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## Membership Meetings

### Tuesday, March 6 "Backpacking the John Muir Trail"

Speaker: Ed Wallace  
(see write up Page 9)

### Tuesday, April 3 "The Santa Ana Watershed Association"

Speakers: Carrie Raleigh and  
Samantha Dempster  
(see write up Page 10)

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



By Carol Wiley,

San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Committee Chair

It is time again to start nominations for the San Gorgonio Chapter awards for this year. The chapter has four awards that are presented each year to deserving Sierra Club members:

- The Joe Momeyer Conservation Award is given for outstanding contributions to the conservation effort over a number of years.
- The Marjorie & Clark Jones Service Award is given for outstanding contributions in any and all other chapter activities over a number of years.
- The Alice Krueper Service Award is given for long-time service to a non-Sierra Club entity in the name of the Sierra Club, and
- The Ralph Salisbury Outings Award is given to someone who has demonstrated a long-time commitment and made outstanding contributions to the Sierra Club outings by organizing, leading and supporting the outings program.

Please give some thought as to who are the deserving conservationists around us and nominate these people for the upcoming awards. Please help us identify those people who have given generously of their time, talents, energy and resources for the continued work of the Sierra Club and the environment. You can make these nominations to anyone on the Awards Committee: Joan Taylor, Gail Seekins, Ed Wallace, George Hague, Dave Barrie, Dean Shimek, Bekke Estes or Carol Wiley. If you have any questions you can contact Carol Wiley, Chair of the Awards Committee at (760) 245-8734 or desertlily1@verizon.net.



## A Sad Farewell

By Ralph Salisbury,

San Gorgonio Chapter Chair

Crystal "Crys" Karsten/Kane passed away recently. She played a prominent role in the San Gorgonio Chapter. Way back in the 1950s, the chapter had an annual deep sea fishing trip on a Saturday and followed the next day with a fish fry. One of those was at Crystal Kane's in Elsinore. In 1960 the San Gorgonio Chapter reached a total of 302 members and in that year the monthly chapter meeting was moved to the old log cabin of the Isaac Walton League in Fairmont Park, Riverside. Crystal Karsten's Girl Scouts served the food.

Crystal first became involved with the *Palm and Pine* as Assistant Editor in 1963. Then from 1969 to 1983 she served 14 straight years as Editor of the *Palm and Pine*, the longest stint ever, even exceeding Lynn Foster's 9 years as Editor.

In 1977, Crystal was awarded the Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award, one of two San Gorgonio Chapter awards at the time. It was only the second year for that award and of course the year before the award went to Marjorie and Clark Jones.

Additional information can be located at the San Gorgonio Chapter archives at the Smiley Library in Redlands.

This is planned to be a regular feature in the *Palm and Pine* and I hope to generate feedback, interest and political action from our members. Hopefully, you will learn where you can be most effective with your contributions of dollars and volunteer activities.

Our Chapter is represented in Congress, the state Senate and the state Assembly by some of the weakest environmental representatives in the whole State of California. THIS HAS TO CHANGE! The Members of Congress whose districts are partly or wholly within the Chapter had an average League of Conservation Voters (LCV) scorecard rating of 25. For our California Senate delegation the average LCV score was 32 and a Sierra Club California score of 28. The Assembly delegation was about the same, with scores of 30 and 35, respectively. Awful!

Lest you think there is no hope, think again. Redistricting has given us a chance to help environmentally friendly candidates get elected to office and begin representing the Sierra Club's interests in their respective bodies. We've already given an early endorsement to Norma Torres in the new Assembly District 52. She has



## Political Update

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



an excellent chance to win and with a LCV score of 94, we need her.

With redistricting and the court throwing out the challenge to the new maps, most districts are in turmoil with candidates still undecided about what office to seek and in which district.

Adding to the chaos is the new system for an open primary, where all candidates, regardless

of party affiliation, will be on the same ballot. The top two vote-getters will be on the November ballot, even if one gets 99% and the other gets 1%. The filing deadline is March 9 and we should know a lot more by then. The political committee will be busy after the filing deadline to see who we might want to endorse in advance of the June 5 election. We are asking the various groups in the Chapter to identify local races where we might make a difference.

If you are interested in becoming more politically active on behalf of the Club, please send an email to Jono Hildner at Jono@Hildner.com.

Looking forward to working with all of you to make our elected representatives much more attuned to the values of the Sierra Club in the coming years.

## You Are Invited . . . 5th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

By Ralph Salisbury

Coming up Saturday, March 10, is the 5th Annual Blue Mountain Walk sponsored by Friends of Blue Mountain and The Foundation of Grand Terrace. The walk starts at 8:00 a.m. from the trailhead at Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace.

Just once a year is this Inland treasure open for the public to explore – and it's free! Last year nearly 1000 showed up so arriving a little before the 8:00 a.m. start time is wise. Hikers must set out before 11:00 a.m. and should return to the trailhead no later than 1:00 p.m. Friendly pets on leashes are welcome too.

Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces. The group's vision is to create a 500-acre wilderness park connecting Blue Mountain with neighboring Box Springs Mountain Reserve. In the shorter term, FOBM plan on opening a 70-acre park which will still allow year-round access to the 2428 foot peak.

March is the perfect month for hiking Blue Mountain - not too hot and not too cold. The clear days allow hikers to great unobstructed

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## Save the Date!

On March 15 and 16, the western edition of the 2012 Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference will be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. For the past five years, the Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conferences have brought together a diverse group of attendees from labor, environmental, and industry to discuss solutions for a green economy that will create good green jobs. It's important that we, the environmental community, be well-represented to give environmental perspectives on global problems.

The Good Jobs, Green Jobs conferences, usually held in Washington, DC, are sponsored by the BlueGreen Alliance Foundation. This year, to attract wider audiences, the conferences will be offered in four separate locations: Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Detroit.

The BlueGreen Alliance was launched in 2006 by the United Steelworkers and the Sierra Club. Today, the BlueGreen Alliance has increased its membership uniting nearly 15 million people from organized labor,

environmental, faith and human rights groups—all who understand the necessity for good jobs, a clean environment and a green economy.

**GOOD JOBS  
 GREEN JOBS**  
 regional conferences 2012

by Joan Jones Holtz, Angeles Chapter

The BlueGreen Alliance is focusing on the passage of comprehensive clean energy and climate change legislation, restoring the rights of workers in the United States to organize and bargain collectively, and toward establishing new trade policies that promote growth and prosperity across all sectors of global societies while protecting public health and safety.

Those wanting to attend the Los Angeles conference are encouraged to apply for scholarships to cover transportation, hotel, and registration fees. Volunteers from Angeles Chapter are planning to offer historic walking tours of downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood for out-of-town participants.

Look for more information; contact Joan Jones Holtz (626-443-0706; [jholtzln@aol.com](mailto:jholtzln@aol.com)) or visit the website: [www.greenjobsconference.org](http://www.greenjobsconference.org)

# Group News

## Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

### Two Great Events/One Week in April

*Packing a one/two punch, the Big Bear Group of the Sierra Club will be hosting two exciting events during the third week in April.*

First, on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, members and the public are invited to our annual Spring Fling. This year's event will be a fundraiser to raise money for our high school scholarship program. Each year, seniors from Big Bear High School compete for a \$500 college scholarship by writing essays on environmental issues AND their solutions, which face Big Bear Valley. The Spring Fling event will take place at Maggio's Italian restaurant located next to Vons in the Interlaken shopping center. For a \$15 fee, participants can partake in an all-you-can-eat salad bar, unlimited refill sodas, and two types of pizza. We will also hold our silent auction and have live music.



Proceeds from the event will fund the scholarship program.

