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Tuesday, March 2
Moving Forward After
Copenhagen

Speaker: Carl Wood (see write up Page 11)

Tuesday, April 6
The Antarctic Peninsula and
South Georgia: Birds, Mammals,
and a Bit of Natural History

Speaker: Sherry Schmidt (see write up Page 11)

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.
at the San Bernardino
County Museum in Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

Meet the Sierra Club's New Executive Director

This year Carl Pope will be stepping down as Executive Director of the Sierra Club. After a smooth transition in March, Mike Brune, 38, will begin guiding Sierra Club staff and operations and lead the Club through the most exciting and critical period in our history. Michael holds degrees in Economics and Finance from West Chester University in Pennsylvania and comes to the Sierra Club from the Rainforest Action Network, where he served seven years as executive director. Under Brune's leadership, the RAN has won more than a dozen key environmental commitments from America's largest corporations, including Home Depot, Citi, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Kinko's, Boise, and Lowe's.

Mike has been called "a hard-nosed activist with a twist." At age 26, he led a winning campaign to convince Home Depot to stop selling wood from endangered forests, which *Time* magazine called "the top environmental story of 1999." The announcement led to the protection of 5 million acres in British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest.

Brune's critically acclaimed book, *Coming Clean – Breaking America's Addiction to Oil and Coal*, published by Sierra Club Books in 2008, details a plan for a new green economy that will create well-paying jobs, promote environmental justice and bolster national security. He and his wife, Mary, attribute their ongoing passion for environmental activism in part to concern that their outdoors-loving children, Olivia, 5, and Sebastian, 1, inherit a healthy world. He is particularly interested in promoting programs that link the Club's traditional protection of wild places, including National Parks, to urgently needed climate change solutions.



Proposed Development Threatens the San Jacinto Wildlife Area

By George Hague and Ann Turner McKibben, Moreno Valley Group

The San Jacinto Wildlife Area has had a long history in the northern San Jacinto Valley. In the early 1980s the state began acquiring lands to establish the wildlife area to partially replace wildlife habitat which had been destroyed by the construction of the State Water Project (the system of canals and waterways which brings water from northern California water to southern California). Currently, the wildlife area is composed of 19,000 acres of Coastal Sage Scrub, grasslands, riparian and wetland habitat. It includes 2,000 acres of the seasonal wetland known as Mystic Lake, the lake that mysteriously appears along Gilman Spring Road when there are heavy rains. In 2004 the state acquired 9,000 acres of Potrero Canyon and has added it to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area calling it the Potrero Creek Conservation Unit. Over \$80 million of taxpayers money has been invested in the wildlife area by the state of California.

Now the wildlife values of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area are under threat from a

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Photo by Ann Turner McKibben



Annual March Fund Appeal Underway

Every year in March the Sierra Club allows the chapter its only opportunity all year long to send a chapter-wide direct mail request for donations. Chapter members should receive this letter soon. The letter outlines the many priorities and accomplishments of the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Now, more than ever, your contribution is vital! Sierra Club cutbacks now have reduced the San Gorgonio return from your annual Sierra Club membership to only \$1. That is less than one-half of just publishing this newspaper. Your contribution will decide whether we can accomplish this year's goals.

There is so much work to be done; it takes time and effort; it's expensive and we can't do it without your help. Please send your generous tax deductible gift as soon as you receive your Fund Appeal letter. Our vigilant San Gorgonio Chapter members are now, by far, our greatest source of income.

In case your letter doesn't arrive, remember to make your checks out to: The Sierra Club. Send them to: San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501.



Volunteers who enjoy fundraising activities and working with people, call the chapter at 951-684-6203 or contact Rick Estes at rickestes92595@gmail.com for our 2010 activities.

National Club Election Coming This Spring

The annual election for the Club's Board of Directors is now underway. Those eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election will receive in the mail (or by Internet for those who chose the electronic delivery option) your national Sierra Club ballot. This will include information on the candidates and where you can find additional information on the Club's website.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation. Your Board of Directors is required to stand for election by the membership. This Board sets Club policy and budgets at the national level and works closely with the Executive Director and staff to operate the Club. Voting for candidates who express your views on how the Club should grow and change is both a privilege and responsibility of membership.

Members frequently state that they don't know the candidates and find it difficult to vote without learning more. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. Visit the Club's election website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/bod/2010election/default.aspx>

This site provides links to additional information about candidates, and their views on a variety of issues facing the Club and the environment.

You should use your own judgment by taking several minutes to read the ballot statement of each candidate. Then make your choice and cast your vote. Even if you receive your election materials in the mail, please go to the user-friendly Internet voting site to save time and postage. Alternatively, you will find the ballot is quite straightforward and easy to mark and mail.

The candidates are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Katherine Pendleton (TN) P | Allison Chin (VA) N |
| Phil Wheeler (CA) N | Donna Buell (IA) N |
| Jared Duval (CT) N | Robbie Cox (NC) N |
| Jim Dougherty (DC) N | Jonathan Ela (WI) N |
- N = Nominating Committee candidate; P = Petition candidate

Editor's Note: If chapter members have questions, please contact Group or Chapter officers for feedback. The San Gorgonio Chapter does not endorse SC candidates.



Western Wilderness Conference 2010

Sierra Club, California Wilderness Coalition, and Northwest Wilderness and Parks Conference are the principal planning organizations, and also represented on the planning committee are The Wilderness Society, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Desert Survivors, Audubon California, Tuleyome, and Californians for Western Wilderness.

Although the event will take place in California's San Francisco Bay Area, wilderness organizations and advocates from all twelve western states, including Alaska, are involved, and wild lands advocates from all those states are enthusiastically invited to participate in this grand event.

Check the conference website: www.westernwilderness.org

Who's invited: long-time wilderness

advocates, both professionals and volunteers, as well as new advocates; Native American leaders, academic and agency personnel, outings leaders, individuals, representatives of organizations working on quiet recreation

and on varied types of land-preservation efforts, decision makers at different levels of government. We will conduct special outreach to attract college students and members of minority communities and organizations, such as National Hispanic Environmental Council.

Where will they come from: geographic focus is California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Wyoming, with outreach as well to Western Canada and Mexico.

April 8-11, 2010, at the University of California, Berkeley.
Save the date now!
For anyone who cares about the wild places of the West – this is the one event not to miss!
Note: Our San Gorgonio Chapter is an official sponsor of this conference.

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Not 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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Group News

Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie

Let's start off with some fun stuff. Bill Eng's led his annual Santa Ana River Bottom bird walk on December 5th. When they reached Evans Lake, there were drumbeats in the distance and people marching up Mt. Rubidoux to commemorate the Virgin of Guadalupe. Back at the trail, the group identified 32 species, on land and water, a good showing for this time of year.

That afternoon and evening members and guests arrived at Keller Ski Hut for the annual Mountains Group Holiday Gathering. Twenty attendees hiked, socialized and enjoyed a turkey with trimmings prepared by Billie Wolff, along with assorted potluck contributions. Later, a white elephant gift exchange provided laughter, groans, feigned nonchalance, and lots of future Mountain Thrift Shoppe sales items. Since the incoming storm was not due until Sunday night, eight people stayed overnight.



The Mountains Group enjoying their Holiday Party dinner at Keller Hut. — Photo by Mary Barrie.

In the morning Bill Eng's cooked pancakes for the group... served with a dusting of snow. To conclude the weekend, Billie led a hike on the back roads. Snow depth varied from zero to five inches.

Our first event of the New Year was a January 9th hike led by Billie Wolff in Silverwood State Park, along the edge of the lake on the Pacific Crest Trail from park headquarters to Cedar Springs dam and return. The weather was perfect. Twelve people participated—nine of them came from points off the mountain.

Now, let's look at some stuff that is not as much fun.

The Royal Rangers Adventure Park and Conference Center proposed for development in Twin Peaks has, after nine years, been approved by the San Bernardino County Planning Commission and is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors in late February. By the time you read this there will probably have been a determination by the Supervisors as to whether or not the project will be approved to move forward. We hope not.

In 2005 the Royal Rangers presented the project (despite County Staff recommended denial) to the Planning Commission, which denied the plan. The original camp (from 2001) had been "downsized" from more than 1,000 participants to 650, but careful study showed that the actual attendance at the facility could still be more than 900 and that the 650 was only a "self-regulated" maximum with no method of enforcement.

