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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 1 "The Mojave Desert"

Speaker: David McChesney (see write up Page 10)

Tuesday, June 5 "Astronomy in the **National Parks**"

Speaker: Tyler Nordgren (see write up Page 12)

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

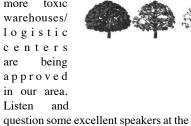
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Inland Valley Clean Air Summit Saturday • May 19th in Riverside

By George Hague

ake action and join others concerned about the air our families are forced to breathe. While we can select what we eat and even drink, we have almost no choice in what we breathe. This is becoming an increasing

concern as more and more toxic warehouses/ logistic centers are approved in our area. Listen and



Riverside Convention Center (3443 Orange St, Riverside) on Saturday May 19th from 8:30am-4:00pm. A continental breakfast and hot lunch will be provided as part of your \$30 registration fee-a few scholarships are available. Seating is limited so register early. Those registering early will receive a drawing ticket for several raffle prizes. It would be wise to arrive early and look at some of the handouts from different organizations/agencies. Those who arrive early (before 8:30)

will receive another ticket for the raffle prizes to be drawn at the end of the day.

The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ) is bringing this wonderful opportunity to our area

> Inland Clean Air Network (ICAN), coalition groups throughout Riverside and San Bernardino working to confront pollution

> along with the

and improve our air. Go to CCAEJ's website (www.ccaej.org) or call Pat Grogan (951-360-8451) to register. Space is limited, and it would be wise to register early.

Penny Newman, Executive Director of CCAEJ, is one of the main speakers. She is a nationally known community activist who has a way of instilling hope in those who seem to be battling insurmountable odds. She has gained a nationally recognized expertise in challenging the Goods Movement industry with its toxic warehouses and logistic centers.

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Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's new Political Chair.

ot all politics is elections. Politics occur all year long, every day and with every interaction with elected officials. Being involved in the political process influences the public policy at every level. We, in the Sierra Club, have been very effective in winning litigation that protects our natural resources and ensures environmental justice. However, if we can influence our elected officials to make decisions that reflect our values in the first place, we won't have as many lawsuits and the world will be a better place because of it. This means that we have to engage, every day and on every small issue. Large corporations are now "people" thanks to Citizens United, and they are not spending their money to protect the environment! This will be a constant battle and we need to make sure that our voices are heard above the ringing of the cash registers.

While not all politics is elections, this is a Presidential election year and our focus must and will be on electing good "enviro" candidates to office. The climate for doing so here in the Inland Empire has never been better. It used to be that the Democrats were willing to allow Republicans to have "safe" districts in Riverside and San



Bernardino counties, as long as they got safe districts elsewhere. No more! Redistricting has made districts that make more sense.

Many of the districts within the Chapter boundaries are extremely competitive this year. Your Political Committee is focusing on those where we think that our endorsement can make a difference. We intend to work on making some endorsements before the June primary and will likely make more this summer after the smoke clears from the new "Top Two" elections.

We have begun the endorsement process on the following races, with some candidates already indicating that they don't seek our endorsement:

• Congressional District 36 where challenger

Dr. Raul Ruiz-D is challenging incumbent Mary Bono Mack-R in a redrawn district that is much more competitive for a Democrat.

- Congressional District 41 where Mark Takano-D is facing County Supervisor John Tavaglione-R in a new district with no incumbent.
- Assembly District 40 where Russ Warner-D is facing incumbent Mike Morell-R.
- Assembly District 42 where Mark Orozco-D is facing incumbent Brian Nestande-R
- · Riverside County Supervisor District 1 where we will likely endorse Supervisor Bob Buster again.

When the endorsements have been finalized, we will be asking members to get involved in support of the endorsed candidates and to make sure that they are aware that you are with the Sierra Club and helping them because of endorsement. We want our endorsed candidates to know that the Sierra Club supports them and, as a result, we expect them to support the positions of the Sierra Club as they deliberate on legislative policy.

We are getting some positive interest from our members to get more involved in the political efforts of the Club and I encourage more of you to get in touch with me at Jono@Hildner. com. Together, we can make a REAL change in the Inland Empire.

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Jon Haveman, PhD, is Chief Economist at the Bay Area Council's Economic Institute. He is widely considered to be one of California's leading experts on the economics of seaports, goods movement, and international trade policy. He will be able to explain all of the Real Costs of the Goods Movement in Southern California. This will be excellent information to combat the "economist's data" paid for by warehouse developers and Cities/Counties.

Matt Miyasato, PhD is Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Technology Advancement Office at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). In this role he leads the groups responsible for research, development, demonstration, and deployment of clean advanced technologies for both mobile and stationary sources. We are looking forward to hearing him talk on innovative technologies leading to zero emission logistic systems.

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CARB Report). Come learn how the latest findings of this important study on diesel health risks.

Our San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club is helping to support this excellent opportunity. Besides all the wonderful speakers mentioned above, you will meet others who are working on issues similar to yours. This is your chance to make many contacts to help your efforts in both the short and long term. Please register early and share this opportunity with others. It might be worthwhile to pay the way for a City Council member to attend.



Group News

Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

High Altitude Gardening

Back by popular demand, the May 17th general meeting will be another great panel discussion of gardening best practices at 6,700 feet. Expert gardeners will be on hand to share their tips and secrets for growing vegetables and herbs up here in Big Bear. Master composter, Marv Cira will share his secrets of creating the perfect soil from your household waste, and Peggy Otterstrom will serve up some yummy recipes for stinging nettles and other fun foods you can grow in Big Bear. Meeting starts at 6:30 at the Discovery Center on North Shore Drive.

Take a Trip to Cambodia

Come discover the sights, sounds and scents of Cambodia as photographer Christie Walker shares her adventures in Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, and Phnom Phen, Cambodia. Originally scheduled for February, the program will now take place at the June 21st meeting at 6:30 at the Discovery Center. Learn about the international Habitat for Humanity build in Phnom Penh, where 22 houses were built in 5 days by 300 volunteers. A local Big Bear Habitat for Humanity spokesperson will also be on hand to answer questions about local builds and how people can get involved.

Save the Date

The 10th Annual Xeriscape Garden tour will be held on Saturday, July 14th. Lisa Patterson will once again be looking for volunteers to welcome attendees to each garden. Work a morning shift and tour the gardens in the afternoon or visa versa. As a volunteer, you're also invited to our

amazing Wrap-Up Party on Sunday, July 15th starting at 3:00 pm. Last year's party turned into a jam session with one of the tour homeowners surprising all of us with his amazing voice. So mark your calendar for both dates and contact Lisa Patterson at 909-866-1067 if you would like to volunteer at one of the Xeriscape homes.



Five Peaks of Big Bear Awards Program

by Ed Wallace, Outings and Conservation Chair

nnually, the Sierra Club Group of Big Bear promotes health and fitness by issuing a "patch" in recognition of those individuals hiking all five peaks of Big Bear. In order to receive the award, you must accompany a Sierra Club Hiking Leader on a scheduled day-hike to each of the peaks of Big Bear. At the end of the year, you will be invited to a "Patch Party" to receive your award.

Below is a partial list led by Ed Calendo at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com . Other peak hikes will be led throughout the summer and will be included on future schedules.

Five Peaks of Big Bear Schedule:

June 2 - Gold Mountain (8.0 miles, with 1,640 elevation gain)

July 14 - Grey's Peak (8 .0 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)

PCT through-hike. This completes the 132.9 mile PCT

August 18 - Bertha Peak (7.5 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain)

September 22 - Delamar Mountain (6.0 miles, with 650' elevation gain)

October 13 - Sugarloaf Mountain (10 miles, with 2,500' elevation gain)

Hike #9: November 9, 2011 to November 12, 2012 – This is the final leg of our PCT Section C journey, a three and half day backpacking adventure from Mission Creek Trail Camp to Interstate 10 near Whitewater River Canyon Preserve. This last leg of the journey is a 30.0 mile





Mojave Group

byJenny Wilder

Hiking Trails in the Mojave Desert

For several years I have been enjoying hikes into the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains in the Juniper Flats Area. This area is just south of Apple Valley and the public lands are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In 2001 I didn't know where the BLM public lands were, and I didn't know what BLM was, and I didn't know of any hiking trails 'in the desert'. I soon learned that there are very few trails dedicated to hiking in the desert (outside of the parks). I also learned a lot about the BLM, and the public lands they manage which surround the Victor Valley. I found out much more than I cared to about off roading (OHV) activities and how costly the damage is to our communities.

