which is 10 miles away. The hike is one way so we need cars at both ends of the trail. There will a celebration of the 50 anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act going on in Warner Springs. So come for the hike and check out the celebration as a bonus. I am listing this hike as moderate only because of it's length. There is only about 450' of elevation gain over the 8.5 miles. The trail begins by circling several hills into a beautiful oak filled canyon with the sound of a running stream in the background. It then gently climbs to a large grassy meadow where you can

see for miles. We will eat lunch at Eagle Rock which is worth the hike to see in itself. We then travel across the remainder of this large expanse of grassland into another canyon with running water and oaks. The hike will finish at the fire station in Warner Springs. We can then retrieve our cars and enjoy the celebration. DIRECTIONS: Warner Springs is located on 79 South about 35 miles from Temecula. DRESS in layers, BRING 2 quarts of water, snacks or lunch wear comfortable hiking shoes and please do not forget sunscreen. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> or (951)302-1059. You can check out all the activities of the Santa Margarita Group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup or our website at http://sierraclubsmg.org. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 3-4 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM S B MTS, KELLER SKI HUT GATHERING
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, games, and conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. For information call OVERSEER, MARGARET SPIESS, 909-867-9152. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 5 – MAY 11

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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MAY 5 (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

****MAY 6 (TUE) 8:00 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Timber Mt. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at 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

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

MAY 7 (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 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 7 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbear-group.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 8 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****MAY 9 (FRI) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK LOOKOUT HIKE**
This moderate to strenuous 12-mile round trip hike using a portion of the Santa Anna River Trail has a 2800 ft. elevation gain and hike rewards us with great views of the Santa Ana 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 at the 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. PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 9 (FRI) 9:00 AM MORMAN/SANFORD TRAIL HIKE
Join us on what promises to be a lovely spring day as we follow the historic Mormon/Sanford Trail through the beautiful Baldy Mesa area to an overlook offering a spectacular view of the West Cajon Valley. The Forest Service has plans to develop a new OHV route in this area, crossing the historic trail several times. We will hear a brief history of the trail from Harold Gabriel, a Phelan resident who has fought to protect the historic trail. 3-4 miles round trip, less than 500' gain. MEET 9:00 a.m. at Desert Community Bank, 4895 Phelan Rd, Phelan, CA 92371. BRING/WEAR layered clothing, hiking boots, sunscreen, lunch/snacks, plenty of water, and don't forget your camera! LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 10 (SAT) 7:30 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK HIKE
Join us on a great hike near Idyllwild. We ascend Tahquitz Peak via the South Ridge trail, 6 miles r/t, 2400' gain, moderate pace. Last summer's disastrous Mountain Fire did not reach the peak, nor did it burn over the South Ridge trail. BRING lunch and snacks, 2-3 liters water, appropriate footwear, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. MEET at the Fairplex Park and Ride. Directions: Hwy 10 east of Hwy 57. Exit Fairplex and go north, right if coming from the east. Just on the north side of the freeway turn right down a winding road to the Park and Ride. We'll carpool from there. LEADER: BILL JOYCE (909) 596-6280 rollingtherock@verizon.net. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a moderate hike of about 4 miles round trip with approximately 957 foot elevation gain in the Juniper Flats Area. The path is rugged and there is a scramble to reach the summit of Round Mountain. You are rewarded with the opportunity to experience the unique ecosystem and lovely views from the top. WEAR sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, hat and sunscreen, and BRING your lunch and plenty of water. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:00 a.m. INFO: LEADER JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220-0730, or ASSISTANT LEADER CAROL STUBBLEFIELD at yorkshirerose1@juno.com or (760) 964-0039. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 12 – MAY 18

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MAY 12 (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 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

MAY 14 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft) with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR 909-983-8501 or <john@stclairs.us>. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAY 14 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT, ONYX SUMMIT - ARRASTRE (DEER) CAMP HIKE**