In early 2006 the denial was appealed to the Board of Supervisors who, rather than follow the Planning Commission lead, decided to give the Rangers 75 days to present a further "downsized" plan for reconsideration.

More than three years later they were back with their new "downsized" plan, this time to 350 campers and staff. Except the facility could still handle over 600 overnight visitors

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Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder, Mojave Group Chair

Dear Mojave Group Members, Victories to help guide your community to become what you see in your vision, and a place where you would like to spend the rest of your days, are usually only possible if you participate in the discussion. Great things can be accomplished by a dedicated few, but even more can be accomplished with the help of many.

Recently a big fight that began with a lonely surfer (10 years ago) and ended with 3,500 at the decisive meeting for the 16-mile stretch of toll road called "Foothill-South" near Camp Pendleton. The 3,500 included Sierra club members like yourself and after a 12 hour hearing the lonely surfer, Jerry Collamer saw his vision survive.

It is difficult to argue that clean air and clean water are necessary to keep us healthy. These essential items are threatened. Our quality of living is also being compromised by light pollution and noise pollution. Our mountain views, night skies, plentiful ancient water in the ground table, clean air with open desert views are all disappearing. I do not think that all of this has to happen. However, developers and politicians do, in their ever increasing search to provide jobs. They are not accustomed to thinking outside the box. Perhaps your vision for the Mojave Desert can remain alive by helping your elected officials think more sustainably, and by steering away from the course of "business as usual" that has dominated growth in the High Desert for the last few decades.

High Desert Corridor

Keep your eyes and ears on this proposal. In the last issue of the Palm and Pine, I gave an overview. However the following information was left out. Please read. It defines the source of the money and how it will have to be used. Draw your own conclusions from this and other information you read about the Corridor.

SAFETEA-LU Section: 1305 Fact Sheets on Highway Provisions

Truck Parking Facilities

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Authorization	\$0	\$6.25M	\$6.25M	\$6.25M	\$6.25M

Program Purpose

The Truck Parking Facilities program is a pilot program that provides funding to address the shortage of long-term parking for commercial vehicles on the National Highway System.

Statutory References SAFETEA-LU Section: 1305

Funding

Funded by contract authority, to remain available until expended. Funds are subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation and are not transferable.

States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and local governments are eligible recipients of program funds. To receive funds, a State, MPO or local government must

submit an application.

Funding priority will be given to applicants that:

- demonstrate a severe shortage of commercial vehicle parking in the corridor
- have consulted with affected State and local governments, community groups, providers of commercial vehicle parking, and motorist and trucking organizations
- demonstrate that their proposed projects are likely to have positive effects on highway safety, traffic congestion or air quality

Eligible Use of Funds

Funds shall be available for projects on the NHS that may include the following activities:

- constructing safety rest areas that include commercial vehicle parking
- constructing commercial vehicle parking facilities adjacent to commercial truck stops and travel plazas
- opening existing facilities to commercial vehicles
- promoting the availability of publicly or privately provided commercial vehicle parking on the NHS using ITS systems and other means
- constructing turnouts for commercial vehicles
- making capital improvements to public commercial vehicle parking facilities to allow year-round use
- improve the geometric design of interchanges to improve access to parking facilities

Report to Congress

A report on the results of the pilot program shall be submitted to Congress not later than 3 years after enactment of SAFETEA-LU.

Federal Share

The Federal share is generally 80 percent, subject to the sliding scale adjustment. Certain safety improvements listed in 23 USC 120(c) have a Federal share of 100 percent.

Visit the City of Victorville website for details (<http://ci.victorville.ca.us/Site/CityServices.aspx?id=310>). The JPA will combine the many separate efforts currently underway into one combined project. Status of the project can be found on the web at http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high_desert_corridor.asp and by attending a variety of public and technical advisory meetings and JPA board meetings (to be announced?). The High Desert Corridor/E220 is officially designated in Section 1305 of SAFETEA-LU (money available to provide for truck parking-see below) as a High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System from Los Angeles to Las Vegas via Palmdale and Victorville.

One site I visited suggested that Victorville's work on the section that would run

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Group News

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Sierra Club settled its lawsuit against the city of Moreno Valley over the Highland Fairview Corporate Center Project (along the southern border of Highway 60 between Redlands Boulevard and Theodore Street) in January. The lawsuit was filed after the city approved the plan in February 2009. The project will house the Skechers USA Inc. distribution center. The project developer hopes the building will qualify as a LEED project and expects to start construction in 60 to 90 days.

Numerous other warehouse projects are planned for Moreno Valley. The West Ridge Commerce Center and ProLogis are proposed along the southern edge of Highway 60 between Moreno Beach Drive and Redlands Boulevard. Fifteen projects are described in a brochure found at: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/do_biz/new-development.shtml on page 11. There are many empty retail spaces, mall space, and numerous 99 cent stores in Moreno Valley, and the city continues to approve warehousing in Moreno Valley.

The Villages of Lakeview (VOL) Specific Plan 342 was scheduled to be heard before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on February 23. The VOL project proposes to build 11,000 residential units in the communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. Approximately 1,585 units are planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), a 19,000 acre Department of Fish & Game facility and cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The MSHCP reserve system is, in theory, supposed to preserve and protect the county's threatened and endangered species in perpetuity.

Light pollution, air quality, damage to wildlife area lands which would harm rare and endangered plant and animal species, building next to the flood plain of the San Jacinto River, collapsible soils, and loss of prime agricultural lands, availability of water, feral animals, illegal entry by residents economic viability of the project are some of the other concerns regarding this project. The project will have devastating impacts on the rural communities of Lake-view and Nuevo. The Sierra Club, Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and community members from Lakeview and Nuevo have attended the planning commission hearings, board of supervisors meetings and written extensive comments on the project.

If you would like to make a donation to help fight this project, 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. Thank you for your help.

The Moreno Valley Group has a number of outings planned. Please check the Calendar of Outings and the group web site at: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> for dates and times. You can also contact Group Outings Chair Theresa Carson at: (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com and Dan Clark at (951) 924-2454 for more information.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for a volunteer to organize an effort to collect signatures for the State Parks initiative which we hope will be on the ballot in November. Please call George Hague at (951) 924-0816 for more information. The Chapter needs a volunteer from the Moreno Valley Group to help chapter chair Rick Estes develop fundraising projects for the Chapter. Call George Hague at (951) 924-0816 if you can help.

The state Department of Water Resources released the draft environmental impact report for the Perris Dam Remediation Project on January 11. Comments are due April 12, 2010. The water level behind the dam has been lowered by 25 feet because of concerns that the dam may fail in a major earthquake (the San Jacinto Fault is east of the dam). The dam has been seeping water for many years and the seepage supports riparian habitat at the base of the dam. To see the draft EIR and for more information see: <http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/>

The city of San Jacinto and the Riverside County Flood Control District have proposed to extend the San Jacinto River levee from State Street to Sanderson Avenue, a \$25 to \$30 million project. The draft environmental impact report may be released in April. The project would fill 1,900 acres of flood plain along the San Jacinto River so it could be developed by the city of San Jacinto. There are concerns that the project will eliminate San Bernardino kangaroo rat, burrowing owl and least Bell's vireo habitat. There are also concerns about the downstream effects on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and south to Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. For more information on the project, please call the

city of San Jacinto at (951) 487-7330.

Please check the Lake Perris State Recreation Area their web site at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 for their hours of operation.

The Recreational Trails Board sponsors approximately five hikes throughout the year in Moreno Valley. They will have a hike to San Timoteo Canyon on March 27, 7:30 a.m. Please call (951) 413-3702 for more information and a schedule of their hikes.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley sponsor nature walks at the San

Jacinto Wildlife Area on the southeastern border of Moreno Valley. Please check their web site at: www.northfriends.org for more information on their walks. The wildlife area is north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Take Davis Road 2.2 miles to the area headquarters. The wildlife area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. Please Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or wet.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for



Mt. Russell Hike, New Year's Day 2010
— Photos by Theresa Carson



Mountains Group . . . Continued from Page 3

and somehow the 51,500 sq. ft. fort (with 28' high walls and 38' high turrets) was now 57,588 sq. ft. and there is parking for enough buses, vans, and cars to deliver more than 1,000 day-use visitors to the site. The stated maximum attendance of 350 is still a self-monitored restriction with no enforcement method identified. There are so many problems with the project that the San Bernardino Mountains Community Safety and Conservation Coalition (Save Our Forest Association, Friends Of Twin Peaks, Christians For The Earth, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, and the Mountains Group of the Sierra Club) have developed a 72 page Community Impact Report detailing the detrimental factors of the Royal Rangers project and why it should not be approved.

