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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, January 7th • 7:30 PM
"An Adventure in New Zealand"
Speakers: Mike and Jan Millspaugh
(see write up on Page 2)

Tuesday, February 4th • 7:30 PM
"Sprog Perspectives"
Presented by the 2013 Sprog Trainees
Assisted by Jono Hildner
(see write up on Page 12)

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

Wilted Greens

by Jono Hildner, Political Chair

With the New Year upon us, we have a lot of work to do in the political arena. As everyone is aware, the 2013 was not particularly good for us in Sacramento. While Sierra Club California, including yours truly, will be working on every statewide office, all of which will be up for election in 2014, we have many races here in the Chapter that will need to be evaluated to determine if we want to make endorsements. In some cases, it will be difficult because there are several good candidates that could win and in others, we will have to decide that even though there is a clear environmental standout, that candidate doesn't have a chance to win in that district.

We not only have to identify the races in which we want to get involved, we also have to find enough volunteers willing to participate in the process of endorsement. Some of you may not be aware of what all goes into the process of making a Sierra Club endorsement, so let me take a moment to lay out the process that we use.

After the Political Committee determines the races (legislative and local) in which we want to get involved, we identify a subcommittee of 3-5 member volunteers that are willing and able to initiate the process. The subcommittee has to identify all of the candidates who have filed, or in some cases, who are expected to file, for that office. Then, and it's often difficult, they have to

make contact with each candidate or possible candidate to determine if each of them wants our endorsement. In some cases, we may have a candidate who is viable, but because of their perception of the electorate, may not want our endorsement, but might want our quiet support. Once the candidates have expressed an interest, the subcommittee must finalize a written questionnaire that is sent to each candidate. After the questionnaires are returned and reviewed, each candidate is interviewed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee then makes a recommendation to the Political Committee. There are really only two criteria necessary for endorsement. One, environmental championship; and two, electability.

The recommendation to endorse needs to be based on the environment record of the candidate, or where there is no record, an assessment of whether we feel that candidate will support our policy positions after taking office. The second criterion of electability is also a judgment call and involves the ability of the candidate to run a successful campaign and the political environment of the district. Generally, the recommendation of the subcommittee may take the form of an endorsement for one candidate, none of the candidates, or something known as "support short of endorsement."

Then the recommendation goes to the Political Committee, then to the Chapter Excom and then, depending on the office being sought, it may go to a state level committee and then to a national Club committee for approval. The Sierra Club does not take candidate endorsements lightly and the Club Political Team Compliance Guidelines are extensive.

Where we have an incumbent that we've previously endorsed, and they have shown a strong environmental voting record, we can truncate the process and move forward with an early endorsement. However, sometimes our endorsed candidates have become "wilted greens" once they take office. The lure of corporate money and interests causes them to begin to vote against our positions. In those cases, we need to have very serious discussions with them and make sure we have constituent Club members who have regular contact with them on our issues.

Once the endorsement process is completed, then the real work needs to begin. The San Geronio Chapter needs to put a lot more effort into supporting the election of our endorsed candidates and do it in a way that those candidates know that it was the Club that turned out the volunteers and helped raised the money that made the campaign a winning one. We must become a stronger force to keep those who represent us from becoming "wilted greens."

Let's keep turning the Inland Empire from Red to Green!



Championing the Ideals of the Sierra Club

By Maro Kakoussian, Opamago Agyemang, and Jasmine Kavesade

Nestled in between the vast valleys and huge hills of Descanso, was the site for our summer program (Sprog) retreat at Camp Oliver. It was an exciting sight for the three of us coming from the concrete jungles of the Inland Empire, we celebrated the clean air and the serenity of the wilderness. We also, at first, hesitated – are we really going to be spending a whole week down here? The three of us Maro, Opamago, and Jasmine came from the common origin of the Inland Empire, the city of Riverside. Not only did we



pack our gear for outings and hikes; we brought our curious attitudes to learn new organizing tactics, strategies, and looked forward to express our ethnic perspectives about environmental justice with fellow youth activists. Coming from communities where environmental injustice occurs to many people of color, seen through grievances such as warehouse truck emissions and polluting manufacturing plants, we indeed were eager to share our stories and learn from others along the process.

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It's time to start the process for this year's awards. We need San Geronio Chapter activists to make nominations for award recipients for this year. There are four awards; one for outstanding conservation efforts over a number of years; a service award for outstanding contributions to chapter activities over a number of years; a service award for long time service to a non-Sierra Club entity in the name of the Sierra Club; and an outings award for long time commitment to the outings program by organizing and leading outings.

Your recommendations for people deserving of this recognition will be greatly appreciated. Anyone in the chapter can make such a nomination to anyone on the awards committee (Joan Taylor, Gail Seekins, Ed Wallace, George Hague, Dean Shimek, Dave Barrie, Bekke Estes or Carol Wiley).

If you have any questions regarding these awards please contact Carol Wiley at desertlily1@verizon.net or (760) 245-8734.

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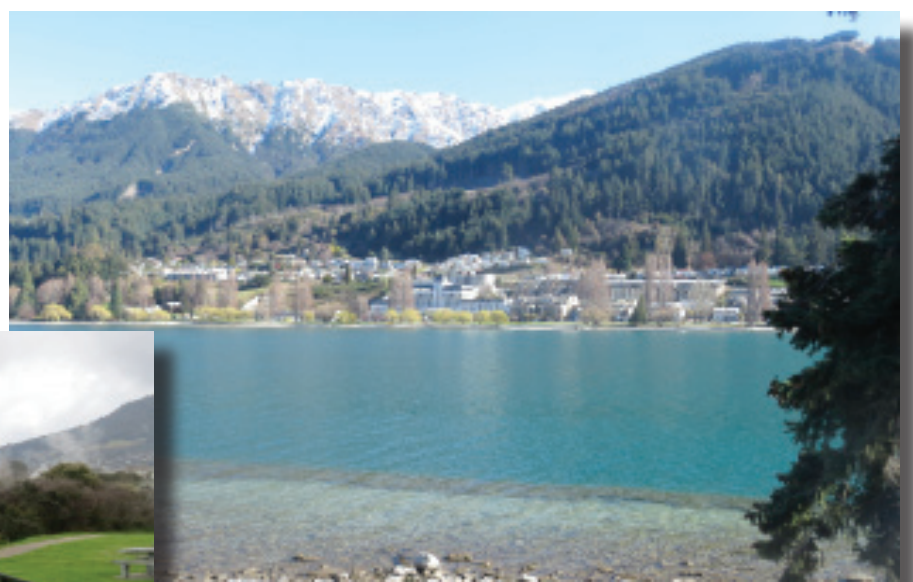
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Join Fellow Sierra Club Mates as They Present a Slide Show on Their Trip Down Under at Our Chapter Program on January 7th

“An Adventure in New Zealand” is the theme of the chapter’s January 7, 2014, meeting. Chapter members Mike and Jan Millspaugh will present a slide show of their trip last August and September. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Ln, Redlands.

