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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, January 4**

### “Three Sisters Farm, Organic Farming and Community Supported Agriculture”

Speakers: Jason & Abby Harned, Farm Owners  
(see write up Page 1)

**Tuesday, February 1**

### “Partnering in Conservation with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District”

Speaker: Mandy Parkes, Director, IERCD  
(see write up Page 1)

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

## San Gorgonio Chapter Starting 2011 Off Right With Two Great Programs

**On Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**T**hree Sisters Farm is a dream being realized by Abby and Jason Harned in Redlands. The land, located in a scenic portion of San Timoteo Canyon covers 20 acres and was purchased in 2002 with the goal of building an organic farm. The couple met at Cal-Poly Pomona, where Abby studied agronomy and Jason majored in landscape irrigation science.

Currently, the farm spans 1 acre of mixed row crops including root crops, lettuces, greens, herbs, and various seasonal crops; melons, squash, eggplant, garlic, shallots, onions, etc. The farm has a page on the LocalHarvest web site at

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**On Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**S**ierra Club volunteers are welcome to participate in local clean up and other environmental programs of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD). Dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of our natural resources, IERCD provides leadership, information, technical assistance, and educational programs for all land owners in its area. The district encompasses the entire valley portion of San Bernardino County from Chino to Yucaipa as well as Lytle Creek, Big Bear, Forrest Falls, Oak Glen, and portions of Riverside County including Rubidoux, Pedley, Mira Loma and the San Gorgonio Pass area.

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## The Rare Plant Treasure Hunt

**by Amber Swanson, Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Botanist/Project Coordinator, California Native Plant Society**

**C**alifornia is home to more than 2200 plants that are considered rare by the California Native Plant Society.

Rare plants make up about 30% of the native flora of the state and many of these plants can be found nowhere in the world but in California! To keep track of information about the state's rare plants and animals the Department of Fish and Game started the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) in the early 1980s. This database, which is part of the nation's "Natural Heritage Program," contains location and habitat information on all the state's rare organisms. Although the CNDDDB is continuously being updated, the current status of many populations of California's rarest plants are not well-known and thousands of California rare plant occurrences have not been documented for decades. Up-to-date information on rare plant occurrences and their associated habitats are vitally

needed to inform conservation actions and to aid planning efforts across the state.

To address these issues the California Native Plant Society launched the Rare



Plant Treasure Hunt early last year (2010). This program has enlisted volunteers and other organizations to gather new information on the dwindling rare plant populations of California. Over 250 volunteers were teamed with experts in the field and successfully searched for rare plant populations! Volunteers helped discover and record data on more than 500 new and historic rare plant populations. These rare plants included over 170 different species, ranging from endangered species to species on watch lists. Participants were also able to see

thousands of native wildflowers in bloom and gain a greater appreciation of rare plants and their habitats. One participant remarked, "I will never look at the desert in the same way again!"

The Rare Plant Treasure Hunt will continue this spring and we need your help! Anyone can join Treasure Hunts and go on guided or individual field trips in search of rare plants anywhere in California from the Mojave Desert to the Siskiyou Mountains. Volunteers range in age from 4 years old to over 80 years old and from plant experts to plant novices. There has never been a better time to search for, study, appreciate and update the vital information needed to conserve California's rare plants. Coordinators will provide participants with field trip information or forms to record rare plant data, locations and maps of targeted rare plants and other materials to aid in hunting.

Please write us at [treasurehunt@cnps.org](mailto:treasurehunt@cnps.org) or visit our websites, [www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt) or [www.rareplanttreasurehunt.blogspot.com](http://www.rareplanttreasurehunt.blogspot.com).

## Annual Chapter Awards Coming Up!

**T**he chapter awards will be coming up soon and you are urged to send suggestions for these awards. These four awards that can be given each year are for outstanding contributions to the conservation effort over a number of years, outstanding contributions to any and all other chapter activities over a number of years, for longtime service to non-Sierra Club entity in the name of the Sierra Club and the outings award for outstanding contributions to the outings program over a number of years. We all know someone who deserves one of these awards, so please send your suggestions to Carol Wiley, Chair of the Awards Committee at [desertlily1@verizon](mailto:desertlily1@verizon). It is important that we honor the people that dedicate so much of their time and energy for Sierra Club.



— Carol Wiley

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**Chapter's January Program . . . from Page 1**

<www.localharvest.org/farms/M23943>

Three Sisters Farm produce is available Saturday mornings at The Farmers Market at The Grove School in Redlands (8-12, corner of Iowa Street and Citrus Avenue). The small CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) supplies 30 Redlands families with a share of fresh organic produce weekly or biweekly.

At this time both the subscription and waiting lists are full for Three Sisters Farm. However, there are other local organic farms serving the San Geronio Chapter area with Community Supported Agriculture programs and organic produce. You can search for one in your area on the LocalHarvest web site.



The overall goal for the farm is to provide as much diversity as possible while remaining a small, family operation and selling directly to the local population. The organic practices include the use of compost, green manure and natural soil amendments, hand cultivation for weeds, crop rotation, attracting beneficial insects with trap crops of flowering perennials and providing native habitat for song birds and raptors.

The name "Three Sisters Farm" comes from the three sisters garden, the traditional Native American planting of corn, squash and beans. The beneficial coexistence of these three species has provided valuable sustenance as well as lore and legend in the culture throughout its history. Sister corn grows up tall and straight while sister bean enriches the soil and stretches her vines up for support and sister squash provides cover over the bare ground with her canopy of large leaves.

**Chapter's February Program . . . from Page 1**

In a major effort, the district is currently developing a native plant demonstration garden at Cal State University SanBernardino. Some of the work is being done by students



from San Bernardino's Provisional Learning Center. Partners in this project include the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and

the university's own Water Resources Institute. The garden is expected to open in April.