Thanks to Steve Farrell, Hugh Bialecki, and especially Peter Jorris for their work on this report. The report outlines the project's problems with size, EIR deficiencies, wildlife corridor and habitat, overlapping General Plans, erroneous conclusions of "less than significant" impacts, fire danger and evacuation, traffic, utility constraints, noise, land use goals and policies, zoning constraints and C.U.P. findings. And the only Fiscal Impact Report ever submitted for the project was rejected in 2005. For up-to-date information and to view the Community Impact Report please visit the Mountains Group website at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/mountains/>

And now, back to the fun stuff for a final word.

Saturday, April 24th has been slated for the second annual "Earthday on the Mountain" event at Rim of the World High School. The program sponsors, GreenTeamArrowhead and Rim High School, put together an excellent inaugural event last year and we look forward to participating once again.

— Bill Engs provided Outings information for this report.

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH / APRIL 2010

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2010 Calendar are due by April 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 and other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES AND 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

Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. 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 pass or find a ride in a vehicle with a pass, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily passes equally with the others in the vehicle. A \$.50 contribution from everyone in the vehicle is reasonable for annual passes (above normal mileage contribution). Golden Eagle Passports & Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the 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, and 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 and 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**
This is a new night for our 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, <kimfloyd@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 and 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. 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

(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, (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>. 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 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

WEEKLY REOCCURRING 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 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 and comfortable walking shoes. The path along the riverbed is graded and hard packed, which makes for nice walking conditions. This is a repeating hike but sometimes 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 and JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com> MOJAVE GROUP

FEBRUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 28

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

(Also refer to Weekly Reoccurring Outings & Activities)

FEB 23 (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 (WED) 6:00 PM **HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING** **HIKE**
Approximate 3.5 mile loop conditioning hike on the Hidden Springs trail & arroyo. Trail has some ups & downs but basically follows the base of the hills & then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot or on the street. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 25 (THU) 9:00 AM **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, SILVERWOOD LAKE** **HIKE**
As we hike 8 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail, from the park office to Cedar Springs Dam & return, we will have great views of the water & the park. Elevation gain & loss: about 500 feet WEAR: hiking boots. BRING: water, snack, lunch, layered clothing. MEET: Call for meeting place & registration. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF (909) 338-2534. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 25 (THU) 6:30 PM **DINNER ON THE TOWN** **DINNER**
Join us for an evening of fun & food. Your Sierra Club friends are planning another "Dinner on the Town" at a surprise location. This event to be announced on the LSG website. INFO: Contact MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 25 (THU) 7:00 PM **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

FEB 27 (SAT) **YOUTH IN THE DESERT, PACIFIC CREST TRAIL** **HIKE**
Come join other youth & their parents/grandparents for a 7-mile hike (approx) on the Pacific Crest Trail. We will hike 3_ miles in one direction, take a lunch break & hike back. The actual location on the trail will be determined as the date gets closer. BRING 2 qts of water, sturdy boots, lunch & snacks. MEET: Please call for details, meeting place & time. Rainy/foul weather cancels hike. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 27-28 (SAT-SUN) **MECCA HILLS** **CARCAMP**
Join us as we explore the Mecca Hills Wilderness Area east of Indio, CA. We will hike through the gravel washes & rocky hills to several well-known & spectacular sites. Saturday we visit Hidden Springs & the Grottos, & Sunday we will explore Painted Canyon. Car camping will include the civilized amenities, potluck supper, & campfire Saturday night LIMIT: 12 participants. INFO & RESERVATIONS: LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> (310) 477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

FEB 28 (SUN) 6:00 PM **FULL MOON HIKE** **HIKE**
Approximate 2 hour evening hike in Sycamore Canyon to enjoy the full moon. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking area on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive & the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com>. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 28 (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 February 28.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 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, & wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 1 – MARCH 7

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

(Also refer to Weekly Reoccurring Outings & Activities)

MAR 2 (TUE) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 2 (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 4 (THU) 4:30 PM **HIDDEN SPRINGS** **HIKE**
Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 4 (THU) **LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**
Thursday is a new night for our 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

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MAR 5 (FRI) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS –CONDITIONING WALK
Start your weekend off burning calories and getting conditioned by doing a 5-6 mile moderate to fast paced conditioning walk. We will walk around the neighborhood mostly uphill on pavement. It will take us about two hours to do this loop. Bring: Water, a flashlight, good walking/running shoes, and lots of energy. We will meet in Albertsons' Shopping Center parking lot, close to the Mobil gas station located on the corner of Soquel Canyon and Butterfield Ranch Road in Chino Hills. Dogs welcome! Call or email LEADER: AIDA TARACENA 909 225-1505 <hikingirl12@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE HIKE
We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Enjoy an easy 5 to 5 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. When available we invite guest speakers from the Reserve's staff to enlighten us and give us some background about what we are seeing. We meet at the Hidden Valley Trail head. Rain Cancels. Bring water a lunch and dress in layers. Reservations & info: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, Email <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com (951)302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org> for more information concerning this and all our upcoming outings.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE
Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. You need to provide your own equipment, and prior experience on snowshoes is required. MEET in the parking lot behind Lloyds restaurant on Hwy 18 in Running Springs at 8:30 am to carpool. WEAR layered clothing, BRING lunch and adequate fluids. CALL LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 to sign up. No snow cancels. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 6-7 (SAT-SUN) DEATH VALLEY NP EXPLORATORY TOUR
Come & experience a sample of the many wonders offered in this national park. Beginning in Shoshone on Saturday morning, we will travel north on Hwy 178 with a stop at Badwater, & easy two-mile hikes at Natural Bridge & Golden Canyon. Camp at Texas Springs (\$14/site). If time allows, drive to Zambreskie Point & Dante's View. Sunday morning, visit the museum & visitor center in Furnace Creek, see the rare pupfish at Salt Creek, & take a two-mile hike to the highest sand dune. Possible hike into Mosaic Canyon. For those who want to stay Sunday night, camp at Stovepipe Wells (\$12/site). There is an option of primitive camping on Friday night. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, <desertlily1@verizon.net> (760) 245-8734. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 7 (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 & early spring wildflowers are all here to enjoy. Hike will be about 8 miles, 1,200 ft elevation gain. WEAR sturdy shoes or boots. BRING lunch & snacks, 2 liters water. Rain cancels. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 8 – MARCH 14

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(Also refer to Weekly Reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

MAR 8 (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

MAR 9 (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, <kimfloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