The Millspaughs visited Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, and several nearby sights during their 12-day adventure. Auckland is a modern city of four million people. Rotorua is a fascinating place of Maori culture, geysers, hot springs and boiling mud pots. It is the center of one of the world’s most lively fields of geothermal activity.

Queenstown on the South Island is a four season lake and alpine resort town. Called the adventure capital of the Southern Hemisphere, it is the place where bungee jumping was invented and features jet boat trips and other exhilarating outdoor activities. In the Southern Hemisphere late winter when the Millspaughs visited it was a vibrant ski town.



Mike is a retired special education teacher at Moreno Valley High School. Jan, also retired, was a clinical therapist with the San Bernardino County Department of Mental Health. They enjoy travel and in recent years have traveled to over 25 cities on five continents.

Group News

Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

A LOOK BACK AT 2013

We started 2013 with a fund raiser at a local pizza shop. The proceeds from this event funded our annual scholarship program for a graduating senior at Big Bear High School. We have since upped the scholarship amount to \$1,000 from \$750. The winner is determined based on an essay on an environmental problem in the Big Bear Valley and a proposed solution.

In July, thanks to Christie Walker and her loyal band of volunteers, we held the 11th annual Xeriscape Garden Tour. As usual, it was a resounding success. This might be an idea that other groups could use as a fund raiser. Pictures of this year's tour are shown on my web site. <http://rewphotography.smugmug.com/>

In November we held our annual potluck, the Jack Frost Feast. Even with some mountain weather we had a great turn out. Our monthly meeting subjects over the year covered a wide range of topics including a presentation on solar flares and the workings of the solar observatory, a slide show on hikes in the Sierras, vegetable gardening in the mountains, birds of the Big Bear Valley, the activities and goals of San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust and a journey through many of our national forests and parks through the lens of Erv Nichols, past chair of the Big Bear Group. Perhaps the best received presentation was given by Scott Tangenberg, the Mountain Top District Ranger. Scott came to talk about trees of the San Bernardino's and the discussion evolved into broader topics of interest in the National Forest. Sadly for the residents of the mountains, Scott, who has always made himself available to the public, is being promoted and will be leaving the San Bernardinians after the first of the year. We wish him the best and know he will be successful wherever he goes. The meeting subjects for 2014 are still under development and will be available on our website and Facebook in January. However, if you have ideas for a meeting topics please send them to me at ednjeanne@charter.net.

CONSERVATION

The economy must be picking up based on development activities being proposed in the Big Bear Valley. We have recently received a proposal from the county to rezone a 40+acre parcel of land in Big Bear City from R20 to single family residential which would, if approved, result in a proposed 67-home development. Also, received was a rezoning proposal in Big Bear Lake of a commercial property containing wetlands and endangered species to a residential designation. This change has the potential of a housing project being built with no environmental review. In addition, the county has notified the environmental groups that the Final EIR on Moon Camp will be released for review in the very near future. This project, if approved, would result in a 50-home development on sensitive pebble plain habitat on the North Shore. We have seen traffic studies that conclude that Big Bear could most likely not be evacuated safely if a fast moving fire shut down two of the three routes out of the valley. This scenario is likely should a fire move up the hill following the Santa Anna River and Big Bear Creek drainages. To continue to add to this problem is foolish.

OUTINGS • 2014 A Look head for the Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Outings Chair

We have an exciting year ahead for all levels of hikers and backpackers in Southern California. This year we are announcing an expansion of our trails program by increasing our Pacific Crest Trail Section hiking programs, as well as organized trips to the Inyo National Wilderness, and the John Muir Wilderness. Backpacking trips will be available to both beginner backpacking enthusiasts as well as advanced/experienced backpackers. Also, we will continue with our "Five Peaks of Big Bear" physical fitness awards program.

Pacific Crest Trail, Section B Recognition Award Program. Come and celebrate the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) by hiking Section B. in 2014. Those individual hikers who complete this 101.4 mile distance will receive a special recognition patch signifying the accomplishment. This section of the PCT is divided into 8 day-hikes, scheduled on Saturdays for everyone's convenience.

Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail travels north from Warner Springs in Southern California to the I-10 Freeway near Palm Springs where you will experience 16,645' of gains and 18,332' of loss elevation. We will hike through portions of the Cleveland National Forest, Anza Borrego Desert State Park, San Jacinto Mountain Wilderness, and the San Bernardino National Forest. Those hikers interested in participating in this program are to contact Ed Caliendo, Hike Leader at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.

Due to the wilderness fires in the San Jacinto Mountain Wilderness in 2013, we have scheduled the PCT, Section B hike segments around the burn area in hopes that the trail will be repaired during the spring of 2014, allowing us to hike those previously burned sections in the fall of 2014.

The following is a tentative schedule for completing Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2014:

- Jan 11, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 1: Hwy 79 southwest of Warner Springs to Indian Flats CG Road 9S05, 9.2 mile hike
- Jan 25, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 2: Indian Flats CG Road 9S05 to Chihuahua Valley Road, 9.3 miles
- Feb 8, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 3: Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Trail, 10.3 miles
- Feb 22, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 4: Tule Canyon Truck Road to Highway 74, 15.7 miles
- Sep 27, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 7: Devils Slide TH to Fuller Ridge TH, 14.5 miles
- Oct 11, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 8: Fuller Ridge TH to I-10 FWY, 19.8 miles
- Oct 18, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 6: Fobes TH to Devils Slide TH, 16.3 miles
- Oct 25, 2014 (SAT) – Segment 5: Highway 74 to Fobes Trailhead, 15.7 miles

This completes all 101.4 miles of Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail. The total miles to be hiked will slightly exceed the actual miles of Section B due to the need to hike to the Pacific Crest Trail junctions.

Pacific Crest Trail, Section D Recognition Awards Program begins at the end of April with the first of 13 Saturday hikes of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section D. Those hikers completing all 110.2 miles during 2014 will receive a Recognition Patch for their individual achievement. A tentative schedule of Section D hikes will be published in the March-April issue of the *Palm and Pine*.

The Five Peaks of Big Bear Awards Program has returned for the 6th consecutive year. This popular hiking program takes hikers to the top of Big Bear peaks for grand views of Big Bear area and at the same time promotes health and fitness.

The five peaks are as follows:

- Gold Mountain (8.0 miles, with 1,640' elevation gain)
- Grey's Peak (8.0 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)
- Bertha Peak (7.5 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)
- Delamar Mountain (5.25 miles, with 1,150' elevation gain)
- Sugarloaf Mountain (10 miles, with 2,500' elevation gain)

A schedule of hikes will be published in the March-April issue of the *Palm and Pine*. You will have several opportunities during the months of May – October to complete all five peaks.

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Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore Enjoy Protect

Life after the Death of a Soulmate

by Pat Bertram

Many people who had gone through a grievous loss have told me that it takes three to five years to find a renewed interest in life, and so it is with me. It's been three years and seven months since the death of my life mate/soul mate — a man I spent 34-years of my life with — and I find myself involved deeply in life, not just with such difficult matters as looking out for my 96-year-old father and



Mojave Group evening walk

Photo by Pat Bertram

dealing with problematic family members, but also with taking care of myself and my well-being.

