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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, November 5th • 7:30 PM
"Healing Mental Health During Outings – A Native American Perspective"

Presented by
Indian Health Inc.
(see write up on Page 6)

Tuesday, December 3rd • 7:30 PM
"Historic Ukraine and the Chernobyl Disaster"

Presented by
Ladd and Gail Seekins
(see write up on Page 12)

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

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Our Climate Emergency

By Bobbi Jo Chavarria and Mary Ann Ruiz

Youth leaders around the world organized the Global Climate Strike, with an estimated 7.6 million people participating worldwide. Here in San Gorgonio Chapter, Sierra Club members joined in solidarity with local youth leaders at strikes and climate events in Redlands, San Bernardino, Temecula, and Fontana.

Sadly, here in the Inland Empire, we have yet to see our elected officials take the Climate Emergency seriously. Suburban sprawl projects are in the works in areas already at risk for water shortages, traffic congestion, and long commutes. A project for 45,000 homes in Eastvale has begun; in Ontario over 11,000 single-family homes and 8,790 multi-family units have been approved as part of a 4,000 acre project which includes 14+ million square feet of industrial development.

Local leaders must be held accountable to require sustainable building practices, such as no natural gas; solar panels on every roof and parking lot, and electric local transit options. Industrial development must come with local jobs for these new households to prevent long commutes. Sustainable water solutions, such as stormwater capture and native plant landscaping, must be included.

These two cities in the most densely populated areas have the opportunity to make this infill housing sustainable, with good local jobs to prevent long commutes. Leapfrog developments into our foothills, mountains and deserts present another problem, with no nearby jobs, destruction of habitat, and additional greenhouse gas emissions. These must be stopped. There is hope! Melanie Fyda,



Photos of Redlands Event

a student at the University of Redlands writes of a partnership with Esri to gift a tree for planting to every elementary school student in the district. As she wrote, "Localized conservation efforts are a great way to tackle environmental issues on a local scale and allow people to create positive change."

It is imperative, however, to move beyond the charitable acts and special programs of conservation and make the demand that our local governments center the Climate Crisis instead of pushing business as usual. In response to Sierra Club California's resolution declaring a Climate Emergency, the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee has established the Climate Emergency Ad-Hoc Committee to focus on the

steps necessary to motivate our communities to shift priorities.

The downloadable booklet by Jane Morton, published in Australia by Darebin Climate Action Now, Making the Case for Emergency Climate Action, states:

Messages calling for action by government have been found to receive more support than those calling for individual action. In one study, people who were less certain that climate change is a serious threat were found to be unresponsive to messages calling for individual action but more supportive of an active climate policy by government.

However, counting on elected officials to challenge the vested interests of their campaign donors and business leaders by taking the Climate Emergency seriously is not a strategy that has been working.

"We need leaders to step up, but they must hear a clear, strong emergency message coming from all sides before they will be willing to lead the public on emergency action," writes Jane Morton.

The goal of the San Gorgonio Chapter Climate Emergency Ad-Hoc Committee is to partner with groups,

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Heads Up!

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

Los Serranos Group:
Chair – Brian Elliot brianelli@aol.com
Meets 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park,
11200 Baseline Rd. Rancho Cucamonga,
7 p.m.

Mojave Group:
Chair – Susan Stueber 760-900-5330
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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.
Sterling Inn, Regency Room,
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Our Climate Emergency . . . Continued from Page 1

organizations and community leaders in a Climate Emergency Coalition to initiate a process throughout the Inland Empire to declare a climate emergency. In cities across the United States, including Los Angeles, Davis, Richmond, Oakland, Ojai, Petaluma, and others, councils have taken the first step to declare a climate emergency. Typical resolutions include setting up a process to develop an action plan and report back to the council within three to six months. Some areas have already begun implementing policies and allocating resources with both the urgency and scope that the emergency demands. For instance, Andy Shrader, Director of Environmental Affairs, Water Policy & Sustainability for LA Councilmember Paul Koretz, shared

a presentation at the Sierra Club Conservation Committee Meeting in September, featuring programs such as City Blitz, Eco Districts, The Cool Block, Cool City Challenge, and the Jobs Cabinet which is part of L.A.'s Green New Deal 2019 Sustainability Plan.

Save the Date: Join us for a special conference call/presentation by Andy Shrader to the San Gorgonio Chapter on Tuesday, November 5th at 6 PM before the monthly chapter meeting.

This past summer, we saw a record-number days of unhealthy ozone levels and with our neighbors throughout the Inland Empire experiencing fire evacuations, our local governments must be proactive in developing resilience efforts and sustainable, compact communities

with public transit investment and a restoration of natural vegetation and plants.

Any development that increases carbon emissions, pollutants, or builds new infrastructure based upon fossil fuel dependency must be revisited and should only proceed with mitigation, sustainability, and drawing down on greenhouse gas emissions. We have to act, plan and build as if a disaster has occurred. A Climate Emergency Declaration can help move people to readily support rationing or regulation of essential services and make them more *willing to direct all available resources to the shared task of overcoming the crisis*. Folks cannot do that if they do not know there is a crisis at hand.

In the Friday for Futures campaign, millions of students and youth are demanding that we act with continued strike actions every week. Those of us committed to Sierra Club's mission of exploring, enjoying and protecting the planet must act every day. The actions we can take include making the call for government action that people will respond to.

If you haven't already, please join this campaign by visiting <https://addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/inlandempireclimateemergency>.

Once you've signed up, share on Twitter, Facebook, and by email with your friends, family and neighbors to change the local conversation. The future is counting on us.

