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## Seeing the Ivanpah Valley As The habitat That It Is

By Sid Silliman

When descending from Mountain Pass as you travel north to Las Vegas along Interstate 15, you are entering the Ivanpah Valley, a natural feature of the eastern Mojave Desert. The Valley is partly protected lands within the Mojave National Preserve and partly public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with private developments situated along the highway. The northern portion of the Valley is roughly bounded by the New York Mountains on the southeast, the Lucy Gray Mountains and the McCullough Range on the northeast, and the Clark Mountains on the west.

Some travelers will see only the highway, the Primm Valley Golf Course, and the casino complex just across the Nevada border. Others

may look left and right, but see only "barren desert" or empty space to be filled. The reality is that the northern Ivanpah Valley is alive with native plants and wildlife. Look north again for an unimpaired view of the Valley as it flows down along the slopes. Clark Mountain, part of the Mojave National Preserve, rises to almost 8,000 feet and is stunningly beautiful with snow on top. Image the desert bighorn sheep that inhabit the Clarks carefully picking their way across the northwestern end of the Valley.

The best way to appreciate the Ivanpah Valley is to walk away from the highway into the desert. If you put your boots on the ground in



Ivanpah Valley Today

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the honored Sierra Club tradition, you will discover a remarkable and substantially undisturbed ecosystem that supports a variety of wildlife and native plant communities that are highly diverse. You will certainly cross paths with lizards.

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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, November 3**

**Climbing Little Switzerland**  
Join Dr. Pinter-Lucke on this spectacular climbing trip.

**Tuesday, December 1**

**Wilderness, Fire, and What's Next for the San Gabriel Mountains**

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

## Climbing Little Switzerland



The November 3 speaker at the San Gorgonio Chapter meeting will feature John Pinter-Lucke, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Claremont McKenna College.

Last spring, Dr. Pinter-Lucke was part of a climbing expedition to Little Switzerland, Alaska. He'll give us an

illustrated program on the expedition and his experiences.

Little Switzerland is located on the Pika Glacier in the Alaska Range about 35 miles southwest of Denali. First discovered and named by legendary bush pilot, Don Sheldon, Little Switzerland features many high-quality moderate rock climbing objectives on granite towers in an incredible environment.

The Alaska Range runs east to west across the center of the State of Alaska. It creates a divide between the tributaries of the Yukon River system and those that drain South into the Pacific Ocean. The Alaska Range includes Mt. Denali, Mt. Logan, Canada and most of the other highest Peaks in North America.

The Pika Glacier in the range has been aptly dubbed Little Switzerland for its spectacular alpine setting. Little Switzerland offers some of the highest quality, most easily accessible, glaciated terrain anywhere in the country. Access to Little Switzerland is via a glacier flight from Talkeetna.



## Wilderness, Fire, and What's Next for the San Gabriel Mountains

So far 2009 has been the best of times and the worst of times for the San Gabriel Mountains. Join us December 1 at 7:00 pm as the San Gabriel Mountain Forever campaign presents a special program on the San Gabriels. How are they doing in the wake of the Station Fire? When will the forest reopen?

Campaign volunteers, including Rob and Sue Brown along with Gregg Nevills and Mary Ann Ruiz give you the latest fire impact estimates and information on recovery and restoration programs -- and how you can help out.

Additionally 2009 was a banner for protecting the San Gabriels with the designation of two new wilderness areas and rapid progress on another proposal to expand the three wilderness areas in the Eastern San Gabriels, including the Cucamonga Wilderness. A visionary proposal is also advancing to create a San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area, which could help better connect communities with the forest and provide more rangers and education programs for the under funded Angeles



and San Bernardino National Forests.

### The Station Fire

The Station Fire which started August 26 is the largest fire in the recorded history of Los Angeles County. It scorched over 250 square miles of the Angeles NF. As a result of extreme fire activity and to protect public health and safety, Angeles National Forest officials have implemented an area closure of the southern portion of the forest. The closure will be in place until it is determined that it is safe to reopen forest areas.

The closure will affect the use of all forest recreational facilities, roads and hiking trails. A violation of the closure order is punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment up to six months or both.

## Off Road Vehicle Concerns...Please fill out enclosed postcard in this issue

**Hi all you desert and forest lovers and those of you who love quiet time on your private property without dust and noise; the time is right for action. Please find the enclosed postcard, fill in your name and address, a very brief comment, pop on a 28 cent stamp and send it off to Secretary Salazar.**

The Sierra Club's Desert Committee has been working on Off Road Vehicles (ORV) concerns for many years. Recent political changes in Washington make this a great time to look for national solutions to damage being caused by poorly managed ORV activities on both public and private land.

Poorly managed ORV activities received attention in 2008

with two special congressional field hearings: One sponsored by Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, and one sponsored by New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman. Both hearings included testimony given by public land-use managers, environmental groups, recreation groups and rural residents.



San Gorgonio Chapter activists, working with the Desert Com-

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## Off Road Vehicles

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mittee, have decided to take advantage of the national attention these congressional hearings are providing. We have teamed with several community property-owner groups and other environmental groups to form the Alliance for Responsible Recreation (ARR). Members of ARR have developed a rapport with the staff of Ken Salazar the Secretary of the Interior. Our "flood them with postcards" campaign is part of our effort to encourage national legislation and administrative actions to protect both public and private lands from the damage caused by poorly managed ORV activities.

Please help us. It's easy! Join hundreds of others who have already sent in their postcards. Fill out the postcard and sent it off. Thank you. If you have questions or would like to help in other ways please contact: Kim Floyd Conservation Chair – San Gorgonio Chapter. 760-680-9479 or kimfloyd@fastmail.fm

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The San Gorgonio Chapter is looking for a volunteer editor for this newsletter, the Palm and Pine. It's a great way to contribute toward our environmental work. As is the case throughout the Sierra Club, no prior experience is required! Of course basic word processing skills are needed and it is useful to have some experience with a publishing program such as PageMaker, QuarkXPress or Publisher however it is very common for individuals to gain all their experience in publishing after volunteering to publish an organization's newsletter.

The Palm and Pine is published six times each year and the completed file is e-mailed to the printer. Articles, reports

and photos are sent electronically to the editor with only rare exceptions. Over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the content consists of the Calendar section. The Calendar file is sent already reviewed for accuracy and formatted so that part is a quick cut and paste. Also a significant portion of each issue is carried over with only occasional small changes such as contact info, the Sierra Club Membership form, Earth Share etc.

For more information regarding the editor's duties please contact the editor listed in the right column on this page. To discuss volunteering for the position please contact Chapter Chair Rick Estes at 951-314-3328 or rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com.

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Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by November 28, 2009.

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

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## Group News

### Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben

Theresa Carson and Dan Clark, outings leaders for the group, have organized several hikes for the months of November and December. A Full Moon Hike will be held at Hidden Springs on November 2, 6:00 p.m. Please check the Moreno Valley Group web page for more information on the fall hikes and to verify the start time and meeting place: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> You can also check the Calendar Section of the Palm & Pine.

The Sierra Club 2010 calendars are available. They make good holiday gifts for family and friends. Please call Theresa Carson at (951) 242-4752 or e-mail the group at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) if you would like to purchase calendars. Please look for the ballot for our group executive committee election in our fall newsletter.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) has a Rock Art Ramble the last Saturday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Take the Ramona Expressway east to Bernasconi Beach Road. Take first road on right. Call LPSRA at (951) 940-5600 for complete information and to verify dates and time. The Ya'i Heki' Regional Indian Museum at LPSRA is open Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call the museum office at (951) 940-5656 for more information.