I'm physically active, eat right, and have been making an effort to meet new people. When I found out that the local Sierra Club does a conditioning walk three nights a week, I started walking, which has been fun. It's a great activity for introverts and designated listeners since everyone gets a chance to talk. (In most of my friendships, I'm the listener, whether I want to be or not.) Although we walk fast (three miles in an hour or less), it's a social occasion, and the adrenaline and blood rush keeps us all in good spirits.

This group of walkers is an intelligent and talented coterie. I've gone to art shows that feature members' work, heard one member in a choir of madrigal singers, and saw others dance. Because of these people, I've also learned not to fear old age. Although people of all ages walk with us, some of the most active members could be considered elderly by those who don't know them, but I can barely keep up with those in their seventies. I have no idea what life has in store for me, of course, but I do know that getting older doesn't necessarily mean getting feeble. It just takes a bit of luck and a lot of physical activity and mental stimulation.

Grief goes in cycles, so chances are I will still be experiencing occasional grief surges (especially on the weekends when I can't feast on the endorphins and friendship of the group walk), but now I know the truth: there is life after the death of the person who connected you to the world. There is even laughter. Maybe even joy.

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Group News

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Winter is a good time to get out for some cold weather walks with the Moreno Valley Group. Outings Chair Theresa Carson and outings leaders Christina Torres and Eileen O'Brien have a number of walks planned for January and February. Christina will lead a walk on Sunday, January 12, 9:00 a.m., San Timoteo Hike (moderate). Park on Locust Street off of Redlands Boulevard in Moreno Valley. Rain or muddy conditions will cancel the walk. Contact Christina at (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. More hikes are listed in the *Palm & Pine* and the Moreno Valley Group web page: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/calendar/index.html>

Moreno Valley Group Conservation Chair, George Hague was one of 35 individuals and organizations honored at the 35th anniversary celebration of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) on November 14. George was honored for his many years of environmental work in Moreno Valley and his ability to inspire others to focus on community issues. George and his wife Marty were unable to attend the event, but their daughter Maria accepted the honor for him. A number of Sierra Club members also attended.

According to the Moreno Valley Planning Department there is no timeline in place for the release of the final environmental impact report for the World Logistics Center (WLC) and no new information. The proposed WLC project is one of the most important conservation issues our group is following. The proposed project plans to put 41,600,000 SQUARE FEET of warehousing on 2,710 acres (approximately the size of 700 full-sized football fields) in eastern Moreno Valley. The project site is located between Highway 60 and the northern boundary of the state-owned 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The wildlife area is home to endangered and threatened plants and animals. The SJWA is known for the high number of wintering birds of prey (20 species of raptors can be found there, five species of owls). The proposed project will significantly impact air quality, traffic, and cause long-term health issues. These issues will affect all of the Inland Empire, beyond the geographic borders of the city. To get up-to-date information on the project, please contact Mark Gross at (markg@moval.org), Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552 and request that you be notified of all meetings as well as future documents for this project.

Please consider making a donation to support the Sierra Club as they comment on the proposed World Logistics Center project. The proposed project will be one of largest facilities in the country (not county, but country). Any size of donation is appreciated and will help us as we work to provide strong comments on the project. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help the Moreno Valley Group submit additional comments on the WLC's massive documents. Previous donations allowed us to hire a traffic engineer to review the document. As a result, the project proponent had to make significant changes to their traffic, air quality, greenhouse gas and noise analysis. When the final EIR comes out we must be able to hire these types of experts. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those

planner Mark Gross (markg@moval.org), Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552) and request that you be notified of all meetings and future documents. More updates on other local



Lake Perris Hike, November 2013 – Moreno Valley Group

Photo by Theresa Carson



Pausing to take catch the view – Lake Perris Hike – Moreno Valley Group

Photo by Theresa Carson

who have already donated! Please send your donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate your help!

The Moreno Valley City Council will consider approving the State Route 60 East Corridor Study (east of Nason Street) at its January 14 city council meeting. The corridor study does not change the city's general plan but "focuses on long-term goals and policy guidance for any future land use modification proposals within the study area." For more information contact

planning issues:

- 1) Villages of Lakeview—The project proponent is working on a revised version of The Villages of Lakeview. The draft environment impact report (DEIR) may be out by April 2014. Please contact the Riverside County Planning Department project planner: Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail: MSTRAITE@rctlma.org
- 2) Riverside County General Plan Update—Possible release of draft environmental impact report (DEIR)

in early 2014. 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.

Lake Perris State Recreation (LPSRA) Area is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for entrance fee information and hours of operation. More information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris>

Information on the \$20 Limited Use Golden Bear passes (for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887 They are good from January through December. Call (951) 940-5600 for information on nature walks and events at Lake Perris.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board sponsors hikes from January through October. The next hike is Saturday, January 25, Hike to Terri Peak (Difficult-7.8 mi rdtrip), 7:30 a.m. Meet at Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive, Moreno Valley. Please verify all information by calling (951) 413-3703.

Winter months are an excellent time to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). It is located at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. The only access is from Davis Road and the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Turn north on Davis Road, drive 2.2 miles north to the main office. Do not drive on the dirt roads after rains or if the roads are muddy. Information: (951) 928-0580.

At the core of all groups are their volunteers who help out with a variety of tasks. If you would like to help the Moreno Valley Group as they work to improve the quality of life in Moreno Valley and surrounding areas, please e-mail us at movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.



Santa Margarita Group

By Jim Mitchell, Chair

2013 was a great year for our Group and the predictions are that 2014 will be even better. We started 2013 still celebrating the end of Liberty Quarry, a 7-year struggle that had an influence on the decision to found the Santa Margarita Group. We have moved on in 2013 to expand further a full range of Sierra Club activities. Our active membership has grown significantly. Through our conservation efforts, we have become much more visible in the

local community. We have expanded our environmental programs for local school kids. We are leading more hikes in the surrounding hills and nature areas. All things considered, 2014 is going to be a very active year for our Group.

And here are some of the things our active Group is doing:

Conservation Activities, Trail Development and Outdoor Families by Pam Nelson

Partnership for conservation is a new theme for our group and is progressing well with the help of the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation and Friends of Palomar Mountain State Park. Our ongoing relationship with the local RCD, the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District, will keep us directed towards wildlife corridor/crossing efforts. Our Meetup.com Group and Outdoor Families, bring people of all ages to interesting outdoor events and

sites. Also a new partnership, through our member, Kathy Bundy, is bringing us interesting walks with VolkSport, an international walking group. The Murrieta Creek Trail project, facilitated by a grant with the National Park Service and staff member, Patrick Johnston, is moving into a new phase. The renewal of the grant this year will take the inventory report to officials and politicians so that

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the March/April 2014 Calendar are due by February 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.