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A 9-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail with 1000-foot elevation gain through mostly shaded woodland. We may encounter Mexico to Canada thru-hikers along the way. **RATING:** Moderate, **BRING:** Sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks or lunch and clothing appropriate for the weather. **MEET:** We will meet at Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 and carpool to the trailhead, where Adventure Passes are required. For those coming from the Redlands or desert areas, you can meet us at Onyx Summit at 9:20 AM. **INFO:** LEADER, DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

MAY 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. **PLACE:** Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. **INFO:** CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> **MOJAVE GROUP**

MAY 14 (WED) 7:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE
Approximate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced full moon hike. Sunset is at 7:42. **BRING:** water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. **MEET:** at the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. **INFO & LEADER:** THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

MAY 15 (THU) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
Once again it's time to peel the Potato, especially before it gets too hot. This moderate 5 R/T miler has a 1,200' elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and as we come to the saddle, looking to the right, the bee hives should be back to their annual resting place. **BRING:** water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking poles. **MEET:** at the Stater Bros parking lot, 16th Street and Mountain Ave in Upland to carpool. **PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM BY 14 MAY 5:00 PM.** **LEADER:** JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjw@hotmail.com. **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

MAY 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. **INFO:** For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. **PLACE:** Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. **INFO:** ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org **BIG BEAR GROUP**

MAY 16-17 (FRI-SAT) COOPER CANYON, ANGELES NAT. FOREST BACKPACK
Join us on this easy local backpack to get in shape for the big Frog Lake backpack in August. We'll hike on the scenic PCT (approx. 2 miles, 800' loss) to Cooper Canyon Campground, a lovely, shaded, hike-in-only camp (fire rings, picnic tables and pit toilet), with a creek running through it. We'll get some exercise, test out our gear, and enjoy the special beauty and closeness to nature that goes hand in hand with a backpack. Friday night potluck "trashbag" salad and campfire. Saturday hike out. Well behaved dogs in good condition are welcome. Two-day trip can be extended to 3 days depending on interest. **RESERVATIONS % INFO:** LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. **COLEADER:** BOB MOURINO. **MOJAVE GROUP**

****MAY 17 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC D ISLIP SADDLE - CLOUDBURST SUMMIT HIKE**
This hike combines the 6th and 7th segments, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. The first 3.8 miles are mostly level from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost Picnic Area. From Eagles Roost the trail dips 1.5 miles into Rattlesnake Canyon, where it crosses Little Rock Creek. The trail follows this creek 2.3 miles to Burkhardt Trail 10W02 (5640'), and then begins its 3.2 mile climb through Cooper Canyon to Cloudburst Summit (7,018'). This completes the 10.8 mile day's journey. **RATED:** Moderate, **BRING:** the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. **MEET:** From Vincent Gap go West 10.6 miles on Highway 2 to Islip Saddle. **RESERVATIONS:** APPRENTICE LEADER L. J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net or LEADER ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

MAY 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, COYOTE ROCK HIKE
Join us to hike the upper portion of the Coyote Rock, a 160 acre parcel of forest land acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2013. The hike will culminate on an optional climb of the rock which offers a 360 degree view of the surrounding country. Hike on roads and new trail with short section of off trail travel. Distance: 4 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 200 feet. **BRING:** 2 qt. water, snacks, lunch. **WEAR:** Hat, boots, sunscreen, layered clothing. **MEET:** Call LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

MAY 18 (SUN) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK
MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin's (24089 Lake Gregory Drive, Crestline 92325). See new spring arrivals and year 'round residents as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. **LEADER,** BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

MAY 18 (SUN) 8:00 AM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 5-mile 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. Rain cancels. **INFO & LEADER:** EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

MAY 19 – MAY 25

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MAY 20 (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**

****MAY 21 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT, VANDUSEN CYN RD TO POLIQUE CYN RD HIKE**
A 7-mile hike with about a 600-foot elevation gain on the Pacific Crest Trail through mostly shaded forest. We may encounter Mexico to Canada thru-hikers along the way. **RATING:** Moderate, **BRING:** Sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks/lunch and clothing appropriate for the weather. **MEET:** Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315, carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes will be required for parking at the trailhead. **INFO:** LEADER, DICK BANKS 909-866-9232. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