In 2006 the BLM signed a record of decision for the motor vehicle route designation in the Juniper Flats Area and the millions of acres of public lands managed by them in the West Mojave Desert. This did not include any hiking trails or even trailheads. I had personally been told that the 'plan' was about vehicle access only and that the BLM didn't have the time or money to undertake the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process for a plan for hiking trails. These photos show what happened next:





The photo on the left shows a broken fence at hiking and equestrian access; the photo on the right shows a designated motorcycle-only trail but used by all vehicles. Both photos taken by Jenny Wilder.

JF3355m was designated as a motorcycle only route in the Arrastre Canyon watershed of the Juniper Flats Area. It follows a long known equestrian/hiking trail to the stream. Within two years of designation as a motorcycle only trail, it was being used by a variety of vehicles and they were not staying on the signed open route. Within less than a mile of open route there are now at least 7 user created motorcycle trails, an OHV play "loop" track, and multiple hill climb trails next to the stream. There are also many user created motorcycle trails off each of the newly created trails off the main trail, creating a spider web of trails that are destroying the habitat, the views and causing erosion. Damage also included destruction of the 2006 restoration efforts of numerous previously known user created trails. The restoration was accomplished with the help of grants in the 6 figure range from the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program (your tax dollars when you buy gas at the pump). Your quiet, peaceful rural walk is being destroyed by irresponsible motorcycle riders and others in various vehicles. Not only is the beautiful Mojave Desert being proposed for mega solar and wind generation plants, but it continues to be ripped to shreds, its wildlife harassed and their habitats destroyed by the clamor for "more riding areas". There are more pictures of this OHV damage in Arrastre Canyon at a sharing site: http://juniperflats.kodakgallery.com/.

If you, your children and grandchildren would benefit from designated hiking trails in the desert, please join us in our efforts to have hiking trails and trailheads designated in the court ordered revision of the 2006 WEMO (West Mojave) plan. Scoping comment period ends April 15, but there will be opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS comes out. Hiking trails do belong in the

Group News

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

ritten comments on the Notice of Preparation for the proposed World Logistics Center in Moreno Valley were due on March 26. George Hague, conservation chair for the Moreno Valley Group, submitted comments on the project. The 41.6 million square foot project (on approximately 2,000 acres), if approved, would place warehouse space equivalent to 700 regulation football fields in eastern Moreno Valley south of Highway 60 between Redlands Boulevard & Gilman Springs Road. The city held a public forum on January 18 where "experts" justified the need for the project. The city held another meeting on March 12 where residents could ask questions regarding the project. The city touted the project in the "Moreno Valley On the Move—Quarterly Economic Development News", saying "City leadership is driving new directions for Moreno Valley understanding that logistics is the new manufacturing. Logistics is the business sector that meets the needs of the global marketplace and matches current skill sets of the local workforce." An April 1 Press-Enterprise article reported that the "public questions project's approval process." The city is also circulating a DVD promoting the project and representatives of the city have made comments that the city is partnering with the developer, Iddo Benzeevi. It is hard to know at this point in time if the city will be able to make an unbiased decision regarding the project if they are already partnering with the project proponent. In a perfect world, more than one would type of project would be considered for the area and the city would consider a wide range of alter-

natives and compatible land uses that would provide a wide spectrum of opportunities. So far it looks as though they are putting all their eggs in one basket. More information can be found at: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/mv-forum0118.shtml Contact for the project is John Terell, Planning Official; telephone (951) 413-3206, e-mail: johnt@moval.org You can ask to be put on the list for all documents and meetings related to the project.

The first May Group outing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. at Sycamore Canyon Park, Riverside. Meet in the Sycamore Canyon Park parking lot on the south side of Central Avenue between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Complete information can be found in the Outings Section of the Palm & Pine and on the Group's web page at: http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html or call Theresa Carson at (951) 660-7246, e-mail: tlcarson01@gmail.com

According to Riverside County planning staff the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan 366 may be released at the end of April. The proposed project plans to put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (northeast of the Villages of Lakeview project site). The project site is adjacent to a flood plain; there are serious geotechnical issues ranging from large ground cracks, soil compaction to close proximity to the Casa Loma fault (part of the San Jacinto Fault zone, one of the most active geotechnical areas in southern California). Prime farm lands would be lost; it would have devastating impacts on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, a cornerstone reserve in Riverside County's Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan. For more information, contact project planner Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail mstraite@rctlma.org Please donate what you can to help us pay for the Sierra Club lawsuit challenging the approval of the 1,000,000 square foot West Ridge Commerce Center warehouse. The Moreno Valley City Council (on a 3-2 vote) overturned the Planning Commission's denial of the West Ridge Commerce Center warehouse on September 6. There are major concerns about: significant increase in traffic, air quality issues, lack of a tenant and complaints from homeowners. The city's failure to demand Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for warehousing is also a problem. Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you very much to those who have already donated and to those who still have plans to help our efforts.

Anyone in the Moreno Valley Group who is interested in taking the Chapter Leadership Training Course (LTC) can contact Ralph Salisbury at ralphsalisbury@att.net for more information and a LTC application. The course will be offered June 2-3. Once you have passed the course requirements, you will be able to lead outings and walks for the group

Bird walks are scheduled at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) the second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Parking Lot 12 for May and June. The moderately easy walks are free with day use fee or camping fee and last 1-2 hours. Please call the LPSRA

numbers to confirm the day and time of the walks (and LPSRA Bird List): (951) 940-5657 (or (951) 940-5600. LPSRA has returned to its regular schedule: open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Information on Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800 This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31st.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help host our information table at local community events. Volunteers would spend about two hours with another person at the table. Please e-mail us at: movalley-group@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping us share information about our group. For San Bernardino Valley Audubon birding field trips at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, check out www.sbvas.org Contact Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or snash22@earthlink. net for information about nature walks at the SJWA.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a "Hike to Olive Mountain" on May 26, 2012. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Palm Middle School, 11900 Slawson Avenue, Moreno Valley. The hike is classified as difficult, 3.6 miles round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com



Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie, Chair

In early February the Mountains Group Executive Committee received an e-mail from past Excom member, current Energy Chair, Sue Walker calling our attention to an article in our local newspaper, the Mountain News. The article was about a 12 year-old girl from Crestline who had been chosen to be a "People to People" student ambassador on a trip to Canada. (People to People was started in 1956 by President Eisenhower to promote cultural understanding and world peace through direct interaction between ordinary citizens.)

What had caught Sue's attention was the next to last paragraph of the article where 12 year-old Brianna Symes revealed her dream for life. "I want to be an engineer with the Peace Corps and help people build energy sources using wind, water and solar," she said. "I think we could do without nonrenewable sources like fossil fuels.

And that caught our attention!

At our March 5 Excom meeting we decided that we would encourage Brianna's future dream by providing some monetary

support for her current adventure. We voted to donate \$500 towards her trip to Canada.

(If you want to learn about Brianna's Canadian trip you can hear her describe it on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9C8muRtUsLE) (Or just go to YouTube and search Brianna Symes.)

Chair Dave Barrie (that's me writing this) gave Brianna's Mother a call and set up a meeting at their home to present Brianna with our check. And we let the Mountain News know about the presentation so they could do a follow-up article.

We (my wife Mary and I) were met by Brianna, her mom Carolee, and her youngest sister Shelby on our March 14 visit.

We had a nice conversation with Brianna and Carolee and found them both nervous



and excited about Brianna's trip this coming summer. Brianna shared some of the sights and adventures that she will experience and that she had to be "accepted" after her name was submitted as a possible ambassador. She suspects that her 6th grade teacher nominated her.

Presentation time! I gave Brianna her check and a package of information about the Mountains Group, and reiterated how impressed we were by her goal for the future.

I informed Brianna that the Mountains Group offers a \$2000 scholarship for seniors at Rim of the World High School (for someone looking towards a future that helps promote protection of our natural resources) and asked her to remember us. (I'm keeping my fingers crossed.)