IERCDC sponsors environmental service projects, youth education and adult outreach. Come to the program and learn how you can get involved and also learn more about the district and what it does. Preview the district's web site at <http://www.iercd.org/>.



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## Group News

### Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

**T**he Big Bear Group is proud to announce our volunteer of the year, Beth Fisher. Beth was on the Xeriscape Garden Committee for the 2010 season and held the position of homeowner coordinator. Beth was responsible for contacting the homeowners before, during and after the event. Beth was so dedicated that she took her list of contacts with her on vacation and called from the road. Beth and her husband, Gary, were treated to a holiday dinner with the Executive Committee to thank Beth for

her involvement with the Sierra Club.

The 2011 programs have yet to be determined, but we do have dates for two exciting events: an Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Big Bear Village, and our annual Xeriscape Garden Tour on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We need committee members and volunteers for both events. Please contact Christie Walker at 909-866-5006 if you can lend a hand. Let's make 2011 a banner year for the environment.

### Mojave Group

**W**inter is a wonderful time to get outside to explore and enjoy the Mojave Desert. Our Mojave Group members are so lucky to have such a variety of places to enjoy themselves and explore. Within a day's drive we can choose to visit a National Park (Mojave National Preserve), several Wilderness Areas, Rainbow Basin National Natural Landmark, as well as nearby mountains and some special public lands (Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Let's get out and visit these places often and become invigorated by the magic of nature. Join us on some of our lovely hikes, car camps or service trips described in the Outings section or on walks along the Mojave River on Wednesday evenings and on other days of the week (contact Melody, our Outings Chair person for more information about these regular walks). Join us for exploration hikes or service trips on Tuesdays (contact Jenny for more information- [Jensoasis@aol.com](mailto:Jensoasis@aol.com)).

There are also many activities that threaten to destroy the Mojave Desert as we know it: Sprawling development, large scale solar and wind energy production with its expanding need for transmission lines, increased off highway vehicle play (which damages the delicate soil structure, creates excessive dust and noise) and irresponsible use of limited water resources. If you are interested in any of these issues and would like to follow along with us, please contact our Conservation Chair Kim and/or attend our meetings. We encourage our members to attend the regular **Desert Advisory Council (DAC)** meetings held by the BLM when they are close by. This council serves in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of public land resources and the implementation of the comprehensive long range plan of the management, use, development and protection of public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area. Council duties and responsibilities are to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, ascertain facts, and in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations for the District Manager concerning use, classification, retention, disposal, or other aspects of public land planning and management in the public interest, including recommendations regarding implementation of the long-range plan for the California Desert Conservation Area. So to find out more about what is happening to our lovely Mojave Desert, we must remain engaged with this important council. To find out more visit: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>

General meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Sterling Inn on the corner of Ridgecrest Road and Francesca in Victorville. At the January meeting we will show "**The Heat is On – Desert Tortoises & Survival**" which is produced by the U. S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and in February we hope to join other conservation groups in our annual joint meeting. For updates on that meeting please visit our Facebook page or contact one of our Excom members.

Excom meetings are held the week before the general meeting at different places (call Jenny at 760-220-0730 or one of the Excom members to confirm the meeting date, time and place).

**The Mojave Group now has a Facebook Page: Mojave Group Sierra Club.**

I didn't think that I would ever spend much time in facebook, but numerous environmental groups are creating their page and sharing information. We hope that you will visit us there, enjoy the photos, get reminders about upcoming events and participate in the discussions.



A desert tortoise found near Arrastre Waterfall (in October 2010).  
Photo taken by Jenny Wilder.

#### America's Great Outdoors

Please revisit this website as often as you can. New "ideas" continue to stream in. At the very least check the "What's Hot" list on the right side and support your favorite idea or use of America's Great Outdoors.

Cast your vote, Submit Your Ideas & Join the Conversation about America's Great Outdoors on line at: <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/>. Thank you to all who have already done so. You may like to revisit the site because new ideas are being posted daily.

#### GET in SHAPE!

by Melody Nichols  
To encourage more to join in and get in shape, and get outside, I am starting a series of walks & hikes just for that purpose. Starting at one mile and increasing each week. The first week we will walk one mile on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (weather permitting) and increase one mile per week. You just can't say no to that! By spring, we will all be in shape to start enjoying some beautiful hikes in the surrounding areas. Meeting at the museum at 6:00 pm Monday, January (TBD). Children age 5 and up are welcome to attend. Contact Melody for more information ([labelady@msn.com](mailto:labelady@msn.com)).



Hikers enjoy the Arrastre Waterfall (in 2004).

Photo taken by Jenny Wilder.

#### Eye on the County Board of Supervisors – our Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt:

You probably have some questions of your own. Go on, write to him now! Remind Mr. Mitzelfelt that his position depends on the people's voting system.

#### Clean Air, Energy, jobs:

On June 2, 2010, SANBAG releases results of San Bernardino County Annual Survey ([http://ci.victorville.ca.us/uploadedFiles/NewsEvents/NewsStories/10\\_Stories/SANBAG%2006-03-10\\_survey.pdf](http://ci.victorville.ca.us/uploadedFiles/NewsEvents/NewsStories/10_Stories/SANBAG%2006-03-10_survey.pdf))

#### Environmental Issues — Lifestyle/Lifecycle preferences and behavior:

Air pollution was the most-often-mentioned environmental issue facing the Inland Empire today, and most are willing to see tougher pollution standards on vehicles even if it costs them more to purchase or lease their next vehicle. Three-quarters of respondents are concerned about global warming, and most think it has already begun to happen. About a third of respondents report using public transportation, ridesharing, walking, or bicycling at least once a month.

