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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, September 4th • 7:30 PM
“Rock Art of the Grand Canyon Region”

Presented by Steve Freers
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Tuesday, October 2nd • 7:30 PM
Sierra Club’s Documentary Film:
“Reinventing Power”

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Programs are held at the
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

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RECIPIENT 2018 ALICE KRUEPER SERVICE AWARD: DESERT TORTOISE COUNCIL

Most of San Gorgonio chapter is public land desert. Fascinating desert tortoise occurs throughout the region, but in declining numbers due to human effects. The future for this iconic animal is in peril, and for this reason it has been federally listed as a threatened species.

For four decades the Desert Tortoise Council (“DTC”) has advocated for the desert tortoise. Its mission has never been clouded by financial or political pressure. Thus, DTC has played a pivotal role as a leader in the fight to protect desert habitat from the many threats it has encountered, from livestock grazing to rampant OHV use to inappropriately sited large-scale renewable energy projects.

In recognition of 40 years of advocacy for the desert tortoise, the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club is pleased to name the Desert Tortoise Council the 2018 recipient of the Alice Krueper Service Award.

DTC brings great expertise and fact-based evidence to its advocacy. Passion is wonderful, but data is



essential in the pitched battles to prevent extirpation of desert tortoise and to protect its habitat. Among its endeavors, DTC makes grants to fund educational initiatives and scientific research. Data is the necessary underpinning of DTC’s, Sierra Club’s and other NGOs’ efforts to ensure the iconic desert tortoise and its



habitat, the California and Arizona deserts, are to remain viable for the future.

Since 1975 DTC’s annual symposia have brought together the best scientific minds to strategize how to protect this threatened species. In the 80s and 90s DTC, and the research funded by it, provided foundational data on which desert tortoise finally got the protection of federal listing as a threatened species. Since that time, the situation for desert tortoise has become even more dire, but DTC perseveres.

DTC brings science to inform US Fish & Wildlife Service’s management and monitoring of tortoise. Also, DTC has provided comments and advocacy on major threats to the desert in San Gorgonio Chapter, such as the proliferation of vehicular routes proposed in BLM’s Western Mojave Plan Amendment, the 29 Palms Marine Corps Base expansion, the Cadiz water mining project, the proposed Paradise Valley project next to Joshua Tree National Park, Crescent Peak wind project and others.

Chapter has much to thank Desert Tortoise Council for, especially in this time of onslaughts to our desert region.



KELLER PEAK SKI HUT: CELEBRATING AN 80-YEAR LEGACY

Keller Peak Ski Hut has been the best kept secret of Angeles Chapter, but it’s been re-discovered. You may be familiar with the Mt. Baldy Ski Hut and Harwood Lodge, but I bet you didn’t know there was a third cabin sitting right across the street from the Snow Valley Ski area near Running Springs, CA.

While located in the San Gorgonio Chapter, the Keller Peak Ski Hut is maintained by Angeles Chapter, and it is part of the Sierra Club overall. This hut has a rich history of Sierra Club use, but fell on difficult times over the past couple of decades.

Now a revitalization process is underway called “The Keller Hut Legacy Project.” It’s a big undertaking, and we can’t do it alone...we would like you to be part of it.

Join us for a fun weekend of work, food, live music, and accomplishment. We are hosting a 80th birthday party celebration/two-day work party August 18 and 19, 2018. We’ll meet up Saturday at 9:00 AM and go until around 4:00 PM. Sunday begins at 8:30 AM, and we’ll plan on being out of the hut by 5:00 PM.

As a Sierra Club member, this is your cabin too. This little ski hut is a jewel in the rough waiting for the right people to come along and give it new life. Once we get the Keller Ski Hut up and running, it

will be there for your use throughout the year as it once was. Currently Keller is not open for general use by the public or Sierra Club members.