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

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

(1ST TUE) * 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.
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(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate. We need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
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(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, ssstueber16@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

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

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
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OCT 28 – NOV 3

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

OCT 30 (WED) 7:30 AM GLENDORA TO CROSS ABOVE AZUSA HIKE
We will hike on a service road starting at Glendora Mountain Rd for 4 moderate miles to reach our destination at the cross & bench overlooking the entire valley! This was previously known as the Garcia Trail prior to the wildfire which closed the access from Azusa. Return the same way making this 8-mile round trip with 600' elevation gain. Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials MEET: Call leader for carpool from Upland or meet at Glendora trailhead. LEADER KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us for a 3-5 miles R/T moderate, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. MEET at the entrance to the Green Valley Lake camp ground (33680 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 1-3 (FRI-SUN) OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN CARCAMP
Let's go camping at Owl Canyon Campground. Come anytime, there is no cost. There will be guided day canyon hikes, and playgrounds for the kids. Explore a mud cave; watch the sunset on a ridge, or catch glimpses of the protected desert tortoise. Fun for the whole family including well behaved dogs. Amenities at this semi-developed campsite on BLM land includes: Shade structures, picnic tables, pit toilets, and non-potable water. Cell Service may be spotty. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790, or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com Space is limited. CALL to RSVP and for details.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASTRE FALLS HIKE
This moderate hike in the Juniper Flats area with its wonderful rock formations and panoramic views of the Desert has a 600' elevation gain, initially. The total distance is 5 miles. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: by 8 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

****NOV 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM HIKE DOWN THE TENAJA CANYON TRAIL HIKE**
Hike the Tenaja Canyon trail to Fisherman's Camp and then on to view the beautiful San Mateo Canyon. Join us on a 10.0 mile hike (5 miles out and 5 miles back) to San Mateo Canyon. The hike is **DIFICULT** with about 1600 ft of elevation gain over several hills and creek crossings. There is about a quarter mile of steep switch backs on the way back. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks. Be prepared for areas with Poison Oak and Chaparral. We will meet at the first trailhead (Tanaja Trail). Rain Cancels - BRING: Plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take the Clinton Kieth exit. Go west on Clinton Keith past the Santa Rosa Plateau Eco. Reserve; turn right onto Tenaja Road at the 3-way stop sign. Stay on Tenaja Rd. past the stop sign and follow down the long downhill and curve to the left. Shortly after the curve, turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trail head parking lot on the left about a mile in. RESERVATIONS: Gary Marsalone at (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOV 3 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.
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NOV 3 (SUN) 8:00 AM SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE
 Hike to the top of 9,952 ft. Sugar Loaf Mt. on this Peaks of Big Bear Hike. Round-trip distance is 10 miles with a climb of 2300 ft. on this lightly hiked trail located between Big Bear City and Onyx Summit. MEET: At the trailhead. From the intersection 18 and 38 in Big Bear City, head south 3.8 miles on 38; turn right on dirt Forest Service Road 2N93, which is across the road from Hatchery Drive. At 0.55 miles fork to right, and at 1.3 miles the signed trailhead will be on the right. RATED: **Strenuous** due to altitude, climb, and occasionally rocky trail. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 2+ liters water, snacks, lunch, and poles. Reservations: David Holtegaard d10olie@aol.com (909-881-1329), please leave your phone number. Assistant leader: Joe Amador (909-856-5760) jamador2000@yahoo.com
 BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 3 (SUN) 8:30 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
 This hike had to be cancelled in September because of work being done on the trail; it should be good to hike on by November. We will hike about 3 - 4 miles, have our break, and then return on the same trail. The trees will be turning colors and all around us will be views of trees, forest and mountains. RATED: **Moderate**, 7 - 8 miles, 800 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: Large South Fork pullout. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection and hiking boots. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
 BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 4 – NOV 10

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

NOV 4 (MON) 9:00 AM HIKE INTO LAKE PERRIS HIKE
Moderate 6-mile hike along hills into Lake Perris (short shuttle to trail head) with some ups and downs. Bring water, snack and sturdy shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles if you like. Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 pm Nov 3rd. MEET: Ridgecrest Park at 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr, Moreno Valley. LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
 MORENO VALLEY GROUP

NOV 4 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
 Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
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 The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
 BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 5 (TUE) 7:30 AM PCT FROM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 HIKE
 This is a **strenuous** 1-way 13-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail starting at Cleghorn Rd at Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and ending at the 15 freeway near McDonalds at Hwy 138. This requires a car shuttle, so advanced registration is required no later than 11-3-19. We will gain 2410' elevation and lose 2750' over 13 miles. Plan on a full day. Inclement weather cancels. Bring 10 essentials including lunch. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
 Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.
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****NOV 6 (WED) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**
 This will be a **strenuous** hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 11 miles round trip with 3,400 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. This hike counts towards the "Peaks of the Cucamonga Wilderness Patch" for hiking the 7 tallest peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 7 (THU) 3:30 PM SUNSET AT SUNSET PEAK HIKE
 Please note the afternoon start time as this will be an opportunity to enjoy the sunset vistas from the summit of Sunset Peak (near Mt. Baldy area). This is a **moderate** 7-mile round trip hike on a service road gaining 1300' elevation to the peak at 5796 ft. Amazing panoramic views will provide excellent photographic opportunities! Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials including a headlamp or flashlight for the return back down after dark. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland & optional dinner at Mt. Baldy Lodge upon completion of hike. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
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The efforts of the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club to protect our local environment are overseen by a small group of elected Executive Committee members – four of whom are listed on the Chapter Ballot shown to the right.

There are only four candidates, for four positions, which means that "everyone wins" as long as one voter casts a ballot with a check mark next to each candidate's name. Please don't assume that someone else is going to cast that ballot – that one voter might be you! And you don't have to cut up your *Palm and Pine*, you can go online to the Chapter's website and vote there. Also, if you are a member of the Los Serranos, Tahquitz, Mountains, Mojave, Big Bear, or Santa Margarita Groups you can vote in your Group's election there as well. The members of our Chapter and Group Executive Committees are underpaid (never paid) and under-appreciated. This is your chance to let them know that you recognize and value their efforts by checking the boxes next to their names and casting your ballot.

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

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Mail your ballot(s) to: Sierra Club P.O. Box 651, Blue Jay, Ca. 92317

Look for Los Serranos, Tahquitz, Mountains, Mojave, Big Bear and Santa Margarita Group ExCom election ballots elsewhere in this edition of the Palm and Pine.
 For Moreno Valley Group ExCom election ballots refer to the Group's Fall newsletter.