MAR 10 (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

MAR 11 (THU) 4:30 PM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE
Enjoy the view from beautiful Olive Mountain with a 3 mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy 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 <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 12 (FRI) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS –CONDITIONING WALK
Start your weekend off burning calories and getting conditioned by doing a 5-6 mile moderate to fast paced conditioning walk. We will walk around the neighborhood mostly uphill on pavement. It will take us about two hours to do this loop. Bring: Water, a flashlight, good walking/running shoes, and lots of energy. We will meet in Albertsons' Shopping Center parking lot, close to the Mobil gas station located on the corner of Soquel Canyon and Butterfield Ranch Road in Chino Hills. Dogs welcome! Call or email LEADER: AIDA TARACENA 909 225-1505 <hikingirl12@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TO MORTON PEAK HIKE
This is a difficult 12-mile hike with 2800 feet of elevation gain on a good trail. There are many great views on the way to the lookout tower at the peak. Bring layered clothing appropriate to the weather, plenty of water, sturdy boots, snacks and lunch. Those coming from the mountain areas meet at the Vons parking lot at 8:00 AM. Those from the Redlands/Yucaipa area meet us at the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00 AM. Please call LEADER DICK BANKS for reservations and information. 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 13 (SAT) 9 AM DEEP CREEK HIKE
Join us on a lovely hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats Area. We begin near Round Mountain and gently descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a little upstream from the Deep Creek Hot Springs. Hike is 6 miles round trip with lovely views and a gorgeous location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek. We will get a chance to admire Deep Creek which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Protection Act of 2010. We will also check for cattle impacts to the creek by cows straying off the Round Mountain Cattle Allotment. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 9 a.m. Contact for details: LEADER: JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> 760-220-0730
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM OWL CANYON HIKE
Come join other hikers for a 9 to 10 mile hike thru Owl Canyon to the top of Rainbow Basin and back. Great views! Bring 2 to 3 qts of water, sturdy boots, lunch & snacks. Meet at the BLM parking lot on Barstow Rd across from the entrance to Barstow College. For more info contact LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE at (760) 252-2194 or (760) 412-1683 or <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 13-14 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN FENCE REMOVAL/CARCAMP SERVICE
Come help remove fences on the Cal Dept of Fish & Game Reserve. At this time of year, the Carrizo may be turning green, & if the winter has been wet, there should be wildflowers. Work Saturday. Camp & potluck dinner that evening. Hike Sunday. BRING leather gloves, warm clothes with long sleeves & legs, dish for potluck on Saturday night. Leaders will be at Selby Camp on Friday night for those who want to arrive early. LEADERS: CAL & LETTY FRENCH, (805) 239-7338. Prefer e-mail lettyfrench@gmail.com. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 13-14 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP
Come with us to this spectacular landscape near Death Valley to visit the desert leprechauns & explore the ruins of California's colorful past. Camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Saturday, do a very challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this Wild West town. Later we'll return to camp for Happy Hour, a St. Patty's Day potluck feast & campfire. On Sunday, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 sase, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, (760) 868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 13-17 (SAT-WED) DEATH VALLEY PHOTO TRIP
Join retired photographer & teacher Graham Stafford on a car camp trip to Death Valley, a photographer's wonderland. Visit Eureka Dunes, dunes at Stove Pipe Wells, dunes at Saratoga Springs, the Racetrack, and Artist Drive. All levels of photography experience accepted—beginners encouraged. Lessons with class handouts will cover all aspects of your digital camera and general photography. See Graham's work at <www.grahamstafford.com> LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD (775) 686-8478 <graham@grahamstafford.com>
GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

MAR 14 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, MILLER CANYON HIKE
We'll hike down a closed road in Silverwood Lake State Park. You will have impressive views of the lake and the surrounding mountains. Distance: 5 miles RT. BRING snack, water and wear comfortable shoes. CALL for meeting place. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2534. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 14-20 (SUN-SAT) GLEN CANYON/ESCALANTE RIV BACKPACK SERVICE
Assist the National Park Service in eradicating Russian Olive from the Escalante River. Working under the direction of Park Ranger Bill Wolverton, we will gather up slash from previous service trips & burn it. Since 2000, over half of the river has been cleared. MEET in Escalante, Utah, Sunday morning, March 14, caravan out to the trailhead & hike in. Work four days, day hike one day & hike out Saturday morning March 20. Expect knee to thigh-deep river crossings, overnight lows near freezing & mild temperatures during the day. Participants will be responsible for their own leather work gloves (highly recommended), food, & gear on the trail. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PAUL PLATHE: 209-476-1498. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MARCH 15 – MARCH 21

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MAR 16 (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

MAR 16 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. 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

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MAR 17 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 19 (FRI) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS –CONDITIONING WALK
Start your weekend off burning calories and getting conditioned by doing a 5-6 mile moderate to fast paced conditioning walk. We will walk around the neighborhood mostly uphill on pavement. It will take us about two hours to do this loop. Bring: Water, a flashlight, good walking/running shoes, and lots of energy. We will meet in Albertsons' Shopping Center parking lot, close to the Mobil gas station located on the corner of Soquel Canyon and Butterfield Ranch Road in Chino Hills. Dogs welcome! Call or email LEADER: AIDA TARACENA 909 225-1505 <hikingirl12@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 20-21 (SAT-SUN) PANAMINT MTNS. BACKPACK
North of Surprise Canyon on the west side of the Panamints, Hall Canyon & Jail Canyon descend into the Panamint Valley from the slopes of Telescope Peak. This will be a loop trip taking in the lower reaches of these canyons. On Saturday, we'll hike up Hall Canyon & camp. On Sunday, we'll make our way across the dividing ridge between Hall Canyon & Jail Canyon & descend the 4WD route to the road. The canyon mouths are short enough that we won't need to set up a car shuttle. INFO: LEADER JOHN WILKINSON (408) 876-8295 <johnfw1@mac.com> CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 21 (SUN) CONTACT WASH - JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
This is a scramble down a steep wash that is accessed through Pine City by way of the Queen Mine parking lot. There are all sorts of twists and turns to be negotiated. You have to think your way through alot of dry waterfalls that definitely put you in the moment. This is a good one to forget your other life. About six miles. It is strenuous and I strongly recommend ankle high boots. Bring a lunch with lots of protein and a couple of quarts of your favorite outdoor drink. Call LEADERS ANN & AL MURDY 760 366-2932 (we don't return calls) or email <al.murdy@gmail.com>
TAHQUITZ GROUP

****MAR 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM DRIPPING SPRINGS TRIAL HIKE**
Take a challenging 14 mile hike (up and back) hike through the Agua Tibia Wilderness on the Dripping Springs Trail. This hike is a strenuous hike of about 8 hours with 3,100 ft of elevation gain and loss. There are some awesome views of Vail Lake and the Temecula Valley along the way. The trail offers little shade so sun screen is a must. You will need to bring bring snacks and a lunch, at least 3 liters of water, good hiking shoes and dress in layers. A wilderness pass is required. Rain Cancels. Reservations & info: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, Email <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951)302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org/> for more information concerning this and all upcoming outings. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE
Tenaja Falls in the San Mateo Wilderness should be a pretty spring hike, with wildflowers and maybe even water in the falls! We start from the Fisherman's Camp trailhead for an 8.1 mile hike, about 1,500 ft elevation gain and loss. WEAR sturdy shoes or hiking boots, bring water, snacks and lunch. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 22 – MARCH 28

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SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 27 (SAT) 3:00 PM THE MANY TRAILS OF SIMPSON PARK HIKE
Moderate hike, all trails, 6 miles late afternoon hike. MEET at the Picnic Pavilion in Simpson Park, Hemet., at 3:00 PM. We will use a new trail map to discover some of the many bike/hike trails and enjoy the wildflowers. Great views of the San Jacinto Valley, surrounding mountains and Diamond Valley Lake. BRING water, flower and bird field guides. LEADER: SHAULI REOSEN-RAGER <rosenrager@gmail.com> 951 767 2203
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****MAR 27 (SAT) 9:00 AM PCT EAST OF BALDWIN LAKE HIKE**
This is a moderate 7.5 mile hike with about 800-feet of elevation gain. We will be hiking on the Pacific Crest Trail between forest service roads 2N02 and 2N04. Bring water, snacks, sturdy hiking boots and layered clothing appropriate to the weather. We will MEET on the north side of the Big Bear Lake Convention Center parking lot at 9:00 AM. Cars driving to the trailhead will need an Adventure Pass. INFO: call LEADER DICK BANKS at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 27 (FRI) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS -CONDITIONING WALK
Start your weekend off burning calories and getting conditioned by doing a 5-6 mile moderate to fast paced conditioning walk. We will walk around the neighborhood mostly uphill on pavement. It will take us about two hours to do this loop, less time once we are well conditioned! Bring: Water, a flashlight, good walking/running shoes, and lots of energy. We will meet in Albertsons' Shopping Center parking lot, close to the Mobil gas station located on the corner of Soquel Canyon and Butterfield Ranch Road in Chino Hills. Dogs welcome! Call or email LEADER: AIDA TARACENA 909 225-1505 <hikingirl12@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAR 28 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE**
Join us on a moderate 6 mile (RT), 1,000 ft elevation gain hike located north west of Lake Arrowhead. This hike includes some rock scrambling to reach the summit, which comprises an imposing stack of large granite boulders. Your efforts will be rewarded with mountain and desert views. BRING lunch, water, good boots and layered clothing. Adventure Pass required. CALL for meeting place to carpool. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 28 (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 March 29.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1,200 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 & DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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MARCH 29 – APRIL 4

Please read “*LIABILITY WAIVER*” preceding these listings.
(Also refer to *Weekly Reoccurring Outings & Activities*)