MAY 21 (WED) 6:00 PM TWO TREES TO BOX SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. **BRING:** water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. Hiking poles are handy. **MEET:** from 215fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east about 2 miles to left on Belvedere, then 2nd right onto 2 Trees Rd. Sign and parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. **INFO & LEADER:** CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

****MAY 23 (FRI) 8:30 AM PCT, ROUTE 18 TO THE EYE OF GOD HIKE**
Get ready for summer on this relatively flat 6 mile round trip hike along a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley and the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. Our destination will be the Eye of God, a quartz dome named by the Serrano Indians. **MEET:** Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. **BRING** water, snack and hiking boots. Call leader to confirm. **LEADER,** ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407 or email ednjeanne@charter.net. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****MAY 24 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D CLOUDBURST TO LITTLE ROCK CRKHIKE**
This hike combines the 8th and 9th segments, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. The first 4.7 is a scenic hike along Highway 2 which descends 4.7 lines from Cloudburst

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festival at the Warner Springs Community Resource Center from 11 to 4 pm. Our chair, Pam Nelson has been working

advocate and chair of the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Wilderness Committee, Vicky Hoover travelled from San Francisco to participate in this event. She shared loads of interesting stories about her life as an activist and history of the Sierra Club, and provided great introductions to important attendees. Special props to Margaret Meynke for bringing all the tabling gear and setting up the entire site by herself.



Outdoor Families event in the Murrieta Creek.

hard to put together this event which will feature noshables, prizes, music and a chance to chat with foot-sore thru-hikers. Bob is also organizing an 8.5 mile hike on a section of the PCT for that event. This part of the trail winds through several beautiful oak-filled canyons with streams.

Our partner meet-up group "Outdoor Families" (<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Families/>) will also hike to the festivities on a shorter route along the PCT. Check out the website.

Gary Masalone is planning for June a seven-mile hike to Suicide Rock in Idyllwild. This is a favorite for summer because much of it is shaded by pines and oaks and the view from the rock is breathtaking.



The Marshall South Ruins in Blair Valley.

That is the look-ahead. Now a quick look back at some of the main events from March:

A few of our members tabled the Back Country Horsemen Annual Rendezvous in Norco - and had a blast doing it. There were lots of opportunities to network with both individuals and organizations such as the PCTA, State Parks, BLM, officers of the BCH and more. The wilderness

We had a wonderful presentations from Rees Hughes, the Editor of the *Pacific Crest Trailside Reader: Oregon and Washington*, and Carl Love, a local author and contemporary historian at our monthly program.

Also in March our intrepid hiking leader Bob Audibert led a desert hike to Blair Valley, where they explored the austere and perplexing Marshall South ruins. He was a refugee from civilization who in the 1930s chose to raise his family of three children in an adobe hut at the top of a mountain peak with no water or fuel. The group was left with an appreciation for the harsh beauty of the desert and the toughness of those who live there. The group also found some well preserved pictographs.

Finally, Outdoor Families introduced a number of young families to one section of the proposed Murrieta Creek Trail. The little ones had a great time getting soaked and muddy looking for tadpoles. **Our Santa Margarita Group General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month except 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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Summit (7018') to Three Points (5885'). From Three Points, the PCT descends gradually 3.3 miles to Sulfur Springs (5200'). It is another 0.8 miles to Little Rock Creek Road (5N04). This completes the 8.8 mile journey. RATED: Moderate, BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 2.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Drive west 4.6 miles from Eagles Roost on Highway 2 to Cloudburst Summit. RESERVATIONS: APPRENTICE LEADER, L.J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljaye@verizon.net or Leader, ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

MAY 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK HIKE
Please join me for a 6 mile easy hike in Deep Creek. Bring a camera, sun block, water and snacks. There is no shade so hats and appropriate clothing is a necessity. MEET: Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 8am. INFO: LEADER NORM BOSSOM email: coachnorm@yahoo.com or (760) 912-3725. **MOJAVE GROUP**