A Quick Reminder!

If you are a Sierra Club member, please . . .



However, if you are not a member of the Sierra Club, joining is an easy thing to do!

Just turn to page 12 of this newsletter, complete and mail in the Application Form with your payment, or go to our website to join at: <https://www.sierraclub.org>

Group Executive Committee Election Ballots and Ballot Instructions for 2019							
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Mark Your Calendars For November's Chapter Program: "Healing Mental Health During Outings – A Native American Perspective"

In honor of Native American Heritage month, the San Gorgonio Chapter is pleased to partner with Indian Health Inc. This presentation will focus on how to enjoy outings through healing and mental health practices. We will explore together some best practices brought to you by experts and leaders in the community from Indian Health Inc. We invite you to enjoy, explore and protect the planet together in partnership with our local native communities anytime we pursue an outing. Hope to see you for our program!



Meeting Details

When
Tuesday, November 5th
• 7:30 PM •

Presented By
Indian Health Inc.

Where
San Bernardino County
Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)



Yosemite! There is Magic in That Name

By: Margaret Meyncke
Member, Santa Margarita Group

The Sierra Club logo still has a picture of Half Dome and a sequoia tree to remind us of our origins. My husband, John and I decided a volunteer experience for one week at the Sierra Club in Yosemite National Park (YNP) would be a great way to spend our anniversary, so we selected a week in August. It didn't hurt that our daughter works inside the park and we could visit her as well.

We entered YNP on a Saturday from the eastern gate on Tioga Road after travelling up Historic Highway 395 past Lone Pine, Bishop, and Mammoth. What a view! The eastern Sierras are magnificent with Mt. Whitney at 14,505 feet. It is the tallest mountain in the contiguous United States! We stopped at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge to say hello to our daughter, then continued on past Tanaya Lake, Olmstead Point, and into the valley to search for our Sierra Club volunteer tent-camping site.

The valley is shockingly beautiful. Huge cliffs of granite, beautiful waterfalls, and meadow vistas kept us busy sight-seeing. We located our tent-camping location in Lower Pines which was spacious, clean, and beautiful beyond words. We even enjoyed a small visitor, a black bear, climbing a tree near our tent looking for apples.

After setting up our tent and introducing ourselves to the Yosemite Conservancy volunteers next to us, we proceeded to ride our bikes to the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (YCHC). It was a short ride – maybe only seven minutes!

Although free shuttle buses are available within the park, we loved the freedom to explore and enjoy using our mountain bikes.



The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Finally, we entered the building and met Dr. Bonnie J. Gisel, a historian serving as curator for the last 18 years, who gave us a tour and history of Sierra Club's "Home in the Valley." We learned that Ansel Adams was the first curator in 1919 when the building was moved to its current location. We were honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building's current location (1919 to 2019) and were invited to make a birthday card. The building has a wonderful library with historical exhibits, environmental books for all ages, and a children's corner as well.

It welcomes visitors from all over the world and provides a quiet place to research and read.

Our job, as Sierra Club volunteers, was to meet and greet those visitors and welcome them to Sierra Club's "Home in the Valley." We answered questions about the building, Yosemite Valley, John Muir, and Sierra Club. It was a delightful experience with lots of opportunity to read, discuss, and interact with the public.

On Friday, the last day of our one-week commitment, we set up for the evening program. These programs are offered free to the public throughout the summer on Fridays and Saturdays. We were thrilled to experience a night with children's author and illustrator, Steven Riley. Excellent good fun!

We loved this volunteer experience so much that we've already signed up for next year. If you are interested in more information, feel free to contact me (m.meyncke@gmail.com), or check out the Sierra Club link: <https://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-heritage-center/volunteer#>

Paradise Lost

By: Bill Halvert



Planning Commission Public Hearing where they recommended to DENY the project to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Photographer anonymous.

So was titled an epic poem many centuries ago. In this case, however, make that “Paradise Valley Lost”; or for those who remember Joni Mitchell, this time it appears that Paradise won’t be paved. On August 21, the Riverside County Planning Commission, at its sixth hearing on the proposed Paradise Valley Specific Plan, voted 4-1 to recommend denial of the project to the Board of Supervisors. Score one for conservation.

We look forward to reporting favorable results from the Board meeting, which is expected to occur in October or November. Even then it still won’t be over. Ultimately, we need to work with conservation agencies and organizations to bend every effort to acquiring this property so that it will be permanently protected as part of the Multiple Species Reserve System established by the CVMSHCP.

Glorious Land Company proposed “Paradise Valley” as a new town of about 8,500 homes and more than 1 million square feet of commercial development miles from nowhere sandwiched between Joshua Tree National Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness well east of the Coachella Valley. It’s not over until the Board of Supervisors votes on the project and officially rejects it, but it is a huge step forward that the Planning Commission recommended denial of the project, citing these major problems with it:

- Inconsistency with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP).
- Lack of adequate ingress and egress to the project site for use in emergencies.
- The project benefits would not outweigh the project impacts.
- Inadequate affordable housing.
- Lack of clarity and certainty as to the availability of electric power.

These are all points that the Sierra Club and other members of the Coalition to Save Shavers Valley (the geographic name of the area where the Paradise Valley project was proposed), including social justice organizations from the eastern Coachella Valley and an array of other environmental organizations, made at the previous hearings and in writing. The compelling testimony from so many was heard this time.

Thank you to the many Sierra Club members who wrote letters in response to past Palm and Pine articles and Action Alerts and/or attended one of the hearings. To help ensure that the Board of Supervisors denies the project, it would be very helpful for members to email the Riverside County Supervisors with a simple email message such as, “Please follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and DENY the proposed Paradise Valley Specific Plan on the southern boundary of Joshua Tree National Park. For all the reasons cited by the Planning Commission, this project should not be allowed to go forward.”