APR 2 (FRI) 8:00 AM **JONES PEAK (SIERRA MADRE)** **HIKE**
This is a loop hike of 7.5 miles with a gain of 2450 feet. We will go down a different trail and hook up with the Wilson trail. Possible ocean views. MEET: Call leader for meeting place. LEADER: JOE WHITE 909-944-0899.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM **SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE** **HIKE**
We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Enjoy an easy 5 to 5 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. When available we invite guest speakers from the Reserve’s staff to enlighten us and give us some background about what we are seeing. We meet at the Hidden Valley Trail head. Rain Cancels. BRING water a lunch and dress in layers. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, Email <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951) 302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org> for more information concerning this and all our upcoming outings.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****APR 4 (SUN) 8:00 AM** **SAN SEVAIN FLATS TO CUCAMONGA PEAK** **HIKE**
Fortunately for us, this trail is not widely used so we may have the mountain to ourselves! San Sevaine Flats is pleasant and inviting and mostly covered with chaparral. There are groves of oak, spruce, cedar and pine scattered here and there in little flats and gullies. San Sevaine Flats is the largest of these forested glens. We will hike 12 miles RT from the trailhead and gain 3,300 feet in elevation. This will be a strenuous hike so come prepared! BRING: Hiking boots, at least two liters of water, food/snacks, dress in layers as we do not know how the weather may be in April. Please call or email me before the hike. I will be checking the weather conditions for snow or ice on the trail. If you have snowshoes and/or crampons, it may be necessary to bring one or both. We will know as the date approaches. Dangerous conditions will cancel the hike. Hope to see you there! Adventure Pass required. Contact LEADER:AIDA TARACENA 909 225-1505, email: <hikingirl12@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 5 – APRIL 11

Please read “*LIABILITY WAIVER*” preceding these listings.
(Also refer to *Weekly Reoccurring Outings & Activities*)

APR 5 (MON) 6:00 PM **SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM** **MEETING**
Even numbered months. 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

APR 5-10 (MON-SAT) **CARRIZO PLAIN FENCE REMOVAL/WILDFLOWERS** **SERVICE**
This outing will include three & a half days of service to the Carrizo Plain National Monument, removing & modifying fences to allow resident pronghorn to travel more widely. This is the spring wildflower season, & our schedule allows at least a day for exploring, either hiking or driving backcountry roads. With longer daylight hours there may also be time to visit sights in the monument after work. LIMIT: Because we are privileged to be staying at one of the old ranch houses, our trip is limited to 14 participants. COST & RESERVATIONS: \$30 covers five dinners. LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, (310) 477-6670, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com>
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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

APR 6 (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

APR 8 (THU) 5:00 PM **OLIVE MOUNTAIN** **HIKE**
Enjoy the view from beautiful Olive Mountain with a 3 mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy 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 & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 9-11 (FRI-SUN) **CULP VALLEY, ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK** **CARCAMP**
Culp Valley, in the Upper Sonoran plant zone, is our base for a hike down the old California Riding and Hiking Trail to Borrego Valley 3000 feet below. We’ll see a variety of plants on the way. On shorter hikes we’ll visit local springs: we’ll see effects of water sources on plant life and check recovery from a 2002 fire. Primitive campground. OK for passenger cars. You may arrive on Friday or Saturday. CALL LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM** **SANTA ANA RIVER** **HIKE**
This is a moderate 10-mile hike with about 800 to 1,000-feet of elevation gain. We will descend from the South Fork parking lot on the Santa Ana Trail to its intersection with Glass Road. We will return via Glass Road along the Santa Ana River. We will meet at Vons in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM. Those coming from the Redlands area should meet us at the South Fork trailhead on Highway 38 at about 9:40 AM. BRING water, snacks/lunch, sturdy boots and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Drivers will need an adventure pass. For details, call LEADER DICK BANKS at 909-866-6232.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM **PCT, SILVERWOOD LAKE TO HORSETHIEF CYN** **HIKE**
Come join other hikers for a 12 to 13 mile hike along the PCT from Silverwood Lake to Horsethief Canyon and back. Great spring hike. BRING 3 to 4qts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. Meet at 8:00 am at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Rd or 8:30-8:45am at the off ramp at Silverwood Lake & highway 138. For more INFO call LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE at (760) 252-2194 or (760) 412-1683 or <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 11 (SUN) 9:00 AM **BEAUTY MOUNTAIN** **HIKE**
This hike is “under construction” and may include some off-trail portions, so come ready for adventures and discover the hidden corners of this remote-yet-so-close wilderness of chaparral. Wildflowers are a good possibility. 5 to 8 miles, some difficult terrain and brush. MEET 9:00 am at the Cahuilla Casino parking lot in Anza. Rideshare from Temecula: Paloma Del Sol park 8:15 (Behind Home Depot on Hwy 79). RSVP in order to get last minute information and do check your email Saturday before the hike! Last minute decision makers welcome too. LEADER: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER <rosenrager@gmail.com> 951 767 2203.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APRIL 12 – APRIL 18

Please read “*LIABILITY WAIVER*” preceding these listings.
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APR 12 (MON) 7:00 PM **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

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

APR 15 (THU) 5:00 PM **HIKE TO THE “M”** **HIKE**
Four mile round trip hike to the “M” on Box Springs. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: water, flashlight, 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 on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 16-18 (FRI-SUN) **MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE** **SERVICE**
Come help restore an historic water feature to provide water for wildlife. The work involves protecting several springs by earthwork, stabilization work, putting up a fence & some infrastructure in & around a qanat. Staff from the Mojave National Preserve will direct our effort. A hike is planned Friday for those arriving in the morning. If the rains are good this year, there may be plenty of wildflowers. We will work all day Saturday & until noon on Sunday. There will be a ranger talk about the Preserve on Saturday evening. Camping will be rustic. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Email or call LEADER: RICH JURICICH, <rich.sac@pacbell.net> (916) 492-2181.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

APR 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM **WILD FLOWERS IN JUNIPER FLATS** **HIKE**
If there are to be wildflowers this year, the Juniper Flats Area is one of the places to enjoy the display. Set in the foot hills of the San Bernardino Mountains, it is just a short drive from Apple Valley. We will enjoy a leisurely hike about 5 miles round trip. The Juniper Flats Area also offers fabulous views and boulder fields. Be sure to bring your camera and binoculars! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 am. Contact leader for details: LEADER JENNY WILDER, <JensOasis@aol.com> 760-220-0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 17-18 (SAT-SUN) **OWENS VALLEY** **SERVICE**
Project will probably be bashing tamarisk along the Owens River, but could change. Work on Saturday & enjoy the extensive birding opportunities on Sunday. Camp at Diaz Lake just south of Lone Pine. Group potluck on Saturday night. BRING all camping gear or stay in a motel in nearby Lone Pine. INFO: LEADERS CAL & LETTY FRENCH (805) 239-7338. Prefer e-mail <lettyfrench@gmail.com.>
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

APRIL 19 – APRIL 25

Please read “*LIABILITY WAIVER*” preceding these listings.
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****APR 20 (TUE) 8:30 AM** **SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO DEVIL’S HOLE** **HIKE**
You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon. Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss and gain. BRING:10 essentials, 2 qts. water, and snack. WEAR: hiking boots. MEET: Call LEADER, BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2534, for meeting place. Adventure Pass required.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 20 (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

APR 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting. 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

APR 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM **LOS SERRANOS GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 21 (WED) 6:00 PM **HIDDEN SPRINGS** **HIKE**
Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 22 (THU) 7:00 PM **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM **PCT, SPLINTERS CABIN TO HOLCOMB CROSSING** **HIKE**
This is a moderate to difficult 10-mile hike on the PCT with 500-feet of elevation gain. We will be hiking through both chaparral and forested areas along Holcomb Creek. BRING water, sturdy boots, lunch, and layered clothing appropriate to the weather. For those coming from the Big Bear Area, we will meet at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center at 8:00 AM. We will meet those attending from the Lake Arrowhead area at the Post Office in Cedar Glen at 9:00 AM. For details call LEADER DICK BANKS at 909-866-9232.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 24-25 (SAT-SUN) **EXPLORING MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE** **CARCAMP**
Saturday morning we will hike to Teutonia Peak & out on Cima Dome. Primitive carcamp at Sunrise Rock. Sunday morning, visit the museum/visitor center at Kelso Depot & then on to hike Kelso Dunes. These dunes have various nicknames including the singing dunes & the moaning dunes due to the sounds that they often make, but whatever you call them, they are impressive. For those who want to spend another night, we can camp at the Granite Mountains. MEET Saturday morning 9:00 AM at the Teutonia Peak trailhead on Cima Road. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL WILEY <desertlily1@verizon.net> (760) 245-8734.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