Second, on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 5:00, the Sierra Club will partner with Bear Valley Electric for an Earth Day event during the day. The theme will be educating our kids, with games, booths and free materials all geared towards helping kids understand (and their parents) the importance of caring for our environment and following sustainable practices. The Sierra Club will have a booth at the event and will be giving away our Native Plant coloring books and have a recycle toss game. The entire Earth Day event is open to the public.



## Big Bear Group Challenge Recognition Program

by Ed Wallace, Outings and Conservation Chair

Each calendar year the Big Bear Group awards special recognition badges for accomplishing special hiking achievements.

A new program for 2011-12 is described below:

**Hike Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail:** Hike the historic Section C (between San Bernardino, Interstate 10 to Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass) Pacific Crest Trail during the summer of 2011 and/or 2012 and receive a special achievement patch and recognition in the Palms to Pines bi-monthly newspaper.

**Background:** The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) designated for hikers to travel from the Mexico border to the Canadian border covers a total of 2,638 scenic miles. Section C of the PCT travels through the San Geronio wilderness and the Big Bear area for a total of 132.9 miles.

**Challenge Description:** The hiking challenge is separated into nine (9) segments, culminating in a three and half (3.5) backpacking trip. The hiking segments can be accomplished over the years 2011 and 2012. In other words, a hiker may choose to complete all segments over a two-year period.

Enthusiastic hikers may contact Hiking Leader, Ed Caliendo, at (909) 878-3813 or (760) 328-1090 or contact co-leader Ed Wallace at (909) 584-9407 for additional information. The hiking schedule will be confirmed bi-monthly and published in the Sierra Club's *Palm and Pine* publication and on the Sierra Club website. The 2012 tentative hiking schedule is provided below:

**Hike #1: May 5, 2012** – Silverwood Lake Area entrance road to Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass - This is a 14.2 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #2: May 19, 2012** – Silverwood Lake Area entrance road to Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam - This is a 14.0 PCT through-hike.

**Hike #3: May 26, 2012** – Deep Creek Bridge (near Lake Arrowhead) to Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam - This is a 13.4 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #4: June 9, 2012** – Little Bear Springs Trail Camp to Deep Creek Bridge/Lake Arrowhead - This is a 14.2 mile PCT through-hike.

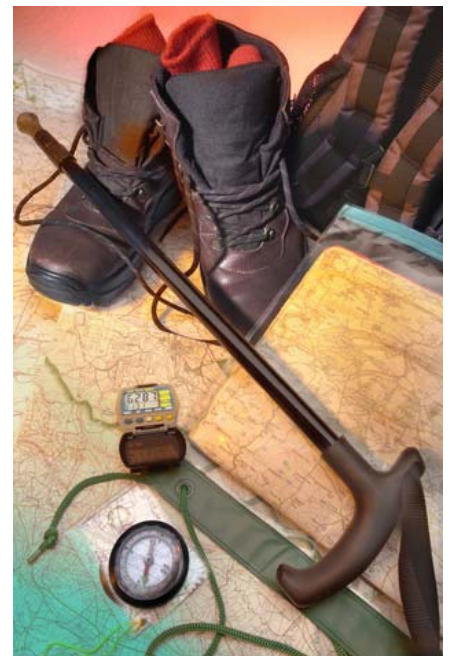
**Hike #5: June 23, 2012** – Van Dusen Canyon Road to Little Bear Springs Trail Camp, northwest of Fawnskin, CA - This is a 12.1 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #6: July 21, 2012** – Van Dusen Canyon Road, near Big Bear City to Hwy 18 Cushenberry Pass near Baldwin Lake - This is an 8.9 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #7: Sept 8, 2012** – Onyx Summit to Hwy 18 Baldwin Lake Cushenberry Pass - This is a 13.6 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #8: Sept 29, 2012** – Onyx Summit to Mission Spring Trail Camp - This is a 12.5 mile PCT through-hike.

**Hike #9: November 9, 2011 to November 12, 2012** – This is the final leg of our PCT Section C journey, a three and half day backpacking adventure from Mission Creek Trail Camp to Interstate 10 near Whitewater River Canyon Preserve. This last leg of the journey is a 30.0 mile PCT through-hike. This completes the 132.9 mile PCT



## Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder

### The Mojave Desert needs **YOUR HELP!**

**WEMO lawsuit and Route Designation is being revisited** (WEMO = West Mojave Plan also known as the CDCA (California Desert Conservation Area) Plan Amendment).

It's not that difficult, and your involvement is ever so *necessary*. The BLM is required by law to include the public in their management decisions of **YOUR** public lands (NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FLPMA- Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976). The BLM must re-do the route designation that they completed in 2006 (CDCA Plan Amendment), because the judge found that they did not comply with the above laws.

**How can you participate?** If you visit public lands managed by the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) you **can share your experiences and thoughts**. You should be as specific as possible when describing the place you visited – see maps on the BLM website link below. Even if you don't visit the lands, you can still have valid comments that must be considered in the legal process. First comes the scoping process (**NOW** until April 15, 2012) where BLM reaches out to the public to find out what people would like to be included in the next part (the Environmental Impact Statement or Report –EIS or EIR). After the draft EIS or EIR is complete (and it should include responses to the scoping comments), the public is again asked to comment. Then the final EIS or EIR is produced and those who submitted comments may supply protests if needed (original comments were ignored or did not get a satisfactory response/explanation).

"The BLM will consider public comments, as feasible, until the BLM proposed Travel Management Plans are published. For more information or to submit a comment contact: Edy Seehafer, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311, by email at [cawemopa@blm.gov](mailto:cawemopa@blm.gov), or by phone at (760) 252-6021. Additional information is also posted at the West Mojave Amendment Website at: [http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west\\_mojave\\_wemo.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html). Please respond by **April 15, 2012**, with scoping comments and/or to be added to the mailing list." The

public scoping process for this action will also determine relevant issues, impacts, and possible alternatives that could influence the scope of the environmental analysis, and guide the entire process from plan decision-making to route designation review in order to comply with the court order.

**NOTE: If you have expertise** in a geographic area, or environmental concerns, please consider serving on the DAC (Desert Advisory Council) sub-group for the WEMO plan amendment, or the Travel Management Area Task group for the area with which you are most familiar. See the website above for more information. **And/or join the Alliance for Responsible Recreation – email me at-** [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com).

**What are the IMPACTS of vehicle travel and human use on the public land resources?** The BLM has identified the following preliminary issues of concern: Special status species, vegetation communities (including unique plant assemblages), special area designations, air quality in previously designated open areas, cultural resources, soils, springs and seeps, fringe-toed lizard habitat, and cumulative effects. The public scoping process for this action will also determine relevant issues, impacts, and possible alternatives that could influence the scope of the environmental analysis, and guide the entire process from plan decision-making to route designation review in order to comply with the court order.

"Minimization Criteria" adopted to help protect the resources as directed by the FLPMA: In 1978, the BLM stated that: "The authorized officer shall designate all public lands as either open, limited, or closed to off-road vehicles. All designations shall be based on the protection of the resources of the public lands, the promotion of the safety of all the users of the public lands, and the minimization of conflicts among various uses of the public lands; and in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

(b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of

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# Group News

## Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee held a meeting on January 25, 2012. Some of the items discussed were: the City of Moreno Valley's community forum on a proposal to build forty million square feet of warehousing in eastern Moreno Valley (south of Highway 60, north of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area), Riverside County General Plan Update), Perris Dam Remediation Project, and the San Jacinto River Levee Project. Mike Millsbaugh, Dan Clark, and Ann McKibben were elected to the group executive committee in our fall election. The Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee for the next year is: Mike Millsbaugh, Chair; Dan Clark, Vice-Chair; George Hague, Conservation Chair; Manya Giannio, Treasurer; Theresa Carson, Membership Chair & Outings Chair; Ann McKibben, Secretary.