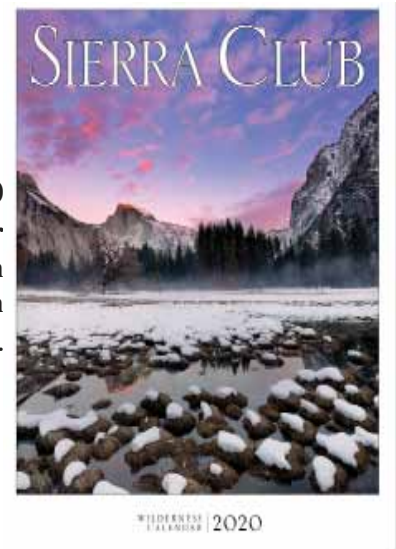
The email addresses for the Supervisors are as follows:
 district1@rivco.org (Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)
 district2@rivco.org (Supervisor Karen Spiegel)
 d3email@rivco.org (Supervisor Chuck Washington)
 district4@rivco.org (Supervisor Manuel Perez)
 district5@rivco.org (Supervisor Jeff Hewitt)



SIERRA CLUB 2020 CALENDARS



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Sierra Club 2020 Engagement Calendar
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Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

Winter is rapidly approaching early this year and we're having our last General Meeting on October 17th. Our speaker is Dr. Hugh Bialecki, DMD who will get us up to date on the Nestlè water "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water" removal from our San Bernardino National Forest and the action from our California State Water Resources Control Board. He will also give an update on the Church of the Woods proposed project that will impact mountain traffic circulation, biological impacts on the threatened and endangered species, bulldozing 300,000 cubic yards of earth by removing all vegetation.

Dr. Bialecki and four other local citizens have spearheaded the opposition to an expired Special Use Permit from the S.B.N.F. that enabled Nestlè to continually divert water from Strawberry Creek that is sold and bottled as "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water." He is the president of Save Our Forest Association (SOFA) – our mountaintop neighbors.

December will bring the tallying of the ExCom election and then our annual "Holiday Gathering" for the ExCom. It's a wonderful evening together with our "significant others" gathering in a local restaurant for a relaxed time. It's also a time I give Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers who have given "above and beyond" of their time and talents.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!



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NOV 8 (FRI) 9:00AM

CRAFTS PEAK

HIKE

Join us for an 8-mile R/T **difficult** 1000' elevation gain hike to the top of Crafts Peak. Crafts Peak is one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR hat, long pants, layered clothing, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. If canceled will reschedule on 11/14/19. MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM

RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY

HIKE

This hike starts with a short elevation gain and is rated as **moderate** because much of the trail is in fairly deep sand. The views across the Valley are spectacular. The hike is up to 6 miles in length. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: 8:00 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 11 – NOV 17

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

NOV 11 (MON) 9:00AM

ARROWHEAD RIDGE

HIKE

In honor of Veteran's Day, come join us on a **moderate** 2.5-mile family friendly/dog friendly hike. Learn more about the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust efforts in restoring this beautiful area. After the hike, attend the Veterans Day event at the Veterans Monument. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. MEET at the trail head on Grass Valley Road across the street from the Lake Arrowhead Country Club. Look for the boulder with a carved Arrowhead. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 11 (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

NOV 12 (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

NOV 13 (WED) 7:00 PM

MOJAVE GROUP

MEETING

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 14 (THU) 8:00 AM

SB MTNS: MOUNTAIN HOME TRAIL

HIKE

Explore this hike from the Loch Seven Conference center, off Hwy. 38, not far from Mill Creek Ranger Station. It's approximately 9 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The flora changes from chaparral to oak forest to pine forest along the way. The trail is shared with bike riders. Rain or snow cancels. RATED: **Moderate/Difficult**. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: At the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone 34701 Mill Creek Rd,

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Santa Margarita Group

By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.

• SMG Secretary •

A Frenetic Fall Follows the Summer — But we keep smiling!

The long, hot summer appears to be behind us—we make no assumptions, however—and the Santa Margarita Group (SMG) now hunkers down for Fall—more elegantly known as Autumn. We anticipate it will bring cooler temperatures to the IE—again, no assumptions—more conducive to walks and hikes in nature. The Fall is also the start of our general meetings programming, kicked off strikingly by our September 12th speaker, Ms. Lesley Gregory, on our local earthquake faults. (Oops. Pun alert!) Other speakers are scheduled as follows: October 10, Alden Hough on permaculture; November 14, Brook Sarson on rain water harvesting, and December 12, Karen Doyle on saving the wolves. (For more details on speakers and topics, readers will get monthly email blasts or may contact us using the information provided at the end of this piece.)

Members of the Santa Margarita Group enthusiastically took part in the nation-wide climate change day on September 20th. The local protest took place at the Temecula City Hall, where we were joined by other activist groups. One of our newer members, Shaul Rosen-Rager, has a particular interest in climate change, hoping to found a local chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.



How do we keep our butterflies and bees from extinction? Feed them! Our members had the opportunity to buy plants that would help them in that cause at our Native Plant Sale on October 5th. The site was the home of expert botanist Gordon Pratt in Anza, California. Dr. Pratt grows plants particularly suited to that purpose and makes them available annually. Our participation aided him in preparing and selling them, and we enjoyed lunch and music as a perc—in addition to receiving some of the profits, a win-win situation.

Our activities with the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve suffered a setback as the result of the recent Tenaja Fire which burned almost 2,000 acres in the foothills west of Murrieta early in September. It took out the bandstand at the Plateau but left the Visitor Center intact. Importantly, much of the wildlife habitat was saved, but the

Plateau is closed to visitors indefinitely. Consequently, the annual Family Wildlife Day scheduled for November 2nd, a usual tabling opportunity for our Group, is cancelled this year.

A long-standing interest of the SMG has been the promotion and coordination across cities of the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail (MCRT). In reality, this is a series of trails along the creek connecting Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore, primarily for walking, running and biking—as yet incomplete. (A full history of the region and this project can be found via a link on the City of Murrieta's website.) Gary Oddi, Chair of the SMG's Trails Committee, reports that Lake Elsinore has received grant money to extend the trails within its limits. The Wildomar connection will be via the Flood Control channel from Corydon Street to Sunrise. Still pending is the Washington St. connection from Temecula to Murrieta.