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support clean, green jobs in our county to replace dirty jobs?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support retrofitting current houses and business with clean solar and wind energy to create local jobs and produce clean energy? What goals does his office have to advance roof-top solar?

Contact Brad at the County Government Center: 909-387-4830 Monday-Friday, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Fl., San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110  
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# Group News

## Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The city of Moreno Valley held a public information meeting on December 2, 2010, to provide information to the public on the Westridge Commerce Center and to take public comments on the draft environmental report (DEIR) on the project. The project site is south of Highway 60 in Moreno Valley between Quincy Street and Redlands Boulevard. The proposed 937,260 square foot warehouse distribution building would be built a 55-acre site. This project is one of three (two proposed, one under construction) sites south of Highway 60 between Pettit Street (east edge of the Moreno Valley Auto Mall) to Theodore Street. The proposed ProLogis project would be 2.2 million square feet, the proposed Westridge Commerce Center (937,260 square feet), and the Highland Fairview Commerce Center/Skechers distribution center under construction (1.8 million square feet) which equals

the possibility of about 5 million square feet of distribution, warehousing along Highway 60 in eastern Moreno Valley. Air

quality, traffic, quality of life, noise, and availability of water are some of the major concerns. Planner for the Westridge project is Jeff Bradshaw, (951) 413-3224.

The Sierra Club has been closely following the Riverside County General Plan Update

which started in 2008. The environmental representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is George Hague and Ann McKibben in the alternate on the committee. The last GPAC meeting was in October 2009. The county has been moving ahead in the planning process, and

they are preparing a screen check version of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR 521) for the general plan update and hope to have it completed in early 2011. Technical studies are in process. The next GPAC meeting (and possibly last meeting) may take place in the spring of

2011 and then the county plans to issue the draft environmental impact report and start the public hearing process. County planner for the general plan update is Mitra Mehta-Cooper, Riverside County Planning Department. If you have questions on the general plan update, you can contact Ms. Mehta-Cooper at (951) 955-8514.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April 2010 to challenge the approval of the Villages of Lakeview (Specific Plan 342) mega-development on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

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All photos by George Hague. Most upper photo a scenic view of Lake Perris State Recreation Area, a good location for hiking and birding; lower photo a view of Mt. San Jacinto from the San Jacinto Wildlife Area; photo on the right is of birding at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

## Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie and Bill Engs

First on the list – thanks to all of the Mountains Group members that gave some of their time and talents to our efforts this year! We really appreciate your contributions!

And special thanks to Heather Sargeant and the gang at the Thrift Shoppe! Some of the work that we do requires funding, sometimes lots of funding, and you have consistently kept us in the black and in the game!

Marta Hethmon and Sue Walker have finished their time as elected Excom members but continue to help in lots of ways. Thanks for your service on the Excom and thanks for staying active in the Group!

And thanks to the Excom! Veterans Bill Engs, Steve Farrell, Sherry Noone, and Bob

Sherman and newcomers Jo Ann and Don Fischer are ready for a great 2011 and I'm going to try not to get in the way!

Our Outings team stayed busy in October and November – here's what happened:

At the beginning of

October, Bill Engs, with Billie Wolff representing the Forest Service, cut downed tree branches, removed rocks from trail tread, and cleared drains along the popular North Fork Trail, near Lake Arrowhead.

Billie Wolff led a group along the Pacific Crest Trail to Devil's Hole. The weather was pleasant and they enjoyed splendid views of yellow foliage on trees bordering Deep Creek below. Two days later, Heather Sargeant and Bill Engs joined Student Conservation Association workers on a Pacific Crest Trail Association project to improve the same section of trail north of Splinters.

Heather Sargeant led a hike to Grays Peak, near Big Bear Lake. She reports, "The day started off foggy and gloomy, but by the time we reached Big Bear Lake the skies

had cleared and it was a gorgeous fall day, blue skies and sunshine. A total of 11 people enjoyed the crisp air and beautiful views, which included the unexpected view of San Gorgonio Mountain covered in snow. After two hours we reached the summit, where a cold wind deterred us from staying too long. We were back at the parking lot by 1:00 pm after a most enjoyable outing."

In November Bill Engs led a mid-week car camp at Indian Cove, Joshua Tree N.P. "On the day we arrived, we started up the Rattlesnake Canyon "Trail," but the route was more tedious than we wanted, so we turned back, and, instead, walked the Nature Trail. On Day 2, we walked from the group camp cross-country to make an adventurous connection with the Boy Scout Trail. We followed the trail to the upper wash where the scrub oaks grow. On the way back, in the lower wash, we found red blossoms of Chuparosa, unexpected for November. Not wanting to scramble back up the slope we had descended in the morning, we stayed on the trail and cut off south, cross country, over gently sloping terrain, and with the aid of a GPS unit, we arrived back at camp. On the third day, we broke camp and drove to the trailhead for Forty Nine Palm Oasis from where we

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Photos taken by Mary Barrie.