If you can make it, please RSVP us on the Keller Peak Ski Hut website at <https://angeles.sierraclub.org/kellerpeakskihut>. We’ll get you directions and more information on the weekend. Let us know if you are spending the night or just a day. If you plan on spending Saturday night, we can accommodate 24 people inside (first come basis), but have plenty of tent camping in the forest around the hut.

Bring your work gloves, tools, imagination, and join us in making Keller Peak Ski Hut great again!



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www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

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Meets 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.
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Membership Information

There is a membership coupon in this issue and address change information above. For other questions, contact the Sierra Club at (415) 977-5500 or ralphsalisbury@att.net



.014106%. ß This could be you!

There are supposed to be 9 elected/appointed members of the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) and we have an election each year to choose new members or give existing members new 2-year terms. We try to stagger the elections so that we are looking to fill 4 spots one year and 5 spots the next. This year we have 5 spots to address plus an extra spot that has become vacant. So, 6 candidates are needed, with the top 5 vote-getters receiving 2-year terms and the number 6 spot getting a 1-year term. Our ExCom (at a full 9 members) comprises only .126957% of the total Chapter membership but, since we are missing a member, the ExCom currently stands at just .112851% of the total Chapter membership.

All of our current incumbents/appointees (5 total) whose terms end this year have agreed to be placed on the ballot for this year's election. That means we just need .014106% of our Chapter's membership (1 person) to step up and run for election! Does that seem like too much to ask?

I'm just playing here – our ExCom members are real people (not numbers) and they have a lot of work to do. Having a full 9-member ExCom is important – please think about helping us achieve that.

If you are a member of the San Gorgonio Chapter and have the slightest idea that you would like to be considered for placement on our ballot this election please contact me (Dave Barrie) at barriemail@mac.com to let me know that you are interested. Questions? Just ask!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2018 Calendar are due by October 1, 2018.

FORMAT items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

- All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, 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**. 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 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**** ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** - Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911.
CHAPTER

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

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

(2ND WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

Check this out . . .



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

**Receive a \$20 CA State
Park Pass if you or a
relative are at least 62!**

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your other relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2018 it will be valid until December 31st and then you will need another for 2019. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE
GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA
MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site: sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING 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.
SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2 Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

AUG 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

AUG 31 – SEP 3 (FRI-MON) SBMTS FISHERMANS CAMP BACKPACK
Pack up your family, and well behaved dog, for a beginner backpacking adventure to Fisherman's Camp. Be prepared for a 5-mile R/T moderate/difficult hike, 600' of elevation lose on the way there, and 600' elevation gain on the way back. Come anytime, and stay for the day, one night, two nights, or three nights. Fisherman's Camp has been reserved to be our base camp. Activities will be planned throughout the day for all ages. Filter your own water and pack out your trash AMMENITIES Picnic tables and vault toilets. High clearance vehicles recommended. COST Sierra Club members are free. Non-Sierra Club members are 10\$ individual or \$15 couple/family. Cost includes Sierra Club Membership. For details and to RSVP contact the LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

****SEP 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**

This 6-mile round trip hike starts on the PCT where it crosses Polique Canyon road just west of Bertha Peak. It's a loop hike involving us going off trail for about a mile. RATED: Moderate with a strenuous half mile stretch. Trekking poles are recommended. We climb 900 feet. MEET: At the Cougar Crest trailhead a quarter of a mile west of the Discovery Center on Northshore Dr. Don't forget your adventure pass for parking. We carpool to the trailhead. BRING: The ten essentials including light layered clothing, lunch/snack, good hiking boots, sunglasses, sun block and 2 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM LOWER DEEP CREEK HIKE

This easy 3-mile in to hike through a beautiful and unspoiled area in our Desert is good for people of all ages. There may well be an area of shallow water to cross so strong footwear is required. BRING a camera, appropriate clothing, water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley CA 92308 by 8:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