The SMG's Outreach Committee has several irons in the fire already this year. A visit is planned for October 19th to Sky Mountain Institute in Escondido to follow our permaculture speaker on the 10th. The first Sierra Sunday will be on November 10th in Lake Elsinore. We'll meet at the levee, behind Storm Stadium, at 11 am for a walk with an avian expert. The group will have lunch at Vincenzo's Olive Garden afterwards. (For more info and to sign up, see the contact information provided at the end.) Our Winter Party will be held on Sunday, December 14th at Meadowview Club House at 3:00. Details will be shared at our monthly meetings and via email blasts. And we are getting a jump on planning for our annual Earth Day Fair, to be held on Saturday April 4, 2020, from 11:00 to 4:00 at Vail Headquarters.

Our Hikes Committee, chaired by Bob Audibert, continues to solicit new members, particularly those who will train to become leaders. The Sierra Club provides opportunities for the training of outings leaders often. The Political Committee, chaired by Elena Garcia, continues to monitor the proposed LEAPS project, which we fear would compromise the ecology of Lake Elsinore. Briefly, it would use water from the lake to be put in storage in a reservoir in the Cleveland National Forest to generate electricity for distribution elsewhere at a later time. A more detailed description can be found online at the website: Inland Empire WATERKEEPER. Our Education Committee, headed by Teri Biancardi, is organizing a SMER Science Day for November 9th.

Join us!

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Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Chapter will stop producing and mailing paper copies of the *Palm and Pine* starting January 2020, but you can get an online version of the *Palm and Pine*, which includes our Moreno Valley Group news, by subscribing at the following link: <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/publications/newsletters> Please sign up so you can continue to follow us!

The Moreno Valley Group plans to have an information table at the November 16th RivCo Recycles Day at the Department of Waste Resources Moreno Valley at 14310 Frederick Street. Please send us an email at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you would like to join other members and volunteer at our table. We will be sharing information about recycling and reusable products to reduce our dependence on plastics.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

Gilman Springs Road (GSR): This roadway connects Moreno Valley to the San Jacinto/Hemet area and Riverside County is currently spending major money to upgrade GSR at this time, to make it safer for those who will use it when they shutdown portions of SR-60 through the Badlands to add a truck lane. Gilman Springs Road is mainly a two lane road and the County is trying to obtain funding to make even larger improvements. While traveling GSR you can enjoy driving through portions of the San Jacinto Wildlife

Area (SJWA), along Mystic Lake (the 10,000 acre Davis Unit), to the south and the disjointed open space land on the north (the 9,500 acre Potrero

Unit). Within these areas endangered/threatened species as well as others are protected under the Riverside County Multi-Species Plan and they use and survive on all of the important lands. However, they may need to cross Gilman Springs Road to have access to both habitat lands areas. As of this writing Riverside County had agreed to meet with the Sierra Club and other environmental groups in the coming months, to discuss their planned improvements to GSR to make sure they allow for safe animal crossings/connectivity,

Moreno Valley General Plan Update: In the coming months the City of Moreno Valley will begin the process of updating its current general plan and land use map. This update could have critical impacts on our city and even your neighborhood. If there is vacant land

three New York City Central Parks or 26 Disneylands. The Superior Court ruled in the environmental community's favor in June 2018 on several issues, but we lost on the very important Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions issue. On May 20, 2019, our Earthjustice attorneys, who are also representing the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice and Coalition for Clean Air, filed their

opening brief to appeal the Superior Courts decision solely as it relates to the faulty GHG analysis. The city and the project developer, Highland Fairview, has filed a cross-appeal of the Superior Court's decision and were recently granted an extension to an unspecified date.

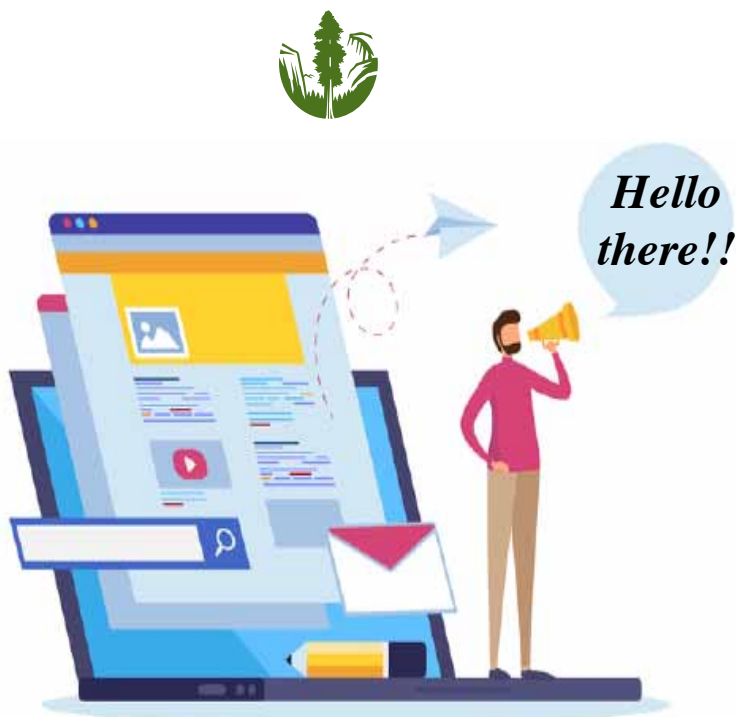
Villages of Lakeview (VOL): This master planned community with its 8,725 dwelling units development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, was approved by the Riverside County

Board of Supervisors this past spring. A coalition of environmental groups represented by the Center for Biological Diversity has challenged this project and its environmental findings. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit was postponed and will be scheduled sometime in the future.