If you think you might like to help fund Brianna's trip, she can be reached at P.O. Box 6385 Crestline, CA 92325.

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2012

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2012 Calendar are due by June 1, 2012.

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 Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.

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 ${\bf TEN}$ ${\bf ESSENTIALS}$ 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.

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

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 esulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its office 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. 6, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BAR-SB MOUNTAINS GROUP RIE, (909) 337-0313.

BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING (1ST TUE) 6:30 PM The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 seekins@ CHAPTER

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

MEETING

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

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MEETING

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

CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (2ND TUE) 7:00 PM 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.

MEETING

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM

MON 7:00 PM

MOJAVE GROUP

MEETING

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One $block\ north\ of\ Bear\ Valley\ Rd.\ on\ Ridgecrest.)\ Enter\ on\ Ridgecrest\ side\ of\ the\ building.\ INFO:\ CAROL\ WILEY, (760)$ MOJAVE GROUP

(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>

SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3RD TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP

Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational

Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, LOS SERRANOS GROUP <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>

www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site

BIG BEAR GROUP

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP (3RD THU) 7:00 PM 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

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING (4TH TUE) 7:00 PM

Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS

WALK CHAPTER

MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile Conditioning hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430.

MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING

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MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, starts & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG bspreng@gte.net (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING FRI 7:00 PM

Please join me for a 3-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430

<Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

APRIL 23 – APRIL 29

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

APR 24 (TUE) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE

This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent pines, cedar and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000 ft with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. BRING Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. LEADER: ED WALLACE, (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.

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APR 25 (WED) 9:00 AM JACOBY CYN - HWY 18 TO LUCKY BALDWIN MINE HIKE

Moderate to difficult 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1200' elevation gain. A snowshoe or other hike may be substituted if conditions dictate. BRING: weather appropriate clothing, sturdy boots, plenty of water and snacks. MEET: Vons in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Lucerne Valley area may want to meet us at the trailhead (6000' elevation marker on Hwy 18) at 9:15 or so. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 25 (WED) 5:00 PM TWO TREES - BOX SPRINGS

Three-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from I-215 Freeway in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east 2 miles to where the road turns to dirt. This is the hiker parking area for the trail; there is no parking at the actual trailhead. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246, <tlcarson01@gmail.com>

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MAY 9 (WED) 5:00 PM

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APR 28 (SAT) 7:30 AM

APR 26 (THU) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5

Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING:

miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office at 9:00 A.M. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, (909) 867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com> SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE

SERVICE MAY 9 (WED) 7:00 PM

This Earth Environmental Stewardship Day will be a restoration effort sponsored by the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Frontier Project. This fascinating environmental gem is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic views are really outstanding. BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes/boots, long pants, and long sleeved shirt. Also bring work gloves if you have them. Sunscreen, chapstick, hat, and sunglasses are highly recommended. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek - exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement. Coming from the west Day Creek is about 2 miles east of Haven). Rain cancels. RSVP to volunteer at <www.frontierproject. org> or call (909) 944-6022. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, <dtsierra@msn.com>, (909) 899-2795

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK

MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local SB MOUNTAINS GROUP restaurant after walk (optional). LEADER: BILL ENGS (909) 338-1910.

APR 28 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL - SOUTH OF GLASS RD

Moderate, 10-mile round trip hike along the Santa Ana River Trail with an 800' to 1000' elevation gain. BRING sturdy boots, plenty of water, layered seasonal clothing and snacks. MEET: Vons in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Redlands area can meet us at the intersection of Glass Road and Route 38 at about 9:30. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 29-MAY 5 (SUN-SAT) ESCALANTE RIVER CANYON SERVICE/BACKPACK

We will work with National Park Service Ranger Bill Wolverton on the ongoing Russian olive eradication program. 42 miles of the Escalante River have been cleared. This project will clear more, using loppers, small handsaws, and herbicide. Participants must follow work-clothing requirements, provide their own food and gear on the trail, and travel expenses to the trailhead. MEET in Escalante Sunday morning, caravan to the trailhead and hike in about 7 miles. Expect knee to thigh-deep river crossings, and some bushwhacking. We work 4 days, dayhike 1 day and hike out Saturday morning. For more information contact LEADER, PAUL PLATHE, (209) MOTHER LODE CHAPTER

APRIL 30 – MAY 6 Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

MAY 1 (TUE) 6:30 PM

BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM

MEETING BIG BEAR GROUP

The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.

MEETING MAY 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 redlands.google.com geekins@ CHAPTER

SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE MAY 2 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE

Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MEETING MAY 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

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

MAY 4 (FRI) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE

Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is May 5) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: LEADERS PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 4-6 (FRI-SUN) BLACK ROCK NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Join Graham Stafford & Pat Bruce of Friends of Nevada Wilderness at Mustang Springs in the Black Rock National Conservation Area. We will be repairing a catchment dam at the spring. This trip involves a fairly strenuous hike. High clearance vehicles required, transportation can be provided. All meals except lunch are provided. INFO: LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, <graham@grahamstafford.com> or FNW STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR PAT BRUCE, 775-815-5598.

GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

**MAY 5 (SAT) 8:15 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 CAJON PASS

This is Hike #1 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.2 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: In McDonalds parking lot where the I-15 meets with Hwy 138 at the Cajon Junction. BRING: ten essen $tials, layered\ clothing, sun\ protection, 3.0\ liters\ of\ water, food, sunglasses, hat\ and\ good\ hiking\ shoes.\ Adventure$ Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

KELLER HUT SPRING GATHERING MAY 5-6 (SAT-SUN)

LODGE

CHAPTER

Join us Saturday at 11:00 AM at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, games, and conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. INFO: call OVERSEER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 7 – MAY 13

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

MAY 7 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 6, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BAR-SB MOUNTAINS GROUP RIE, (909) 337-0313.

CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM

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.

water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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MOJAVE GROUP Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One

 $block\ north\ of\ Bear\ Valley\ Rd.\ on\ Ridgecrest.)\ Enter\ on\ Ridgecrest\ side\ of\ the\ building.\ INFO:\ CAROL\ WILEY, (760)$ 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 10 (THU) 9:00 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL TO GRANDVIEW POINT

This is approximately a 6-mile, 3-hour, moderate hike, with about 800' of elevation gain. Meet at the east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, where we will carpool to the trailhead. Drivers will require adventure passes. Bring sturdy boots, water, weather appropriate clothing and snacks. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232 BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 11-13 (FRI-SUN) TOM BASIN BURN STA ROSA WILDERNESS SERVICE

Join Graham Stafford & Brenna Archibald of the Nevada Outdoor School to reseed native plants in Tom Basin burn area/Santa Rosa Wilderness. The area is north of Winnemucca. It is easy work and the outing is family oriented. All meals are provided except lunch. INFO: contact LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, <graham@grahamstafford> or BRENNA ARCHIBALD, <bra>dona.archibald@ nevadaoutdoorschool.org> GREAT BASIN GROUP TOIYABE CHAPTER

**MAY 12 (SAT) 9:00 AM BADEN POWELL

Come join us for a moderate 9-mile hike to Baden-Powell Mtn. from Vincent Gap. This is a beautifully forested area, one of San Gabriels' finest. BRING sturdy boots, 3-4quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: For more info and meeting place contact LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE 760-252-2194 or <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>

MEETING

HIKE

MAY 14 – MAY 20

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

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MAY 14 (MON) 7:00 PM MEETING

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

MAY 15 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET)

CONS COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions.

CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>

SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

MAY 15 (TUE) 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. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379,

<ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 16 (WED) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK

This is a local hike in the Mt. Baldy area and is on the Lower Peak list of the Angeles Chapter. The hike is 6 miles R/T on road and trail. BRING water, boots and sun screen lotion. Long pants recommended. MEET: Call for meeting place. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899.