The city of Moreno Valley released the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the West Ridge Commerce Center (formerly referred to as Ridge Property Trust) on October 1, 2009. The 55 acre project site is located south of Highway 60, west of Redlands Boulevard, north of Fir Avenue, and east of the Quincy Channel. The project proposes to build a 937,000 square foot warehouse/distribution building. It will have 173 loading dock doors with office space located at the southeast and southwest corners of the building. The public review period is October 5 through November 3, 2009. A public scoping meeting was scheduled to be held on October 28, 2009. The city will have the NOP at their web site: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/> For more information contact Planner Jeff Bradshaw at (951) 413-3224.

The city of Moreno Valley has already approved the 1.8 million square foot Highland Fairview Corporate Center (between Redlands Boulevard and Theodore Street). The Sierra Club has sued the city

over the project. Project planner for the Highland Fairview project is Mark Gross, Moreno Valley Planning Department, (951) 413-3222. Also, the ProLogis Project, a 2 million square foot warehouse project, is proposed between Moreno Beach Drive and the Quincy Channel on the south edge of Highway 60. Planner for the project is Jeff Bradshaw at (951) 413-3224. Call George Hague, Group Conservation Chair at (951) 924-0816, or e-mail the Moreno Valley Group at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) for more information.

According to information from the California Air Resources Board, the Inland Empire has the worst air pollution in California. The largest source of diesel emissions in the South Coast Air Basin, which includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties, is the goods-movement industry and its associated warehouse distribution centers. Riverside County is the first in the nation for asthma, heart disease and respiratory ailments.

The Riverside County Planning Commission meeting on September 16 was reserved for a 'discuss and continue' session regarding the Villages of Lakeview (VOL) Specific Plan 342. During the meeting, the Planning Department gave a brief overview of the specific plan. Other departments discussed transportation and water issues. Representatives from Lewis Operating Corp also spoke, discussing the benefits of their project. After the presentations the public was allowed to make comments. Representatives from the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians spoke about the value of the lands as sacred grounds and as a source of their heritage. George Hauge, Conservation Chair for the Moreno Valley Group, submitted and read a joint letter from the Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group and Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley. Sue Nash also submitted comments for the Friends and spoke. Lakeview and Nuevo community members made comments, too.

After public comments the commissioners asked questions and made comments. Many voiced concerns about the high density of housing units, especially in the project area between the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the Ramona Expressway where 2,800 units are planned. Other concerns were: leapfrog development, availability of water, financial impact analysis based on a 1995 study, lack of jobs, village overlay plan (have no idea what the 'villages' will look like), and lack of project description. The Planning Commission was scheduled to have another 'discuss and

continue' meeting on October 21 and there is a possibility they will have similar meetings in January and February 2010. The final Environmental Impact Report for the project was released in early September.

The Villages of Lakeview project proposes to build approximately 10,000 residential units in the communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. Approximately 2,800 units are planned next to the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), a 19,000 acre Department of Fish & Game facility. The SJWA is also a cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan which is, in theory, supposed to preserve and protect the county's threatened and endangered species in perpetuity. Light pollution, air pollution, feral

animals, and illegal entry by residents onto wildlife area lands which would harm rare and endangered plant and animal species, building adjacent to the flood plain of the San Jacinto River, collapsible soils, and loss of prime agricultural lands are some of the issues. The Planning Commission agendas can be found at: [http://www.rctlma.org/planning/content/hearings/pc/current\\_pc.html](http://www.rctlma.org/planning/content/hearings/pc/current_pc.html) Project planner is Matt Straite, Riverside County Planning Department at (951) 955-8631. The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley have information posted at their web site: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) You can e-mail the Moreno Valley Group at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) or the Friends at: [northfriends@northfriends.org](mailto:northfriends@northfriends.org) if you

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### Mountains Group

By Bob Sherman

Various members of the Mountains Group (MG) have been active in the coalition of local groups opposed to the massive Royal Rangers project slated for the Twin Peaks area. On behalf of the MG, Conservation Chair Steve Farrell submitted comprehensive comments to the San Bernardino County Planning Department, urging denial.

Those comments addressed the many potentially significant environmental impacts that would be created by this project, specifically noting the numerous conflicting, inconsistent and unjustified conclusions of "no significant impact" put forth in the Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report put forth by the project proponents. These areas of deficient and misleading analysis included aesthetics, water issues (supply, hydrological impacts and usage), sanitation, fire safety and evacuation, traffic impacts and negative effects upon wildlife habitat and corridors.

As of the writing, the fate of the Royal Rangers project is even more unclear, as a special Planning Commission hearing, originally scheduled for Oct. 15 has been indefinitely postponed, due in part to turmoil at the County Planning Agency. Land Use Services Director Julie Ryneron Rock, with 23 years in county government, has retired, amid rumors in the press that the move was not voluntary. Her replacement, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, had no land-use planning experience.

This calls into question the County Supervisors' commitment to effective land use planning that is

protective of threatened environmental resources, not only in the Royal Rangers situation, but in future projects that come under jurisdiction of the County Planning division.

On a positive note, MG members were pleased to hear of two late September court rulings, both of which the Sierra Club was involved in, that struck down federal government management plans that endangered forest and desert habitat. In one of the decisions, a federal district court judge ruled that management plans



Remember to join the Mountains Group December 5-6 for our annual Holiday Celebration at Keller Hut. (See calendar for more information)

by the U.S. Forest Service for four national forests in Southern California failed to adequately protect those forests' wildest landscapes. The ruling agreed with seven conservation groups, including the Sierra Club, that the Forest Service had failed to assess cumulative damage that would result from piecemeal road building and other development in roadless areas of the forests, and that would constitute a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act.

In the second ruling, a federal judge has rejected key provisions of the West Mojave management plan affecting millions of acres in the California desert. The ruling held

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# Group News

## Santa Margarita Group

By Jim Mitchell

The Santa Margarita Group is now well into its 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Sierra Club group and fund raising to support a growing list of environmental projects has become increasingly important.

The Group Executive Committee decided that a series of wine



La Cereza Winery, site for our 1st Sunday Fund Raising Event

and beer tasting events that also provide a chance to socialize was an excellent way to raise money. The decision was influenced by the success of a similar fund raising program started by the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club.

It was decided to call our series of events Sierra Sunday and to hold them on Sunday afternoons 5 to 6 times a year. The first Sierra Sunday was scheduled for Sunday, October 25 from 2 to 4pm at the picturesque La Cereza Winery in the Temecula Wine Country. Our next Sierra Sunday is tentatively planned for January, 2010 (either the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>) as a beer tasting event at Stone Brewery in Escondido.

The Santa Margarita Group ExCom has identified several important local issues and projects where donations may be needed. The top one on the list is the Sierra Club's effort to prevent Granite Construction from building a very large quarry mine in the environmentally sensitive Temecula Foothills.

Another important project (still on the drawing board) is a Sierra Club sponsored "Outdoor Classroom" program. We are hoping to partner with the Temecula Valley Unified School District and the City of Temecula as well as several local businesses to encourage our young people to learn more about our local environment.

In addition, our plans also include actively sponsoring a hiking, biking and horseback riding trail along the Santa Margarita River from just south of Temecula to connect with an existing trail sys-

tem in Fallbrook. This will allow us to start in Temecula and pass all the way to the Pacific Ocean. An ambitious plan but possible.

Also to help keep our communities better informed about important local issues, we are in the development stage of creating our own electronic newsletter that will be called On The Trail. We also hope to launch our own webpage soon. These are both invaluable vehicles to get the word out, but unfortunately cost money.

Next, along with everything else we are planning, hiking and the out of doors are still an important part of our activities.