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



September 9th San Clemente Beach Trail Hike – Photos by Christina Torres



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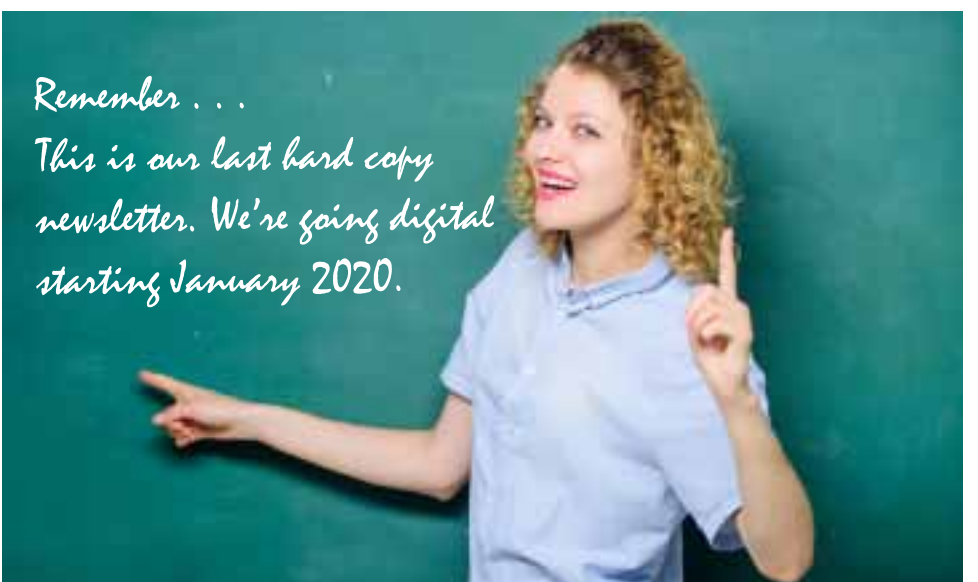
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anywhere near you, it is possible the city will propose to change the land use from increasing housing density to more warehouse development zones. It is highly recommended that you monitor and participate in this review and speak up about what you want in your community. If you would like to be added to their list to take part in this process and add your concerns and comments, please send your email address to all of the following: MV Community Development Director (Richard Sandzimier, richardsa@moval.org), the city Planning Official (Patty Nevins, pattyn@moval.org) and Moreno Valley City Clerk (Pat Jacquez-Nares, CityClerk@moval.org)

World Logistics Center (WLC): The 40.6 sq ft World Logistic Center (WLC) warehouse project would cover 2,610 acres, an area larger than



Remember . . .
This is our last hard copy newsletter. We're going digital starting January 2020.

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Mentone, CA 92359, and we will carpool to trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (TEXT OK) or jamador2000@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 14 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOV 15 (FRI) 9:00AM CAMP CREEK TO SIBERIA CREEK HIKE
Join us for a 7-mile R/T **difficult** 2300' elevation gain hike. Be prepared for a steep hike down, and then a steep hike back up. Those that do not want to do the steep hike can join us for the first ½ mile, which meanders through a beautiful young sequoia grove. WEAR hat, long pants, hiking shoes, and layered clothing. BRING Trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. MEET at the intersection of HWY 18 and 2N97 (the dirt road just east of Snow Valley on the south side of the road). LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 ABOVE DEEP CREEK HIKE
This is a 5-mile hike; the first half has a gentle elevation gain, with great views over Deep Creek Canyon. It is rated as **moderate**, in view of this elevation gain. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET; 8 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 16-17 (SAT-SUN) 6:30 AM PCT CAMPO TO LAKE MORENA BACKPACK
As part of our PCT Section A patch program, we will backpack 20 miles over two days from the start of the PCT at Campo to Lake Morena. We may have a water cache at the 14-mile point, but participants should be prepared to carry all water. Starting elevation is 2800 ft. with 3000 ft. climb and descent. RATED: **Strenuous**. With only 10 ½ hours of daylight, participants must be able to maintain 1.5 mph pace with pack. MEET: Lake Morena County Park, near 2500 Lake Shore Drive, Campo, CA 91906. BRING: Packing List will be provided RESERVATIONS: Contact Darlene Taylor at dtaylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 17 (SUN) 8:00 AM NEWPORT AVE TO MORTON PEAK SHUTTLE HIKE
This will be a 9-mile hike from Newport Ave. in Mentone to Morton Peak and then down to the Morton Peak trailhead. There is about 1500 ft. of elevation gain. We will have views of the Mill Creek Valley; we will hike through a lush canyon and have 360-degree views from the top. RATED: **Moderate/Strenuous**. MEET: Morton Peak trailhead. We will organize cars to take us over to Newport Ave where we start the hike. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection and hiking boots. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 17 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328. **CHAPTER**

NOV 18 – NOV 24

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NOV 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

NOV 21 (THU) 7:30 AM BIGFOOT TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
Hike ~7 miles southward from West Entrance Station parking area (3340'); descend ~300' then climb up canyons & hillsides to 4300'. Descend to Park Boulevard & cars. We saw rattlesnakes along this trail last May. RATED: 50% moderately **strenuous**, 50% strenuous. Total elevation gain ~1150 feet. Sand, rough footing, negotiating boulders in canyon streambeds. Good footwear a must. MEET: Be prepared to leave by 7:30 AM from Joshua Tree VC, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Vehicle entrance fee or pass required. Additional details sent to participants. BRING: 2-3 liters of water, snacks for 5-6 hours, trekking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, etc.), personal first aid supplies, Leave No Trace bag for used wrappers/TP. WEATHER: Check forecast prior to hike. RESERVATIONS: Email LJ Foster at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com & include your name. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA HIKE
There is a 600' moderate elevation gain at the start of this 5-mile **moderate** hike in the Juniper Flats area. There are rock formations and panoramic views to enjoy. Wear layered

clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET; 8 a.m. at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 82308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 25 – DEC 1

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****NOV 26 (TUE) 8:00 AM CHAPMAN TRAIL - ICEHOUSE LOOP HIKE**
Beginning at Ice House Canyon, we will hike a **strenuous** 9-mile loop with 2600 foot elevation gain, going up the Ice House Canyon Trail, enjoy a snack at the saddle, then return down via the Chapman Trail through Cedar Glen Camp. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