APR 24-25 (SAT-SUN) **E CALIFORNIA ROCK ART EXPLORATORY** **CARCAMP**
Comfortable spring weather is an ideal time to go exploring. On Saturday, we hike to three rock art sites in the southern Owens Valley area bordering the Coso Mountains. Saturday evening potluck. On Sunday we will be escorted to the astonishing Little Petroglyph Canyon on the China Lake Naval Weapons Station. High clearance 2WD are sufficient. LIMIT: Group limit, 14 participants. EARLY RESERVATION DEADLINE: As government restrictions apply here, all arrangements & confirmations must be completed by April 1 (no joking). LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE (310) 477-6670 <craig.deutsche@gmail.com>
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

APR 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM **WHITewater PRESERVE** **HIKE**
Come hike through some of the area proposed for the Sand to Snow National Monument, along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Round trip about 9 miles. 1,500 ft gain. WEAR hiking boots to navigate the rocky wash; bring water, snacks and lunch. Most of the hike is in the sun so bring sunscreen and wear a hat! MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 25 (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 April 28.) 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 & DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 26 – MAY 2

Please read “*LIABILITY WAIVER*” preceding these listings.
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APR 27 (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>.
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APR 28 (WED) 6:00 PM **HIDDEN SPRINGS** **HIKE**
Approximate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Full moon rises at 8:17. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com>
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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MAY 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM **TOUR OF SPRINGS IN JUNIPER FLATS** **4X4 TOUR/HIKE**
We will drive to several of the numerous springs in the Juniper Flats Area. This requires 4x4 or at least a high clearance vehicle and some walking. The hikes will include several of about a mile and the tour will take all day. The Juniper Flats Area is in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains, close to Apple Valley. The area offers excellent hiking opportunities, varied terrain, varied vegetation, wildlife, boulder fields and fabulous views. Fill your vehicle with friends. BRING plenty of water, lunch, and snacks. WEAR layered clothing and hat. INFO: LEADER JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

****JUN 5-6 (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 & includes classes in Outings Administration, Map & Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations & a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old & current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee for training materials, food & the weekend use of the facility. RESERVATIONS: For an application form, please 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 ACTIVITIES

(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 & CLARETTE POWELL, (909) 864-2309.

(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE
 Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
 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. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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 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 & CLARETTE POWELL, (909) 864-2309.

NON- SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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MAR 7 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE
 Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. BAND: *ATLANTIC CROSSING*. CALLER: JOHN ROGERS. Band Members: Georgiana Hennessy: fiddle, Matt Tonge: guitar, Patty McCollom: banjo, whistle and fiddle. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: If the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

MAR 16 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
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MAR 17 (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. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

MAR 19 (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: LARRY & CLARETTE POWELL, (909) 864-2309.

MAR 31 (WED) 7:00 PM BANFF MOUNTAIN WORLD TOUR FILM FESTIVAL
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN GORGONIO WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION
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APR 4 (SUN) RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE
 There is no April Contra Dance because of the Easter Sunday holiday. Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

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APR 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING
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APR 21 (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. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

MAY 2 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE
 Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. BAND: *LES AMIS* (NED BOYER-HARMONICA, RECORDER; CAROL BURRILL-HAMMERED DULCIMER; MARK BURRILL-CONCERTINA; JIM SCHEEL-GUITAR). CALLER: FRANNIE MARR. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

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mega-development planned on the southern boundary of the area. Lewis Operating Corp of Upland, CA, is planning a ‘city’ on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area called The Villages of Lakeview. The 11,000 unit project would put almost 1,785 housing units on 300 acres of agricultural lands between the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the Ramona Expressway with the remainder of the project south of the Ramona Expressway. The proposed project/city would be divided by the Ramona Expressway which may be expanded to an eight-lane freeway sometime in the future. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors was scheduled to approve the massive project on February 23, 2010.

Placing almost 2,000 homes near a premier wildlife area will have devastating consequences to wildlife and the viability of the wildlife area. Part of the project lands lie within the 100 year flood plain. The developer plans to fill the flood plains which will alter the course of flood water which in turn will alter habitat for endangered plants and the Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat. Wildlife area property adjacent to the project site was flooded this winter due to heavy fall and winter rains. If homes are built next the wildlife area, the threat of encephalitis and West Nile Virus could cause these wetlands to be drained and thereby eliminating wildlife habitat.

Other impacts and problems include incompatible and conflicting land uses, water quality issues, source of water for the project, geological/geotechnical/liquefaction problems, noise pollution, light pollution, illegal and inappropriate access to the SJWA by new residents and their motor toys, invasive non-native plant species, feral dogs and cats, loss of prime agricultural lands, traffic, and loss of other recreational uses at the SJWA. For many

years the hunting community of southern California has been a strong supporter of the SJWA (hunting is allowed at all state wildlife areas). Their activities would be severely reduced or eliminated on the southern boundary if homes are located there.

Also, the project will have devastating impacts on the rural communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. The majority of homes in these two communities have large lots, a rural life-style and residents who keep horses and other domestic animals.

Their quality of life will be destroyed and the newly developed “community” will be divided by a freeway.

Riverside County has developed the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) to set aside lands to protect

wildlife but also allow unlimited development in the county. The San Jacinto Wildlife Area is one of the cornerstone reserves in the county’s MSHCP system, the system which, in theory, is supposed to protect wildlife life habitat in perpetuity. If the county is insensitive to the impacts and problems of locating 11,000 houses on the border of this premier wildlife area (one of the few in Southern California), it will sound the death knell for all existing and future reserves.

For many years the San Geronimo Chapter of the Sierra Club has been interested in and commented on local planning and land use issues which affect the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We are asking you to support litigation to protect one of our Chapter’s very special places. Thank you in advance for your donation (see box insert for address).

For more information, please contact George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or Ann Turner McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or e-mail the Moreno Valley Group at movalleygroup@yahoo.com

Please donate to help litigation efforts to protect the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

*Mail donations to Sierra Club,
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Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell

The Santa Margarita Group has just held its first Executive Committee election. The previous ExCom members were appointed when the Group was first formed over a year ago. Many of the newly elected ExCom members were among those appointed when the Group was formed so there is plenty of experience among the current Group leaders.

Our newly elected Executive Committee consists of Jerri Arganda (Publicity/Promotion), Bob Audibert (Outings), Paul Chuberka (Finance/Treasurer), Lynn Davis (Programs/Fundraising), Jim Mitchell (Chair), Pam Nelson (Conservation/Programs), Teri Wagner (Energy) and Laurie Webster (Activities/Internet).

Please take a look at our new Santa Margarita Group website (www.sierraclubsmg.org).

Here is what some of the Santa Margarita Group Committee Chairs say about what is happening in their areas of expertise:

Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair, Santa Margarita Group

The number and variety of hikes that the Santa Margarita Group will be offering its members this year is growing. Starting at 9am, Saturday March 6th, we take the traditional New Member Hike (for all members) to the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best.



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Then on Sunday, March 21st at 8 am we will be off to the Dripping Springs Trail. This will be a challenging 14 mile hike through the Agua Tibia Wilderness on the Dripping Springs Trail. There are some awesome views of Vail Lake and the Temecula Valley along the way. The trail offers little shade so sun screen is a must.

In the afternoon on Saturday, March 27th we will be heading for the Many Trails of Simpson Park in Hemet. Here there are some great views of the San Jacinto Valley, surrounding mountains and Diamond Valley Lake. Shauli Rosen-Rager will be showing us the way.

Saturday, April 3rd will be our regular hike to the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve and then on April 11 (Sunday) we will be hiking on Beauty Mountain. This hike is still “under construction” and may include some off-trail portions, so come ready for adventures and discover the hidden corners of this remote-yet-so-close wilderness of chaparral. Shauli Rosen-Rager will be our leader. If you have questions, email Bob at (vzd1s415@verizon.net).

Lynn Davis, Program & Fundraising Committee Chair:

The Santa Margarita Group has plans for some excellent programs at our General Meetings in the months ahead. Here are some of the programs we have just completed:

We heard from Richard Halsey, director of the California Chaparral Institute, a non-profit research and educational organization, brought laughter and many “aha” moments to our Group on January 28th. Rick helped us to understand the importance of chaparral, a Mediterranean-type ecosystem; how it has shaped our culture and how communities can adapt to fire-prone environments.