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility,

Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

(2nd WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Note: The January 2014 meeting will be the second Wednesday, January 8th. The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407 BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). There is no meeting in July 2013 because of conflict with the Independence Day holiday. PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

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

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

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER

MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <bspreng@gte.net> (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on 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

DECEMBER 23 –DECEMBER 29

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 29-JAN 2 (SUN-THU) HOLIDAY SERVICE IN CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE
Once again, we return to the Carrizo Plain to celebrate the end of the year and to offer service to the pronghorn antelope in this National Monument. Lying between Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo, this vast grassland is home to pronghorn antelope, tule elk, kit fox, and a wide variety of birds. A welcome hike Dec. 29, two and a half days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, and a full day for hiking and exploring are planned. Use of accommodations at one of the old ranch

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houses is included. LIMITED to 12 participants, COST: \$30 covers four dinners and breakfast on New Year's morning. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 5
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

JAN 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). There is no meeting in July 2013 because of conflict with the Independence Day holiday. PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA HIKE HIKE
Bonita Vista. 4 miles roundtrip. See the lovely views across the High Desert and walk through valleys of Juniper trees. Bring water, snacks and layered clothing. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum at 8am. Contact on 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com if you have any questions. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. MOJAVE GROUP

JAN 4 (SAT) 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 will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR at 909-983-8501 or <john@stclairs.us>. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JANUARY 6 – JANUARY 12
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

JAN 7 (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

JAN 8 (WED) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 8 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

JAN 9 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JAN 11 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL SILVERWOOD LAKE AREA HIKE
Come hike a portion of the PCT on the route from Arrowhead Lake Road towards Silverwood Lake. It is a moderate, fairly level hike of 3 miles, (6 round trip). This is a scenic hike, kids accompanied by parent or guardian are welcome. Portions of the trail are steep and loose dogs may pose risk to hikers, so be prepared to put dog(s) on leash. Plan on bringing 2-3 quarts of water, a snack, a hat, and dress in layers for this time of year. TIME & MEET: Call or email for start time/meeting location and directions. Light rain may not necessarily cancel, so call ahead if you are not sure. LEADER: WENDY WALKER at 760 220-6141 or wenlynwalker@gmail.com. MOJAVE GROUP

JAN 11 (SAT) 8:15 AM PCT WARNER SPRINGS TO INDIAN FLATS HIKE
This is the start of our Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Section B Recognition Award Program whereby those individuals completing all 101.4 miles through 2013 and 2014 will receive a special recognition patch and participate in the annual awards party. This first segment of 9.2 miles takes us from Warner Springs northward to Indian Flats Road junction (Indian Flats Campground Road 9S05) with the PCT. RATED: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, trail snacks /lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Warner Springs Post Office parking lot and carpool to beginning of PCT, Section B. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 12 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN TIMOTEO CANYON HIKE
Moderate 5-mile round trip hike with 400-foot elevation gain. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Bring snack and hiking poles if you want. Hike goes along a service road, into a wilderness conservation area and up a hill to a 320° view of Mt. Baldy, San Gorgonio, San Jacinto, around to Ortega Mountain. MEET: Park on Locust St. off Redlands Blvd in Moreno Valley (across from Equestrian/Dog Park). Rain or muddy conditions cancels. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JANUARY 13 – JANUARY 19
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

JAN 13 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JAN 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

JAN 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 17 (FRI) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
This moderate 5-mile RT hike is a 1,200' elevation gainer that answers "New Year's Resolution Challenges" as you peel your way through Evey Canyon up to Potato's summit. We will meet at NW corner of 16th Street and Mountain Ave, in the Upland Stater Bros parking lot to carpool. Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by JAN 16, 5:00 PM. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASTRE FALLS HIKE
4 miles roundtrip. This lovely riparian area with spectacular vistas is a joy to the eye. Bring a camera. Also water, snacks and layered clothing. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, Address: 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8am. LEADER NORMAN BOSSOM (760) 912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

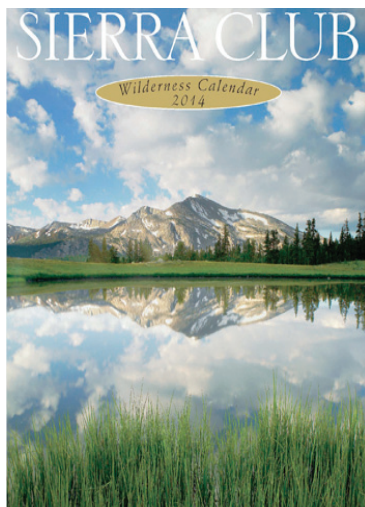
JAN 18 (SAT) 8:15 AM SEVEN SISTERS WATERFALL HIKE
Visit the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and hike a new trail to the Seven Sisters Waterfall. We will start at the Indian Trading Post and hike the West Fork Trail to Murray Canyon and view the waterfall before hiking out to the Andreas Trailhead parking lot. This will be a shuttle hike. RATED: This is a 9.5 mile hike and is rated Moderate in difficulty MEET: 233 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, in the rear parking lot of the Lyons English Grille. BRING: Ten-essentials, 2-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. COST: There is a \$7.00 to \$10.00 entrance fee depending upon your age. Parking is at no-fee. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 19 (SUN) 9:00 AM 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. BRING: water, snack, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road.

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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: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JANUARY 20 – JANUARY 26

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

JAN 21 (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

JAN 23 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE
Moderate 2 to 3-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 we return on the sidewalk. We start promptly at 4:30. Sunset is at 5:10. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JAN 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM INDIAN FLATS TO CHIHUAHUA VALLEY RD HIKE
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all eight segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No. 2 of the PCT and is a total of 9.3 miles. We resume hiking north bound from Indian Flats Campground Road 9S05 (4,450') elevation to the Chihuahua Valley Road (5,050') and the PCT. We will be hiking north through the Cleveland National Forest. RATED: Easy. BRING: ten-essential, 2-liters of water, lunch and trail snacks, and sun-protection. MEET: At the junction of Hwy 79 and Chihuahua Valley Road. From this location we will caravan to the trailhead. This is a shuttle hike. RESERVATIONS: Contact, LEADER ED CALIENDO at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

****JAN 25 (SAT) 8:30 AM TENAGA FALLS TR TO MORGAN TRAIL CUTOFF HIKE**
Enjoy a day in the lush San Mateo Wilderness! Join us on an 8.0 mile round trip (4 miles in then back) hike to El Potrero de la Cienega area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the falls. Be prepared for a little of areas with Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral. MEET at the first trailhead (Tenaga Trail) and carpool to the falls trail head. 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 the road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER GARY MARSALONE at 858-663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JAN 26 (SUN) 8:30 AM PANORAMA TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
Joshua Tree in winter is special and this hike takes you off the beaten track. Join us for a moderate to strenuous hike, about 8 miles and 800 ft of elevation gain. This hike starts near the west entrance to Joshua Tree National Park and includes varied terrain with many excellent views across the part. WEAR hiking boots, layered clothing as winter can be cold in the high desert. BRING snacks, lunch and 2 liters water minimum. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place, 8:30 am in Ontario and 10:00 in Joshua Tree. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 2