****MAY 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK, HERE AND NOW HIKE**
While on this moderate hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. We will hike the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Distance: 5 miles RT. Elevation loss and gain: 600 feet. WEAR: hat and boots. BRING: layered clothing, water, snacks and lunch. MEET: Call: LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 <billengs@yahoo.com> Adventure Pass required. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

MAY 24-26 (SAT-MON) BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS
Several hundred people will be meeting for a variety of tours, activities, and speakers in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. This is a great first trip to the Black Rock! We'll probably have a Dutch oven cook-off, kid's activities, tours to various areas, and expert speakers on the history, geology, and activities of the area. Leader is very familiar with the area. Exact location not yet decided but we normally camp on the edge of the playa about 3 miles off the pavement, easy access, RV's & trailers OK but no hook-ups, dumps etc. except in Gerlach. Dogs on leash OK. Bring your HAM Radio, there will be lots of HAM activity. Contact David KD7YIM for area repeater info. For more info, visit blackrockdesert.org. RESERVATIONS: LEADER DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. **GREAT BASIN GROUP**

MAY 26 – JUN 1
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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MAY 27 (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**

MAY 28 (WED) 6:00 PM HIKE TO THE “M” HIKE
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the “M” on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 6:00. 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. 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 & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

****MAY 31 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, FLOWER WALK WALK**
Join us to see plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: water and snack. MEET: Call: Barbara Levering, Interpreter and Guide, 909-338-1253, for meeting place. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 Adventure Pass required. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

MAY 30 (FRI) 7:00 AM SB MTNS, UNNAMED PEAK HIKE
Let's hike to an unnamed 9,500' peak within the San Bernardino National Forest! This 13 mile hike, with 3,000 foot elevation gain, will pass through several distinct plant communities. We will also hike along a stream and pass a beautiful meadow (once used by local ranchers), as we ascend to our destination peak. You will be rewarded with outstanding views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness, San Jacinto, Joshua Tree, Sugarloaf and the Big Bear Valley. MEET: Please contact Sondra Morison or Vicki Hobbs for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 3-4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. INFO/RESERVATIONS/LEADERS: VICKI HOBBS, victoria8495@hotmail.com, or SONDRA MORISON, skbrian@earthlink.net. **CHAPTER**

****MAY 31 (SAT) 10:00 AM BIG BEAR GROUP ANNUAL “PATCH PARTY” HIKE**
10 AM to 5 PM. This is a day of celebration and fellowship for the hikers who participated in our 2013 scheduled hikes. The celebration will take place at Aspen Glen Picnic area in Big Bear Lake, starting with scheduled morning hikes to Grand View and Castle Rock. Also, a short nature trail hike will be provided for those non-hikers. A barbeque will follow along with a volleyball game with personal achievement Awards presented to those individuals who accomplished (1) The Five Peaks of Big Bear, and or (2) Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail. RESERVATIONS: OUTING CHAIR, ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JUN 2 – JUN 8
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JUN 3 (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**

JUN 4 (WED) 6:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. We start promptly at 6:00 PM. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy 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 THERESA CARSON 951-660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