We were privileged to have Dr. Gordon

Pratt, an entomologist and Associate Specialist with UCR, present his fascinating research on the problems butterflies face with human development in Southern California at our February 25th meeting. On the same program, ExCom members Laurie Webster



*A recent hike on the San Mateo Canyon Tenaja Trail.
— Photo by Bob Audibert*

and Teri Wagner demonstrated an “Intro to Social Networking,” highlighting communication through website links Facebook, Twitter and the like.

And in the area of fundraising, our focus is on our next Sierra Sunday that will be held on March 7th at the Stone Brewing in Escondido. Those that attended our last Sierra Sunday at La Cereza Winery, know how much fun you can have. For more details, check our website (www.sierraclubsmg.org).

Teri Wagner, Energy Committee Chair:

On May 14-17, Santa Margarita members will have the opportunity to volunteer at the region’s popular Solar Cup Race on Skinner Lake just east of Temecula. Sponsored by local water companies, high school students from all over Southern California will compete by racing solar powered boats the students have designed and built. Volunteers will be asked to devote their time in four hour slots. The purpose of the event is to encourage conservation among our young people. If you are interested in helping out email me (teriwagner1@hotmail.com). It will be fun!

It's Going to be a Great Year for Wildflowers!



The California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) is native to grassy and open areas from sea level to 6,500 feet altitude in the western United States.

It can grow 5–60 cm tall, with alternately branching glaucous blue-green foliage. The flowers are solitary on long stems, silky-textured, with four petals, each petal 2–6 cm long and broad; their color ranges from yellow to orange, and flowering is from February to September. The petals close at night or in cold, windy weather and open again the following morning, although they may remain closed in cloudy weather.

It grows well in disturbed areas and often recolonizes after fires. It often colonizes along roadsides and other disturbed areas. It is drought-tolerant, self-

seeding, and easy to grow in gardens. It is also pictured in welcome signs while entering California.

It is the official flower of California. April 6 is designated California Poppy Day.



Scientific Name: *Lupinus sparsiflorus*
Common Name: Mojave Lupine, Coulter's Lupine

Flower Color: Violet-blue or rarely white

Plant Type: Herb, Annual

Height: Up to 16 inches tall

Notes: Poisonous. The banner petal has a white patch with a red-spotted yellow center. The keel petals curve upward and have a hairy fringe. The green leaves are hairy with 7 to 10 narrow, lanceolate leaflets.



Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

May 7-9 • July 16-19 • August 6-10 • September 10-12

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. The pristine waters of the Marine Sanctuary will entice both snorkelers and kayakers. Watch for the highly endangered Island Fox. Marvel at the sight of whales, dolphins, sea and land birds, endemic plants, and reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Each island offers special charm: San Miguel for white sandy beaches and a huge congregation of elephant seals; Santa Rosa for a rare stand of Torrey Pines; Santa Cruz for high mountains, deep valleys and the famous Painted Cave, **Anacapa** for the brown pelican rookery, a picturesque lighthouse, excellent snorkeling waters and a colony of friendly sea lions who will swim with snorkelers and follow kayakers.

These live-aboard, eco-tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' twin diesel *Truth*. The fee, \$590 for May & September; \$785 for July & August, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes on each island and present evening programs. To make a reservation mail a \$100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information: (626)-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com



Volunteers Needed for . . .

Riverside Xeriscape Garden Tour and Festival May 22

Saturday, May 22 will be an exciting day in Riverside as the San Gorgonio Chapter introduces the



First Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour and Festival. We really hope you'll mark this date down in your calendar as the day will be educational and offer a treasure trove of beauty as well as elevate your Water-wise consciousness.

And we really need your help too! Please consider volunteering to help produce or staff this one-day event. There are two parts: The Tour and the Festival. The tour of award-winning low-water landscapes throughout the city is free and the map will be provided at the Sierra Club booth at the Festival Event.

The Festival itself will be held at the action spot in Riverside – the Riverside Plaza. Main Street will be closed and the street will be lined with booths sponsored by non-profits and businesses, all selected to provide ideas and resources to help you convert your home or business landscaping into a dollar and water-saving visual delight.

Volunteers are needed for both the Tour

and The Festival and can contact Chapter Chair Rick Estes at 951-314-3328 or rickestes_92595@yahoo.com.

Teaming up with the Sierra Club will be the masters of xeriscaping, Western Municipal Water District and the "Emerald City of Riverside." Western Municipal Water District is well-known for their one-acre Water Conservation Demonstration Garden in Riverside. The garden is open 7 days a week, has loads of ideas for your garden and turf conversion if you choose to do so, and is free to visit.



Riverside Public Works Department is also helping in sponsoring the event and will have a booth at the Festival. Lots of information to help you conserve water will be available, and for Riverside residences and businesses, information on rebates to help you financially convert your household or business with water-saving technology. Additionally, Riverside Public Works will have a composting display.

Despite recent rain, drought will be a permanent fixture in California and combined with the recession, this will help you save water and money at the same time – a win/win event! Perhaps the recession is making it difficult for you to financially assist the San Gorgonio Chapter this March during our Fund Appeal. This would be a perfect opportunity to contribute by volunteering. Contact Rick today!



Sign Up Now For Leadership Training June 6-7

by Ralph Salisbury

If 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 6-7 (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 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.



Outstanding Chapter Programs Set for March & April!

Moving Forward After Copenhagen – March 2nd

The speaker for the March 2 Chapter meeting is Carl Wood, who represented the Utility Workers Union of America at the Copenhagen climate summit.

Wood will talk about how to move forward in the wake of Copenhagen, in terms of developing a message that resonates with working people.

This involves putting flesh on the bone of Labor's slogan of a "just transition" to a low carbon economy, addressing the practical challenges (and threats) of any transition for workers.

He will also offer his thoughts and opinions about where public policy should focus with regard to power generation technologies and (versus?) conservation and efficiency. For the Inland Empire, building heating/cooling efficiency and mass transit are important areas of focus.

Carl Wood graduated from Riverside Polytechnic High School in 1964 and attended University of California, Riverside, where he was active in the civil rights and anti-war movements.

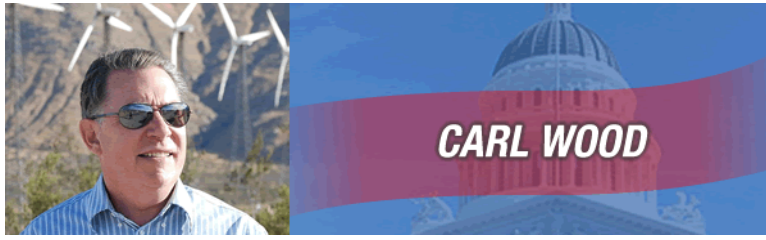
Wood, who worked as an industrial electrician in the steel and power generation industries for nearly 20 years, has held local and national offices in the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), AFL-CIO.

As National Deregulation Coordinator of the union, he testified before Congressional and state legislative committees on the impacts of deregulation on reliability and consumer prices.

He is now Director of Government and Regulatory Policy for the UWUA. In this capacity he works on green job development and represents the union on the AFL-CIO Energy Task Force and the national Blue-Green Alliance.

Wood served as a California Public Utilities Commissioner from his appointment in 1999 by Governor Gray Davis until December 2004.

As a labor leader and as a public official, Carl Wood has been an aggressive advocate for consumers and an outspoken critic of utility deregulation and liberalization of energy markets. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors of TURN, the California utility consumer advocacy group.



The Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia: Birds, Mammals, and a Bit of Natural History – April 6th

Sherry Schmidt will give a presentation that includes photographs taken during a three-week trip to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands.

The presentation will include information of how the Southern Ocean that encircles Antarctica is unique from all the other world's oceans and why it supports such incredible numbers of pelagic birds, penguins, whales, and other marine mammals.

The talk will include some information on the threats to animals that inhabit the Antarctic region including the impact of long line fisheries on the albatross populations.

Schmidt is an instructor in the biology department at Mount San Antonio College. She has taught there over 25 years. She received her B.A. at University of Montana and her M.A. at C.S.U. Fullerton.

Her primary interests today are in the natural history of desert and mountain ecosystems and in conservation biology. She also loves photography and travel. Her recent trips include trips to the Galapagos, Madagascar, Antarctica and Peru.