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2011

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

## CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the March/April 2011 Calendar are due by February 1, 2010.

FORMAT items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

## WHAT TO BRING

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

## ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

## CARPOOLING POLICY

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

## LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

- I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from **any & all liability** on

account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by **negligence** of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room, 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Oct 4, Nov 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 7, 3 PM & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
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 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. 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

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

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

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

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(4TH 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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**(4TH THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The November & December meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. 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

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

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

**MON 7:00 PM APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3-6 mile *fast paced* conditioning walk along the Mojave River. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. Please bring flashlight, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. BRING flashlight, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Rainy/Foul weather cancels, so please call before hike. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & 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

**DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 2***Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**DEC 28 - JAN 2 (TUES-SUN) HOLIDAY SERVICE, CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE**  
Celebrate the new year in one of our new national monuments. The Carrizo Plain, west of Bakersfield, is a vast grassland, home to pronghorn antelope, tule elk, kit fox, & a wide variety of birds. A welcome hike Dec. 28, three & a half days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, & a full day for hiking & exploring are planned. Use of accommodations at Goodwin Ranch included. RESERVATIONS: Limited to 14 participants. COST: \$30 covers five dinners. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> (310) 477-6670, or CO-LEADER: MELINDA GOODWATER, (408) 774-1257, <mgoodwater@sbcglobal.net>.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JAN 2 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE**  
We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Start the new year off on the right foot. Enjoy an easy/moderate 5 to 6 1/2 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best. MEET at the Hidden Valley trailhead. Rain Cancels. Bring water a lunch and dress in layers. INFO: Call leader or check <www.sierraclubsmg.org> for information about this hike and all our local Sierra Club events. LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951)302-1059.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 9***Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**JAN 4 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
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 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**JAN 6 (THU) 9:00 AM SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP SNOWSHOE/HIKE**  
A moderate 6 mile cross country hike/snow shoe below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. This will be a snowshoe if conditions permit and a hike if they don't. Contact the leader prior to the hike for conditions. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. INFO & LEADER: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 6 (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

**JAN 7-9 (FRI-SUN) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
Come help with wilderness restoration in this beautiful and remote National Park. MEET early Friday afternoon and work on erasing vehicle tracks in Gower Gulch in Death Valley. Saturday we will work in the Amargosa Valley on the park's east side, installing park boundary signs and wilderness restoration signs, and removing trash. Sunday work is TBD. Camp Friday and Saturday nights at Texas Springs campground. Appetizer/dessert potluck Saturday evening. BRING: camping gear, food for the weekend, and work gloves. LEADER: KATE ALLEN <kj.allen@wildblue.net> (661) 944-4056.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JAN 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE**  
We will hike west from Highway 173 to Cedar Springs Dam, Silverwood Lake. Distance: 9.5 mi. Elevation gain: 500 ft. BRING: water, lunch, boots and warm jacket. MEET: This hike requires a

car shuttle, please call for meeting place and transportation arrangements. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, (909) 336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JAN 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM MAZE WINDOW LOOP HIKE**  
Start out the New Year with an introductory hike to the Joshua National Park in Yucca Valley. Starting near the West Entrance of the U.S. Ranger Station we will hike the Maze Window Loop trail, a total distance of 7.4 miles. The estimated elevation gain is not available at this time. MEET: West Entrance Service building, adjacent to the trail-head. Entrance to the national park is accomplished by traveling east on Hwy 62 and turning south on Park Blvd Quail Springs Road. BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: call prior to the hike. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**  
Snow level permitting, we will hike the 3.5 miles up to the top of Sunset Peak for a wintertime vista of the San Gabriel range, hopefully covered with snow! 7 miles round trip, 1400 ft elevation gain to the top of Sunset Peak at about 5960'. This was a former fire lookout, so the view is sweeping! MEET: parking lot at Mills in Claremont (by the wilderness park) at 8:30 am. BRING: Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, 2 liters of water, snack and/or lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 16***Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JAN 10 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**JAN 12 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Program: *The Heat is On -Desert Tortoises & Survival*, a video produced by the U. S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This very interesting film also shows the hatching of a baby tortoise and male tortoises engaging in territorial battle. The public is welcome to attend this meeting. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**JAN 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM LOST HORSE MINE LOOP TRAIL HIKE**  
What snow? Come find the Lost Horse Mine in the high desert sands of the Joshua Tree National Park. In 1936, this was an active gold mine drawing more than nine thousand troy ounces of gold out of the Lost Horse mine. is a 9.5 mile loop with an estimated 1,000' elevation gain. MEET: West Entrance Service office. BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. Bring your camera as the mining equipment still stands as a reminder of the past. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 16 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA MARGARITA RIVER TRIAL HIKE**  
Join us on a 5.2 mile hike (out and back) along the south bank of the Santa Margarita River in Fallbrook and experience one of the last wild rivers in Southern California. There are a few slippery areas in an otherwise pleasant hike of moderate difficulty. There is only about 400' gain/loss in elevation, so this may be a good hike for those that do not care for a lot of hiking up steep slopes. Scouting the hike I found the lazily flowing river through the oak and willows to be very relaxing. Rain cancels. MEET: at the trailhead. Directions; take I 15 to Mission Rd. Travel 4.5 miles west toward downtown Fallbrook to Pico Ave. Take a right (west) on Pico which becomes De Luz Road. At the bottom of the hill turn right on Sandia Creek Road. Parking and trail head is about 1.2 miles on the right. BRING plenty of water, a snack, comfortable shoes, layered clothes, and sunscreen. INFO: about this hike and all our local events on our web site at <www.sierraclubsmg.org> LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951) 302-1059.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JAN 16 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE**  
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is January 19.) 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

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### JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JAN 17 (MON) MT. MUIR, SIERRA MADRE HIKE**  
On Martin Luther King Day this hike out of Sierra Madre is a great winter hike of 12 miles with a 3000 foot gain. We can also make this a loop hike. BRING: water and snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: call for meeting time and place. LEADER: JOE WHYTE (909) 949-0899.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 17 (MON) 9:00 AM BIG BEAR SNOWSHOE/HIKE**  
A moderate to strenuous 6 to 8 mile cross country hike/snow shoe below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley between Bear Mountain and Snow Summit ski resorts. This will be a snowshoe if conditions permit and a hike if they don't. Contact the leader prior to the hike for conditions. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 18 (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