The city of Moreno Valley held a public 'forum' on January 18 to discuss their plans to partner with a developer to build forty million square feet of warehousing on approximately 2,000 acres of land south of Highway 60 and north of the state-owned San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The project would share an almost two mile border with the wildlife area. The speakers were organized by the city and all touted the benefits of the project for the city. The 'forum' did not allow for any questions from the public. Residents can go to this link: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/mv-forum0118.shtml> to view their presentation, video of the 'forum,' and also find the link for an on-line form where questions or comments can be submitted. A second 'forum' will be held (at this time no date has been scheduled) and questions will apparently be taken as part of this meeting. Call their voice mail at (951) 413-3456 for questions, comments or thoughts.

The first spring Group outing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 5:00 p.m., Olive Mountain Hike. Directions and other information can be found in the Outings Section of the Palm & Pine and on the Group's web page at: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> or call Theresa at (951) 660-7246, e-mail: [tlcarson01@gmail.com](mailto:tlcarson01@gmail.com)



Scenic View, San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Photo by George Hague

A bald eagle count will take place at Lake Perris State Recreational Area (LPSRA) on Saturday, March 10, 2012. According to the LPSRA web page, [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651), volunteers should meet at the Regional Indian Museum at LPSRA at 8:00 a.m. Those volunteering for the survey do not have to pay the entrance fee. Please call (951) 940-5600 for complete information if you are interested in volunteering. (Please check the LPSRA web page—listed above—for the days and hours the museum is open.)

Please donate what you can to help us pay for the Sierra Club lawsuit challenging the approval of the 1,000,000 square foot West Ridge Commerce Center warehouse. The Moreno Valley City Council (on a 3-2 vote) overturned the Planning Commission's denial of the West Ridge Commerce Center warehouse on September 6. There are major concerns about: significant increase in traffic, air quality issues, lack of a tenant and complaints from homeowners. The city's failure to demand Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for warehousing

is also a problem. Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you very much to those who have already donated and to those who still have plans to help our efforts.

Bird walks are tentatively scheduled at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) the second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Parking Lot 12 for May and June. The moderately easy walks are free with day use fee or camping fee and last 1-2 hours. Please call the LPSRA numbers to confirm the day and time of the walks: (951) 940-5657 or (951) 940-5600. For the LPSRA Bird List call: (951) 940-5657. See information below regarding passes.

The Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) is still a work in progress. The GPU will have huge impacts within Riverside County as it will lay out land use designations for years to come, and it will also address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and open up valuable agricultural lands for development. County planner for the general plan update is Frank Coyle, Riverside County Planning Department, [fcoble@rctlma.org](mailto:fcoble@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-2706. Please contact him if you want a copy of the DEIR, to be notified of all future documents, and meetings related to the GPU.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April 2010 to challenge the approval of the Villages of Lakeview (Specific Plan 342) development on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 2, at 9:30 a.m., Riverside County Court Building in downtown Riverside and is open to the public. Please contact George Hague at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) to confirm all information regarding the court hearing and the

Sierra Club's role in the lawsuit.

For San Bernardino Valley Audubon birding field trips at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, check out [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) Contact Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) for information about nature walks at the SJWA.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a "Hike to San Timoteo Canyon" on March 24, 2012. Meet at 7:30 a.m. the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, 11150 Redlands Blvd., Moreno Valley. The hike is classified as moderate and approximately 5.6 miles round trip.

Due to state budget cuts Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through April 30. Please call (951) 940-5600 to confirm their hours of operation. For information on Lake Perris State Recreation Area, please check their web site at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/> for their hours of operation and events. Information on



Lake Perris Skyline on Terri Peak Hike. Photo by Margie Breitreuz

Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23800](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800) This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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



## Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Chair

When this edition of the *Palm & Pine* reaches you, the battle to prevent a quarry mine from invading an environmentally sensitive area in the Temecula foothills will probably have been decided by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. But it is unlikely that the highly contested issue will end there. Granite Construction, the promoter of Liberty Quarry, is expected to challenge the ruling in court if it goes against them while the quarry opponents will probably do the same thing if the quarry is approved. But regardless of what happens, this struggle is particularly significant because it reinforces the importance of public involvement whenever the health and welfare of a community is at stake.

And that is exactly what happened in the controversy surrounding Liberty Quarry. But it took years and hard work to make it happen. It was about 7 years ago when word first got out that a quarry mine was being considered for the Temecula Foothills. At the time only a small number of people seemed concerned and the extent of opposition seemed weak. Often those opposed to the quarry were simply dismissed as just a bunch of NIMBYs, "Not in My Backyard" folks.

It took a group of local homeowners called Save Our Southwest Hills to put energy and organization into the opposition. They held rallies and parades and ran ads in the local newspapers. They made presentations to every local group that would listen. They signed up businesses and non-profit groups to publicize their opposition. They met with members of the Temecula City Council to gain their support. They discovered and then helped organize a small group of local medical physicians that were worried the quarry would be a health risk for their patients. They joined forces with the San Diego State University's Ecological Reserve to support their quarry fears. They wrote letters to the local newspapers and expressed their opposition at public hearings. They lent strong support to the local Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians when they announced their opposition to Liberty Quarry.

The persistence and determination of the volunteers of Save Our Southwest Hills has paid off as slowly public awareness and opposition grew. By the time the quarry issue went to the Board of Supervisors for their final decision, the opposition to Liberty Quarry had become both very wide spread and very significant in its

credibility and influence.

It all goes to show what a relatively small group of people can do when they are worried about their community.

Now, let's hear from some of our Committee Chairs.

### Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach Committees Chair

The Outdoor Families program is still a great success. The purpose is to show families and community members the outdoor resources in our area. Each program has a docent that educates and describes the area we visit. In January we visited the Dripping Springs campground where Ranger Ken Colburn provided us with entertaining educational tips and accompanied us to the local trail heads. In February we went to visit the Johnson Ranch Preserve. At our outing in March we will go to Lake Mathews conservation area.

The State Mining and Geology Board visited Lake Elsinore area again. Alberhill residents have worked hard to convince the Board that mining projects have not been managed or reclaimed properly. The City has been aided by the Board



Our Outdoor Families Program gathers at the Dripping Springs Campgrounds east of Temecula.

Photo by Pam Nelson

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## MARCH/APRIL 2012

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the May/June 2012 Calendar are due by April 1, 2012.

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

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

### WHAT TO BRING

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

### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

### CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 6, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <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 & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>  
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(3RD 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

**(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: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

## WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile Conditioning hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

**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, starts & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <bspreng@gte.net> (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

## FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**FEB 28 (TUE) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER - CRAM PEAK/MORTON PEAK HIKE**  
This 12-mile round trip hike has a 2800 ft elevation gain. Great views of the Santa Ana River drainage. A portion of the hike will be on unmaintained trail. BRING water layered clothing and hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM and Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00. Please call to confirm snow could cancel. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

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**MAR 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAR 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS PACIFIC CREST TR SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE**  
We will hike west from Highway 173 to Cedar Springs Dam, Silverwood Lake. Distance: 9.5 mi. Elevation gain: 500 ft. BRING water, lunch, boots and warm jacket. As this hike requires a car shuttle, please call for meeting place and transportation arrangements. LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, (909) 336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE**  
Tenaja Falls in the San Mateo Wilderness is 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. There are several stream crossings. If we get rain this winter they can be interesting. 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