JUN 4 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407. www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****JUN 5 (THU) 8:00 AM SEVEN OAKS TR (2N06) - GRAND VIEW POINT HIKE**
A 7.5 mile hike with about 1,300' elevation gain in mostly open terrain. RATING: Difficult, BRING: Sturdy boots, plenty of water, lunch, and weather appropriate clothing. Big Bear area hikers will MEET at Vons, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 and carpool to the trailhead. Those hikers from the Redlands area may want to MEET us on Glass Road adjacent to Hwy 38 at about 8:45 a.m. Adventure passes are required for drivers parking at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: LEADER, DICK BANKS at (909) 866-9232. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****JUN 6 (FRI) 8:30 AM WILDHORSE SPRINGS TO SUGARLOAF MTN HIKE**
Strenuous, 8 miles, 2,000 ft. elevation gain. A different route than the usual one. The first mile will take us through magnificent stands of shaggy bark junipers leading to great views of San Gorgonio and the Santa Ana River drainage. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. BRING water, snacks, layered clothing, and hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. CONFIRM with LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584- 9407 or email him at edjjeanne@charter.net. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****JUN 7 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC D LITTLE ROCK CREEK TO MILL CREEK HIKE**
This 11.5 mile hike is segment 10, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike from Little Rock Creek (5320') parallels road 3n17 as it winds west 5.9 miles along several ridges to a shady gap (6645') near Pacifico Mountain. You descend gradually through the same kind of terrain for 5.6 miles, finally arriving at Mill Creek Summit (4910). RATED: Moderate. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 2.5 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station parking lot, CALL: LEADER, ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JUN 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARRASTRE CANYON HIKE
Please join me for a 3 mile hike in Arrastre Canyon in Apple Valley. This hike is rated easy. The view is breathtaking. Bring a camera, sun block, water and snacks and good hiking shoes. There is little to no shade so hats and appropriate clothing is a necessity. MEET: Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 8am. INFO & LEADER: NORM BLOSSOM email: coachnorm@yahoo.com or (760) 912-3725. **MOJAVE GROUP**

JUN 9 – JUN 15
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

JUN 9 (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 10 (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 11 (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**

JUN 11 (WED) 7:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE
Approximate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced full moon hike. Sunset is at 7:42. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. MEET: at the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

JUN 12 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

JUN 13-14 (FRI-SAT) CABIN FLATS/SHEEP MT. WILDERNESS BACKPACK
In celebration of this year's 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, join us for another easy local backpack to get in shape for the big Frog Lake backpack in August. This time we're going to Cabin Flat, a remote, abandoned campground in the Sheep Mt. Wilderness of the Angeles Natl Forest. We'll hike approx. 2-1/2 miles, 1,200' loss, to this strange, wild place. If we're lucky, we'll find an intact picnic table and a functional pit toilet. A lovely stream running nearby means we'll carry minimal water. Friday night potluck “trashbag” salad. Saturday hike out. Well behaved dogs in good condition are welcome. Two-day trip can be extended to 3 days depending on interest. INFO & LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. CO-LEADER: BOB MOURINO. **MOJAVE GROUP**

JUN 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUICIDE ROCK HIKE
Enjoy a day in the mountains! Join us on a 7 mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1900 ft. of elevation gain. I like this trail in the summer because much of it is shaded by pines and oak and the view from the rock is breathtaking. DIRECTIONS: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from The County Park Nature Center. BRING: plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) that preregister. RAIN CANCELS. RESERVATIONS: LEADER GARY MARSALONE at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

****JUN 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a moderate to difficult 6-to-7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. BRING at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. MEET: Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 8:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER JIM, (760)694-5370, ironmany2k@hotmail.com. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****JUN 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**
A moderate, enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft., 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, and sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. Please CALL ahead for additional information or if you want to carpool from Running Springs. LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. Adventure Pass required. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

****JUN 15 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, PILOT ROCK HIKE**
A moderate hike of 6 miles round trip along a ridge between Lake Arrowhead and Lake Silverwood on Forest Road 2N33 to a large prominent rock at 5,260 ft. Mormons used this rock as a guide to cross over the San Bernardino Mountains from the Mojave Desert. We should get views of Mount Baldy, Lake Silverwood and the high desert. BRING: a snack, hat, water. MEET: Take Hwy 173 to the parking lot across the road from the Rock Camp Ranger Station. Call if you need further directions. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836. Adventure Pass required. **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**

JUN 16 – JUN 22
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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****JUN 17 (TUE) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. RATING: This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: 8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Crest trailhead approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking poles. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. RESERVATIONS: APPRENTICE LEADER, JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932 or djatk57@gmail.com or contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JUN 17 (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**

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JUN 18 (WED) 6:00 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 6:00 PM. 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. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