**JAN 18 (TUE) 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](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
*Friends of the Desert Mountains* acts to protect one of our most precious and threatened natural resources: the spectacular desert lands and mountains of the Coachella Valley. Since inception, they have helped protect over 30,000 acres of land in the Coachella Valley and mountains, an area nearly twice the size of the city of Palm Desert. Learn more about the work this group does, and see some of beautiful areas they have helped to protect. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 21-23 (FRI-SUN) RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK CAR CAMP**  
Join us Friday at 11 AM or Saturday to camp and explore more of this high desert natural and historical area north of Mojave. Hikes to White House Cliffs and the Nightmare Gulch area of the Red Cliffs Preserve are planned. SEND check for \$5.00 payable to Sierra Club, and phone number or email to Bill Engs, Box 3248 Crestline CA 92325 by January 17. Car pooling is encouraged. CONTACT: LEADER, BILL ENGS, <billengs@yahoo.com> ((909) 338-1910) for information.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*JAN 23 (SUN) 1:00 PM SAN GABRIEL MTNS, BONITA FALLS HIKE**  
This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards and mailing will be provided. This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita (Beautiful) Falls. Easy. About 2.5 miles Round Trip, slight elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 and 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool just around the bend to park across from the green bridge over Lytle Creek. BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Adventure Pass required. Rain cancels. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK <dtsierra@msn.com> (909) 899-2795.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 30

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

**JAN 25 (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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>.  
CHAPTER

**JAN 27 (THU) 6:30 PM DINNER ON THE TOWN DINNER**  
Join us for an evening of fun and food. Your Sierra Club friends are planning another *Dinner on the Town* at a surprise location. Details of this event to be announced on the LSG website. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 27 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The November & December meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>

**JAN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM FAN CANYON OVERLOOK HIKE**  
From Juniper Flats in the Joshua Tree National Park participants will hike a loop trail to Fan Canon Overlook. The total loop trip distance is 11.1 miles hike starting at Juniper flats trail head. Participants MEET: West Entrance Ranger Station and carpool to the trail head. BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

### JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**FEB 1 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
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 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**FEB 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE**  
We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Start the new year off on the right foot. Enjoy an easy/moderate 5 to 6 1/2 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best. MEET at the Hidden Valley trailhead. Rain Cancels. Bring water a lunch and dress in layers. INFO: Call leader or check <[www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)> for information about this hike and all our local Sierra Club events. LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951)302-1059.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**FEB 5-6 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT SERVICE**  
This outing combines a day of assistance to the Carrizo National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. Weather can be cold, gray and rainy or it can be warm and bright. We take our chances. The service is removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility and the recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. MEET: call for time and place. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> (310) 477-6670.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

### FEBRUARY 7– FEBRUARY 13

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**FEB 7 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 7, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7, 2010. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**FEB 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**FEB 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM COVINGTON CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
From the Black Rock Canyon U.S. Ranger Station in the Joshua Tree National Park we will hike the Upper Covington Flat Crest trail to its end. The total trip distance is 16.6 miles. MEET: Black Rock Canyon Ranger Station. BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 12 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE**  
Join us for a moderately paced, 8 miles, 500 ft. gain hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Springs Dam and return. We will have great views of the lake and the park. BRING: water, lunch, layered clothing and hiking boots. DIRECTIONS: Take the I-10 or the 210 Fwy to the I15 Fwy north. Exit at Hwy 138 east to Silverwood Lake State Park. CALL for registration, trail head information and to confirm weather. Rain or snow may cancel. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF (909) 338-2534, ASSISTANT: HEATHER SARGEANT (909) 336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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## Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell

**W**e celebrated the Christmas Holidays with a festive gathering in Old Town Temecula. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the Santa Margarita Group joined with Save Our Southwest Hills to host an evening of good cheer and entertainment while collecting cans and jars of food to donate to our local food pantries. We enjoyed live music with Joanne Algiers at the piano, as well as the singing virtuosity of Jack Ragland accompanied by his daughter, Natasha. We had a good turn out and everyone had a wonderful time.

The Santa Margarita Group has a lot of important issues on its drawing board for 2011. Among the more important projects is our work on surrounding multi-use trail systems for the use of hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. The City of Temecula already has an extensive trail system and we have begun working with Assistant Temecula City Manager Bob Johnson to expand them even further. We will also be opening up talks with Murrieta, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Menafée, and other Southwest Riverside cities to offer our help with their trail system. We are also working with Lynn Mattocks of the Riverside County Trail Committee on their "adopt a trail" program. In addition we are supporting the Rancho California Horsemen's Association multi-use trails system within the Temecula Wine Country.

And here are some of the other projects our volunteers are pursuing:

### **Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair**

Our Santa Margarita Group Conservation Committee is focusing on the following areas:

- 1) We are supporting the efforts of the Sierra Club Santa Ana Mountain Task Force (SAMTF) and look forward to participating in the upcoming Grizzly Bear National Monument event.
- 2) We are supporting the efforts of the Riverside County and Cities Arroyo Committee by educating the local cities about the importance of arroyo protection.
- 3) We are attending and recruiting local high school environmental club members and teachers to the CREEC conference on environmental youth leadership.

In addition, I am helping a local Home Owners Association find contacts and funding for their community's man-made lakes that are in serious need of restoration. And finally, I am keeping a close watch on the U.S. Congress and two local wilderness acquisitions, Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia lead by Representative Darrell Issa and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

If you have any questions or are concerned by a particular environmental issue, please contact me at (pamela05n@peoplepc.com).