NOV 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. **CHAPTER**

DEC 2 – DEC 8

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

DEC 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. **CHAPTER**

DEC 4 (WED) 7:00 AM MT. WILSON VIA CHANTRY FLATS HIKE
Strong hikers are invited to join us on this **strenuous** loop hike up to Mt Wilson Peak 5650 ft. We will start at Chantry Flats, climb up 4000 feet elevation gain, enjoy a lunch break at the observatory at the summit, then descend by way of Sturtevant Camp, back to Chantry, making it a KILLER 16-mile loop! Fabulous vistas with forested trails make this a rewarding all day adventure. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Carpool from Upland or meet at trailhead, confirm with leader by December 2. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

DEC 6 (FRI) 9:00AM O CHRISTMAS TREE HIKE
Join us for a 3-4 mile **easy/moderate** hike on the ridge above the town of Green Valley Lake. We will decorate the Old Ski Hill Christmas Tree. Bring an ornament and be prepared for a spontaneous session of Christmas caroling. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Lakeside Park (33268 Green Valley Road, Green Valley Lake, CA 9234). WEAR hat, long pants, layered clothing, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

DEC 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER WALK HIKE
This is a 6-mile **moderate** hike along the new River Walk. It is flat but there are areas of soft sand. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET; 8 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

DEC 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM LOST HORSE MINE HIKE JTNP HIKE
Moderately strenuous hike to one of the best-preserved mines in Joshua Tree National Park, with expansive views of Wonderland of Rocks. Distance: 4 miles out and back. Elev. gain: 480 feet. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters water, snack, layers, park fee or pass. MEET: JTNP Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92256. We will caravan to JTNP's west entrance, then to trailhead. RSVP: by 5:00 PM, Dec. 6. INFO AND LEADER: Juliann Anderson ((951) 833-1328; text okay). **CHAPTER**

DEC 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE NP STUBBE SPRINGS HIKE
The Stubbe Springs loop trail branches off from the CR&HT near Juniper Flats, and gently climbs and descends through and over various ridges, canyons and washes. It offers great views of Quail Mountain, the Wonderland of Rocks, San Jacinto and San Gorgonio and the Coachella Valley via the Fan Canyon overlook. The spring itself is more of a seep surrounded by vegetation. Starting elevation of 4300 feet with cumulative 1200-foot gain/loss. 12-miles total distance. RATED: **Strenuous** due to length. MEET: Joshua Tree VC, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252. BRING: ten essentials, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

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DEC 8 (SUN) 8:30 AM WILDWOOD CANYON/OAK GLEN, YUCAIPA HIKE

We will start our hike at Wildwood Canyon, hike about 5 miles, and then drive to the Wildlands Conservancy in Oak Glen to do another couple of miles. Total elevation gain of 1000 feet. There should be some nice fall colors at both places. We will visit a historic home, go by ponds and through tree forests. At the Conservancy is a store/cafe/bakery where you can purchase lunch, apples, apple pie, and eat under the trees. RATED: **Moderate**. MEET: Wildwood Canyon State Park Yucaipa. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, and hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 9 – DEC 15

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DEC 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

DEC 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN HIKE
We will hike the Acorn Trail, a **strenuous** 2400' elevation gain, 9 miles round trip with shaded forest in the morning. The trail begins in a residential area of Wrightwood, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. Meet in Upland to carpool by 6:30 AM. BRING: 10 essentials. Inclement weather cancels. CONTACT: Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 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

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

DEC 11-12 (WED-THU) MECCA HILLS HIKING CAR CAMP
This car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of the Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Mecca Hills Wilderness Area. Most of the hiking will be **moderate** with some short sections of steep terrain. Rain may cancel, contact leader if in doubt. Email leader for more detailed trip information, including recommended camping supplies. Contact leader for meeting time and location. Carpooling is encouraged. LEADER: Brian Elliott 909-241-8036, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 12 (THU) 7:45 AM NORTH VIEW LOOP TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
Hike 7 miles on sections of the North View, Maze, and Window Rock trails with varied views and terrain. Trailhead is 1.7 miles past the West Entrance Station. Bighorn sheep have been seen along this trail. RATED: **Moderate**; short ascents/descents; a few hundred feet total elevation gain/loss overall; some sand; some rough footing. MEET: Be ready to hike at 7:45 AM at the Joshua Tree VC, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Extremely limited trailhead parking; we'll take as few cars as possible. BRING: 2+ liters of water, snacks for 4-5 hours' hiking, poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, protective clothing), your personal first aid supplies. WEATHER: Desert winter days can be warm or cold; check forecast prior to the hike. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS: LJ Foster at eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 13 (FRI) 9:00AM STRAWBERRY PEAK HIKE
Join us for a **moderate** 3-5 mile hike 600' elevation gain meandering around Strawberry Peak in the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs welcome. WEAR hat, long pants, hiking shoes, and layered clothing. BRING Trekking poles, snacks, and water. MEET (25978 Mile Pine Rd. Twin Peaks, CA 92391) LEADER LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL FROM HWY 173 HIKE
This 6-mile hike is rated as **moderate** because of an initial, gradual elevation gain. There are great views across Summit Valley and a historical commentary will be given. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a het. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: 8 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 15 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (cell) (951) 833-1328.
CHAPTER

DEC 16 – DEC 22

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DEC 17 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 20 (FRI) 9:00AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us for a 3-5 miles R/T **moderate**, 600' elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well behaved dogs are welcome. MEET at the entrance to the Green Valley Lake campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Rd. WEAR layered clothing, hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM PALM SPRINGS: MURRAY HILL HIKE
Murray Hill is the prominent peak directly south of the Palm Springs airport. On this 9-mile loop hike, we climb a hefty 2100 ft. to the top, but the trail is generally well graded. On top we have 360° views of the city and desert, with great views of the Desert Divide and San Jacinto Mountains. RATED: **Strenuous**. MEET: East end of the Rimrock Plaza, 4733 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs 92264 off Hwy. 111. BRING: 10 essentials, good boots, hiking poles, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch and 3 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Joe Amador 909-856-5760 (TEXT OK) or jamador2000@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 23 – DEC 29