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

JAN 28 (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

JAN 30 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE
Moderate 2 to 3-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs Trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then we return on the sidewalk. We start promptly at 4:30. Sunset is 5:17. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JAN 30-FEB 1 (THU-SAT) DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION
Help restore wilderness values in this beautiful and remote national park. Project will be picking up plane crash debris in the southern part of the Park. MEET early Thursday afternoon in Shoshone. Work at the crash site Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Work Saturday if needed. Primitive camping Thursday and Friday night near the work site, will need to bring all supplies, including water. LEADER KATE ALLEN kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

JAN 31 (FRI) 8:00 AM AMARACK RD TO WHITEWATER TROUT FARM HIKE
This is a great Winter hike starting near Jct. I-10 and 111, and north on the PCT about 10 miles, with an elevation gain of about 1500 ft. The trail goes by a number of wind farms before dropping down to the Whitewater River. MEET: Call or email for carpool and directions. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 whytejoe@msn.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM LOWER DEEP CREEK HIKE
Feb. Lower Deep Creek. 3 miles roundtrip. Visit a beautiful part of the canyon, which has a river, a beaver dam and abundance of various trees. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, (760) 912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 1 (SAT) 8:30 AM MURRAY HILL (PEAK) HIKE
This hike is a perennial favorite! It is difficult to call Murray Hill anything but a “peak” yet officially it is a hill on all the maps. After climbing 2,100' elevation gain you will think it more like a PEAK! The views are magnificent, showing the region around Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Palm Canyon while offering you the nearby San Jacinto Mountains to the west. If we are lucky, the desert will be in bloom! This is an approximate 9.2 mile round-trip loop hike. RATED:



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Strenuous in difficulty. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2-liters of water MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center, 4733 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs on Hwy 111. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 2 (SUN) 9:00 AM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE
Moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip with 1000 ft. elevation gain. Bring water and wear sturdy, non-slip shoes. Brink snack and hiking poles if you want. MEET: Park at the end of Kitching St., off of Kalmia (east of Perris Blvd, north of Ironwood). Rain cancels. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEBRUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 9

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(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 3 (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

FEB 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

FEB 5 (WED) 9:00 AM AZUSA PEAK AND GLENDORA PEAK HIKE
10.5 mile round trip, 2500 ft gain hike with great views to two peaks above the San Gabriel Valley. Hike to Azusa Peak (2,081 ft.) via the Garcia Trail - 1040' gain in 1.2 miles. Then hike the Glendora Ridge Motorway (fire road) to Glendora Peak (2,596 ft.). BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET 9:00 AM at grassy area near the driveway to Fire Station 97 (18453 E Sierra Madre Ave, Azusa, 91702). MEET: Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

FEB 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHIHUAHUA VALLEY RD - TULE CANYON HIKE
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all eight segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No. 3 of the PCT is a total of 10.3 miles and we will cross-over from San Diego County to Riverside County (Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Road). The PCT continues north along the east slope of Bucksnot Mountain. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. BRING: ten-essential, 2-liters of water, lunch and trail snacks, and sun-protection. MEET: From the junction of Hwy 74/371 drive south on Hwy 371, 4.3 miles to Kirby Road. We will meet at Kirby Road junction. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. This is a shuttle hike. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 8-9 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN WINTER ESCAPE SERVICE/CARCAMP
This outing combines a day of service in the Carrizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. Weather can be cold, gray, and rainy, or it can be warm and bright - we take our chances. The service will be in removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility on the Plain, and the recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 16

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FEB 10 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 11 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER

FEB 12 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 13 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE
Moderate 2 to 3-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then we return on the sidewalk. We start promptly at 4:30. Sunset is 5:30 BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 13 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

FEB 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN SPRING HIKE
Six miles roundtrip. A little visited area in Juniper flats. Views across the Victor Valley and numerous wonderful rock formations. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8am. LEADER NORMAN BOSSOM (760) 912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 16 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU HIKE
Moderate 6 to 7 mile hike to the historic adobes. BRING: water, snack, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. COST: \$3.00 entrance fee per person. MEET: RSVP for meeting place and to car pool. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEBRUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 23

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FEB 18 (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

FEB 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 22 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC B: TULE CANYON TO HWY 74 HIKE
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all eight segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No. 4 of the PCT is a total of 15.7 miles (Tule Canyon Truck Road to Highway 74). We will hike from Tule Canyon north towards Table Mountain (4,910') and then descends to Alkali Wash (4540') before reaching Hwy 74. RATED: Moderate. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3 liters of water. MEET: At the PCT junction on Hwy 74 located approximately 1.0 miles east of Hwy 74/Hwy 371 junction. A road sign identifies the PCT crossing. A dirt parking area is located on the north side of Hwy 74. RESERVATIONS contact LEADER ED CALIENDO at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 22 (SAT) 9:00 AM HELLHOLE CANYON COUNTY PRESERVE HIKE
Join us on an 8.2 mile hike of one of San Diego's spectacular wildlife preserves. MEET: The hike will start at 19324 Santee Lane, Valley Center, CA. 92082 and should take 4-5 hours to complete. DIFFICULTY: I rate the hike as borderline difficult, but not relentlessly so. There is over 2000' of elevation gain/loss over the entire hike. It begins with a 400' descent into the canyon. We will hike up the north face of the canyon. At the Summit the view from the ridge that we will traverse is spectacular from all directions and in my opinion worth twice the climb. The ridge rolls up and down but is an easy hike of never ending vistas. The descent to the canyon floor is much less steep than the climb and a great time to take in the view to the south. The hike ends with a steep climb back to the staging area. WEAR: Hikers will need to dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes. BRING snacks, a lunch, and 3 liters of water. Much of the hike is exposed so do not forget the sunscreen. Steady rain cancels. DIRECTIONS: The address above is an exact address and can be entered into online map services to get exact directions from your location. Please contact me if you have any questions. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Please contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951)302-1059.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

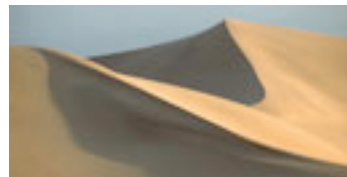
FEB 22 (SAT) SOUTHERN NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE
A one-day project helping BLM enhance wilderness in or at the edge of one of the new (2002) wilderness areas in southern Nevada managed by the BLM. Option to enjoy the area on Friday and campout Friday night with Vicky Hoover. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER VICKY HOOVER 415-977-5527, Vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org
CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2