### **Bob Audibert, Group Outings Committee Chair**

We had a great hike in the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, located in Escondido. We saw some great views of the newly constructed Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir along with dominating views of Escondido and the surrounding hills. At our turnaround point at the Lake Hodges Overlook a beautiful view of Lake Hodges seemed to appear out of nowhere. It was a moderately difficult hike of about 6.5 miles and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Coming up on Saturday January 2 we will head off to the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve just east of Murrieta our for what we call our "New Member" hike where all are welcome. It is a great way to start the New Year of on the right foot. It's an easy to moderate 5 to 6 1/2 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best.

Then on Sunday Jan. 16 we will explore the Santa Margarita River Trail in Fallbrook. It will be a 5.2 mile hike along the south bank of the Santa Margarita River in Fallbrook where we will experience one of the last wild rivers in Southern California. There are a few slippery areas in an otherwise pleasant hike of moderate difficulty. There is only about a 400 ft gain and loss in elevation, so this may be a good hike for those that do not care for a lot of hiking up steep slopes. When I scouted the hike, I found the lazily flowing river through the oak and willows to be very relaxing.

On Saturday February 5 we head back to the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve where the vernal pools should be full.

If you have any questions about any of our hikes or have a suggestion about a hike, email me at (bob.takeahike1@gmail.com) or call me at (951) 302-1059. See you on the trail.

### **Laurie Webster, Group Activities Committee Chair**

More than 20 Sierra Club members and friends traveled recently to Los Angeles to



visit the Heritage Square Museum. This unique living history museum consists of eight renovated historic structures. We were able to tour each of them with knowledgeable guide from the Perry Mansion to the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Church. We were given an up close look at

the lifestyles of the people who contributed to the development of Los Angeles and Southern California. Then afterwards we enjoyed lunch and everyone's company at a secluded table at the Maddalena Restaurant inside the historic San Antonio Winery.

We have more fun trips planned for January and February of 2011. I will keep you posted. If you want additional information or have some ideas on local trips you would like to take, contact me at (Laurie at laurie\_r\_w@yahoo.com).

### **Lynn Davis, Group Program & Fundraising Committee Chair**

At a recent General Meeting, Penny Ruvelas, Supervisor of NOAA's Southern California office presented their steelhead trout recovery plans for south-central and southern California. Bringing the focus to our local watersheds, including the Santa Margarita River, Penny brought a lively explanation of the salmon and steelhead issues and NOAA's plan for recovering their populations.

Our General Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, will feature with Monica Argandona as our guest speaker. As Southern California Conservation Director of the California Wilderness Coalition, Monica will update us on the status of the Wilderness Bill as well as explore volunteer opportunities for members.

Our January General Meeting will also mark a change in our regular meeting schedule. In the past, our regular meeting day has been the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. Starting in January, our regular monthly meeting day changes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!

If you have questions or program ideas, please contact me at (lynncdavis@hughes.net).

### **Fred Bartz, Environmental Action Committee**

Liberty Quarry, the controversial rock quarry mine and asphalt plant proposed for the Temecula Foothills that the Sierra Club opposes, is the main focus of the Environmental Action Committee. As 2011 progresses, this issue is expected heat up significantly. The review of responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) continues through the Riverside County's Planning Department. After this step, the County must decide if the DEIR is now considered "complete." If it is complete, the next step will be a review by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. When the Bureau of Reclamation has completed its review, it will then go to the County Planning Commission for a public hearing. This will probably occur sometime in the first quarter of 2011.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at fjbartz@verizon.net.

## Los Serranos Group

by Mary Ann Ruiz

**L**os Serranos Group Executive Committee Elections will be held in January 2011. You can fill out the ballot below, or, vote at the January group meeting. Dean Shimek and Gregg Nevills election statements are included below. Also running are Farley Olander, up for re-election for another term, and Mike Gill, for a first term as a voting member of Ex-Comm. We have 4 voting positions open, so we will be voting on four members for excomm on the ballots included on page 12.

Los Serranos has an active outings program and monthly meetings that are always interesting and informative. Please check the website for upcoming meeting topics and outings, including our monthly Full Moon Hikes, and upcoming outings to Mt. Muir, Sunset Peak, Bonita Falls, and a Dinner on the Town. A recent hike up Potato Mountain on a rainy Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a group of Los Serranos hikers in the photo on the next page.

### **Dean Shimek Election Statement**

I've been in the Sierra Club since August 2001, on the EXCOM since January 2005, and an outings leader since November 2005. I'm currently serving as the Los Serranos Group Education person which means organizing tabling events. My service also includes being a friend of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden since 1990. I've supported the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign by leading hikes into the San Gabriels and helping protect the mountains by getting people to sign letters asking our local congressman to draft legislation for adding wilderness acreage to our San Gabriel wildernesses. This past January I attended an 8 hour workshop on Diversity and Inclusion within the Sierra Club put on by the Angeles Chapter at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. In March I attended another 8 hour Workshop on the California Environmental Quality Act, Global Warming, and Endangered Species put on by the Angeles Chapter Legal Committee at the Loyola Law School. I love our mountains and want to "make them glad". Please participate and vote, hopefully for me.

### **Gregg Nevills Election Statement**

My name is Gregg Nevills and I currently am the treasurer of the Los Serranos Group. I have enjoyed the opportunity of serving as treasurer and helping the group keep up with its finances and stay within its operating budget. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming elections as I am honored to once again serve the Los Serranos Group. Thank you!

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The 11,250 unit project will have devastating impacts on the wildlife area and the communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. The project is the centerpiece of Riverside County's plan for a new 'city' in the middle of this rural valley. The county has had to make massive budget cuts because its economy is dependent on housing starts. Instead of broadening its financial base it continues to approve housing developments. As county services are cut and our local water districts implore us to conserve water, Riverside County continues to encourage sprawl.