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DEC 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE
This 6-mile hike is rated as **moderate** due to a 500' elevation gain. There are lovely views and the area is historic. The route takes us along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Wear layered clothing, strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: 8 am at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley CA 92308. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 29 (SUN) 8:30 AM PISGAH PEAK – YUCAIPA HIKE
This is a bit of a challenge hike, just what we need after the indulgence of the holidays. It looks to be about a 9-mile hike, round trip, with about 1000 ft. of elevation gain. It's all on a fire road, with great views in many directions. This road is also used by bicyclists but it's wide enough for all of us. If you like Morton Peak, then you will like this hike. RATED: **Moderate/Strenuous**. MEET: Wildwood Canyon State Park parking lot. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection and hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 30 – JAN 5

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DEC 30 (MON) 9:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE TO RED DOME HIKE
Easy to moderate approx. 5-mile out & back hike along a portion of the PCT to Red Dome rock. Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8:00 am or meet at 9:00 am at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Fwy East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. NOTE: should Whitewater be closed, Big Morongo Valley Preserve will be the alternate hike location. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 p.m. Dec. 29 to LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com Co-leader: Joe Amador
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 31 (TUE) 8:30 AM NEW YEAR'S EVE JOSHUA TREE WARREN PEAK HIKE
Once again, we'll take a break from the holidays to enjoy this hike. The 7-mile loop combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; an occasionally steep trail through the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short, steep, occasionally loose walk-up ascent of Warren Peak; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak. Vegetation includes some nice larger pinyon/juniper and oak. Starting elevation of 4000 feet with 1100-foot gain. RATED: **Moderate** MEET: Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance station or fee. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

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



December Chapter Meeting Features Historic Ukraine and the Chernobyl Disaster

Ladd and Gail Seekins will present a two-part program at the December 3 chapter meeting. In the first part, they will discuss historic Ukraine, from the founding of Kiev in the 10th Century up to the current war with the Russian-backed separatists. They will illustrate their presentation with the photographs they took while travelling in Ukraine this past August and September. The second part of the presentation will take up the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The Seekins toured Chernobyl and the exclusion zone. They will attempt to draw some conclusions on the dangers of nuclear power, which has been offered as a replacement for fossil fuels to combat climate change.



Saint Michael of the Golden Domes

program will take up the revolutions of 1991 and 2014.

A improperly conducted test caused an uncontrolled chain reaction in Chernobyl Reactor Four on April 26, 1986. A superheated steam



Abandoned classroom in Pripyat

The Seekins toured Ukraine by car for nearly four weeks, visiting Kiev, Lviv, Kolomyiya, Vinnytsya, Uman, Odessa, the Danube Delta and Chernihiv as well as Chernobyl. Side trips included the Mukacheve Castle and Ivano-Frankivsk. Their photographs will include the Ukraine's most significant historic sites. Part of the

explosion and a nuclear core fire released clouds of radioactive materials which were eventually carried over much of Europe. Eventual deaths due to exposure may reach 9,000 to 16,000 according to some models.

Chernobyl Reactors One, Two and Three, the same design as Reactor Four, continued to operate after the disaster.

MEETING DETAILS
Tuesday, December 3rd • 7:30 PM
“Historic Ukraine and the Chernobyl Disaster”
 Presented by Ladd and Gail Seekins

Program held at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

The last one ceased operations in 2000, nine years after Ukraine broke away from the Soviet Union. The site also includes uncompleted Reactors Five and Six.

Between 2010 and 2016, a permanent

containment structure was built on rails next to Reactor Four at a cost of approximately one billion dollars. Designed to slide over the quickly built “sarcophagus” over the reactor, the new steel containment, 344 by 843

robotically. The radioactive core and surrounding ruins, along with the radioactive parts of Reactors One, Two and Three, are to be permanently stored in structures yet to be built.

The Seekins visited the public area near the reactor site and the ruins of the abandoned city of Pripyat, two kilometers from the reactor, and an abandoned village in the 30-kilometer Exclusion Zone. All residents living



Chernobyl Monument and New Containment



Fountain Show, Kiev

in the Exclusion Zone were evacuated immediately after the reactor explosion, leaving all their possessions behind except for money and legal documents. Looters later stripped the cities and villages of anything of value, leaving devastation in their

wake. Much of the looted goods were sold in town markets to people who did not know about the radiation contamination.

by 886 feet, is the largest movable structure ever built. It is designed to last 100 years. The plan is for the reactor and sarcophagus to be dismantled

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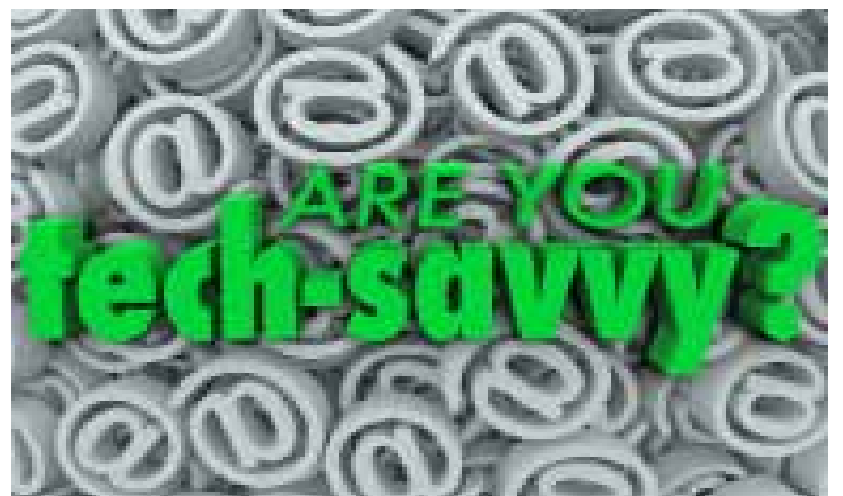
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