MAY 16 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE "M"

Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. BRING: water and $sturdy\ shoes.\ MEET: from\ 60 fwy\ in\ Moreno\ Valley\ go\ north\ on\ Pigeon\ Pass\ to\ left\ at\ the\ light\ on\ Hidden\ Springs$ Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@ MORENO VALLEY GROUP gmail.com>

S B MTS, EXPLORATION TRAIL **MAY 17 (THU) 9:00 AM

Join us on a moderate 9-mile RT hike with 1,300 feet elevation gain from Running Springs. The route passes through the beautiful Children's Forest with great views of San Gorgonio Mtn, Mt San Jacinto and Mt. Baldy. As we gain elevation, we will pass through rock formations and see changes in vegetation. BRING: lunch, water, and the ten essentials. WEAR sturdy boots. MEET at 9:00 AM in the Children's Forest visitors' center parking lot on Hwy 18. Adventure Pass required. CALL to confirm. LEADER: DON FISCHER, (909) 939-0332.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 17 (THU) 9:00 AM JACOBY CYN HWY 18 TO LUCKY BALDWIN MINE

Moderate to difficult 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1200' elevation gain. MEET at Vons in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Lucerne Valley area may want to meet us at the trailhead (6000' elevation marker on Hwy 18) at 9:15 or so. BRING weather appropriate clothing, sturdy boots, plenty of water and snacks. REGISTRATION call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 17 (THU) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP** MEETING

Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www. sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

MEETING MAY 17 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

MAY 18 (FRI) 6:00-9:00 PM TASTE OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Enjoy an evening out with Sierra Club friends at this Eco-Friendly and Elegant Community Event. "A" Street in Historic Downtown will be transformed into an elegantly decorated open air adults-only gathering place where you will walk among restaurants and caterers featuring delicious cuisine and aesthetically pleasing temptations for the eye and the palette, while enjoying beer from local brewers plus delicious wine tasting from local merchants and vintners. COST:\$35 each with a portion going to the Los Serranos Group treasury. Contact leader for tickets. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

HIKE

MAY 19 (SAT) 7:30 AM COTTONWOOD SPRING

<JensOasis@aol.com> or 760 220 0730

This hike is an approximate 6 miles, moderate, round trip hike into the Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern), just south of Apple Valley. We begin with a warming up hill climb rewarded by spectacular views of the Victor Valley and San Bernardino Mountains. Large boulders provide shade near the Cottonwood Spring area in addition to some trees along the small stream. It may be warm/hot so BRING plenty of water, wear layered clothing, hat and bring snacks/lunch. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30 a.m. Contact LEADER JENNY WILDER for details:

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MOJAVE GROUP

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**MAY 19 (SAT) 8:30 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO MOJAVE RIVER DAM

This is Hike #2 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Silverwood Lake campgrounds near the Lake entrance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813.

BIG BEAR GROUP

HIKE

**MAY 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM LYTLE CREEK MIDDLE FORK

Join us on a moderate to strenuous 5-mile RT, 1250 feet elevation gain, hike that follows the middle fork of Lytle Creek. With luck, we may spot a bighorn sheep from the herd that roams the canyon. We will stop for lunch and enjoy the stream at Third Stream Crossing. WEAR layers and sturdy hiking boots. BRING: plenty of water, snack and lunch. High profile vehicles will be needed for carpooling to trailhead. Adventure Pass required. MEET: Call for place. LEADER: BONNIE TRUSLER 909-880-1334 btrusler@verizon.net

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM $\;\;$ SAN MATEO CANYON TO FISHERMAN'S CAMP

Enjoy a day in the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 7.5 mile out and back hike to Fisherman's Camp. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1000 ft of elevation gain over three hills and two Creek crossings. 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. MEET: at the first trailhead and carpool to the Fisherman's Camp trailhead. "Rain Cancels" 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 Call LEADER: GARY MARSALONE (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 21 – MAY 27

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

**MAY 22 (TUE) 9:00 AM CASTLE ROCK AND SIBERIA CREEK TRAILS

This is a moderate to difficult, 4-hour, 8-mile hike with about 1200' of elevation gain. On route we will pass Castle Rock, Bluff Lake and the Champion Lodgepole Pine. BRING sturdy boots, water, comfortable clothing and lunch. MEET: at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes are required at the trailhead. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232

BIG BEAR GROUP

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM

MEETING Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn CHAPTER

MAY 23 (WED) 5:00 PM RECHE MTN HIKE

Difficult 4.4 mile round trip with 1100 elevation gain. Hiking mostly on an old steep access road, lots of burros $and\ views.\ BRING: water and\ sturdy\ shoes.\ MEET: From\ 60 fwy\ in\ Moreno\ Valley, exit\ Heacock\ and\ go\ north\ about\ 2.4\ miles\ to$ turn left onto a nameless road that leads to the Methodist Church. We will park on the side of the road, not in the church parking lot. If you reach Reche Vista you went a little too far and missed the left turn. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA MORENO VALLEY GROUP CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com>

MAY 25-28 (FRI-MON) BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS

SERVICE/PHOTO One of the premier events on the Black Rock NCA. Educational programs and tours will help you to become familiar with the special features of the NCA, and meet the partner groups in the area. We will be taking the lead on the restoration component of the event, which will include; route restoration, tamarisk removal, and general clean-up. Graham Stafford will be doing a photography workshop. This is a family friendly event. All meals except lunch are provided. INFO: Contact LEADER: GRA- $HAM\,STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, < graham@grahamstafford.com \gt or\,FNW\,STEWARDSHIP\,PROGRAM\,DIRECTOR$ GREAT BASIN GROUP TO YABE CHAPTER PAT BRUCE, 775-815-5598.

MAY 25-28 (FRI-MON) BLACK ROCK

A long weekend of tours, visits to hot springs, speakers, raffles, a dutch oven cook-off, and similar events on the edge of the Black Rock Desert. A great "first trip to the Black Rock" since you can learn your way around with people who already know the area! RV's and trailers OK. Most events are on Saturday and Sunday. Additional fees apply. INFO

GREAT BASIN GROUP. TO IYABE CHAPTER

**MAY 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM DEEP CREEK BRIDGE TO MOJAVE RIVER FORKS

This is Hike #3 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 13.4 mile through- hike. Hiker shuttling will be required. RAT-ING: Strenuous MEET: Running Springs Fire Department parking lot. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3-liters of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead, RESERVATIONS Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813. BIG BEAR GROUP

S B MTS FLOWER WALK

Join us to see plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: water and snack. Adventure Pass required. MEET: Call: BARBARA LEVERING, INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, 909-338-1253, for place. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK

See new spring arrivals and year 'round residents as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast afterward. MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 909-338-2637. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 28 – JUNE 3

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

SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE MAY 30 (WED) 5:00 PM

Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON MORENO VALLEY GROUP (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com>

**MAY 31 (THU) 8:00 AM GRINNELL, LAKE & ZAHNISER PEAKS

This is a must for all you peak baggers. A strenuous 15 mile round trip hike with 3000 ft elevation gain. We will start at the Aspen Grove Trailhead and hike to the Fish Creek saddle. From there we will follow the trailless ridges to these 10,000+ foot peaks with their expanded views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness BRING water, snack, layered clothing and hiking boots. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. RESERVATIONS: a wilderness permit is required so please call in advance. INFO: call the LEADER ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

TIMBER MOUNTAIN **JUN 2 (SAT) 6:30 AM HIKE

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8.303), 9 miles round trip with 3404 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Timber Mt. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 02 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN

This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,325 ft. elevation gain. RATING: moderate/strenuous. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. MEET: Vons Shopping Center, Big Bear Lake or at the trailhead at 8:20 a.m. We will carpool to trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 <dogs111@msn.com>

JUN 2 (SAT) 10 AM to 3 PM SB MTS FOREST FESTIVAL

A Non-Sierra Club event sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, the National Forest Association and the Rim Recreation and Parks District. Join us for this year's Forest Festival, celebrating the San Bernardino National $Forest.\,Learn\,about\,local, non-profit, service\,agencies, networks, groups, and\,organizations; all\,of\,the\,wonderful$ things the forest has to offer; and how we preserve, protect and enjoy our mountain environment. Arts and crafts, music, hiking at the nearby Children's Forest Exploration Trail, and lots of clean mountain air! LOCATION: The Brulte Baseball field on Highway 18 just east of Charles Hoffman Elementary School in Running Springs. INFO: DAVE BARRIE 909 337-0313 darriemail@mac.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 2 (SAT) 12:00 NOON S B MTS FOREST FESTIVAL