Please take time to support this lawsuit and make a donation. You can make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No amount is too small. Mail your check to the Sierra Club, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. If you wish to have your donation remain anonymous, please indicate that and we will respect your wishes. We sincerely thank you for your help.

Winter is a wonderful time to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Wintering birds of prey are in the valley as are thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds, some of them migrating or overwintering. San Bernardino Valley Audubon will have a Beginning Bird Walk at the SJWA on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.. For more information call Doug Karalun, (909) 425-5355 or check their web site at [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org). The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley will have a SJWA Nature walk on Sunday, February 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m. For more information, call Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or check their web site at [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org). If you plan to visit the wildlife area this winter, please remember that waterfowl hunting takes place on all Wednesdays and Saturdays, October 23, 2010, through February 5, 2011. Hunting is allowed at all state-run wildlife areas and hunting fees

help support the acquisition of wildlife habitat throughout the state of California. Please call the wildlife area office during normal business hours at (951) 928-0580 to find out when wetlands and upland game areas will be closed for hunting. Please allow adequate time for your call to be returned. The wildlife area is north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Take Davis Road 2.2 miles north to the area headquarters. The wildlife area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. For more information: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region6/sanjacinto/> Please do not drive on Davis Road if it has rained or the road is muddy.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area is open seven days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web site at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for their hours of operation, events, and nature walks. The Regional Indian Museum has reopened (closed two months for repairs and renovations). Hours are Friday, 10 to 2 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 10 to 4 p.m. Information on Limited Use Golden Bear passes can be found at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23800](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800) Age 62 and older are eligible for this \$10.00 annual pass which allows access to all state parks. See the link for application and more information.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a Hike to Terri Peak (7.8 mi round trip, difficult) on Saturday, January 22. Meet at 7:30 a.m., south side of Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. 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](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com).



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hiked up over a ridge and down to the palms. The weather during our 3-day stay featured warm days and nighttime temperatures in the 50s. There was almost no wind. At evening campfire circles, we entertained ourselves solving lateral thinking puzzles."

The fall Lake Gregory bird walk was rained out. This year, two prior walks also had to be cancelled due to rain and snow. And finally, we held our annual Holiday Party at Keller Hut with Turkey, and the works, cooked by Sandy Ellis and lots of potluck extras provided by the rest of us. It is always tough to decide what goes on the first plateful and what has to wait for a return trip to the kitchen!

Everyone enjoyed the white elephant gift exchange (we always do) and Heather was happy to see so many items that seemed destined to end up on the Thrift Shoppe shelves!

Happy New Year everybody and have a great 2011!

Bill Engs provided both the past and upcoming Outings information for this report:

HIKE – Jan 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM, S B Mts, Pacific Crest Trail, Silverwood Lake We will hike West from State Highway 173 to Cedar Springs Dam, Silverwood Lake. Distance: 9.5 mi. Elevation gain: 500 ft. Bring water, lunch, boots and warm jacket. As this hike requires a car shuttle, please Call Leader, Heather Sargeant, 909-336-2836 for meeting place and transportation arrangements.

CAR CAMP – Jan 21-23 (FRI-SUN) 11:00 AM Red Rock Canyon State Park Join us Friday or Saturday to camp and explore more of this high desert natural and historical area north of Mojave. Hikes to White House Cliffs and the Nightmare Gulch area of the Red Cliffs Preserve are planned. Send check for \$5.00 payable to Sierra Club, and phone number or email to Bill Engs, Box 3248 Crestline CA 92325 by January 17. Car pooling is encouraged Contact Leader, Bill Engs, <[billengs@yahoo.com](mailto:billengs@yahoo.com)> (909-338-1910) for information.

HIKE – Feb 12 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB Mts, Pacific Crest Trail, Silverwood Lake Join us for a moderately paced, 8 miles, 500 ft. gain hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Springs Dam and return. We will have great views of the lake and the park. Bring water, lunch, layered clothing and hiking boots. Directions: Take the I-10 or the 210 Fwy to the I15 Fwy north. Exit at Hwy 138 east to Silverwood Lake State Park. Leader: Billie Wolff (909-338-2534), Assistant: Heather Sargeant (909-336-2836). Call for registration, trail head information and to confirm weather. Rain or snow may cancel. Joint trip with Angeles Chapter and Mountains Group.

WINTER BIRD WALK – Feb 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM SB Mts, Lake Gregory Meet South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. See wintering birds as we walk part way around the lake. Optional breakfast after. Leader, Bill Engs, <[billengs@yahoo.com](mailto:billengs@yahoo.com)> (909-338-1910).

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**FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 20**

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**FEB 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 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

**FEB 15 (TUE) 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

**FEB 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Program to be announced. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 18 (FRI) 9:00AM CACTUS FLATS WALKABOUT HIKE**  
Join the Big Bear Group on this 6 mile, sometimes on trails, roads and cross country hike on the dry side of Big Bear. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead, which has limited parking. CALL: Snow could cancel, call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 18 (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 February 18.) 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

**\*\*FEB 20 (SUN) 1:00 PM SAN GABRIEL MTNS, BONITA FALLS HIKE**  
This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards and mailing will be provided. This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita (Beautiful) Falls. Easy. About 2.5 miles Round Trip, slight elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 and 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool just around the bend to park across from the green bridge over Lytle Creek. BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Adventure Pass required. Rain cancels. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK <dtsierra@msn.com> (909) 899-2795. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEBRUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 27**

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**FEB 22 (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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**FEB 24 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The November & December meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>