Among these are our very popular "New Member" hikes to the Santa Rosa Ecological Preserve. The next ones are planned for Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 5 (see the Calendar of Outings for more details). Rick Estes will lead with Bob Audibert 2<sup>nd</sup> in command.

And our day trip programs lead by the creative Laurie Webster will also continue. Anyone that joined us on the recent trip to the Getty Villa Museum in Malibu knows how much fun they are. Coming up in early December, Laurie is planning a trip to the Griffith Park Observatory combined with a tour of a few of the galleries at the Autry National Center of the



Recent New Member Hike to the Santa Rosa Plateau

American West. We will let everyone know the details when the date is firmed up.

Lastly, in December together with Save Our Southwest Hills, we are holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Celebration of the Christmas Holiday Season" with a gathering to collect food for needy families in our community. The worthwhile and fun event will be held at the Mary Phillips Senior Center in Old Town Temecula on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be live music and refreshments will be served. Just bring 3 to 5 canned food items.

## Santa Margarita Group Excom Ballot

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by December 15, 2009.

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## Los Serranos Group

By Mary Ann Ruiz

Los Serranos Group invites you to our upcoming Membership Meetings held on the third Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Hart Hall, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave at 11<sup>th</sup>. As always call me for more information at 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com.

Our November 17 program will feature San Gabriel Mountain Forever Campaign staffers John Monsen and Juana Torres. We will be updating all on the campaign itself along with the latest Station Fire impact estimates and information on recovery and restoration programs and most of all – how you can help out.

On December 15 our Annual Holiday Meeting will be held. Holiday Desserts! Music! And Sierra Club Friends, all make for a wonderful evening during the holiday season. Join us for our annual dessert pot-luck and music event, at Hart Hall.

Every year 1/2 of our Group Executive Committee's terms expire and new elections are held. Below are our three candidates and their election statements to fill those seats with the ballot following.

**Sid Silliman:** I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1975. As a current member of the Los Serranos Executive Committee, I would welcome reelection. I am also a member of the San Geronio Conservation Committee, working mostly on desert issues.

**Susan Brown:** I'm a Scripps College employee, living in Rancho Cucamonga. I have been a Sierra Club member since moving to California 9 years ago. Enjoying our beautiful natural areas has become essential to me. Helping to protect those areas for others to discover and enjoy is crucial. I look forward to contributing in any way I can. Recently I've been active in the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign and Los Serranos Group locally. I'm willing to serve on the LSG Executive Committee and thank you for your vote.

**Mary Ann Ruiz:** I am the current chair of Los Serranos Group Executive Committee. I've been involved with this group since 2001, first hiking with the group, becoming an outings leader, Programs Chair and Group Chair. I'm willing to serve again for another 2 year term, thank you for your vote.

## Los Serranos Group Excom Ballot

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by November 28, 2009.

Mail To: **Joe Whyte**  
**1404 Albright Ave.**  
**Upland, CA 91786**

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

LOS SERRANOS GROUP BALLOT	LOS SERRANOS GROUP BALLOT
<i>Please vote for 3 or fewer</i>	<i>Please vote for 3 or fewer</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sid Silliman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sid Silliman
<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Brown
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Ruiz	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Ruiz

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the January/February 2010 Calendar are due by December 1. FORMAT items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible. SUBMISSIONS: Except for below, send to [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net) OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your group Outings Chair. MEETINGS and other events: Send to [iwfladd@eee.org](mailto:iwfladd@eee.org)

### GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES AND DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and 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 and water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, and 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

### CARPOOLING POLICY

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and 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 and 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. Ten cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while six cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing and 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, and death ("Injuries and Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel and the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and 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 and Damages to which I may be exposed.

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

- I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs and fees for the Outing; and I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing begins and ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader and participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Trailhead, and 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 and before the end of the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, and I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward and waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad and 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 and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, and to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any and all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and 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 2, Apr 6, Jun 1, Oct 5, Nov 2. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 8, 3 PM and at Keller Hut Dec 5, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
- (1ST TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time and place, call MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com) LOS SERRANOS 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. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS 909-888-0161 <[iwfladd@eee.org](mailto:iwfladd@eee.org)>. CHAPTER
- (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 GRP

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
(In July only the meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, July 18.) Monthly meeting. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please come: we need your help! PLACE: San Gorgonio CHAPTER Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, [kimfloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimfloyd@fastmail.fm), (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July and 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, [desertlily@verizon.net](mailto:desertlily@verizon.net) MOJAVE GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location and directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, [gardens@netzon.net](mailto:gardens@netzon.net). SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 628-1285. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES 951-314-3328 <[rickestes\\_92595@yahoo.com](mailto:rickestes_92595@yahoo.com)> CHAPTER

**(4TH THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting/public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589 SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

### WEEKLY REOCCURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

**MON 7:00 PM APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 6-mile *fast paced* conditioning walk along the Mojave River. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road. The path along the river bed is graded and hard packed, which makes for nice walking conditions. BRING flashlight, jacket and comfortable walking shoes. This is a repeat hike but sometimes cancels; PLEASE CALL BEFORE HIKE. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <[Labelady@msn.com](mailto:Labelady@msn.com)> MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <[bspreng@gte.net](mailto:bspreng@gte.net)> (760) (951) 4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <[jensoasis@aol.com](mailto:jensoasis@aol.com)>. MOJAVE GROUP

## OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18

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

**\*\*OCT 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO DEVIL'S HOLE HIKE**  
You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon. Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss & gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2- qts. water, & snack. WEAR: hiking boots. MEET: Call LEADER, BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2534 for meeting place. ADVENTURE PASS REQUIRED. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 17-18 (SAT - SUN) EXPLORING THE SODA MOUNTAINS CAR CAMP/HIKE**  
We will explore the ridges & deep washes of this relatively unknown & rugged Wilderness Study Area (WSA), located east of Barstow & north of I-15 in the Mojave Desert. Arrive late Saturday afternoon at the camping area in the open flats near the Cronese Lakes. Potluck Saturday night. The full day hike on Sunday will help us appreciate a unique place & to comment upon the future of this WSA which is currently uncertain. Hike is moderately difficult. For details contact leader: Craig Deutsche, 310-477-6670, <[craig.deutsche@gmail.com](mailto:craig.deutsche@gmail.com)>. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 18 (SUN) 8:30 AM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from beautiful Olive Mountain with a 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON 951-660-7246. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

## OCTOBER 19 – OCTOBER 25

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

**\*\*OCT 20 (TUE) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
Moderate 6 to 7-mile round-trip hike on the PCT from Polique Canyon Road to the access trail to Delamar Peak, followed by a moderate to difficult but short climb to the peak from there. *This is a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort.* BRING: Water, snacks, boots & clothing appropriate to conditions at the time of the hike. MEET: Von's parking lot at 8:30 AM. DRIVERS MUST DISPLAY ADVENTURE PASSES. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 22 (THU) 8:30 AM CACTUS FLATS TO SILVER PEAK HIKE**  
A strenuous 4 to 6 mile hike, some of which will be cross-country. Good views of the Mojave Desert. BRING: Water layered clothing & hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 AM. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 20 (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](mailto:gardens@netzon.net)> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**OCT 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <[www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](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