FAMILY HIKE

HIKE

MEETING

Join us at the Children's Forest Visitor Center, Running Springs for a one hour hike on the Exploration Trail to get an idea of how beautiful our local mountains are in the San Bernardino National Forest. Bring your children with you on the hike so they get a chance to experience this and also see what interesting animals are on display in the visitor's center. LEADER: DON FISCHER. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 2-3 (SAT-SUN) LEADERSHIP TRAINING

If you have enjoyed the chapter's outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a chapter outings leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in outings administration, map and compass, the psychology of leadership, environmental considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the San Gorgonio Chapter. COST: \$34 for training materials, food and the weekend use of the facility. For an application form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507 or contact <ralphsalisbury@att.net.>

MOONLIGHT HIKE JUN 3 (SUN) 6:00 PM

Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is June 4.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUNE 4 – JUNE 10

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JUN 5 (TUE) 8:30 AM SEVEN OAKS TRAIL

Join us on our first hike on this historic trail reopened last year through the efforts of the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation. This will be a strenuous 5-mile round trip hike between 2N10 and 2N06 with a 1500 ft. elevation gain. BRING 2 qts. water, snacks, hat, layered clothing, hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 am. INFO: call LEADER Ed WALLACE (909) 584-9407 BIG BEAR GROUP

MEETING JUN 5 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM BIG BEAR GROUP

The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER JUN 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma. DIRECTIONS: Exit II at California St. Info: Ladd Seeting (100) 800-800 richards-normalisma. gmail.com>. CHAPTER

TWO TREES-BOX SPRINGS JUN 6 (WED) 5:00 PM

Moderate 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east 2 miles to where the road turns to dirt. This is the hiker parking area for the trail; there is no parking at the actual trailhead. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com>

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 7 (THU) 9:00 AM EXPLORATION TRAIL ROUND TRIP

This is a moderate to difficult, 5-hour, 9-mile hike with about 1200' of elevation gain in the Running Springs area. BRING sturdy boots, plenty of water, appropriate clothes and lunch. MEET: Visitor Center parking lot and carpool to the nearby trailhead. Those coming from the Big Bear Lake area will meet at 8:30 in the east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center for carpool to the Visitor Center. Adventure passes are BIG BEAR GROUP required at the trailhead. BLEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.

**JUN 9 (SAT) 6:30 AM ONTARIO PEAK

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3800 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, < john@ stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM LITTLE BEAR SPRG TO DEEP CREEK BRIDGE

This is Hike #4 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program, Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.2 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, adequate water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM GRAYS PEAK AND HANNA FLATS

Come join others hikers this moderate/strenuous 12-13 mile hike to Gray's Peak and Hanna Flats. This a terrific hike into the San Bernardino Mtns. near Fawnskin on the northwest side of Big Bear Lake with countless views of the lake. BRING sturdy boots, 3-4 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: Contact LEADER TERRENCE MC-CORKLE 760-252-2194 <oldhiker dude@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 10 (SUN) 8:30 AM CEDAR SPRINGS TRAIL

This is a moderately difficult 7 mile out and back hike, with 2000' of elevation gain and should take about 4 hours. The first mile of the hike goes through fenced private property and has some shade followed by 1.5 miles of switch backs climbing through chaparral to the PCT. The Scenery changes abruptly when a desert panorama pops out at you. We will hike downhill 1 mile to a shady campsite at Cedar Springs for lunch. BRING lots of water lunch and snacks. Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes and sunscreen. A wilderness pass is needed for all cars parked at the trailhead. MEET: The trailhead is located east of Lake Hemet off highway 74. Turn left on Morris Ranch Road. Follow the paved road to the end, the trailhead is on the right. If you come in on the 371 turn left (west) on highway 74 and Morris Ranch Road will be on the right about a mile or so down SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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**JUN 10 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, ECOLOGY WALK

WALK

In our local mountains we will learn about forest and streamside ecosystems and observe the effects of wild fire.: about 1 mile, Elevation gain: under 100 feet. BRING: snack, water, extra clothing WEAR: boots, sun hats. MEET: Rock Camp parking area, off SR 173, north of Lake Arrowhead. Adventure Pass required. INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, DAVE FICKE, 909-336-4706. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836)

MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUNE 11 – JUNE 17

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**JUN 11 (MON) 8:15 AM GRINNELL MOUNTAIN PEAK

HIKE

This is a one-day hiking adventure to the top of Grinnell Mountain starting at the Aspen Glen trailhead and meandering along Fish Creek as the trail heads east before arriving at Fish Creek Meadows. We continue our climb more steeply up Fish Creek Trail until arriving at Fish Creek Saddle Campground. From the campgrounds, we bushwhack our way to the top of Grinnell Mountain. A round trip distance of 15.2 miles with an elevation gain of 3,000'. RATED: Strenuous, BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, lunch, 3 liters of water, sun-protection, and good hiking boots. MEET: Take Hwy 38 east from Redlands to the entrance road Heart Bar Campgrounds (1N02). We will meet just off the Hwy 38 and $then \, car avan \, to \, the \, trailhead. \, An \, Adventure \, Pass \, is \, required \, for \, parking. \, REGISTER \, early \, with \, the \, leader \, as \, wilderness \, decreases a contract of the experiment of the expe$ permits must be arranged. LEADER: ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or (760) 328-1090 or <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 11 (MON) 7:00 PM

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

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE **MEETING**

Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.

JUN 13 (WED) 9:00 AM SAN DIMAS CANYON

HIKE

Here's an easy stroll terminating at the San Dimas Dam built in 1921 to mitigate area flooding. Elevation gain is a mere 400' for this 2.5 mile R/T jaunt. River sounds and sites are to our left as we approach the Dam. BRING: water, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 < jmwandjjw@hotmail.com>

MOJAVE GROUP JUN 13 (WED) 7:00 PM **MEETING**

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

HIGHWAY 18 TO BEAR CREEK JUN 14 (THU) 8:00 AM HIKE

A strenuous 8 mile hike with 2000 ft elevation loss and gain. This hike takes us to the bottom of woodsy Bear Creek canyon. We will lunch in the shade alongside babbling Bear Creek. BRING 2 qts. water, snacks, hat, layered clothing, hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. LEADER ED WAL-LACE(909) 584-9407. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JUN 15-17 (FRI-SUN) STA ROSA WILDERNESS TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Join Graham Stafford & Pat Bruce of Friends of Nevada Wilderness. We will be building an exclosure on a spring near Mahogany Creek, north of the Black Rock NCA near the Summit Lake reservation. It is a family friendly event. All meals included except lunch. INFO: Contact LEADER GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478 <graham@grahamstafford.com> GREAT BASIN GROUP TOIYABE CHAPTER

JUN 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM OAK GLEN, JUNIPER FLATS AREA

The lovely hike to a small Oak Glen in Arrastre Canyon is about 5-6 miles round trip. Arrastre Canyon is an important watershed that drains from the San Bernardino Mountains into the Milpas Highlands area and Lucerne Valley. The hike includes visiting unique plant assemblages, a small stand of oaks, and impressive clusters of $huge\ boulders, and\ lovely\ views\ of\ the\ Victor\ Valley.\ WEAR\ sturdy\ hiking\ boots, layered\ clothing, sunscreen\ and\ lovely\ views\ of\ the\ Victor\ Valley.$ hat. BRING at least 2-3 quarts of water, lunch/snacks and a hiking stick. Don't forget the camera and binoculars! MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. RESERVATUIONS: Contact LEADER JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> 760 220 0730 MOJAVE GROUP

JUNE 18 – JUNE 24

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JUN 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>

SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 20 (WED) 8:00 AM GLENDORA MOUNTAIN

This is a hike in the Glendora area. The hike is 3 miles R/T with a gain of 800 Ft. The hike is all on trail and steep in some places. BRING water, boots and sunscreen lotion. MEET: Call for meeting place. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 20 (WED) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE

Moderate 4-mile hike in Box Springs Park, about 800ft elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com>

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 21 (THU) 10:00 AM S B MTS CHILDREN'S FOREST/MILL PEAK HIKE

Moderate five-mile RT hike with a 400 ft. elevation loss/gain. Starting at Rimwood Ranch in Running Springs, the trail will follow a ridge overlooking San Gorgonio and San Jacinto Peaks, then drop down to a beautiful meadow in the Children's Forest, ending with snacks at the leader's home! BRING: a quart of water, lunch and snacks; WEAR: hiking boots and sunscreen. MEET: Call for directions. LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 21 (THU) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP** MEETING

Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www. sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP JUN 21 (THU) 7:00 PM 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

**JUN 23 (SAT) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3950 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1-1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM VAN DUSEN CYN TO LITTLE BEAR SPRG

This is Hike #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 12.1 mile through- hike. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, adequate water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS Call LEADER: ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or <dogs111@msn.com>

BIG BEAR GROUP

JUNE 25 – JULY 1

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

**JUN 26 (TUE) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL LOOP

This is about a 10-mile, 5-hour, moderate to difficult hike with about 1,000' of elevation gain. We will hike north on the Santa Ana River Trail along a ridge to Heart Bar Road and return via the Meadow Trail. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, appropriate clothing, sun protection and lunch. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. For those coming from the Redlands area, meet us at 9:40 AM in the South Fork parking lot on Hwy 38 between the Santa Ana and South Fork Rivers. Drivers must display Adventure Passes. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM JUN 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM

MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 ralphsalisbury@att.net.

SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE JUN 27 (WED) 5:00 PM

Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 29-JULY 1 (FRI-SUN) EMIGRANT TRAILS, BLACK ROCK DES

We'll probably leave Reno, NV, Friday evening and head to Double Hot Springs about 30 miles north of Gerlach, NV to meet a group of Trails West people who are doing a survey of the Emigrant trail between Double Hot Springs and Mud Meadows about 20 miles north - Some hiking, some driving, some time in hot springs. We'll probably visit the ghost town site of Hardin City and the Lassen-Clapper Murder site nearby. Sorry, no RV's or Trailers, 4 WD strongly preferred. SIGN UP 6/15-6/27. GREAT BASIN GROUP TOIYABE CHAPTER LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443.

**JUN 30 (SAT) 8:15 AM SAN BERNARDINO PEAK

This is an historic trail established in 1852 by U.S. Government Army Surveyors. One-hundred and sixty years later we will follow this route through beautiful subalpine country with breathtaking views across the vast San Bernardino Valley to the distant San Gabriel Mountains. The round trip hiking distance is 16.0 miles with an elevation gain of 4,700'. RATED: Strenuous, BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, lunch, 2 liters of water, water purification drops, sun-protection, and good hiking boots. MEET: Take Hwy 38 east from Redlands to mountain town of Angelus Oaks. We will meet in front of the Oak's restaurant. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. REGISTER early as wilderness permit must be arranged. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 <dogs111@msn.com> **BIG BEAR GROUP**

JUL 1 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE

Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is July 3.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. LEADERS: PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JULY 2 – JULY 8

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

JUL 3 (TUE) 6:30 PM

BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM

MEETING

The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.

BIG BEAR GROUP

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma: Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 richards-normalisma: richards-normalisma: richards-normalisma CHAPTER gmail.com>.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM JUL 5 (THU) MEETING

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

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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

JUL 21-22 (SAT-SUN) ONYX SUMMIT TO DEER SPRINGS This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for overnight wilderness camping. From Onyx

Summit near Big Bear Lake you will backpack 4.0 miles to Dear Springs Trail Camp were the group will camp overnight. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. Call the hiking leader for details. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, food, and a lunch for the first day. MEET: Onyx Summit at 8:15 a.m. Saturday. Located on Hwy 38. RESERVATIONS: Contact: LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813, <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

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Santa Margarita Group by Jim Mitchell, Chair

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s you all know, we are right in the middle of the election season. Billboards and signs are up, speeches are being made, mail boxes are full of mailers, phone banks are buzzing, fund raisers are gathering, and supporters are out knocking on doors. Its democracy at its best and hopefully you are getting involved.

The Sierra Club is very active in the election process because in order to achieve many of its conservation goals, it is necessary to get the right people elected to local, state and federal offices. One way this is done is by the Sierra Club endorsing candidates.

The Sierra Club also endorses issues One statewide initiative the Sierra Club has endorsed has not officially qualified for the November ballot yet. It calls for the labeling of foods that have been genetically engineered. As of this writing, volunteers are still out collecting signature to get the issue on the November ballot. If the Genetically Modified Foods Labeling issue makes it to the ballot, you want to look at it closely for a possible "yes" vote. It is an important issue. For more information, check out their webpage at (www.labelgmos.org).

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

Teri Biancardi, Educational Outreach Co-Chair

The number of youngsters and parents participating in our Outdoor Families program continues to grow in numbers now that we have established an efficient way to communicate with our members, through the website "Meetup.com."





In March we had a fascinating outing to Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve (above left photo of our Outdoor Families program members listening to Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency's Natural Resources Manager Brian Shomo talk about restoration efforts at Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve; above right photo of program members; both photos taken by Teri Biancardi and Pam Nelson). Mr. Shomoe is leading restoration efforts on that site, which used to be a citrus farm but was abandoned, and now is covered by old irrigation hoses and exotic grasses. Our tour started with a hike past the sheep dogs and sheep (the kids loved that) who are eradicating the non-native grasses. We then wandered over to the site where the endangered Quino Checkerspot butterfly was last spotted in 1996, and Shomo and his team have planted native plants to try to entice them back. Our next outing will be a service learning excursion to Summerhill Preserve where we will be removing some invasive plants as we take in the fantastic view of Lake Elsinore. We are fortunate that Pam Nelson, our Conservation Chair who arranges all the outings, has established such good relations with land managers through her environmental work that our group gets the rare opportunity to visit sites usually kept closed to the public.

Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach Committee Chair

Proposition 84 funding has created some interesting projects that will protect and monitor the Santa Margarita River watershed's health. For those that might not remember, Prop 84 is the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Groups will be monitoring surface water quality and testing new methods for more efficiency in the future. Others will be looking at ground-water supply. Invasive species that deplete the water and biodiversity are proposed projects. Upcoming Earth Day events give us a chance to spread the word about our activities and concerns. We will "table" at the Temecula Recycling Earth Day event on April 21st, April 22nd at the Glen Ivy Resort and May 12th in Anza. For more information, please email me at (pamela05n@yahoo.com).

Margaret Meyncke, Educational Outreach & Outings Committees



On Saturday, February 25, 2012, our local Sierra Club went on a wonderful hike on a small piece of the Pacific Crest Trail (see photo above, taken by Bob Audibert). We met at a point close to Warner Springs about 9:15 and began an easy walk through the native flora on a well marked and gentle trail. Our fearless leader, Bob Audibert, had previously scouted the trail and chosen a short distance of level terrain alongside a babbling brook. There were ten people in our party (plus a very happy dog), the youngest was two years old, and the oldest felt young. It was an absolutely gorgeous, sunny, sparkling day. On the trail, we observed a wide variety of native plants and listened to the bird songs. At the turnaround point, we paused for refreshments and conversation. A large group of boy scouts, all the way from Fullerton, passed by full of vim and vigor. How lucky we are that this natural beauty is so close and available in our own back yard! Thanks, Bob, for putting this together.

Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair with Gary Marsalone

We have two hikes planned so far for May and June:

On May19, (Sat) at 9AM we will hike down the San Mateo Canyon to Fisherman's Camp. Enjoy a day in the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 7.5 mile out and back hike to Fisherman's Camp. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1000 ft of elevation gain over three hills and two Creek crossings. We will meet at the first trailhead and carpool to the Fisherman's Camp trailhead. "Rain Cancels" You will need to bring plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes (sandals can be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A



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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. For reservations & more information, contact hike leader leader Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or email hikesie@gmail.com.

On June 10 (Sun) at 8:30 AM we will hike the Cedar Springs Trail. This is a moderately difficult 7 mile out and back hike, with 2000' of elevation gain and should take about 4 hours. The first mile of the hike goes through fenced private property and has some shade followed by 1.5 miles of switch back climbing through chaparral to the PCT. The Scenery changes abruptly when a desert panorama pops out at you. We will hike downhill 1 mile to a shady campsite at Cedar Springs for lunch. The trailhead is located east of Lake Hemet off highway 74. Turn left on Morris Ranch Road. Follow the paved road to the end, the trailhead is on the right. If you come in on the 371 turn left (west) on highway 74 and Morris Ranch Road will be on the right about a mile or so down the road. Bring lots of water, lunch and snacks. Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes and sunscreen. A wilderness pass is needed for all cars parked at the trailhead. To register or for additional information about the hike contact hiking leader Bob Audibert at (951)302-1059 or email bob.takeahike1@gmail.com.