**MAR 3-4 (SAT-SUN) 8:00AM DEATH VALLEY AREA TOUR CAR CAMP**  
This trip will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 in Shoshone, a small town about 50 miles north of Baker, at the picnic area next to the store. From there we will start our Death Valley tour, stopping at Badwater, Natural Bridge, Golden Canyon and Artists Palette. There will be short hikes and lunch along the way. We will camp Saturday night at Texas Springs Campground (\$14.00 per night, \_\_ price with Golden Age Pass). We can do two vehicles per campsite. After breakfast Sunday morning we will make a stop at scenic Zabriskie Point. Then a drive through 20 Mule Team Canyon (2.7 miles on decent dirt road). From there we will continue on Hwy. 190 to Death Valley Junction and then north on 127 to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. If time allows we will continue south to Amargosa Canyon and China Ranch, which has great hiking opportunities and great date shakes. For those wanting to stay over Sunday night there will be primitive camping in the area and we could do more hiking in Amargosa Canyon. For those wanting to arrive in Shoshone on Friday night there will be primitive camping near Shoshone. Let me know if you are arriving on Friday and I will send directions to the campsite. Be sure to have a full tank of gas and plenty of food and water. There is a \$20.00 fee for DVNP, but free with Golden Age Pass. RESERVATIONS: contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY <Desertlily1@verizon.net> (760) 245-8734.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 4 (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 March 8.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elevation gain. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. LEADERS PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### MARCH 5 – MARCH 11

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

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

**MAR 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

**MAR 10 (SAT) 8:15 AM WEST FORK TRAIL TO ANDREAS CANYON HIKE**  
This hike takes place on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and a personal entry fee is required. You will climb through a wonderland of rocks and mountain vegetation. The trail is steep and strenuous with a 2,500' elevation gain. The trail takes us to a rushing stream and through desert vegetation. At this time of the year the slopes should be ablaze with desert flowers. This is a 10.0 mile through-hike and will require the shuttling of hikers. RATING: Strenuous BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: We will meet in the City of Palm Springs at 1400 South Palm Canyon Drive. Call for detail meeting instructions and directions. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, <dogs111@msn.com>  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### MARCH 12 – MARCH 18

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

**MAR 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

**MAR 13 (TUE) 8:00 AM SILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE**  
This 9-mile strenuous hike will use Forest Service Road 3N36 to get us to our final destination, 6767' Silver Peak with it's spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 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, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**MAR 14 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 freeway 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. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, <tlcarson01@gmail.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAR 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

**MAR 15 (THU) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE**  
Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. Come and join us for a day of fun. You need to provide your own equipment, and prior experience on snowshoes is required. MEET: main parking area in Green Valley Lake at 9 am. If no snow we will hike. WEAR layered clothing. BRING lunch and adequate fluids. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, (909) 867-7115. CO-LEADER: HEATER SARGEANT, (909) 336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 15 (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

**MAR 16-18 (FRI-SUN) WHIPPLE MOUNTAINS SERVICE**  
This is our annual service trip with the Wilderness Committee of the Sierra Club and the Needles BLM. Again it will be in the Whipple Mountains, home of the elusive saguaro cactus. Outing will have Vicky's famous commissary available for main meals. Actual work project details still a secret to be revealed to those who sign up with LEADER: VICKY HOOVER (415) 977-5527, <vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org> or CO-LEADER: CAROL WILEY (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM DEEP CREEK FROM JUNIPER FLATS HIKE**  
Join us on a lovely moderate 6-mile round trip hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats Area, just south of Apple Valley. We descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a little upstream from the Deep Creek Hot Springs. Enjoy the lovely views and a gorgeous location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Protection Act of 2010. WEAR layered (green) clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. Don't forget to BRING binoculars and camera! MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 9 a.m. Contact leader for details. LEADER: JENNY WILDER, <JensOasis@aol.com>, (760) 220-0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM JO POND TRAIL TO FORBES SADDLE HIKE**  
This is a grand vista hike in Garner Valley, San Bernardino National Forest. A 9-mile hike with a 1,200' elevation gain. We hike up the Jo Pond trail to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) north along the Great Desert Divide ridge. Lunch at the Forbes Saddle Overlook with expansive views that shows the entire eastern flank of the San Jacinto Mountains. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Jo Pond trail head. Take Hwy 74 south from Palm Desert off Hwy 111, drive 28 miles to Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley. Turn right at the fire station and continue 3.5 miles to where the road ends. A sign indicates where to park. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.5 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER: ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, <dogs111@msn.com>  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM SAN MATEO CYN TO FISHERMAN'S CAMP HIKE**  
Enjoy a day in beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 7.5-mile out and back hike to Fisherman's Camp. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1000 ft of elevation gain over three hills and two creek crossings. MEET at the first trailhead and carpool to the Fisherman's Camp trailhead. Rain Cancels. BRING plenty of water, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take the Clinton Kieth exit. Go west. The road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. Reservations: Leader: Gary Marsalone, (858) 663-1201, <hikesie@gmail.com>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAR 18 (SUN) 10:00 AM BIG MORONGO CANYON PRESERVE HIKE**  
Enjoy a 2-3 mile ramble in Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Morongo is a verdant desert canyon adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park. It's a bird watcher's favorite, but we are much too lazy to get up that early. No elevation gain - much of the hiking is on a boardwalk that sits atop the marsh. BRING water, snacks, sunscreen, hat. MEET: Leader will carpool from Ontario at 10:00 am, parking lot east of Dave and Buster's restaurant at Ontario Mills shopping center. (Mapquest: 4821 Mills Circle, Ontario, CA. 91764). Park away from the restaurant so we will see you. Exit I-10 Freeway at Milliken, go N to Ontario Mills Pkwy, turn right (east) and follow the parkway E. then N. until Dave and Buster's appears across the lot on your left. If you wish to meet the hike at the preserve, meet at the kiosk by the parking lot near the entrance to the preserve. Contact the leader for meeting time at trailhead. Rain cancels. LEADER: BILL JOYCE, (909) 596-6280, <bill@rollingtherock.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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### MARCH 19 – MARCH 25

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**MAR 20 (TUE) 9:00 AM CACTUS FLATS TO HORSETHIEF FLATS HIKE**  
Moderate to strenuous 8-mile hike on old mining roads. Good views of the Bighorn Mountain Wilderness. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and at Cactus Flats at 9:45 AM. Adventure pass required. Snow could cancel. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 20 (TUE) 9:00AM JOHNSON PASTURE HIKE**  
Start off the first day of spring with a walk in the pasture. This 4-mile R/T loop hike has a moderate rating with an elevation gain of 800'. Very enjoyable vistas greet you along the way to this 180 acre plot that the city of Claremont wisely purchased in 2006, saving it from development. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, <jmwandjjw@hotmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAR 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

**MAR 20 (TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Tyler Nordgren is a professor of Astronomy at University of Redlands. The last time he spoke with us his book "Stars Above, Earth Below" had just been published. Since then he has been traveling the country, speaking at National Parks about preserving our night sky, and exhibiting his beautiful night sky photography at numerous events. In December he took a group of students down the Colorado River through Grand Canyon. Come to our meeting and hear about Tyler's work and see his stunning photos. 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