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

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



FEB 28-MAR 3 DEATH VALLEY CAR CAMP
On Friday, February 28, we will meet at primitive campsite at 11:00 a.m. to set up. Fridays hike will be at 12:00 noon in the Amargosa Canyon. Sat. we will travel through lower Death Valley, seeing the sights and hiking at Natural Bridge and Golden Canyon, and camping at Texas Springs Campground in Furnace Creek. Sunday we will travel north through the park stopping at sites along the way to Mesquite Sand Dunes and camp at Stovepipe Wells. Monday we will hike up Mosaic Canyon. You will need to bring your own food, plenty of water and start with full tank of gas. There are some services at Furnace Creek and Stovepipe Wells. If you choose, you can join the trip for just Sat. & Sunday. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY at 760-245-8734 or earthlingwiley2000@yahoo.com.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK HIKE
Chino Hills State Park is reminiscent of early Southern California. Rolling green hills, oak woodlands, rare black walnut trees and early spring wildflowers are all here to enjoy. Hike will be about 8 miles, 1200 ft elevation gain. Rain within 48 hrs. cancels WEAR sturdy shoes or boots. BRING lunch and snacks, 2 liters water. MEET: Contact LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

COMING UP

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MAR 6-9 (THU-SUN) SPRING AT JOSHUA TREE NP CARCAMP
Visit Joshua Tree National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We may explore palm oases, boulder areas, and desert canyons or climb peaks within the Park. Camp in the Indian Cove campground (picnic tables, fire grates, and pit toilets). Bring your own drinking water or fill up at the Indian Cove Ranger Station. Hikes may be off trail. Some vehicle travel on dirt roads may be required. COST is \$30 per person and includes 3 nights of camping. \$20 deposit required to confirm participation. Group size limited to 16. RESERVATION & INFO: call LEADER: RICH JURICICH, rich.sierraclub@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181.
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MAR 28-30 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE TOUR CARCAMP
MEET at Sunrise Campground at 11.00 am on Friday, 4 mile rt hike to Teutonia Peak that afternoon. Potluck that evening. Saturday enjoy a 6 mile hike around Barber Peak from Hole-in-the-Wall. Hike to Kelso Dunes on Sunday. For those wanting to stay over on Sunday, we car camp at Granite Pass. Camping is primitive so bring plenty of water. More information will be available at time of sign-up. RESERVATIONS: Contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY at desertlily1@verizon.net or 760-245-8734.
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APR 19-20 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO SERVICE AND FLOWERS SERVICE/CARCAMP
This outing combines a day of service in the Carrizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. If there are winter rains, wildflowers can be spectacular, although this is not a promise that can be made far in advance. Weather will be cool in evenings and comfortable in the day. The service is removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility on the Plain, and the recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.
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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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the grant this year will take the inventory report to officials and politicians so that it will become part of City and County future plans. We will continue to have a team that can give input to development along the creek making sure the Trail is included. We will make the communities aware by having Trail Day events. Sites for the events will be located along the length of the Trail/Creek so will involve the 4 Cities, Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore.

2014 is the year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Our group will bring awareness to our members by hikng 50 miles of wilderness, accumulating the mileage during the year, and participating in celebration events.

• **A January 2014 Hike with Gary Marsalone**

On January 25 (Saturday) starting at 8:30 AM Hike on the Tenaga Falls Trail to the Morgan Trail cutoff.

Enjoy a day in the lush San Mateo Wilderness! Join us on an 8.0 mile round trip (4 miles in then back) hike to El Potrero de la Cienega area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the Falls. Be prepared for a little of areas with Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral.

We will meet at the first trailhead (Tenaga Trail) and carpool to the Falls trail head. "Rain Cancels" You will need to 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 Keith exit. Go west the road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. Reservations & info: Leader Gary Marsalone at (858)663-1201 orhikesie@gmail.com

• **A February 2014 Hike with Bob Audibert**

On February 22 (Saturday) starting at 9:00 AM Hellhole Canyon County Preserve Join us on a 8.2 mile hike of one of San Diego's Spectacular wildlife Preserves.



Fog rising out of Hellhole Canyon

The hike will start at 19324 Santee Lane Valley Center, CA. 92082 and should take 4-5 hours to complete. I rate the hike as borderline difficult, but not relentlessly so. There is over 2000' of elevation gain/loss over the entire hike. It begins with a 400' decent into the canyon. We will hike up the north face of the canyon. At the Summit the view from the ridge that we will traverse is spectacular from all directions and in my opinion worth twice the climb. The ridge rolls up and down but is an easy hike of never ending vistas. The decent to the canyon floor is much less steep than the climb and a great time to take in the view to the south. The hike ends with a steep climb

back to the staging area. Hikers will need to dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring snacks, a lunch, and 3 liters of water. Much of the hike is exposed so do not forget the sunscreen. Please register for this hike by emailing the leader Bob Audibert at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com. or call me at (951)302-1059. Steady rain cancels. Directions: The address above is an exact address and can be entered into



Descanso Gardens visit

Photo by Laurie Webster

online map services to get exact directions form your location. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Special Group Activities by Laurie Webster

Members of the Santa Margarita Group enjoyed an early autumn visit to the beautiful Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge on Sunday, October 27. We were led by a wonderful docent, Mr. Mike Lichtman. He explained the history behind this unique 150 acre preserve with its specialized botanic collections and rare natural beauty. We couldn't have asked for better weather, either, as the "fall" temperatures were perfect in the mid-70s. We were lucky to see the camellias in early bloom, too. As an extra treat, we were able to tour the Hollywood Regency styled Boddy House, a 12,000-square-foot, two story, 22-room mansion, nestled into a prominent hillside in the far southeast corner of the property, with a panoramic view of the San Gabriel Mountains. We are looking forward to a return visit sometime in the future.

General Meeting Programs for January & February by Pam Nelson

At our January General Meeting we will focus on some common diseases that effect local trees. Our program will be presented

by two experts from the University of California at Riverside, Vanessa Lopez and Anna Soper.

Our February General Meeting will have a romantic Valentine story of a couple who met hiking on local trails and then went on to hike extensively throughout southern Europe.

OUR SANTA MARGARITA

GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AND STARTING IN 2014 WILL BE HELD AT THE TEMECULA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 30600 PAUBA ROAD, TEMECULA 92592 BEGINNING 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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Riverside County's General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan

By George Hague

Have you ever been outraged by development built near one of your special places within our Chapter or by the increase in traffic caused by a development? Most of the time these harmful developments are sanctioned by a General Plan. Riverside County is now in the process of revising its General Plan. The public review period for Riverside County's General Plan Update (GPU) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will tentatively start in early 2014 with public hearings probably occurring in late Spring and early Summer. The DEIR will help us see what impacts could occur on special places in our County and also on some adjacent lands in San Bernardino County.

The GPU will impact all of us within Riverside County as well as many in neighboring San Bernardino County as it will lay out land use designations for years to come. It will also address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open-space issues. Land use designations in this GPU could significantly impact such special places as Joshua Tree National Park, Santa Rosa Plateau ecological reserve, San Jacinto Wildlife Area, and Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Preserve as well as open up valuable county agricultural lands for development. Parts of the San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests as well as the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument could all easily be directly impacted by Riverside County's GPU.