****JUN 19 (THU) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK VIA MORTON RIDGE TRAIL HIKE**
This is a 6.0 mile hike with a 1,200' elevation gain in open terrain. There should be some great views from the observation tower at the peak. RATING: Moderate to difficult. BRING: Sturdy boots, plenty of water, lunch and weather appropriate clothing. Big Bear area hikers will MEET at Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 at 8:00 AM. Those from the Redlands area should MEET us at the Ranger Station on Hwy 38 at about 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes are required for drivers parking at the trailhead. INFO & LEADER, DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 19 (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. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 19-22 (THU-SUN) ESCALANTE, UTAH BACKPACK
Meet at the BLM Visitor Center noon Thurs west end of Escalante to get permit. This is a 3 night/4 day moderate backpack into one of the unique places of the desert southwest. Cottonwoods and some pines line the river. BRING: Wading shoes will be needed as we will be constantly in and out of the river. The first day we will hike in about 6 miles. The next day we will explore a scenic side canyon with nice narrows and swimming holes. On the third we will move a couple of miles and do some more side hiking. Last day hike out. Route requires a car shuttle. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS: LEADER DAVID HARDY hardyhikers@embarqmail.com 702 875-4826, email preferred.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

****JUN 20 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**
This hike will lead us through magnificent stands of pines, cedar and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000 ft. with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. Plan on lunch at the Malt Shop in Green Valley Lake. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 am. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. CONFIRM & INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE at 909 584 9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHARLIE'S TRAIL - WRIGHTWOOD HIKE
Please join me for a 4 mile RT hike on Charlie's Trail in Wrightwood. This hike is rated easy and is in a beautiful shaded area of the forest. MEET: Victorville Museum in Apple Valley at 8 am. BRING: camera, water, sun block, lunch, snacks and good hiking shoes. INFO & LEADER: NORM BLOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com or (760) 912-3725
.MOJAVE GROUP

****JUN 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, MT. SORENSON, HERE AND NOW HIKE**
On this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. Wildflowers will be in bloom and we will see how the area has recovered from the 2003 fire as we hike to Mt. Sorenson. Distance: about one mile RT. Elevation gain: 300 feet. WEAR: hat and boots, BRING water and snacks. MEET: Arboretum, east of Sky Forest, on highway 18. INFO & LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 <billengs@yahoo.com>, Adventure Pass Required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****JUN 21-22 (SAT & SUN) 7:00 AM BEGINNER BACKPACK TRAINING BACKPACK**
This is an opportunity to learn the key essentials to backpacking and over-night camping in the wilderness. Learn how to properly load a backpack, lifting techniques, proper use of trekking poles, selection of safe camp and tent locations, setting up your tent, food preparation, lighting of the cook stove, water purification, food storage, thunder storm and lighting defenses, leaving-no-trace, and extensive map-and-compass training. If you have not camped out in the wilderness or just have not been backpacking in some time, this is the course for you. RESERVATIONS: LEADERS ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103 or JIM SEIFERT, (760)694-5370, ironmany2k@hotmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 22 (SUN) 8:00 AM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 5-mile 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. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 23 – JUN 29

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JUN 24 (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