Laurie Webster, Activities Committee Chair

On Sunday, February 26, approximately 25 members of our Santa Margarita Group enjoyed a wonderful afternoon exploring the "Warriors, Tombs and Temples: China's Enduring Legacy Special Exhibit" at the Bowers Museum in Orange. The exhibit provided a unique look at the Qin, Han and Tang dynasties and their treasures, including the famous life-size terra cotta warriors. Several of our groups were very impressed by the smaller in scale but equally impressive terra cotta warriors from the Han Dynasty. We shared a nice lunch together at a local café before returning to the Temecula Valley.

Stay tuned for our next activity which will be held at The Living Desert in Palm Desert. This will likely be scheduled the last part of April or the beginning of May.

Fred Bartz, Political Committee Chair

As many of you may already know, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors tentatively voted 3-2 to DENY the appeal of the Liberty Quarry project. A second confirming vote is expected in the near future. The applicant, Granite Construction, has indicated that they will not sue the County over the decision; however, there are options such as they could come back in the future with a different or smaller proposal. Granite Construction's representative has indicated in the media that Granite would entertain offers to purchase the land. Purchasing the land is one permanent way to ensure there is no quarry on the proposed site.

We are all thankful for the support of County Supervisors Bob Buster, Jeff Stone and John Tavaglione in their vote to deny the Liberty Quarry project, which will help preserve the SDSU Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and the Santa Margarita River.

OUR GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS,

42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589

STARTING AT 6:30 PM.

Questions, please email us at sierraclubsmg@gmail.com and visit our web site: www.sierraclubsmg.org

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trails and trailheads designated in the court ordered revision of the 2006 WEMO (West Mojave) plan. Scoping comment period ends April 15, but there will be opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS comes out. Hiking trails do belong in the Travel Management Plan because you have to drive to get to the trailhead and because motorized trails and roads can impact hiking trails and the quiet one expects from the hiking experience. Travel management should include access and travel by foot as well as by vehicle. http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/wemo_court_mandates. html. Also, let your elected officials (including the governor) know that public access is not just about motorized access! Many thanks for your letters of support for hiking in the Mojave Desert. A copy would be much appreciated: Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com

"Trail Fest"

July 27, 28, 29 in Big Bear Lake, California, Northwoods Resort & Conference Center, 40650 Village Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 http://www.pcta.org/ The Pacific Crest Trail Association is holding their annual event in our neighborhood! It is a weekend of fun with others who also appreciate the wonders of the Pacific Crest Trail and perhaps some who have hiked the entire trail from Mexico to Canada! There will be information on gear etc., classes, workshops, stories, movies, an opportunity to hike the trail and also do some trail maintenance. On Sunday there will be family activities at the Big Bear Discovery Center. The Mojave Group is joining with the Big Bear and Mountain groups to host a table for the event.



Sierra Student Coalition



Students: Check out http://www.ssc.org Get Involved - Whether you're brand new to activism or you've been organizing for years, the Sierra Student Coalition offers many ways to plug into the youth clean energy movement. Stay Connected Sign up for the SSC *Update*, our monthly newsletter, to stay up to date on the SSC's campaigns and highlights. Join the SSC Energy Forum to receive

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Questions? E-mail sierra.student@sierraclub.org



GOODJOBS GREENJ®BS regional conferences 2012

his is the fifth year that the BlueGreen Alliance has held a Good Jobs, Green Jobs conference and this year they decided to meet in four regional conferences, rather than one single meeting in Washington, DC. This allowed at least four members from the San Gorgonio Chapter to attend, learn and add our voices and experience to the collective wisdom that was assembled for this meeting.

For those unacquainted with the BlueGreen Alliance, it was started essentially as a partnership between the Sierra Club and the United Steelworkers in 2006 and has continued to attract other environmental organizations and unions. It was forged out of the realization that political forces that were against both environmental protection and workers rights were attempting, successfully, to set up a false dichotomy that required that the public choose between jobs and the environment. We couldn't have both.

The Supreme Court decision in the Citizen's United case has even further tilted the scales of political, environmental and economic justice against labor and the environment. Thus, the idea that we need to push back and recognize that we must have both – Good Jobs AND Green Jobs.

There were three plenary sessions and more "break-out" sessions than the four members of San Gorgonio could attend. The purpose of this article is to just touch on some thoughts and some of what was learned, to encourage you, the members, to get more involved with unions in your area and to be more aware of the forces at work both positive and negative.

Responsible investment strategies and partnerships are emerging. Public and labor pension plans invested \$22 billion in the last ten years through five worker-friendly real estate funds and created 161,083 job years. These funds can be used to finance infrastructure and energy retrofits of commercial real estate, as well as sustainably rebuilding housing and urban centers. Some real estate investors are also integrating efforts with green building practices, environmentally sustainable strategies and transit-oriented development. The potential of public and labor pension plans to finance energy retrofits locally will be an opportune factor in local distributed energy.

For those who don't follow such things very carefully, free trade agreements seem to make a lot of sense to improve the global economy and improve the ability of the United States to sell products overseas. What are NOT well understood are the way these agreements/treaties are negotiated and the language that maintains a total lack of transparency in how they are administered. These agreements are done in complete secret and allow corporations to sue anytime that regulations, labor or environmental, impinge on their ability to maximize profits. We need to open the negotiations and the enforcement actions to public review.

Decentralized energy generation is increasingly cost effective and can meet California's new renewable energy targets. Decentralized generation provides local, equitable economic benefits and can be brought online quickly. Data from California's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative shows Onshore Wind cost at 6-11.5 cents/kWh; Solar Photo Voltaic(PV) at 14-21.5 cents/kWh; New Hydro(<50Mw) at 6 to 13.5 cents/kWh; Nuclear at 11-19.5 cents/kWh; Coal at 8-14 cents/kWh; Natural Gas at 8-15.5 cents per kWh. So, renewable energy is becoming increasingly cost competitive. The Sierra Club California's Energy-Climate Committee calculated a renewables net short of about 40,000 GWh/year. It will be much easier to meet most of the net short with decentralized generation. Meeting a renewables net short of about 40,000 – 60,000 GWh/year in new renewable electric generation by 2020 would require a net investment of about \$10 to \$15 billion per year if all the generation capacity is solar PV. A portfolio of wind and biomass, together with solar PV, can reduce the cost to around \$7 to \$10 billion per year.

Common Cause has started to expose the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that is effectively pushing legislation in all state legislatures to further consolidate the power of large corporations to the detriment of working men and women and the environment. Their exact funding is unknown, but Wal-Mart, Koch Industries and AT&T are among them. If you watch the news and find it remarkable how similar a number of new laws are that are being introduced around the country, it's because ALEC is writing the model legislation which is often introduced verbatim by one of their toady legislators. Keep an eye out for this as they continue their efforts toward the corporate ownership of America. (This just in: as a result of the light being shown on ALEC, Coke and Pepsi have withdrawn their support).

A last thought before urging you all to pay attention to what's going on around you and to consider attending this great conference if it is held in this region again next year; the known contributions, by sector, for lobbying (1998-2010) and campaigns (1999-2010) were Business \$32,365,000,000; Labor \$872,788,000; and Environment \$166,226,000. If these numbers don't show how hard we must work, nothing will!

– Submitted by Jono Hildner

Chapter's May 1st Meeting Will Feature David McChesney Speaking on the Mojave Desert

avid McChesney, photographer, author and musician, is the featured speaker at the May 1st chapter meeting. He will show his visual/musical presentation, "The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder." The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

His presentation is based on his new book, "The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder," which is the most comprehensive depiction of Mojave Desert imagery to date. It features 540 full color images and offers travel and photography advice for those who wish to get the most out of their Mojave adventures.

David's vast knowledge of Mojave "hot spots" helps create the only book of its kind. The coffee table publication measures 8.5 x 11 and features chapters on Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Mojave Preserve, Valley of Fire. Sections are

dedicated to Wildlife, Birdlife, Wildflowers, Night Skies, Reptiles, Insects, etc.