Climate Action Plans (CAP) are like comprehensive roadmaps that outline the specific activities that Riverside County should undertake to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Please become involved in this process to help protect these special places



and others that you know need our attention as well as reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. County planners for the General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan are Frank Coyle, fcoyle@rctlma.org or (951) 955-2706 and Kristi Lovelady klovelad@rctlma.org. Please contact them and let them know that you want a copy of the DEIR and wish to be notified of all future documents as well as meetings related to Riverside County's GPU and CAP. Your donation during our Chapter's March Fund Appeal will help the Sierra Club follow both the GPU and CAP in an effort to make them better.

The link below, from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, has useful information that will help explain and/or define what a general plan is required to accomplish: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/General_Plan_Guidelines_2003.pdf Please use this source to expand your knowledge of what a good general plan should include.



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SPROG is a 7-day retreat for youth organizers to learn a curriculum behind forming vital organizing skills and advice from Sierra Student Coalition's dedicated and hardworking Sprog trainers. When we arrived, we were greeted in the huge common room by trainers, fellow Sprogers, and Sierra Student Coalition staff. We were each handed a thick participant manual, which to this day, we each treat as our holy text. This book held all the secrets to organizing a potent campaign, from public narratives to coalition building and everything in between.



Opamago's favorite part was the food, the food was all vegetarian and oh so good. We had conversations ranging from human nature to the latest fashions



and music during meal time and found out that we all came from different places from Connecticut and South Carolina, to Arizona and California.

Our days typically entailed workshops where we were encouraged to pay attention, because we were preparing for our simulation (SIM), which was the biggest display of what we learned at Sprog. SIM involved each of us living in a fake town called Arreis (sierra spelled backwards) in the "State of Calamity," where a coal plant was going to be built in the poorest ward in our town, Ward 5. Trainers would dress up as political officials, business people, or community members.

We were assigned scenarios ranging from the Green Business Association to Students for Clean Coal. During the week, each time we learned a new campaign tool, we would use that to further our group's cause, coordinate with ally groups, or we stopped and interfered with other groups about building a coal plant. Throughout our SIM we had moments where we met with decision makers, published

press advisories, and of course organized demonstrations, fairs, and rallies.

From the roles we played in SIM, to searching for shooting stars in the pitch blackness at the tops of hills, to the meaningful conversations at meal times and swimming in the pool, Sprog was indeed a life changer for the three of us. On Saturday night, the last night, we all

took turns talking about our green-fire. Reading from an excerpt of Aldo Leopold's A Fierce Green Fire, we sat around a campfire and shared what invigorates us

to fight for change for a cleaner world, based on an excerpt from his book. It was a time to rekindle the passions we had and what brought us to Sprog. For many of us it was to be the voice of the future, for some it was simply a duty. It showed us all that we were not alone in the fight for a better world. On Sunday morning, no one wanted to leave and the tears flowed from each and every one of us. From the veterans of Sprog to the first-timers, we all cried and hugged and



laughed. To this day we know our friends from Sprog will be our life-long friends after this life changing experience.

We want to thank the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club for making this experience possible for the three of us.

For any young people who are



reading this, we encourage you to apply for the 2014 program — we know it will change your lives as it has ours.

For the leadership of the San Gorgonio Chapter, we encourage you to sponsor another group in 2014 and we will continue a life-long pursuit to champion the ideals of the Sierra Club.

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

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

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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JAN 15 (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 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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FEB 21 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
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Tahquitz Group Excom Election

Please vote for three and mail ballot to arrive by January 31, 2014 to: Tahquitz Group of the Sierra Club, POB 4944, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for both. Please also sign your name on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

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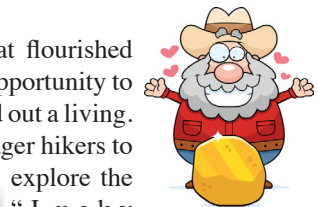
Backpacking the Sierra's – Several backpacking trips to the Sierra's will begin in early July through the end of September. Experienced backpackers can expect a physically challenging, 5-day trip into the eastern Sierras capturing the spring flowers, early snow melt, and cool temperatures. Also, a beginners backpacking trip is planned in late July to the John Muir Wilderness. As in the past, these trips fill up early so please keep a sharp lookout at the Big Bear Group website for more information www.bigbeargroup.com

In Summary, there will be something for everyone – In addition to the above special hiking programs, Big Bear Group Hike Leaders will weekly explore areas in Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, San Geronio Wilderness, San Jacinto Wilderness, Mecca Hills, Mohave Desert, and Joshua Tree National Park. It should be a very exciting year of spectacular trails, special trips, and hiking adventures!

Over the next few articles we will be presenting a short biography of the hike leaders in the Big Bear Group. The following highlights Dick Banks who has lead hikes in Big Bear for almost a decade.

There's Gold in Them There Hills!

All around Big Bear you will find abandoned mines that flourished during the California gold rush period. For hikers, it is an opportunity to explore the old digs and often see how the gold diggers eked out a living. In September, Dick Banks, Hike Leader, took a group of eager hikers to



explore the “L u c k y Baldwin” gold mine. Dick explained to the group that in 1874, Elias J. “Lucky” Baldwin started a “gold rush” when he constructed a large 40 stamp mill at the base of Gold Mountain. The immediate gold rush created an instant town with two saloons, a butcher shop, and two boarding houses. Unfortunately, the mine shut down after only seven-

months failing to meet expectations.

Later in 1899, a new mining effort was undertaken by “Captain” J.R. DelaMar. By 1900, the new mill was running at full capacity and recovering over \$4,000 a week in gold bullion.

Today, a Pacific Crest Trail camp remains. It is called “Doble Camp,” named after the small gold town that was developed by Captain Delamar.

If you are interested in exploring some of the hidden secret gold mines of the Big Bear area, then sign up for one of Richard “Dick” Banks’ hikes! He knows the local history and tells a great story.



Lucky Baldwin mine

More on Richard “Dick” Banks . . .

Dick has been a bit of an explorer most of his life. In 1999 Captain Richard Banks and his first mate and wife, Linda Banks, purchased a 42-foot yacht and cruised the east coast and in-land water ways for two-years. They followed the historic North America’s Great Circle Route completing more than a 6,000 mile cruise. The loop took them from the Statue of Liberty around the Florida coast line and up the Mississippi River through the Grand Lakes and back to New York. After completing this voyage, they sold their boat and returned to Southern California.



Often Dick and Linda visited friends for weekend escapes to Big Bear Lake. Like many others in Southern California, they found their next adventure and permanently relocated to Big Bear Lake in 2006. Now, they hike together almost every week. Dick became a Sierra Club Hike Leader in 2007 and hasn’t stopped exploring the local mountains and showing other hikers the magic of Big Bear.

Dick Banks, Hike Leader



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Pat Bertram is the author of the suspense novels Light Bringer, More Deaths Than One, A Spark of Heavenly Fire, and Daughter Am I. Bertram is also the author of Grief: The Great Yearning, “an exquisite book, wrenching to read, and at the same time full of profound truths.” Connect with Pat on Google+. Like Pat on Facebook.

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Your Bill is Too Low to Benefit From Solar Energy....