**OCT 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 22 (THU) 4:30 PM BOX SPRINGS "M" HIKE**  
4 mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. BRING: water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy 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 & park near the picnic tables. LEADER: THERESA CARSON 951-660-7246. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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**OCT 22 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting/public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester R., Temecula 92589. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCT 24 (SAT) YOUTH IN THE DESERT - PISGAH LAVE TUBES HIKE**  
Parents/Grandparents are invited to join the fun of an underground adventure exploring the Pisgah Lava Tubes—the longest being 1100' long. Approximately 3 miles round trip hike over extremely rough terrain with about 100' elevation. BRING day pack, lunch, water, 10 essentials, long sleeved shirt, long pants, hat, sturdy boots, gloves & flash light. MEET: Contact CO-LEADER MELODY NICHOLS 760-963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com>, or LEADER BILL SPRENG 760-951-4520 <bspreng@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 24 (SAT) EAGLE CLIFF MINE – JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE**  
The last couple of years our October hikes have been just too hot for people who are not acclimated to the desert. We're still going to try an October hike but much shorter & more user friendly for whatever kind of weather this date turns out to offer. Eagle Cliff Mine is an interesting loop hike in a very pretty area of the park that offers some shade from both trees & canyon walls. The mine is complete with a cabin of sorts & other various points of interest, some historic & some a part of nature, as well as an excellent overview. BRING a couple of quarts of water, decent boots, a snack, a lunch & variety of clothes options in your car to choose from. MEET: Call LEADERS ANN & AL MURDY 760-366-2932 (we don't return calls) or email <al.murdy@gmail.com> TAHQUITZ GROUP

**OCT 25 (SUN) 7:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE TO MISSION CREEK HIKE**  
Come check out what the Wildlands Conservancy has done with this former trout farm, & see some of the "sand to snow" lands they have preserved. We will hike up the wash, join the PCT for a few miles, then head up to the conservancy's Mission Creek preserve. This is a 13.2 mile round trip, elevation gain about 1000 feet. Some cross country, rocky wash hiking so wear hiking boots. BRING: 3 liters water, lunch, snacks & layered clothing depending on the weather. MEET: Call the leader for exact place. In Ontario, at 7:30am & later at the Preserve for those that would like to join the group there. RAIN CANCELS. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

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

**\*\*OCT 27 (TUE) 8:30 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
TModerate 8-mile hike to the peak of Gold Mountain & return, with a 1000 – 1200-foot altitude gain. We will utilize the Pacific Crest Trail & 4 wheel jeep trails to access the peak. We will loop back to the starting point using the Holcomb Valley Road passing the Lucky Baldwin mine on our return. *This is a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort.* BRING: 2 quarts of water, snacks, & sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing & protection from the sun. MEET: Von's Parking lot at 8:30 AM. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407. Adventure passes may be required for drivers. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES 951-314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**OCT 29 (THU) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TO MORTON PEAK HIKE**  
This 12-mile round trip hike has a 2800 ft elevation gain. Great views of the Santa Ana River drainage. BRING: Water, layered clothing & hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM & Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*OCT 31 (SAT) 9:30 AM RED ANT CANYON HALLOWEEN WALKABOUT HIKE**  
A great day for a local walkabout type hike. Roughly a 4 mile round trip, 600 foot elevation gain, easy to moderate cruise to move your leg muscles & get ready for the Halloween candy dash later this evening. Could be a cold day, so be prepared for cold to mild temperatures. Layered clothing is always best. BRING: Good hiking boots, plenty of water, snacks/lunch, & layered clothing for cold to possibly warm temperatures. MEET at 9:30 am at the Aspen Glen Picnic Area Parking Lot, off Mill Creek Road, in Big Bear Lake. You will need a Forest Adventure Pass to park here. INFO: LEADER: ROBBIE BOS 909-866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 31-NOV 1 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CAR CAMP**  
What could be more appropriate this Halloween weekend than to visit the ghosts & ruins of California's colorful past? Come with us to this eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this Wild West town. Sat. evening, Happy Hour & a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, 760-868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**NOV 1 (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 November 2.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, & wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*NOV 1 (SUN) 8:30 AM IDYLLWILD TO SUICIDE ROCK HIKE**  
Let's hike to Suicide Rock. This is a moderate 6.5-mile RT trail with a 2000 ft elevation gain in the Jacintos. Your reward: A most spectacular view of the valley & the surrounding peaks. BRING: Hiking shoes, at least 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun block, & a windbreaker. MEET at 6:30 am for carpooling in Chino at Central & the 60 Fwy. & at 7:30 am. in Redlands behind Denny's Restaurant, I-10 at Alabama or at the trailhead at 8:30 am. Adventure Pass required LEADER: AIDA TARACENA 909-225-1505, <hikingirl12@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8

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

**NOV 2 (MON) 6:00 PM FULL MOON HIKE**  
Approximate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail & arroyo. Trail has some ups & downs but basically follows the base of the hills & then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot or on the street. Meet at the small park on the corner of Hidden Springs & Greenridge Drive. RAIN CANCELS. INFORMATION & LEADER: THERESA CARSON 951-660-7246 <tcarsen22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**NOV 2 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
LOCATION (Unless otherwise noted): Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**NOV 3 (TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call DAVID THORNE, 909-949-8046. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**NOV 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS 909-888-0161 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**NOV 6-8 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE SERVICE TRIP**  
Help the Mojave National Preserve clean up a large illegal dump that has built up over the years. Work all day Saturday & until noon on Sunday. A barbecue will be provided by Preserve staff Saturday evening. A

hike is planned for those arriving in the morning on Friday. There will be a Ranger talk about the Preserve on Friday. Camping will be rustic, but a portable restroom will be provided. High clearance vehicle is recommended to access the site, but we can shuttle people & gear if needed. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: RICH JURICICH <rich.sac@pacbell.net> 916-492-2181. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**NOV 7 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE HIKE**  
"New Member" hike (all are welcome though) Enjoy an easy 5 mile round trip hike to the Original Ranch Adobe. Listen to a guest speaker & meet local Santa Margarita Group leaders under the shade of ancient oak trees. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: RICK ESTES <rickestes92595@gmail.com> 951-303-4071. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**NOV 7 (SAT) SPRING CLEANING - MECCA HILLS WILDERNESS SERVICE**  
Hike two easy miles from Box Canyon Rd to Hidden Spring, the only permanent water source in the area. We will remove palm fronds & other invasive vegetation & clean out the spring box. Afterward, a short hike to the "Grotto" & maybe return via a different route. Great area with good views & interesting canyons. Car camping is available on Box Canyon Road (can be busy) or off Painted Canyon Road. Limited to 10 persons. RESERVATIONS & INFO: JEFF MORGAN prefer <jckmorgan@aol.com> 760-324-8696. LEADER: KATHY KELLEY. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**NOV 7-8 (SAT & SUN) DEATH VALLEY "BOWLING ALLEY" CAR CAMP/HIKE**  
This narrow strip of land between Death Valley National Park & Fort Irwin is lovingly referred to as the "Bowling Alley" & is an ideal wilderness candidate. With unique & beautiful geology, several perennial springs, & habitat for desert tortoise & bighorn sheep, we'll have lots to explore! We'll drive in on some rough routes & then day hike from our car/tent campsite. Potluck dinner Saturday night. RESERVATIONS: KATE ALLEN <kj.allen@wildblue.net> 661-944-4056. LEADER: CAROL WILEY 760-245-8734, <desertilly1@verizon.net> CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**\*\*NOV 8 (SUN) 8:00 AM MT. BALDY VILLAGE TO BEAR FLAT HIKE**  
Come join us on a short, easy, yet beautiful hike to Bear Flat. The hike is 4 miles RT with a 1,200 foot elevation gain. BRING: Sturdy shoes, repellent, 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch. MEET for carpooling in Upland at Mountain & 16<sup>th</sup>. Adventure Pass required. INFO & LEADER:: AIDA TARACENA 909-225-1505 <hikingirl12@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### NOVEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 15

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

**NOV 9 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**NOV 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, <kimfloyd@fastmail.fm> 760-249-5385. CHAPTER