**MAR 21 (WED) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE**  
The trail from Chantry Flats to Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7-mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6-mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." Along the way you pass private cabins built in the early 1900s and pass by a system of concrete check dams that create their own series of waterfalls before reaching 50 foot Sturtevant Falls. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact to confirm. LEADER, JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclair.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAR 21 (WED) 5:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE**  
Four-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 freeway in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract. Do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246, <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAR 24 (SAT) 8:15 AM THOMAS MOUNTAIN EAST ROAD TO SUMMIT HIKE**  
This hike offers spectacular views of the Anza Valley to the south and the San Jacinto Mountains to the north. The top of Thomas Mountain is well forested with ponderosa pine. If the winter rains have been generous, this trail will yield a rich array of wild flowers and flowering bushes. This is a 10-12 mile hike with a 2,000' elevation gain. RATING: Moderate/strenuous. MEET: Take Hwy 74 south from Palm Desert and proceed 24 miles. After passing Hwy 371 junction, drive 3 miles west to Pyramid Peak Road. Drive south on Pyramid Peak Road until it dead-ends. We will meet there before continuing to the trail head. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN HIKE**  
Come join us for a moderate 10-mile hike thru Owl Canyon and into Rainbow Basin. This is a great hike thru three colored rock canyons in the mountains. north of Barstow. BRING sturdy boots, 3-4 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: For more info and meeting place contact LEADER:TERRENCE MCCORKLE, (760) 252-2194, <oldhikerdude@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 25 (SUN) 9:00 AM NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE HIKE**  
This hike will be an easy, conversationally paced hike around the North Etiwanda Preserve loop. About 3.5-miles round trip with about 624' elev. gain. It will give the hikers a preview of restoration areas for the upcoming Earth Stewardship Day on April 28 (please see the announcement for April 28 in this Palm and Pine). This fascinating environmental gem is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic views are really outstanding. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek – exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement. Coming from the west Day Creek is about 2 miles east of Haven). BRING: water and extra snacks; WEAR sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, <dtierra@msn.com>, (909) 899-2795. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### MARCH 26 – APRIL 1

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**MAR 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: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

**MAR 31 (SAT) 8:15 AM FOBES SADDLE TO APACHE SPRING HIKE**  
The Fobes Saddle Trail quickly gives us access to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and the Desert Divide known for its ruggedness, chaparral, and scrub brush. We climb up towards San Jacinto Mountain on our way to Spittler Peak and further north to Apache Spring. This is a 9-mile hike with an 1,800' elevation gain and then a 500' descent down to Apache Spring. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: Take Hwy 74 south from Palm Desert and proceed almost 30 miles. After passing Morris Ranch Road, begin looking to the right for the large sign indicating Fobes Saddle Trail. We will meet at the entry gate. Four-wheel vehicle is recommended beyond this point. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 31 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE**  
Join us on a moderate 6-mile RT, 1,000 foot 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. MEET: Call for meeting place to carpool. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, (909) 336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### APRIL 2 – APRIL 8

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**APR 2 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 7, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 3 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 3 (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 6 (FRI) 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 April 6.) 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. LEADER JOE WHYTE, (909) 949-0899. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM JO POND TRAIL & PINE MOUNTAIN LOOP HIKE**  
This is a strenuous 11 mile hike with a 1,500' elevation gain within the San Bernardino National Forest. The hike will allow access to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) towards Pine Mountain (approximately 7,000 feet high) and then loop back to Morris Ranch Road. A short one-mile shuttle between starting and ending designations is necessary. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: At Jo Pond Trailhead by taking Hwy 74 to Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley, turn north and follow the signs to Jo Pond Trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 7-8 (SAT-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE HIKE & CAR CAMP**  
Saturday morning we will MEET at Teutonia Peak trailhead on Cima Road for a hike to Teutonia Peak and out onto Cima Dome and then camp at Sunrise Rocks, which is primitive camping. Sunday we will hike from Mid Hills to Hole-in-the-Wall. This is an 8 mile, downhill hike and if the timing is right could have wonderful windflowers. For those wanting to arrive on Friday we can go out to the Rock Springs Loop Trail. For those wanting to stay overnight on Sunday we can have a primitive camp near the Kelso Dunes and hike the dunes on Monday morning. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER: CAROL WILEY <desertlily1@verizon.net> (760) 245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

### APRIL 9 – APRIL 15

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**APR 9 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 10 (TUE) 8:30 AM HIGHWAY 38 TO WILDHORSE CREEK LOOP HIKE**  
Moderate, 8 miles, 1400 ft. elevation gain. The trail climbs chaparral covered slopes and descends into a lush forest along Wildhorse Creek. We will return on a seldom used and unmaintained trail along Wildhorse Creek. Great views of San Gorgonio Mountain. A short car scuttle is required. BRING 2 qts. water, layered clothing, hiking boots and snacks. National Forest Adventure Pass required. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. LEADER: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 10 (TUE) 9:00 AM UPPER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE**  
After "getting up" you can join us in "upper" Marshall Canyon. It's a moderate convoluted 4.5-mile trek that winds it's way via a 750' elevation gain to the loop's top. There's plenty of foliage and views on this one. Thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a regional park for all to enjoy! BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, <jmwandjjw@hotmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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**APR 10 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**APR 11 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE**  
4 mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 6fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246, <tlcarson01@gmail.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**APR 11 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**APR 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM PALM CANYON/INDIAN POTRERO BACKPACK**  
ATTENTION: experienced backpackers. Take a 20 mile trip through the historic Santa Rosa Mountains, Palm Canyon and the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. This is a through-hike starting at the south entrance to Palm Canyon at Hwy 74/Pine View Drive and ending beyond the Indian Trading Post. It is a shuttle hike, requiring a few backpackers to leave their cars near the Indian Trading Post and others to leave their vehicles at the entrance to the Palm Canyon trail head. RATING: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, backpacking equipment, rain gear, bear vault, trekking poles, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Take Hwy 74 south from Palm Desert and proceed approximately 15 miles and look for a sign indicating Pine View Drive. Turn east on Pine View Drive and drive less than .5 miles and look for a sign indicating Palm Canyon Trailhead. We will meet there at 8:00 A.M. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, <email at dogs111@msn.com>  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 14 (SAT) 9 AM SUNRISE CANYON TO MULE CANYON HIKE**  
Come join us for a moderate 9-mile hike thru Sunrise Canyon into Mule Canyon. This is great chance to hike into the Calico Mountains. by way of two multi-colored rock canyons northeast of Barstow. BRING sturdy boots, 2-3 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: For meeting place contact LEADER: TERENCE MCCORKLE, (760) 252-2194, <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**APR 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM BEAR CANYON LOOP TRAIL HIKE**  
Join us on a 6.5-mile hike in the Santa Ana mountains. The Bear Canyon Loop Trail is a moderately difficult hike with about 1,000 ft. Elevation gain. This trail, located just off Hwy 74 and near the famous and friendly Ortega Oaks Candy Store, begins with road noise and speeding traffic, but quiet awaits once you enter the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. 3/4 mile into the hike the trail intersects the Morgan Trail. Two miles in we will come to an intersection where we will begin the loop part of the hike. We hike out to Four Corners, an intersection of several trails via the Bear Ridge Rd and return on the Bear Canyon Trail. BRING water a lunch and dress in layers. Cars parked at the trail head must display a Wilderness Pass, available at sporting goods stores. MEET: Directions from Lake Elsinore: Travel southwest on Highway 74 venturing into the mountains, then passing the Visitor Center/Fire Station in El Cariso. Proceed another 3.6 miles on Hwy. 74 to reach the trail head. Parking is available at the San Juan Loop, across from the candy store. Rain Cancels. LEADER: BOBAUDIBERT, <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951)302-1059. Check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**APR 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM HASTINGS PEAK HIKE**  
This is a hike out of Sierra Madre of 4.5 miles one way with a elevation gain of 3000 feet. The hike starts at Bailey Park and follows an excellent trail to the peak. We will make this hike a loop via the Mt. Wilson Trail. MEET: Call for meeting place and carpooling. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, (909) 949-0899.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### APRIL 16 – APRIL 22