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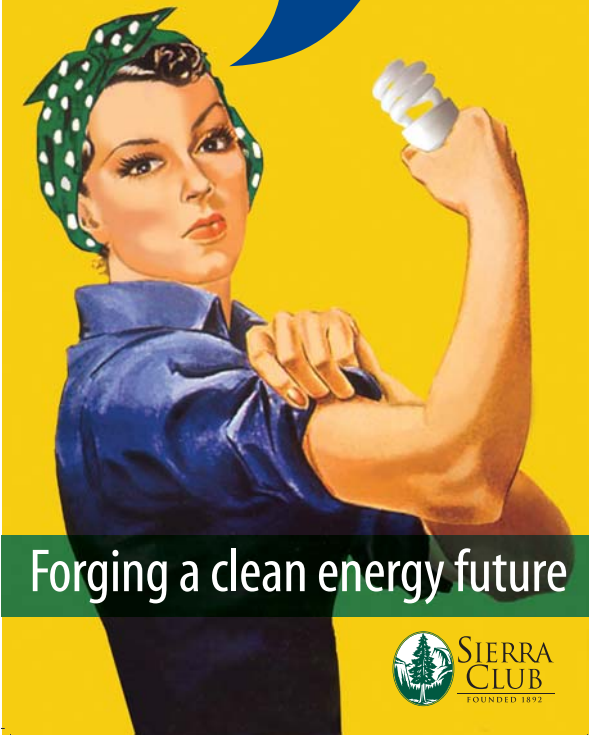


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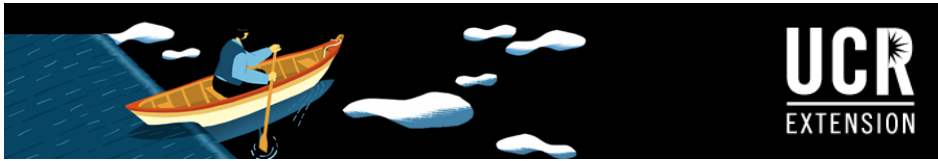
Get Involved – Whether you're brand-new to activism or you've been organizing for years, the Sierra Student Coalition offers many ways to plug into the youth clean energy movement.

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 e-mails about energy campaigns and new opportunities and events.

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Questions?

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UCR Extension Field Nature Study Programs

Complete course information is available on our website at www.ucr.edu/extension and in our current catalog. Fees include 20% PINE discount. To enroll in these courses, please call (800) 442-4990 or (951) 827-4105. For further information call 951-827-5804 or email sciences@ucx.ucr.edu.

Intro to Plant Identification and Ecology

Fee: \$170 (093-SCF-F42)

When: 6-9 p.m., Mar. 19; 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Mar. 20 & 21

Where: UCR Extension Center

Botanical Illustration of Desert Flora

Fee: \$295 (094-SCF-F60)

When: 8-10 p.m. Apr. 9; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Apr. 10; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Apr. 11

Where: Soda Springs, Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx Rd.

Wildflowers of the Desert Foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains

Fee: \$170 (094-SCF-F44)

When: 6-9 p.m. Apr. 23; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Apr. 24 and 25

Where: Fri., UCR Extension Center; Sat. and Sun. field trips

Chaparral of Southern California

Fee: \$129 (094-SCF-F42)

When: 6-8 p.m. May 7; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 8

Where: Fri., UCR Extension Center; Sat. field trip

Natural and Cultural History of the Mojave National Preserve: Soda Lake to Kelso Dunes

Fee: \$295 (094-SCF-F62)

When: 8-10 p.m. Apr. 16; 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Apr. 17; 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Apr. 18

Where: Soda Springs, Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx Rd.

Insects and Other Arthropods of the East Mojave Desert

Fee: \$295 (094-SCF-F64)

When: 8-10 p.m. May 14; 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., 8-10 p.m. May 15; 8:30-11:30 a.m. May 16

Where: Soda Springs, Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx Rd.

Lizards and Snakes of the East Mojave

Fee: \$295 (094-SCF-F63)

When: 7-9 p.m. May 28; 8:15 a.m.- 6 p.m. May 29; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 30

Where: Soda Springs, Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx Rd.

Field Study of the San Andreas Fault: San Bernardino to Mecca Hills

Fee: \$170 (093-SCF-F35)

When: 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Mar. 13

Where: TBA

Geology and Natural History of Death Valley

Fee: \$170 (094-SCF-F34)

When: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Apr. 10; 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Apr. 11

Where: Furnace Creek Visitor's Center, Death Valley

Geology and Natural History of the Eastern Sierra

Fee: \$155 (094-SCF-F33)

When: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. May 15; 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. May 16

Where: TBA

A Field Study of Birds: Spring

Fee: \$185 (094-SCF-F23)

When: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Apr. 13; All day field trips Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 15, June 5

Where: San Bernardino County Museum

Bird Life of the Eastern Mojave – Spring Migration

Fee: \$295 (094-SCF-F61)

When: 8-10 p.m. Apr. 9; 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m. Apr. 10; 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Apr. 11

Where: Soda Springs, Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx Rd.

You are invited to the . . .

Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

by Ralph Salisbury

Please join the Friends of Blue Mountain, the City of Grand Terrace and The Foundation of Grand Terrace on the Third annual hike/walk up beautiful Blue Mountain on Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m. The recent rains promise a very pleasant floral showcase and this is a rare time that the gates are open to the public to explore this hidden treasure.

Easily accessed, the walk begins at the corner of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. From the 215 Freeway exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Avenue to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. Best to park along Honey Hill Drive. You'll see lots of activity and booths at the start area. You may start at 8:00 a.m., however you must begin no later than 11:00 a.m.

The Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces. Each year this walk has gained an exuberant audience with over 500 attending last year's walk.

The proposed size of Blue Mountain Wilderness Park is over 500 acres. The park will be mostly within the City of Grand Terrace but extends into Colton and Riverside County. Trails in the Wilderness Park would connect to Reche Canyon and Box Springs Mountain Preserve providing access from Riverside and Moreno Valley. Additionally, future trails will link Blue Mountain to the Santa Ana River Trail system.

Your participation demonstrates continued support of the efforts of Friends of Blue Mountain and the establishment of the Wilderness Park, but mostly you will have a great day in this "remote" area that you pass by often on the freeway and is a critical area in need of preservation in our ever-growing Inland Empire.

For more information regarding the walk or Friends of Blue Mountain please contact ralphsalisbury@att.net or call 909-783-1664.



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through Apple Valley might start as soon as 2012. This would make a freeway connecting I-15 to Hwy 18 near Dead Man's Point. This looks more and more like a freeway to accommodate ever increasing truck traffic through our communities, and less and less like a project that will ease congestion for the commuter and local traffic. I find no evidence to evaluate alternatives for moving goods such as rail, even though there seem to be railway corridors that might be used.

Clean Water

Unfortunately, a very informative lecture about our water supply was "rained/snowed" out! Keep your eyes and ears open for more lectures such as the ABCs of Water given by the Mojave Water Agency and visit their website. They are also on "Facebook."

Clean Air

One of California's major initiatives for reducing climate change or greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is AB32 was signed into law in 2006. But your local Mojave Desert Air Quality District governing board does not want to comply with this law. The governing board consists of representatives from our county and cities: County of SB District Supervisors (1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th) City of Hesperia (Ed Pack), City of Barstow (Joe Gomez), Town of Apple Valley (Bob Sagona), City of Needles (Jeff Williams), City of Twentynine Palms (John Cole), City of Victorville (Mike Rochchild), Town of Yucca Valley (Lori Herbel), public member (Barbara Riordan), city of Blythe (vacant). Executive director is Eldon Heaston. Their website is: <http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=6>

At their last meeting they decided to write a letter asking for a waiver due to special circumstances in the High Desert. The special circumstances include that fact that we don't have any jobs here, that most of the residents have to increase air pollution by driving up and down the pass to work (recognizing that most of the pollution we do get comes up through the Cajon pass from vehicles and industry "down below"). Their solution is to give incentives to business to relocate here (so people don't have to commute), and not make it more difficult by stiffly regulating dirty emissions. If commuting is the problem, where is the metro link or other alternatives to driving alone in a car? Where is the list of "clean" businesses that the cities have tried to attract?

Thank you to all who write letters to the editor and to their elected officials. Thank you to all who help us to think outside the box and find sustainable solutions. Together we can do more. We welcome you to our meetings and our outings!



There was a steady procession of walkers and hikers last year on the 2nd Annual Walk. Photo by Ralph Salisbury