JUN 25 (WED) 6:00 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 6:00 PM. 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. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 25 (WED) 9:00 AM WALNUT CREEK HIKE
That's right, it's called Walnut Creek even though there are more oaks, sycamores, willows and assorted non-native ornamental trees present. It's also known as The MDA or Michael D. Antonovich Trail. The numbers are (modified) 3 miles R/T with a mere 400' elevation gain making this an easy jaunt through the canyon woods with multiple stream crossings, so hiking poles are strongly advised. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking poles. MEET: Stater Bros parking lot, 16th Street and Mountain Ave in Upland to carpool. PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM BY 24 JUNE, 5:00 PM. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 27 (FRI) 7:00 AM MT. BALDY HIKE
Let's hike to Mt. Baldy in the San Gabriel Mountains! This is a 13 mile hike, with 3,900' of elevation gain. This "no-nonsense trail ascends very steeply along the side of San Antonio Canyon", as stated by John McKinney, LA Times Hiking Columnist. (Please note that the Ski Hut Trail rises nearly 4,000 feet in less than 5 miles.) After a couple of miles we will reach the Sierra Club Ski Hut, built in 1935. Leaving the ski hut we cross a small creek (last source of water), and continue up and over boulders, along steep switchbacks to a ridge top. The views keep getting better and better. From here we will continue up the "extremely rugged trail" that is "rough and tentative" to the summit (McKinney). After much effort, the views from Mt. Baldy (more accurately named San Antonio Mountain) will be your reward. We will descend along the aptly named Devil's Backbone Trail. We will first descend along short steep switchbacks, and then continue along the side of Baldy Bowl. Later we reach the "tempestuous saddle" where you will want to "hold onto your hat!" (McKinney). After about 3 miles of descent from the peak, we will come to the Mt. Baldy Ski Resort. Here we follow a dirt road through the resort for about 1 – 1 1/2 miles to Baldy Notch. From Baldy Notch we will continue approximately 3 miles down a dirt service road. There are some

spectacular views along this road, namely views back to where we were hiking earlier in the day. It is really beautiful and amazing to see where we were only hours earlier. This service road meets up with where we began our journey. MEET: Please contact Sondra Morison for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: SONDRA MORISON at skbrian@earthlink.net.
CHAPTER

****JUN 28 (SAT) 6:30 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.5 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, cedar, spruce, fir, and pine. 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 John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****JUN 28 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D MILL CR - MESSENGER FLATS CG HIKE**
This 11.8 mile hike is segment 11, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. From Mill Creek Summit (4910'), the PCT parallels Mt. Gleason Road 3N17 as it winds west 11.8 miles along several ridges, finally ending at the Messenger Flats campgrounds (5870'). RATED: Moderate. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station parking lot. PRESERVATIONS: LEADER, L.J. FOSTER, (951) 845-9440, eljayeff@verizon.net, or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 30 – JUL 6

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JUL 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

JUL 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org.
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 3 (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

COMING UP

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AUG 21-24 (THU-SUN) FROG LAKE HOOVER WILDERNESS BACKPACK
In celebration of this year's 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, join us for one of the easiest backpacks in the Hoover Wilderness in the High Sierra. Beautiful Frog Lake sits at an elevation of 10,300' surrounded by other pristine lakes. We'll meet early Thursday afternoon at the Virginia Lakes trailhead, south of Bridgeport (approximately 300 miles one-way from Victorville). From there we'll pack approximately 1-1/2 miles and 600 ft. gain to our destination. There will be day hikes, fishing, lots of relaxation, a potluck "trash bag salad," and other fun activities. Although the hike is easy, you must be well conditioned. Beginner backpackers in good shape are welcome as long as you have all the necessary gear. Well behaved dogs in good condition are also welcome. INFO & LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. CO-LEADER: BOB MOURINO.
MOJAVE GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**Chapter's June 3rd Meeting
Will be Picture Perfect!**

Please join us in June for a special presentation by Steve Kaye on Nature Photography. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 3, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane in Redlands.

Steve will show how to use space, light, and time to capture Nature's extraordinary beauty. This is a program for everyone. Steve will cover both basic photographic concepts plus advanced techniques. And he'll show over a hundred photos to illustrate how to do take beautiful, memorable photos. This is a fast paced, condensed version of his half-day seminar. So be prepared to think fast.

Steve Kaye has been taking photos since 1965. He uses his photos in articles and in

talks, such as "Local Birds," the presentation he gave to our chapter last year. His goal is to inspire respect for nature so that people take better care of our wonderful outdoors.

Steve has published an interesting illustrated report on his wildlife photography work in 2013: "Why 2013 Was an Amazing Year." See it at <<http://www.squidoo.com/report-2013>>. Find more of Steve's photos at <www.stevkayphoto.com>.