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**APR 17 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM 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 17 (TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 18 (WED) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE**  
3 to 4-mile hike in Box Springs Park. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246 <tlcarson01@gmail.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**APR 19 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 19 (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 20-22 (FRI-SUN) CULP VALLEY, ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK CAR CAMP**  
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, see effects of water sources on plant life, and check the recovery from a 2002 fire. Primitive campground. OK for passenger cars. You may arrive on Friday or Saturday. MEET: Contact LEADER: BILL ENGS, (909) 338-1910, <engs@juno.com>  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 21 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL HIKE**  
We hiked this trail in the winter and faced the freezing snow and wind. After completing the winter hike, we said, "Let's return in the Spring and see this trail in bloom!" So, here is your chance! This trail climbs quickly and steadily to give the hiker a superb workout and views of the desert valleys, Banning Pass, and the San Gorgonio Mountains to the north. This is a 7.0-mile hike with a 2,600' elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: At the trailhead. Take I-10 to Banning and take Hwy 243 south towards Idyllwild. The first trailhead on your way up the mountain is the Black Mountain Trail. Proceed off Hwy 243 about 200 feet and park in the designated area. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090 <email at dogs111@msn.com>  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 21 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDFLOWERS IN JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE**  
The Juniper Flats Area is close and one of the best for viewing wildflowers in the High Desert. Hopefully this year will bring out some of our favorites: goldfields, nodding bells, desert parsley, bajada lupines, gray ball sage, coreopsis, phacelia (washoe & lace leaf), Wallace's woolly daisy, white forget-me-not, Joshua tree, antelope bush, desert almond, etc. We will enjoy a leisurely hike about 3-5 miles round trip from the Vatican to Hidden Arch. BRING: Best to bring a hiking stick along and plenty of water, snacks/lunch, camera and binoculars. Wear layers, hat and hiking boots/shoes. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley at 8:30 am. LEADER: JENNY WILDER, <JensOasis@aol.com> (760) 220-0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**APR 21 (SAT) 10:00 AM CASTLE ROCK HIKE**  
Be part of the "royalty" that enters the castle. This premiere Big Bear Lake vista hike is for the fit, rated moderate/strenuous due to altitude and pitch within the 1.6 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and there is a 700' elevation gain in just 3/4 of a mile. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble for the last 100 yards (this part will be optional). Rain/Snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, <jmwandjjw@hotmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### APRIL 23 – APRIL 29

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**APR 24 (TUE) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**  
This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent pines, cedar and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000 ft with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. BRING Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. LEADER: ED WALLACE, (909) 584 9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>  
CHAPTER

**APR 25 (WED) 9:00 AM JACOBY CYN - HWY 18 TO LUCKY BALDWIN MINE HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1200' elevation gain. A snowshoe or other hike may be substituted if conditions dictate. BRING: weather appropriate clothing, sturdy boots, plenty of water and snacks. MEET: Vons in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Lucerne Valley area may want to meet us at the trailhead (6000' elevation marker on Hwy 18) at 9:15 or so. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 25 (WED) 5:00 PM TWO TREES - BOX SPRINGS HIKE**  
3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from I-215 Freeway in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east 2 miles to where the road turns to dirt. This is the hiker parking area for the trail; there is no parking at the actual trailhead. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246, <tlcarson01@gmail.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**APR 26 (THU) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**  
Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office at 9:00 A.M. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, (909) 867-7115, <fsellis67@gmail.com>  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 28 (SAT) 7:30 AM NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE SERVICE**  
This Earth Environmental Stewardship Day will be a restoration effort sponsored by the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Frontier Project. This fascinating environmental gem is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic views are really outstanding. BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes/boots, long

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to create a new department and staff and do the job they have not been doing. A local resident and I reported a local sand mining and batch plant that has not been regulated properly on the Temecula Creek. Unfortunate news was given to the crowd at the hearing. In the name of streamlining government, Governor Brown is eliminating this 100+year-old Board. Please call him and say you are opposed. This is a Board of volunteer professionals.

Camp Pendleton is reviving their Conjunctive Use project on the Santa Margarita River. After my questioning phone call, they decided to have a small meeting with local environmental groups to explain the details. I called National Marine Fisheries, Trout Unlimited and Friends of the River to attend. There were four environmentalists and staff from Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook Public Utilities and the Bureau of Reclamation (6 in all). It was very informative and they are notifying us with each step of the process.

The Temecula Valley Wine Country expansion draft EIR ([socalwinecountryplan.org](http://socalwinecountryplan.org)) is out and comments are due on February 2. The Plan is lacking good mitigation for several impacts, so we will submit comments and support the Environmentally Superior alternative that reduces density by 25%.

**Bob Audibert, Group Outings Committee Chair with hike leader, Gary Marsalone**



*A Saturday morning trail hike on the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve.  
Photo by Bob Audibert*

We have several good hikes coming up:

- On March 17, (Sat) 9AM Hike down the San Mateo Canyon to Fisherman’s Camp. Enjoy a day in the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 7.5 mile out and back hike to Fisherman’s Camp. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1,000 ft of elevation gain over three hills and two Creek crossings. We will meet at the first trailhead and carpool to the Fisherman’s Camp trailhead. Rain Cancels. You will need to bring plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don’t forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. Directions: From I-15 take the Clinton Keith exit. Go west the road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. Reservations & info: Leader Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or Email [hikesie@gmail.com](mailto:hikesie@gmail.com).
- On April 21, (Sat) 9AM Hike the Bear Canyon Loop Trail. Join us on a 6.5 mile hike in the Santa Ana Mountains. The Bear Canyon Loop Trail is a moderately difficult hike with about 1,000 ft. elevation gain. This trail, located just off Hwy 74 and near the famous and friendly Ortega Oaks Candy Store, begins with road noise and speeding traffic, but quiet awaits once you enter the San Mateo Canyon wilderness. Two miles in we will come to an intersection where we will begin the loop part of the hike. We hike out to Four Corners, an intersection of several trails via the Bear Ridge Rd and return on the Bear Canyon Trail. This hike may give you a perspective of how the trails in the area intersect. Directions from Lake Elsinore: Travel southwest on Highway 74 venturing into the mountains, then passing the Visitor Center / Fire Station in El Cariso. Proceed another 3.6 miles on Hwy. 74 to reach the trail head. Parking is available at the San Juan Loop, across from the Candy Store. Rain Cancels. Bring water, a lunch and dress in layers. Cars parked at the trail head must display a Wilderness Pass, available at sporting goods stores. Info: Leader Bob Audibert, Email [bob.takeahike1@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike1@gmail.com) or call (951) 302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org>

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

Our current group activity will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> when we plan to go to the Bower’s Museum to see “Warriors, Tombs and Temples: China’s Enduring Legacy Special Exhibit.” We will follow this exhibition through the underworld empires of three of the most formative dynasties in Chinese history: the Qin, the Han and the Tang, each a high point of culture and technology, looked back to with pride by Chinese people and admired by others today. The treasures that accompanied China’s rulers and elites in the afterlife, and the spectacular gold and silver offerings placed in their temples, speak to the incredible accomplishments of an ancient culture whose descendants still live on today. I will fill you in on many more details of this fascinating exhibition in the next edition of the *Palm & Pine*.



OUR GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589 STARTING AT 6:30 PM. Visit our web site: [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)



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## **Join us as we “Backpack” the John Muir Trail on March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**A**t the March 6<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting Ed Wallace will present a slide show and video on his month-long backpack encompassing the entire length of the John Muir Trail plus additional portions of the Pacific Crest Trail.

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Orange Tree Lane is the frontage road north of Interstate 10 just east of California Street.

Highlights of Ed’s trip, which started in Yosemite Valley, included climbing Half Dome, negotiating thirteen major snow covered passes and many water crossings, hiking through Evolution Valley, summiting Mt. Whitney and eventually exiting over Cottonwood Pass after 30 days, 270 miles and over 10 miles of elevation gain.