**NOV 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, <desertilly@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**NOV 14 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICE**  
Join the Mojave Group & others for a day of trail maintenance with the Pacific Crest Trail Association. We will be doing maintenance on the trail to Section C – east of the 15 freeway. INFO & LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS 760-963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

### NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 22

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

**NOV 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

**NOV 17 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, 909-866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOV 17 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Mary Ann Ruiz, Juana Torres, & John Mosen, of the San Gabriel Mountain Forever campaign present a special program: "Wilderness, Fire, & What's Next For the San Gabriel Mountains." 2009 has been the best of times & the worst of times for the San Gabriel Mountains. How are they doing in the wake of the Station Fire? When will the forest reopen? Campaign volunteers & staffers will give you the latest fire impact estimates & information on recovery & restoration programs & tell you how you can help. PLACE: Hart Hall, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Avenue at 11<sup>th</sup> Street. INFO MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*NOV 19 (THU) 9:00 AM SB MTS, EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE**  
This trail in the Children's Forest was built and is maintained by the young people with the Forest. We will hike the whole trail from bottom to top & back. There should be great views of Mt. Baldy & maybe some fall color left. Distance: 9 miles (RT), 1000 ft elevation gain & loss: 1. WEAR: Good hiking boots. BRING: water, snacks, lunch, layered clothing, & hiking poles if you have them. Adventure Pass required. MEET: Call for meeting place & registration. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF 909-338-2534. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*NOV 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM ANGELES OAKS TO FORSEE CREEK TRAILHEAD HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for an easy to moderate 9 to 10 mile hike from Angeles Oaks to Forsee Creek Trailhead. MEET at Von's Supermarket in Big Bear at 8 am or at Angeles Oaks Restaurant at 8:45 to 9am. BRING: Sturdy hiking boots, 3 to 4 qrts of water, Lunch & snacks. Call Early! Limited to 12 hikers. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: TERENCE MCCORKLE <oldhikerdude@verizon.net> 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683. MOJAVE GROUP

**NOV 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY FALL BIRD WALK**  
See which birds remain for the winter & possible winter arrivals as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast after. MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**NOV 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM BOX SPRINGS OFF-TRAIL RAMBLE HIKE**  
We'll pick up game trails on the east & north side of the mountain & ramble our way back south, perhaps through "Hidden Valley" & hitting some ridge tops. 3 to 4 hours with maybe 1000 feet of gain. (If you went last April, this will be a bit more ambitious.) Be prepared for somewhat rough & sometimes steep (but not dangerous) off-trail walking. Long pants or gaiters recommended. NO DOGS. We may have opportunities to see wildlife. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. then left into Box Springs. Drive up the gravel road & park near the picnic tables. INFO & LEADER: DAN CLARK 951-924-2454 <dancnkrk@roadrunner.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**NOV 22 (SUN) THE SPAGHETTI TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE**  
I don't know the real name of this horse trail or even if it has one. I call it the above because it connects to a series of trails that wander around the west end of the park. Don't fear though, we have a definite plan & it's a good'n! It begins about a mile into the park from the Joshua Tree entrance. There is about a 600 ft elevation gain. Most of it we'll be taking in bits & pieces. How about lunch at a great overview? If time allows we'll stop at Samuelson's Rock on the way down. Ann does a presentation & hike for JTNP as a volunteer & knows all the details about Samuelson for those of you who have never been to this historic site. All & all this is about a six miler. BRING: Sturdy shoes, lunch & at least two quarts of water. MEET: Call oe e-mail for meeting time and place. LEADERS: AL & ANN MURDY 760 366 2932 (we don't return calls) <al.murdy@gmail.com> TAHQUITZ GROUP

**\*\*NOV 22 (SUN) 9:00 AM MIDDLE FORK LITTLE CREEK HIKE**  
This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to

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Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards & mailing will be provided. This will be an uphill hike on the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek Trail to the Third Stream Crossing & to the 30 foot unnamed waterfall off of Lytle Creek. Starts in arid chaparral & progresses upward through belts of big-cone spruce & Jeffrey pine. Wonderful Scenery. Moderate. 5.1 miles Round Trip, 1400 ft elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 & 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool to Middle Fork of Lytle Creek trailhead. Adventure Pass required. BRING: lunch, water, & extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK <dtierra@msn.com> 909-899-2795.

**NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 29**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**NOV 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES 951-314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>.

**NOV 26 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting/public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester R., Temecula 92589.

**NOV 28 (SAT) 8:30 AM AFTER TURKEY SURPRISE, JUNIPER FLATS HIKE**  
This is open to all. Youth in the Desert participants are welcome. We will do a 3-4 mile round trip hike to one of the many riparian areas in the Juniper Flats Area, hoping to catch some surprising color in the desert landscape. The Juniper Flats Area is south of Apple Valley in the San Bernardino Mountain foothills & provides a large variety of vegetation, views & lots of large boulders. MEET: 8:30 am at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road. BRING: Water, snacks, sunscreen, a hiking stick & wear layered clothing, hiking boots & hat. Don't forget your binoculars & camera! LEADER: JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> 760 220 0730.

**NOV 29 (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 December 2.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 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 Blvs. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, & wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. LEADERS: PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

**NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6**

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

**DEC 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS 909-888-0161 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.

**DEC 2 (WED) 6:00 PM FULL MOON, OLIVE MTN HIKE**  
Enjoy the full moon from Olive Mountain with a 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. RAIN CANCELS. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON 951-660-7246 <tcarsen22@msn.com>

**DEC 5 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK**  
Bill will guide you to the birds. Optional breakfast at local restaurant after walk. MEET: Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910.

**DEC 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE HIKE**  
"New Member" hike (all are welcome though) Enjoy an easy 5 mile round trip hike to the Original Ranch Adobe listen to a guest speaker & meet local Santa Margarita Group leaders under the shade of ancient oak trees. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER RICK ESTES <rickestes92595@gmail.com> 951-303-4071. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 5-6 (SAT-SUN) 1:00 PM S B MTS, KELLER HUT GATHERING**  
You are invited to join us for our annual holiday celebration at Keller Hut. You may arrive any time after 1 PM on Saturday. We provide turkey & dressing for dinner, plus tea & coffee. BRING a suitable potluck dish to serve six, & cold beverages, plus a "white elephant" gift to exchange. You are welcome to stay overnight, & join us for a communal breakfast, followed by a hike on Sunday AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313.

**DEC 6 (SUN) YOUTH IN THE DESERT, VASQUEZ ROCKS HIKE**  
Please join us for another Youth in the Desert adventure to Vasquez Rocks in Aqua Dulce. This outing has had to be cancelled in the past do to smoke from the Station Fire. Vasquez Rocks is a 745 acre park full of history & unique geological rock formations. We will have a presentation on live "Birds of Prey" by the Park Service Leader. Afterwards we will hike the Nature-Heritage Trail & the Geology Trail (less than 3 miles) & learn the history of the Tatavian Indians & Spanish settlers as well as keep a look out for wildlife & local vegetation. WEAR: dress for weather changes (layers), wear good hiking boots, BRING 2 qts of water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen & hat. MEET: For time & location call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS 760-963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com>

**\*\*DEC 6 (SUN) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**  
This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards & mailing will be provided. This will be an easy hike to the 90-foot Bonita (Beautiful) Falls. Easy. About 4.5 miles Round Trip, slight elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 & 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool just around the bend to park across from the green bridge over Lytle Creek. Adventure Pass required. BRING: water & extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK <dtierra@msn.com> 909-899-2795.

**DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13**

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

**DEC 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO:

**Thank you for Remembering**

Your financial contribution means a lot to us. By supporting this chapter, you support the Sierra Club's work in your back yard. This makes you an important part of our work to protect wilderness and wildlife, to improve the quality of life in our cities, and to promote the enjoyment of nature.