By Jenny Wilder

For three years or more we were told this. That it wasn’t “worth” it. Some contractors didn’t even bother to return our calls. But this year we went SOLAR and in less than one month our SOLAR home has offset 380 lbs of emissions, has prevented 435 miles of greenhouse emissions and we have planted the equivalent of 4 trees in our neighborhood. That is the way Sungevity looks at our Environmental impact.

This year, 2014 we were determined to go solar, even though our bill is low. We decided that we would spend money on many other things, such as patio covers, redecorating the house or to go on vacation, so why shouldn’t we put solar panels on our roof even if it wouldn’t be cost effective? Why not make the upgrade just because we think it is the right thing to do and we can and we want to? We contacted several solar companies. Some said they could not help us because we live next to the golf course. Finally we had the attention of two: Desert Solar in Apple Valley and Sungevity. Desert Solar is local – just down the street and their emailed quote was a good one. Sungevity, however, had an exceptional over the phone and online presentation that included many different scenarios and financial avenues. Sungevity took the time to sell us a system and a payment option that saved us even more money. As you all know, they also support the San Geronio Chapter.

Meanwhile we have also been waiting for the opportunity to drive an electric car and we found one that suited our needs. We decided to install extra solar panels to help offset the electricity we would use for the car. Sungevity changed the plan and now we have driven over 4,000 miles since September on electricity- most of it captured from the sun! Driving an electric car is an incredible experience – so smooth, so quick, so quiet, and so clean.

After signing the documents with Sungevity it took about 50 days to start installation. The installation took 2 days. Everything went smoothly and on time. Sungevity took care of all the paperwork with the Town of Apple Valley etc. except the homeowner’s association approval. We then waited for Southern California Edison to give the okay to “flip the switch” and start using the system. At first we were upset about the wait (30 days), but I can see online that Edison has given us credit for that month of waiting.

Go for it! Getting the quotes is free and going SOLAR is fun! Oh, and by the way, have you heard about “vehicle-to-grid” technology? <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/201307/innovate-microgrids.aspx>

Top 10 Lessons I Learned With Solar

Bryan Baker

We’ve had a solar photovoltaic system on our roof for about three years now. Here are the most important things I learned from our experience, not necessarily in the order of importance!

Buy a solar system instead of leasing if you possibly can. Even if you have to take out a loan to buy a system, leasing costs a lot more in the long run. Leasing sounds great – little or no up-front cash, you pay a little less per month on the solar lease than what you paid to the electric company. But in the end you don’t own anything. Leasing is OK for cars, but who leases a new solar system every few years?

Don’t offset 100 percent of your electric consumption. At least that’s the financially smart thing to do. The first ten or twenty percent of your electric use is actually quite cheap. So paying for those extra panels and capacity to offset that last bit of electricity doesn’t make sense financially. Of course you may not be doing this for financial reasons in the first place.

Don’t worry about maintenance. I do almost no maintenance on my system. If there’s been no rain for a while I’ll take a hose and rinse off the panels, but otherwise I haven’t had to do anything but sit back and watch the electricity production.

Get Internet monitoring if it’s available. I can connect to a website anytime and see my current production, past few days and months, and download all production data to a spreadsheet. Very cool.

Cloudy days are depressing. Solar production on a cloudy day can be less than half that of a sunny day. A recent stormy day produced only 3 kilowatt-hours, when a sunny day would have produced over 20!

Keep conserving after you install. I didn’t install a 100-percent-offset system, but then had to replace my A/C, which I did with a more-efficient system. That, along with using more efficient light bulbs and appliances, resulted in a system that more than offset my entire electric consumption for the year.

Net metering isn’t romantic, but it’s practical. Net metering means you are tied into the electric grid: your meter runs backward during the day while you’re generating more than you use, and runs forward at night as you tap into the grid. It also means that if the grid goes down around you, you have no power, even if your panels are generating. The alternative is a system with lots of batteries and a very different lifestyle. That’s only practical if you (and more importantly, your family) can handle it.

Solar not only cuts your electric bill, but increases the value of your house. One study showed that the value of your house increases by about the cost of your system!

Make sure to get multiple quotes before choosing a company to install your solar system. I got interested in getting solar because a conservation group (not the Sierra Club) had an arrangement with a solar installer that provided the conservation group with a contribution after the install. But I got half a dozen quotes, and that first installer’s quote was about double that of the lowest quote! If an installer is promising some money back to you or to a conservation group as part of your solar installation, that money is coming from somewhere. I got a much better deal with another installer, gave my own contribution to conservation on top and still came out better off.

Don’t be afraid to go solar. I’ve never regretted getting a system. I waited a few years, thinking it might not be worth it if we sold our house shortly after installing. But it’s been a great experience in every way.

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



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Chapter's February 4th Meeting to Focus on "Sprog Perspectives," Sierra Club's Grassroots Activist Training Program

Three young people from Riverside, Maro Kakoussian, Opamago Agyemang and Jasmine Kavesade, attended the Southwest Sprog training in August, 2013. The San Gorgonio Chapter sponsored them. At our chapter meeting February 4th, they will tell us about the intensive seven-day experience, what they learned and what they will do with their new organizing skills. Assisting them will be chapter Political Chair Jono Hildner from Palm Desert. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Sprog – short for “summer program” – is the training for organizers conducted by the Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), the Sierra Club's organization for young people. Sprog is intended for youth from high school age through young adulthood. It is an intensive seven-day session that gives young activists the tools they need to launch and lead winning campaigns for change, gets them connected to supportive networks, and develops their potential as leaders.

The young people sent by the San Gorgonio Chapter say, “Sprog was indeed a life changer for the three of us.” The Southwest Sprog in August 2013 was held at Camp Oliver in the mountains 40 miles east of San Diego. Each summer regional Sprogs are held at several locations across the country.

Jasmine is completing work at UC Riverside for a bachelor's degree majoring in psychology and minoring in environmental science. She is co-president of Sustainable UCR, one of

the largest environmental groups on campus, and sits on two committees for the UCR Green Campus Action Plan. After graduation she plans to be an environmental community organizer in the Inland Empire. She says that growing up in the Inland Empire she has always had an affinity for nature. “...I find solace and have a deep sense of protection for this planet and that's why I would like to start organizing and eventually start my own organization involving sustainability, particularly around stopping pollution.”

Opamago has been an activist for seven years. He moved to Riverside two years ago from Ithaca, New York. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in philosophy. Opamago works with Jasmine and Sierra Club organizer Allen Hernandez on “My Generation” the Sierra Club's Southern California campaign promoting rooftop solar power and other clean energy strategies.

Jono Hildner is a retired Human Services Administrator from Clackamas County, Oregon. He served twice as Oregon State Health Division Director. He is a long-time hiker and whitewater rafter now living in Palm Desert. Political Chair of the Tahquitz Group and the San Gorgonio Chapter, he has been active in the Sierra Club for the past six years. Jono ran the successful “Save Our Mountains” campaign to stop a massive resort development on the alluvial fan below the Palm Springs Aerial Tram in Chino Canyon.