David shows travelers what to expect in Red Rock Canyon, Ash Meadows NWR, Desert NWR, California Poppy Reserve, Devil's Punchbowl, Trona Pinnacles, Rainbow Basin, Lake Mead and many more beautiful Mojave locations.

He will bring copies of his book to autograph. At his home in Joshua Tree, David has developed a remarkable wildlife sanctuary, rich in flavor of the species' which visit the Joshua Tree National Park. His property was certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and many of the desert species found on this site were, quite literally, taken out of his "windows" at home. Recently David's home was visited by an Osprey and Lewis's Woodpecker which are rare migratory species

in the Joshua Tree Highlands.

David has been photographing and entertaining for the past 30+ years. His original-style, bluesoriented rock 'n' roll has been presented in over 2500 performances since 1976. "Hurricane" David has recently completed a music studio "Outmywindows" and enjoys the Joshua Tree atmosphere for both writing and recording.

A harmonica-player extraordinaire, "Hurricane David" began belting the blues 40+ years ago and was influenced by performers such as Sonny Boy Williamson, Paul Butterfield and Junior Wells. He is a National Harmonica Champion, a title he won at the National Harmonica Festival held in Yellow Pine, Idaho. His harp and vocal stylings have evolved over the years after winning more than 200 talent competitions earlier in his career.

At the nation's largest blues festival "The

King Biscuit Blues Festival" in West Helena, Arkansas, David's expressive harp playing led to his being asked to perform at Hopson's Plantation in Clarksdale, Mississippi, for the homecoming of legendary piano bluesman, "Pinetop" Perkins.

These performances led to two appearances on the famous "King Biscuit Radio Show" with longtime host "Sunshine" Sonny Payne and appearances at other festivals such as the ever-growing Marquette Area Blues Festival on the shores of Lake Superior and in Austin, Texas, where live music is king. He plans on recording some of his 73 original songs in the next few years while performing at venues, hosting exhibits, making presentations, creating books and continuing his travels.

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INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM 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: \$2 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

(2ND SAT) 9:00 AM (MAY-JUN) LAKE PERRIS

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT LAKE PERRIS STATE RECREATIONAL AREA Join Volunteer Naturalist Rosedith Marx at the Lake Perris SRA every 2nd Saturday May - June for bird walks. Moderately easy walks, 1-2 hours. Everyone welcome. COST: Free with paid day use fee or camping fees. BRING water, snacks and binoculars. Wear comfortable shoes. MEET: East end of parking lot 12. INFO: (951) 940-5657, (951) 940-5600 or (951) 321-9812.

(2ND SUN) 9:00 AM (FEB-JUN) SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY Join us for bird walks on the 2nd Sunday, February to June. Friends of Northern San Jacinto Valley Bird Walk introduces participants to birds found at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and learning how to identify birds. BRING binoculars, bird book, sturdy walking shoes, hat, sun screen bug repellent, lunch or snacks, plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Walk is free. MEET: 9:00 a.m. at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or raining. Call if there have been recent rains. For more information, driving instructions: (909) 228-6710 or (951) 321-9812 or newsletter at <www.northfriends.org>

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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MAY 5-6 (SAT-SUN) MOJAVE NARROWS POW WOW

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT MOTHER EARTH'S PEOPLE The Mojave Group will have a Sierra Club information table at this annual Pow Wow on Saturday and perhaps Sunday at Mojave Narrows Regional Park (beside the Mojave River at 18000 Yates Road, Victorville). The POW WOW is the Mother Earth's People Inter-Tribal traditional Annual Gathering and will run from 10am to dusk each day. An impressive list of respected dancers, singers and drummers will be coming together for the event. There will be vendors with authentic handmade Native American Crafts, food and activities for all ages. There is a \$10 park entrance fee for cars with up to 6 people (each day) and \$3 for walk-ins. No animals allowed within the POW WOW site and no alcohol or drugs. All drums and dancers welcome. Please contact Moreena Rocha Chavez (760) 245 2398 or email moreenac@yahoo.com for more information.

LAKE PERRIS MAY 12 (SAT) 9:00 AM (MAY-JUN)

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Moderately easy walks, 1-2 hours. Everyone welcome. COST: Free with paid day use fee or camping fees. BRING water, snacks and binoculars. Wear comfortable shoes. MEET: East end of parking lot 12. INFO: (951) 940-5657, (951) 940-5600 or (951) 321-9812.

MAY 13 (13) (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA

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AUDUBON SOCIETY MAY 16 (WED) 7:30 PM MEETING

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

MAY 18 (FRI) 7:00 PM IDYLLWILD EARTH FAIR DESSERT RECEPTION

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT IDYLLWILD EARTH FAIR Idyllwild Earth Fair Dessert Reception with desserts, silent auction, music and presentation of the Green-wood Award Friday, May 18, 2012, 7pm PLACE: Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA. COST: \$15 tickets available at the door. All proceeds go to the production of the Idyllwild Earth Fair.

MAY 18 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL 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: \$2 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 MAY 19 (SAT) 8:30 AM TO 4 PM CLEAN AIR SUMMIT

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE For information, see the article elsewhere in this issue. LOCATION: Riverside Convention Center (3443 Orange St, Riverside) on Saturday May 19th from 8:30am-4:00pm. COST: be provided as part of your \$30 fee includes a continental breakfast and hot lunch. A few scholarships are available. REGISTRATION: At CCAEJ's website <www.ccaej.org> or call Pat Grogan (951) 360-8451. Seating is limited so register early.

Tyler Nordgren Speaks June 5th on **Astronomy in the National Parks**

The June 5 chapter meeting features Tyler Nordgren speaking on his photographic journey to the nation's national parks as outlined in his book "Stars Above, Earth Below: a guide to astronomy in the national parks. He will also speak on related topics in star gazing,

popular astronomy, and astronomical research. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Tyler is an astronomer and Associate Professor of Physics at the University of Redlands. He earned his BA in Physics from Reed College and a MS and PhD in Astronomy from Cornell

In 2004 he was part of small team of seven

astronomers and artists who converted the Spirit and Opportunity Mars Rover camera calibration targets into functioning sundials and saw them land safely in Gusev Crater and Meridiani Planum.

He continues to be involved in scientific research and outreach to the public. All told, this work has taken him from Alaska to Australia and the Hopi

> Reservation to the downtown streets of Rome.

> Since 2007 Tyler has been a member of the National Park Service Night Sky Team working closely with astronomers and park rangers around the country to protect our park's dark skies and promote astronomy education through their continued eniovment.

> In 2009 the Acadia Night Sky Festival featured an exhibit of his award winning photographs depicting the night sky above the nation's parks.



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MAY 19 (SAT) 11 AM TO 5 PM NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT

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23rd Annual Idyllwild Earth Fair with live music, interactive booths, organic food, and activities for adults and children. Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 11am-5pm. PLACE: Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA. COST: This event is FREE!

JUN 1 (FRI) 8:00 PM

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JUN 15 (FRI) 8:00 PM

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JUL 27-29 (FRI-SUN) NON SIERRA-CLUB EVENT TRAIL FEST

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Pacific Crest Trail Association's 2012 Trail Fest will be held at the Northwoods Inn in Big Bear this year on the weekend of July 27-29th. All hikers and outdoor enthusiasts are welcome. Come enjoy a weekend celebration of the trail. Meet up with new and old friends, attend trail classes and visit the vendor and info fair. Spend a day hiking with others or volunteer for trail maintenance. Registration is required in advance and can be done on line at www.pcta.org. Stay at the Inn for the weekend or camp nearby at one of the Big Bear Campsites. The Sierra Club Big Bear Group, Mountain Top Group, and Mojave Group will be sharing a table at the vendor & info fair.

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Sign Up Now For Leadership **Training June 2-3**

By Ralph Salisbiury

f you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The many rewards include the satisfaction of introducing fellow members to your favorite places as well as the convenience of tailoring outings to your schedule. June 2-3 (Saturday and Sunday) is the next opportunity for you to receive the training at the Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Physiology and Psychology of Leadership, and Environmental Considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

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



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ot everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

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> San Francisco, CA 94105 (800) 932-4270 planned.giving@sierraclub.org



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