CAROL WILEY, 760-245-8734, &lt;desertilly@verizon.net&gt;

MOJAVE GROUP

**DEC 12-13 (SAT-SUN) SERVICE & HIKING IN A SOUTHERN DESERT SERVICE**  
This is the cooler season to visit the southern deserts. Our project on Saturday will be on the east side of the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness, approximately 20 miles east of Brawley, CA, where we will rebuild facilities at the Watchable Wildlife Site. Saturday evening is a car camp with potluck dinner. Sunday we will take a recreational hike either from our work site or else in the nearby Indian Pass Wilderness. INFO: LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> 310-477-6670.

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**DEC 13 (SUN) CONTACT WASH, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE**  
Everyone consistently loves this hike. It's a scramble down a steep wash that is accessed through Pine City by way of the Queen Mine parking lot. There are all sorts of twists & turns to be negotiated. You have to think your way through allot of dry waterfalls that definitely put you in the moment. This is a good one to forget your other life. About five miles. It is strenuous & I strongly recommend ankle high boots. BRING: Lunch with lots of protein & a couple of quarts of your favorite outdoor drink. LEADERS: ANN & AL MURDY 760 366-2932 (we don't return calls) <al.murdy@gmail.com>

**DEC 13 (SUN) 7:45 AM RECHE MOUNTAIN RAMBLE HIKE**  
We'll link up use trails, old roads, & game trails to work our way up Reche Mountain, on the northern edge of Moreno Valley, with great views from the top. 3 to 4 hours with about 1000 ft of gain. Be prepared for somewhat rough, & sometimes steep (but not dangerous) off-trail walking. Long pants or gaiters recommended. MEET: at 7:45 at Vista Heights Middle School; from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to right on Old Lake Road. The school is on the corner & we will meet in the north/west corner of the parking lot. From there we'll caravan a short distance to the start of the hike. INFO: LEADER: DAN CLARK 951-924-2454 <dancrlk@roadrunner.com>

**DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**DEC 15 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, 951-767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>

SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

**DEC 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. USUAL PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 27**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**DEC 27 (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 December 31.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Gain. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvs. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, & wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3**

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

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities & makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

**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  
There will be no dance January 1st. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS 909-825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net>

**(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE  
Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admis-

**Other Outings & Outdoor Classes**

In addition to the Natural History Classes and Outdoor Field Study Classes listed elsewhere in the Palm and Pine under The Desert Institute, UCR Extension and Rancho Santa Ana, you can find additional outings and classes at [www.desertreport.org](http://www.desertreport.org)

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sion, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://bees.ucr.edu/riversidedance/cdclink.html>

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

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**(3RD FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
 (No dance on July 17. See the write below up for an alternate activity.) Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS 909-825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net>

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**NOV 1 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE

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

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**NOV 15 (SUN) 7:00 AM NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY BIRDING FIELD TRIP**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
 Check the Audubon web site <www.sbvas.org> for current information. SBVAS's birding field trip in the northern San Jacinto Valley will cover parts of the valley & the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. On good days 100+ species can be found: wintering birds of prey, waterfowl & shorebirds. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley. The only entrance to Wildlife Area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: TONY METCALF 951-242-7038 & DAVE GOODWARD 909-783-2417.

**NOV 17 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS  
 Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, 951-924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

**NOV 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. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS 714-779-2201.

**NOV 20 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
 No dance this Friday. We will all be at the Redlands Bowl watching the Brazilian folk dancers. Please join us there. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS 909-825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net>

**NOV 21-22 (SAT-SUN) SURPRISE CANYON CAR CAMP**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COALITION  
 Surprise Canyon is a beautiful desert canyon with a year-round stream on the eastern edge of the Panamint Valley. This canyon was once degraded by extreme off road vehicle use but is now recovering. We'll hike & rock scramble several miles up the canyon to explore the proposed wild & scenic river & riparian habitat. Car/tent camp & potluck dinner in the flats of the Surprise Canyon wilderness on Saturday night. Join us for the day or overnight. LEADER: TOM BUDLONG. INFO: LAUREL WILLIAMS 909-260-8833 <lwilliams@calwild.org>

**DEC 4 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
 Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS 909-825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net>

**DEC 6 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE  
 Caller: Jeremy Korr. Band: Les Amis. Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM 714-267-4567 <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Website: <http://bees.ucr.edu/riversidedance/cdclink.html>

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Note that the December meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Come early to browse the gift tables

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**JAN 3 (SUN) 8:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BEGINNING BIRD WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
 Check the Audubon web site <www.sbvas.org> for current information. This is a slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques & identification skills. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: DOUG KARALUN 909-425-5355.

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**JAN 24 (SUN) 9:00 AM BLUEBIRD BOX NATURE WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY**  
 More than 45 bluebird boxes have been placed at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area providing habitat for a wide variety of birds. Dan Lacek has monitored for the past year & will show us where the boxes are located; show how he recorded audio & video field notes. Join us for a morning of walking & learning. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, sturdy walking shoes, lunch or snacks, plenty of water, sunscreen, non-toxic insect repellent & wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Leaders: Dan Lacek & Sue Nash. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: ANN MCKIBBEN 951-924-8150 & SUE NASH 909-228-6710.

**FEB 7 (SUN) 8:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BEGINNING BIRD WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
 Check the Audubon web site <www.sbvas.org> for current information. A slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques & identification skills. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent & wear appropriate clothing for the weather. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: CATHY TOBIN 951-684-9613.

**FEB 27 (SAT) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA ARCHEOLOGY WALK**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY**  
 A stroll back through time to appreciate selected remnants of Native American life—the ways & spiritual connections within the greater San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Participants will be introduced to some of the stories, ceremonies & practices of the early people who called this region home. Leader: Steve Freers. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, sturdy walking shoes, lunch or snacks, plenty of water, sunscreen, non-toxic insect repellent & wear appropriate clothing for the weather. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: ANN MCKIBBEN 951-924-8150 & SUE NASH 909-228-6710.

## Mountains

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that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management designated some 5,000 miles of off-road vehicle routes without adequately assessing their impact on public lands, archaeological sites and wildlife, and that the plan was flawed because it did not contain a reasonable range of alternatives to limit the mileage of off-road routes.

On September 14, the Mountains Group held its monthly meeting at St Richard's Episcopal Church, on Highway 18, Sky Forest. After a brief business meeting, the members watched the first half of the DVD, **Home**. The presentation, through stunning aerial camerawork, portrayed the diversity of life on Earth, showed how human activity has affected the ecological balance of our planet and demonstrated the urgency of global rescue and preservation actions.

Some of our members, along with other groups in our mountain community, will be involved in a local action on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the south parking lot of Lake

Gregory. We will be joining with thousands internationally calling for significant reduction in the carbon causing Global Warming.

The action entitled, **350 Climate Rally and Walk**, will start with educational material about Global Warming and the need to reduce our global carbon amount to 350 parts per million in order to keep a balanced environment. You may bring a table and your literature on environmental issues to this event. Signs concerning the number 350 and other environmental images & posters are welcome. If someone from your group would like to speak about Global Warming or 350 parts per million, please contact Sue Walker at [svwalker@gmail.com](mailto:svwalker@gmail.com). After the rally, we will walk around Lake Gregory stopping twice to hear how Global Warming will affect our lakes and mountains. We hope you will contact us that you will be part of this environmental movement. We invite you to visit [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) and our local action - <http://www.350.org/o24/action/5205>. For further information please call Sue Walker 337-1279.

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would like more information.