Ed Wallace has been a Sierra Club member for 30 years. Before moving from Southern California to Texas in 1995 he was an outings leader in the Los Padres Chapter. In Texas he was active in the Lone Star Chapter. After moving to Big Bear in 1992 he was active in the Big Bear Group where he served as Group Chair for three years.

Presently he serves as Outings Chair and Conservation Chair and is a nine-year member of the Executive Committee. Ed is also on the Board of Directors of the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation, the Advisory Committee of the Friends of Fawnskin and the Pebble Plain Conservation Committee headed by former Mayor and City Councilwoman Liz Harris. During the summer Ed works as a volunteer ranger in the San Geronio Wilderness.



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wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

(c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

(d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

These route designation criteria are generally known as the “**minimization criteria.**”



JF3253 in the Juniper Sub Region. Vehicles must stay on routes signed open.

Photo by Jenny Wilder

Some considerations:

1) It is hoped that the BLM will provide **adequate maps** so that the public can know where they are, where they are going, and have an accurate baseline with which to compare the different alternatives offered for comment. To date, this has not happened. Maps that are provided on the BLM website are vague and unusable. Maps must not only show the routes, but also the topography including names of mountains & other natural features, the watersheds (springs, seeps, streams including any common names of such), cattle allotments & “improvements such as cattle guards and troughs, mines (open and closed), private property (and private access roads), ACECs, Wilderness, footpaths, equestrian trails, trailheads etc.

2) “Limited use” areas where the goal is to limit the use of vehicle travel (to protect scenic vistas, other activities, sensitive species or their habitat, or to protect cultural resources), should not be peppered with many miles of newly designated routes. The BLM must be **clear in the goals for each area** and route designations must be evaluated with those goals in mind.

3) The BLM must publish the **attributes and environmental impacts of the routes** and reasons that the route will be open or closed along with how they applied the “minimization criteria” (above). The BLM must take into consideration the impact that the route has on soil, watershed, vegetation and air as well as wildlife and other human uses of the area where the trail is located.

4) Most importantly perhaps, **the route designation is not just about vehicle routes.** It is about where people are driving and what they do when they get there. It is about access to hiking, horseback riding, caving, mountain biking, rock climbing, nature appreciation, education, wildlife viewing and much more. Routes should take you there and provide for stopping and parking (trailhead). If a motorized route appears where people seek quiet to watch wildlife or a scenic area in which to hike, then that route conflicts with other uses. Many times I have experienced this while hiking in the Mojave Desert and there are practically **NO** hiking trailheads. Without maps to show popular trailheads for hiking, nature viewing etc. the BLM and public are unable to adequately consider how the trails “minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.”

Summary of NEPA and FLPMA as they relate to the WEMO process

#### The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1969

The NEPA requires federal agencies to analyze the environmental impacts of a proposed action before proceeding with that action. Under NEPA federal agencies must prepare and circulate to the public a comprehensive environmental impact statement (“EIS”) so that the environmental impacts can be considered and disclosed to the public during the decision-making process. In the EIS, the agency must identify direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed action, consider alternative actions (including the alternative of taking no action) and their impacts, and identify all irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources associated with the action.

#### Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) 1976

The FLPMA declares that public lands must be managed for multiple uses in a manner that will protect the quality of the scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archeological values, but also provides for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use. As part of FLPMA, Congress designated 25 million acres of southern California as the CDCA (California Desert Conservation Area). Congress declared in FLPMA that the CDCA is a rich and unique environment teeming with “historical, scenic, archeological, environmental, biological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic resources.” Congress found that this desert and its resources are “extremely fragile, easily scarred, and slowly healed.” For the CDCA and other public lands, Congress mandated that the BLM “shall, by regulation or otherwise, take any action necessary to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands.” FLPMA directs the BLM to prepare and maintain a current inventory of resources, including outdoor recreation uses such as OHV routes.

#### SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments), the Regional Transportation Plan and the High Desert Corridor

**Good news!** To get the money they need from the Federal Government for transportation plans, there are requirements to include Public Participation in the regional plans. This requirement has arisen in part by the Sierra Club Transportation activists, the Green Transportation Campaign and Global Warming Solutions. At the scoping (pre draft EIS) meeting we attended in Apple Valley for the Regional Transportation Plan amendment I learned the following:

- 1) The plan is amended every 4 years due to Federal mandate.
- 2) People are demanding more transportation choices such as pedestrian, transit, bicycle etc. and consequently, money is being divided differently and more money is being applied to more choices, instead of just freeways.
- 3) You can now participate in getting what YOU need to improve your commute at the new website
- 4) There is a Sustainable Community strategy, and Safe Routes to Schools, Smart Growth, Complete Streets and other ideas are being incorporated in the Regional Transportation Plan, but it takes public involvement and attention to see that these ideas don't get twisted.

It's where you live. Go to the website: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/involved.htm>

Does it mean that you have to live in an apartment and ride a bus or metro? NO. It means that your neighbors might decide to park their cars, live in the city, leaving fewer cars on the road and more room for YOU and less need for more costly freeways!

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sprawl/community/>

**High Desert Corridor:** This project has NONE of these concepts to reduce traffic and improve life in the High Desert, but rather is more of the same – build it and they will come. It is designed to move goods, not people and the goods are not here yet. <http://www.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/>

**Glossary** (just a few years ago I didn't know what all these meant):

ACEC=Area of Critical Environmental Concern

BLM= Bureau of Land Management (under the Department of the Interior)

CDCA = California Desert Conservation Area

DAC=Desert Advisory Council

EIR= Environmental Impact Report

EIS =Environmental Impact Statement

FLPMA- Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

NEPA=National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

WEMO = West Mojave Plan



## Our April 3rd Meeting Will Feature Two Great Speakers from the Santa Ana Watershed Association

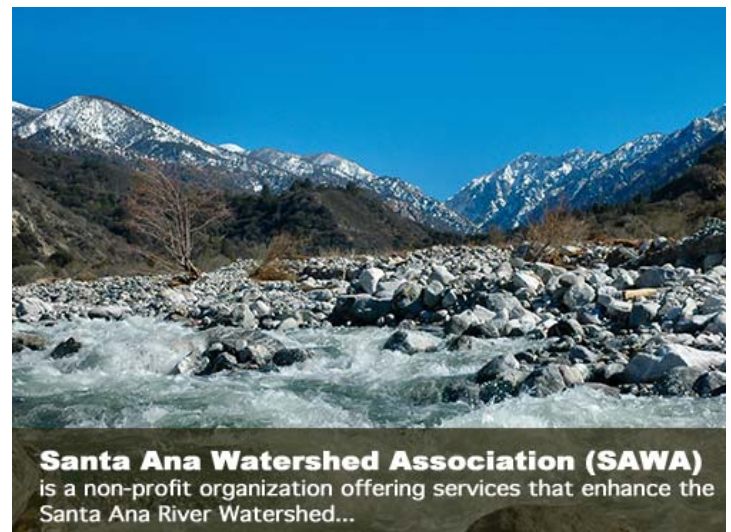
**A**t the April 3 chapter meeting Carrie Raleigh and Samantha Dempster will give a presentation on the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) and its education and habitat restoration work. Carrie is Education and Public Outreach Manager for SAWA and Samantha is a SAWA Naturalist.

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Orange Tree Lane is the frontage road north of Interstate 10 just east of California Street.

The Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) is a non-profit organization that strives to restore the natural habitat of the Santa Ana River watershed. It's a leader in removing invasive species in the watershed to conserve water and provide habitat for the native species in the area. SAWA biologists monitor a variety of species including the endangered Least Bell's Vireo.

Carrie joined the SAWA team in 2010 and strives to enhance and expand its Education and Public Outreach Department. She has worked in the field of environmental education for over 15 years, previously working as a manager in outdoor education programs with the Orange County Department of Education and Los Angeles Unified School District. She is currently working on her Masters of Art in Education at the University of Redlands.