**FEB 26 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLACK ROCK CANYON HIKE**  
A Joshua Tree National Park area hike along the Black Rock Canyon View and Burnt Hill Trails: a 9.8 mile loop with an estimated 1,000' elevation gain. Outstanding panoramic views of the Coachella Valley. MEET: Trailhead at the Black Rock Canyon Ranger Station. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL for reservations. LEADER: ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 26-27 (SAT-SUN) DEATH VALLEY EXPLORATION CAR CAMP**  
Sample the wonders offered in this national park. MEET 8 AM Saturday in Shoshone. The day's tour will include stops at Badwater, Natural Bridge, and Golden Canyon with a short hike at each. Camp at Texas Springs. Sunday's activities start with an early morning drive to Zabriskie Point, followed by a stop at the Furnace Creek Visitors Center and museum, a visit to Salt Creek, home to the rare Salt Creek Pupfish, and a hike in the sand dunes. Possibility of more camping and hiking for those who wish to arrive early Friday afternoon and/or stay over Sunday night. More details are also on the Outings page at <www.desertreport.org>. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER CAROL WILEY <desertlily1@verizon.net> 760-245-8734.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**FEB 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM LAKE GREGORY WINTER BIRD WALK**  
See wintering birds as we walk part way around the lake. Optional breakfast after. MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. LEADER: BILL ENGS, <billengs@yahoo.com> (909) 338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 27 (SUN) 8:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK HIKE**  
Chino Hills State Park takes you back to early Southern California. Rolling green hills, oak woodlands, rare black walnut trees and early spring wildflowers are all here to enjoy. Hike will be about 8 miles, 1200 ft elevation gain. BRING: sturdy shoes or boots, lunch and snacks, 2 liters water. Rain cancels. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**MAR 1 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**(MAR 1 TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
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 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**MAR 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**MAR 20-25 (SUN-FRI) WILDFLOWERS AND FENCES IN THE CARRIZO SERVICE**

This outing will include three and a half days of service to the Carrizo Plains National Monument removing and modifying fences to allow pronghorn to travel more widely. This is the early spring wildflower season, and our schedule allows at least a day for exploring in the monument, either hiking or driving backcountry roads. Because we are privileged to be staying at one of the old ranch houses, our trip is limited to 14 participants. COST: \$30 covers five dinners. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, (310) 477-6670 <craig.deutsche@gmail.com>  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAR 26-28 (SAT-MON) WHIPPLE MTS. WILDERNESS SERVICE**

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Join CA/NV Wilderness Committee and Mojave Group on their annual joint outing to help BLM's Needles office enhance wilderness characteristics in desert wilderness. The Whipples are our planned destination and the rumor is that there will be Saguaro cactus involved. COST: for central commissary. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: VICKY HOOVER (415) 977-5527 <vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org>  
CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

**\*\*JUN 4-5 (SAT-SUN) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE**  
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in outings administration, map and compass, the psychology of leadership, environmental considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. COST: \$34 fee for training materials, food and the weekend use of the facility. REGISTRATION: for application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507 or <ralphsalisbury@att.net>  
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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$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

**(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT OPEN SPACE MEETING  
SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS  
Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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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

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**JAN 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BEGINNER BIRDING**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Check <www.sbvas.org> for current information. A slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques & identification skills. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: DOUG KARALUN, (909) 425-5355.

**JAN 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$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

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**JAN 19 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**JAN 21 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.  
Sterling Inn, Regency Room,  
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Meets 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.  
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**FEB 6 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA NATURE WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY**  
 Join us for a morning of exploration at the SJWA. Wetlands, coastal sage scrub, upland grasslands provide a wide range of habitat for birds & other critters. Our leader is Tom Paulek who spent 15 years as the manager of the SJWA. His extensive knowledge of the history & wildlife at the SJWA will make this a true learning experience. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, sturdy walking shoes, lunch or snacks, plenty of water, sunscreen, non-toxic insect repellent & wear appropriate clothing for the weather. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: ANN MCKIBBEN, (951) 924-8150 & SUE NASH, (909) 228-6710.

**FEB 15 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
**SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS**  
 Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

**FEB 16 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**MAR 13 (SUN) 8:00 AM BLUE MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF BLUE MOUNTAIN**  
 Join us for the 4th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain. The Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open space. Envisioned is a 500-acre wilderness park like the adjacent 2,000 acre Box Springs Reserve. The mountain is in private ownership and closed to the public except for this once-a-year opportunity to explore the charm of this hidden treasure. Last year over 500 exuberant hikers and walkers showed up so don't miss out. Although the official start time is 8:00 a.m., please arrive early as everyone needs to register and you'll have time to visit the Friends of Blue Mountain's booth. Participants must start up the mountain no later than 11 a.m. and should return to the trailhead by 1:00 p.m. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash and you must clean up any waste. COST: Free, but commemorative T-shirts will be on sale. BRING: Sturdy walking/hiking footwear, water, sunscreen and appropriate clothing for the weather including a sunhat and a windbreaker. MEET: Corner of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. DIRECTIONS: From the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace, exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave. to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net> (E-mail preferred)



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Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by January 31, 2011.

Mail To: **Joe Whyte**

1404 Albright Ave.  
 Upland, CA 91786

Remember to print your name and address and **sign your name** on the outside of the envelope so ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for each ballot.

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# HEADS UP! Leadership Training Course Set for June 4-5

by Ralph Salisbury

If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee 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.



## Membership

YES, I want to help safeguard our nation's precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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	INDIVIDUAL	JOINT
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Regular .....	\$39	\$47
Supporting .....	\$75	\$100
Contributing .....	\$150	\$175
Life .....	\$1,000	\$1,250
Senior .....	\$24	\$32
Student .....	\$24	\$32

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