The Riverside County General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) rejected the proposed zoning changes for the Northeast Agricultural Conversion Policy Area with a vote of 8-1 at their September 9 meeting. The policy area includes lands of two unapproved specific plans (Villages of Lakeview SP 342 and Motte Ranch SP 366) north of the Ramona Expressway and continues east along the northern portion of the expressway to Bridge Street. The suggested zoning for the area reflected the land uses of these two unapproved specific plans. The committee did not feel that it had adequate information to support the proposed changes. The GPAC will be wrapping up their meetings in early 2010. Agenda for the GPAC meetings can be found at: <http://www.rctlma.org/planning/content/hearings/gpac/gpac.html> George Hague is the environmental community representative at the meetings. He can be reached at (951) 924-0816

if you have questions or concerns about the update. Planner for the update is Mitra Mehta-Cooper, Riverside County Planning Department, (951) 955-8514.

Riverside County, San Bernardino County and the cities of Colton, Loma Linda and Moreno Valley are planning on widening 7.5 miles of Reche Canyon Road to four lanes sometime in the future. The project is called the Reche Canyon Corridor Project. Information about the project can be found at: <http://www.rctlma.org/trans/Reche%20Canyon%20Overview.html> You can also call the Riverside County Transportation Department at (951) 955-8561 or email them at: [reche-canyonrd@rctlma.org](mailto:reche-canyonrd@rctlma.org) Another project is the Pigeon Pass Road Corridor Project (widening and realigning five miles of the road to four lanes) by Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Moreno Valley, and Grand Terrace. Information about the project can be found at: <http://www.rctlma.org/trans/Pigeon%20Pass%20Overview.html> You can also call the Riverside County Transportation Department at (951) 955-3322 or e-mail them at: [\[passrd@rctlma.org\]\(mailto:passrd@rctlma.org\)](mailto:pigeon-</a></p>
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The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board is sponsoring a "Hike to Terri Peak" on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive, Moreno Valley. Please call (951) 413-3702 confirm all information on the walk. The Recreational Trails Board sponsors approximately five hikes throughout the year in Moreno Valley.

Fall is here and it is a wonderful time to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area to see migrating and overwintering waterfowl and shorebirds. Wintering birds of prey will also have migrated to the valley. The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley nature walks at the SJWA can be found at their web site at [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) In the meantime, if you plan to visit the wildlife area this fall and winter, please remember that waterfowl (late October through February 6) and pheasant hunting (all Mondays, November 16-21, plus a youth day on November 15<sup>th</sup>) takes place at the wildlife area. Wetland and upland game areas are closed on those days. Hunting is allowed at all state-run

wildlife areas and hunting fees help support the acquisition of wildlife habitat throughout the state of California. Please call the wildlife area office during normal business hours (6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at (951) 928-0580 for more information. Be aware of State Furlough Days at the SJWA (first, second, and third Friday of the month). They are subject to change. Please allow ample time for staff to return your calls. The wildlife area is north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Take Davis Road 2.2 miles to the area headquarters. The wildlife area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. Do not drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or wet.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more information on group meetings 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).



## Huts and Lodges

Want to escape to the mountains? Try visiting one of the Sierra Club Huts or Lodges. Stay overnight at the best rates in town.

Keller Ski Hut, built in 1938 is at an elevation of 6800 feet on Highway 18 between Running Springs and Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains, across from Snow Valley Ski Area. An adventure pass is required. There are two rustic living/dining rooms; fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, utensils, stove, refrigerator; two dormitory sleeping lofts with 30 sleeping pads on floors; and bathroom. On open weekends or work parties/overseer training, call Jacqueline Meese (714-427-0457). Keller rates (SC): \$3.00 Day; \$8.00 overnight.

Harwood Lodge, built in 1930 to honor Aurelia Harwood, the first woman president of the Sierra Club is located in the San Gabriel Mountains on Mt. Baldy at 6000 feet elevation. It is about 2 miles after Icehouse Canyon and across from Snow Crest Park on the way up Mt. Baldy Road. The driveway on the right is shared with the Zen Center. There is a fully equipped kitchen, dormitory sleeping facilities and restrooms with showers. On Open Weekends, no reservation is required. Check in with the Overseer between 10:00 a.m. Saturday until 3:00 p.m. Sunday. SC Rates: \$5.00 Day; \$12.00 overnight.

San Antonio Ski Hut, built by the Ski Mountaineers in 1937. At 8200 feet, it is reached by a steep 3 mile hike with 2200 feet of gain. Rates: \$1.00 Day; \$10.00 overnight.

Open weekends/Work Parties/Overseer Training for these huts and lodges can be found by visiting the Angeles Chapter Website (access through [sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org)) or in the Angeles Schedule of Activities.

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### Oaks of Southern California

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**When:** 6-8 p.m. Nov. 6 & 8 a.m.-5p.m. Nov. 7

**Where:** UCR Extension Center

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### Palm Oasis Ecology: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

**Fee:** \$199 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F26)

**When:** 5- 8 p.m. Nov. 13, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Nov. 14, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Nov. 15

**Where:** Borrego Springs

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### Exploring the Mojave Desert: Afton Canyon

**Fee:** \$295 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F60)

**When:** 8-10 p.m. Nov. 6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 8

**Where:** Desert Studies Center, Soda Springs

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### Geology and Natural History of Yosemite: A Weekend of Discovery

**Fee:** \$155 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F20)

**When:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 18

**Where:** Yosemite National Park

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### Field Study of the San Andreas Fault: San Bernardino to Palmdale

**Fee:** \$150 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F21)

**When:** Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 31

**Where:** San Bernardino

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### Geology and Natural History of Northern Death Valley

**Fee:** \$135 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F22)

**When:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 22

**Where:** Death Valley

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### Introduction to Bird Banding

**Fee:** \$185 each with PINE discount (092-SCF-F19)

**When:** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 17, 6 a.m. -3 p.m. Nov. 21 & 22

**Where:** UCR Extension Center, 1200 University Ave., Riverside

# Western Wilderness Conference 2010

April 8-11, 2010 at the University of California, Berkeley. Save the date now! For anyone who cares about the wild places of the West—this is the one event not to miss!

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

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

Check the conference website: [www.westernwilderness.org](http://www.westernwilderness.org)

Here are the main goals of Western Wilderness Conference 2010:

- To launch and promote (for those already launched) at least one dozen new wilderness campaigns throughout the West.
- To inspire interested *new advocates* to help preserve our nation's remaining wild places.
- To re-inspire longtime dedicated wilderness advocates to vigorous new advocacy with renewed motivations, based in part on changing prospects for the Western and even the global environment.
- To offer a forum for discussion and debate about timely wilderness-related topics, particularly as they relate to changes noticed or anticipated due to global warming. For example:

→How does climate change re-prioritize efforts to set aside undeveloped land from urban/residential/industrial or recreational development?

→How can a "Resilient Habitats" initiative be used to establish broad connected protected wildlife habitat corridors to facilitate movements of wildlife affected by changing climate?

→How much human interference is justified within designated wilderness to mitigate impacts on wildlife of changing climates?

- To involve like-minded land management agency personnel and share concerns and solutions about managing wildlands in an age of global warming;
- To explore topics not traditionally included in wilderness discussions. For example:

→How to involve new communities, such as westerners of Hispanic or Asian background, in wilderness efforts;

→How to incorporate the traditional land-ethic and historic cultural values of Native Americans into wilderness discussions and wilderness proposals;

→How to get attention to a new area of wilderness: ocean wilderness – protecting significant marine reserves offshore—because our oceans and their wildlife are gravely threatened;

• To highlight the historical background of land-preservation efforts, to remind a newer generation of advocates of the important work that came before them and the rich tradition on which they can build the future.