Samantha has worked for the Santa Ana Watershed Association since 2003. She held several positions in SAWA before joining the Education and Public Outreach Department. In 2010, Samantha became a certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association of Interpretation.



**Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)** is a non-profit organization offering services that enhance the Santa Ana River Watershed...

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pants, and long sleeved shirt. Also bring work gloves if you have them. Sunscreen, chapstick, hat, and sunglasses are highly recommended. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek – exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement. Coming from the west Day Creek is about 2 miles east of Haven). Rain cancels. RSVP to volunteer at <www.frontierproject.org> or call (909) 944-6022. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, <dtsierra@msn.com>, (909) 899-2795  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK**  
MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). LEADER: BILL ENGS (909) 338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**APR 28 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL - SOUTH OF GLASS RD HIKE**  
Moderate, 10-mile round trip hike along the Santa Ana River Trail with an 800' to 1000' elevation gain. BRING sturdy boots, plenty of water, layered seasonal clothing and snacks. MEET: Vons in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Redlands area can meet us at the intersection of Glass Road and Route 38 at about 9:30. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 29-MAY 5 (SUN-SAT) ESCALANTE RIVER CANYON SERVICE/BACKPACK**  
We will work with National Park Service Ranger Bill Wolverton on the ongoing Russian olive eradication program. 42 miles of the Escalante River have been cleared. This project will clear more, using loppers, small handsaws, and herbicide. Participants must follow work-clothing requirements, provide their own food and gear on the trail, and travel expenses to the trailhead. MEET in Escalante Sunday morning, caravan to the trailhead and hike in about 7 miles. Expect knee to thigh-deep river crossings, and some bushwhacking. We work 4 days, dayhike 1 day and hike out Saturday morning. For more information contact LEADER, PAUL PLATHE, (209) 476-1498.  
MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER

**APRIL 30 – MAY 6**

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

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

**MAY 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
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**MAY 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

**JUN 2-3 (SAT-SUN) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE**  
If you have enjoyed the chapter's outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a chapter outings leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in outings administration, map and compass, the psychology of leadership, environmental considerations and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the San Gorgonio Chapter. COST: \$34 for training materials, food and the weekend use of the facility. For an application form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507 or contact <ralphsalisbury@att.net.>  
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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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## NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
Join us for international folk dancing This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 <lseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**(2ND SAT) 9:00 AM (MAY-JUN) LAKE PERRIS BIRD WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** LAKE PERRIS STATE RECREATIONAL AREA  
Join Volunteer Naturalist Rosedith Marx at the Lake Perris SRA every 2nd Saturday May - June for bird walks. Moderately easy walks, 1-2 hours. Everyone welcome. COST: Free with paid day use fee or camping fees. BRING water, snacks and binoculars. Wear comfortable shoes. MEET: East end of parking lot 12. INFO: (951) 940-5657, (951) 940-5600 or (951) 321-9812.

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

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

**(3RD FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
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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 <lseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**MAR 2 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
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**MAR 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** FRIENDS OF BLUE MOUNTAIN  
Join us for the 4th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain. The Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open space. Envision is a 500 acre wilderness park open to the public year-round like the adjacent 2,000 acre Box Springs Reserve. Currently, the mountain is in private ownership and closed to the public except for this once-a-year opportunity to explore the charm of this hidden treasure. Last year over 1,000 exuberant hikers and walkers showed up so don't miss out. Although the official start time is 8:00 a.m., please arrive early as everyone needs to register and you'll have time to visit the Friends of Blue Mountain's booth. Participants must start up the mountain no later than 11 a.m. and should return to the trailhead by 1:00 p.m. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash and you must clean up any waste. COST: Free. Commemorative T-shirts will be on sale. BRING: Sturdy walking/hiking footwear, water, sunscreen and appropriate clothing for the weather including a sunhat and a windbreaker. MEET: Corner of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. DIRECTIONS: From the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace, exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave. to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. INFO: <www.friendsofbluemountain.org> or contact RALPH SALISBURY, (951) 686-4141 or <ralphsalisbury@att.net> (E-mail preferred)

**MAR 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE SERVICE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE CONSERVANCY  
Spend the day in the Mojave National Preserve with a group of volunteers cleaning up private land recently donated to the National Party Service and now legally part of the Preserve. Starting at 9 am and working through the afternoon, we will collect and remove junk, garbage, and other solid waste from a site in the Lanfair Valley on the eastern side of the park. BRING water, sun screen, a hat, and lunch. Layers of clothing are best as temperatures can be unpredictable. Gloves, garbage bags, and tools will be provided. The Hole-In-The-Wall and Mid-Hills campgrounds (with water and vault toilets) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sturdy tents with strong stakes are advisable in case of high winds. The Mojave National Preserve Conservancy is pleased to partner with the Park Service on this service project. Contact SID SILLIMAN for details and to RSVP <gssilliman@csupomona.edu>.

**MAR 11 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** FRIENDS OF NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY  
Join us for bird walks on the 2nd Sunday, February to June. Friends of Northern San Jacinto Valley Bird Walk introduces participants to birds found at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and learning how to identify birds. BRING binoculars, bird book, sturdy walking shoes, hat, sun screen bug repellent, lunch or snacks, plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Walk is free. MEET: 9:00 a.m. at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or raining. Call if there have been recent rains. For more information, driving instructions: (909) 228-6710 or (951) 321-9812 or newsletter at <www.northfriends.org>

**MAR 16 (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 <lseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**MAR 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. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**APR 6 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
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**APR 8 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** FRIENDS OF NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY  
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**APR 18 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**APR 20 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
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**MAY 4 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
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## 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 if you 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/2012election/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. If necessary, you will find the ballot is quite straightforward and easy to mark and mail.



## Desert Institute Field Classes at Joshua Tree National Park

The Desert Institute presents its outdoor adult weekend field classes for March 2012. Come to Joshua Tree National Park and learn about this exciting desert wonderland with expert instructors. Classes are open to all skill levels. Contact us for catalog, information or registration: 760-367-5535, [desertinstitute@zippnet.net](mailto:desertinstitute@zippnet.net), or [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org)

Listed below is a sampling of classes:

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| March 2 -3, 2012    | GPS Navigation Techniques                        |
| March 3 - 4, 2012   | Archeological Surveying and Site Recording       |
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... and many more throughout March and April!

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#### Deadlines

Deadlines are the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding the issue date. (Feb 1, Apr 1, Jun 1, Aug 1, Oct 1, and Dec 1)

#### Submission

E-mail copy directly to [Mywwuni@charter.net](mailto:Mywwuni@charter.net)

Send payment to: Sierra Club, San Geronio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501. Please note that payment is for Palm and Pine advertising and make Attn: Ladd Seekins. Payment must be received by treasurer prior to deadline.

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panoramic views of the signature peaks in the IE from Mt. Baldy and Cucamonga Peak to our highest peak, Mt. San Geronio and across to San Jacinto Peak above Palm Springs. To the south, the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska stand out in the Cleveland National Forest.

To access the trailhead, from the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Avenue to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. Parking is available along Honey Hill Drive and if needed, overflow parking is available at the Grand Terrace City Hall down Palm before Barton Road.

All hikers should bring water, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. And don't forget your camera! Commemorative T-Shirts will be available along with books at the Friends of Blue Mountain's booth so you might want to bring a little cash. Although there is no charge, a Free-Will offering is suggested to help FOBM's land acquisition fund.

For more information please go to the Friends of Blue Mountain website at [www.friendsofbluemountain.org](http://www.friendsofbluemountain.org) or e-mail [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net).



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