• To work with Quiet Recreation groups to empower them to assert positively the rights of quiet recreationists over motorized users in potential wilderness areas.

• To promote programs to connect children to Nature; to get children *outside* into wild places!

• To promote and publicize "green business" efforts.

• To offer training sessions for activists to help them become more effective advocates for land preservation.

• And to have fun! Speakers, plenary sessions, workshops, music, meals, outings! It's all part of the celebration of the West's wild places. Berkeley, California. April 8 – 11, 2010.

Who's invited: long-time wilderness advocates, both professionals and volunteers, as well as new advocates; Native American leaders, academic and agency personnel, outings leaders, individuals, representatives of organizations working on quiet recreation and on varied types of land-preservation efforts, decision makers at different levels of government. We will conduct special outreach to attract college students and members of minority communities and organizations, such as National Hispanic Environmental Council.

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

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# Ivanpah

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Look for the Western whiptail. With luck, you might sight a burrowing owl, loggerhead shrike, Crissal thrasher, or golden eagle. American badgers forage here. Bats appear at sunset. The rare Gila monster inhabits the Clark Mountains. Look for Yucca and Creosote rings, some of which may be hundreds of years old. Cholla cactus will catch your eye (if not your pants) and colorful barrel cactus are abundant at higher elevations. Look carefully and you may discover Rusby's desert-mallow, cave evening-primrose, Mojave milkweed, and desert pin-



Desert tortoises thrive throughout the Valley. With the exceptions of the dry lake and the developed areas, the low levels of disturbance and high plant-species diversity make this excellent tortoise habitat. The northern Ivanpah Valley is a special area as the entire California

population of the Northeastern Mojave Desert Tortoise survives here. This distinct population segment is one of the six Recovery Units designated in The *Desert Tortoise (Mojave Population) Recovery Plan* (1994).

Spring is the best season to sight desert tortoise as they emerge from their burrows to browse on annual wildflowers. Keep your eyes open even during the summer months as tortoise in the eastern Mojave may be active in association with summer rains and s u m m e r plant growth. 4,000 to 10,000 acres immediately adjacent to the BrightSource ISEGS. Proposed by OptiSolar, the rights to the project were recently purchased by First Solar. An upgraded 35-mile Eldorado-Ivanpah transmission line (running east to west) will transport electricity back to Nevada where it will be rerouted to California by Southern California Edison. A third set of power plants, proposed by NextLight Renewable Power for construction on lands at the foot of the Lucy Gray Mountains, will be visible on the eastern side of the Valley. The applications for the Silver State Solar Projects are for rights-of-way on 7,840 acres of public land. NextLight plans to cover some 2,900 acres with photovoltaic panels. In addition to these developments, DesertXpress hopes to construct a high-speed passenger rail line from Victorville to Las Vegas by tunneling through the mountains and running tracks along the northeastern slopes of the Clarks.

Now visualize the northern Ivanpah Valley if planned developments are approved by federal and state agencies. As you descend from Mountain Pass, the California Joint Point of Entry project may catch

your attention. More likely, your eye will be drawn to the 4,065 acre Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) on the northeastern slopes of the Clark Mountains. Occupying 6.4 square miles of federal land, each of its seven towers will rise 459 feet to capture reflected sunlight from 428,000 heliostat mirrors. A second solar thermal power plant will be sited on an additional 4,000 to 10,000 acres immediately adjacent to the BrightSource ISEGS. Proposed by OptiSolar, the rights to the project were recently purchased by First Solar. An upgraded 35-mile Eldorado-Ivanpah transmission line (running east to west) will transport electricity back to Nevada where it will be rerouted to California by Southern California Edison. A third set of power plants, proposed by NextLight Renewable Power for construction on lands at the foot of the Lucy Gray Mountains, will be visible on the eastern side of the Valley. The applications for the Silver State Solar Projects are for rights-of-way on 7,840 acres of public land. NextLight plans to cover some 2,900 acres with photovoltaic panels. In addition to these developments, DesertXpress hopes to construct a high-speed passenger rail line from Victorville to Las Vegas by tunneling through the mountains and running tracks along the northeastern slopes of the Clarks.



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The cumulative impacts of these large-scale projects obviously will alter the viewscape and radically transform the species-rich habitats of the northern Ivanpah Valley. Intact eco-systems will be cleared of their plant communities. Many of the rare plants will be lost as these species are not easily transplanted. Habitat for the American badger, the golden eagle, and other wildlife will be eliminated. The travel corridors of the bighorn sheep will be blocked. The tortoises that now populate the project sites will be moved elsewhere – possibly to a tortoise reservation. Some number of desert tortoises will die in connection with the translocation. There is a real possibility that the Northeastern Mojave Desert Tortoise Recovery Unit will not survive.

Yes we need renewable sources of energy if we are to transition away from our costly dependence on fossil fuels. However, if large-scale solar thermal power plants are to be sited in the desert, they must be located on already disturbed lands where there will be little or no impact on valued natural resources.

## Call to Action on Global Warming and Energy

We are at a historic crossroads in the fight against climate change. The Sierra Club is asking its activists and chapters to help in this critically important fight by committing to daily, weekly or monthly actions as a Sierra Club Climate Leader. Please go to:

[www.sierraclub.org/climateleaders](http://www.sierraclub.org/climateleaders) and sign up.

Our first priority is an education campaign to encourage people to support the Obama Administration's use of rules and regulations by the EPA and other agencies to address climate change. We call this campaign "the Big Picture." Using a very successful online petition and massive phone call outreach, activists are asking Senators to urge President Obama to create rules as quickly as possible that will regulate coal ash, mercury, mining, soot, smog, and carbon pollution more effectively. Visit the Big Picture Campaign to learn more: [www.sierraclub.org/bigpicture](http://www.sierraclub.org/bigpicture)

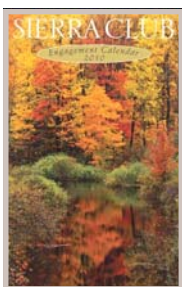
Or other campaign, also dependent on your hard work, focuses on passing strong comprehensive climate and energy legislation in Congress. Earlier this year, the U.S. House of Representatives took the first step toward unleashing a true clean energy revolution by passing the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES or Waxman/Markey). Our attention is now on the Senate, where our Senators have started discussing their version of the bill and will begin voting in early fall. We urge Senators to strengthen this bill and ensure that it: creates good, clean energy jobs; makes polluters pay for the carbon pollution that causes global warming; and provides assistance for energy costs.

We need your help to get people to say to their Senators, "Support a strong clean energy and climate bill." This will not only clean up pollution domestically, but help the United States lead the world at the international climate treaty talks in Copenhagen. Visit the ACES homepage: [http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=adv\\_aces](http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=adv_aces)

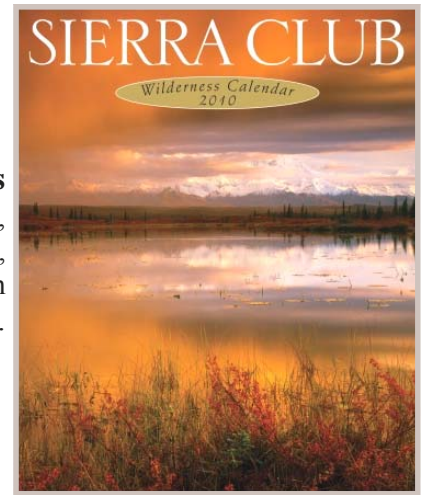
It is time to commit to create a groundswell of support for clean energy and global warming priorities. **Sign up to become a Climate Leader and invite ten friends to do the same:** [www.sierraclub.org/climateleaders](http://www.sierraclub.org/climateleaders)

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