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SEP 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE HIKE
Easy to moderate 4-mile loop along trees, creek, and open areas with views of the mountains in the Oak Glen Preserve – Wildlands Conservancy. Bring water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack. This is apple season so you might want hang out and purchase some after. MEET: take the Oak Glen exit off the 10 Fwy in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. Please RSVP by 7 pm Sept 1st. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 9

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(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

SEP 4 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter meeting. For more information, see the front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

SEP 6 (THU) 7:15 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN HIKE
We will hike the Acorn Trail, a strenuous 2400’ elevation gain, 9 miles round trip with shaded forest in the morning. The trail begins in a residential area of Wrightwood, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. Meet in Upland to carpool by 6:30 AM. BRING: 10 essentials CONTACT: Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 6 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE
Come Join us for a 3-4 mile moderate 500’ elevation gain thru hike to Little Green Valley. Well behaved dogs welcome. The hike will start in Green Valley Lake. The finish will be at the trail head across the street from Snow Valley’s Parking area. This will require a car shuttle. MEET at the Little Green Valley USFS trail head across the street from Snow Valley’s parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Karla Kellems 909-405-4311 (Text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEP 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT FROM HWY 173 HIKE
This moderate 6 mile hike encompasses wonderful views across Summit Valley and the San Bernardino Mountains. The return journey takes us through an historic cattle ranching area with much to see. There is some elevation gain and loss which makes this a moderate outing. BRING: a camera, appropriate clothing, water and a snack. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 9 (SUN) 8:00 AM SKYLINE TRAIL BIG BEAR HIKE
Join our group for a hike along the Skyline Trail that runs behind Big Bear. It’s a lovely trail with views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness across, down the valley, and out to the desert, with a wide variety of vegetation. We will do a moderate 8 miles with little elevation gain. This is an out and back hike, we will hike in 4 miles, have our snack/lunch break and then come back on the trail to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com. Extreme heat cancels. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 9 (SUN) 8:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER EXPLORATION HIKE
This 6-mile hike is rated as moderate due to the areas of soft sand. There is no elevation gain. We will start from Hesperia Lakes Park and follow the pipes, which relate to the historic Hesperia Water Ditch (Circa 1886). There will be a short commentary regarding the history in this area. BRING: Camera, appropriate clothing, water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 16

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SEP 10 (MON) 7:00 PM 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. MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

****SEP 12 (WED) 6:30 AM MT. HARWOOD HIKE**
This will be a very strenuous hike to the top of Mount Harwood (elevation 9,552), 7 miles total trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the register ridge trail and come down the Devil’s Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 12 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 12 (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: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 13 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

SEP 14 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS PEBBLE PLAIN RESERVE HIKE
Come Join us for a 3-mile easy loop hike around the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Pebble Plain Reserve. Learn about their efforts in preserving this delicate habitat. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Stater Bros. Market parking lot to carpool (42171 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (Text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEP 15 (SAT) 7:45 AM BLUFF LAKE/SIBERIA CREEK TO GUNSIGHT HIKE
High country 7-mile hike around Bluff Lake, We will stop by the Champion Lodgepole Pine, then hike along Siberia Creek to Gunsight, retracing our steps to return. This hike requires a carpool to the trail head, high clearance vehicle recommended, not required. RATED: Moderate with little elevation gain. MEET: 7:45AM at the Victor Valley Museum 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Be prepared for a 50-mile car pool to the trail head on 2N10 via Mill Creek Rd. Big Bear Lake. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Bob Mourino 760-953-3854 rlmourino@yahoo.com. Co-leader Norman Bossom. MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 15 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS GRANDVIEW HIKE**
Come Join us for a 6.5 mile R/T moderate. 1200’ elevation gain hike from the Aspen Glen Picnic Area on the Pineknoll Trail to Grandview Point. Adventure Pass required for parking. MEET Aspen Glen Picnic Area (40105 Mill Creek Rd. Big Bear Lake CA, 92315) LEADER Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text). Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

****SEP 16 (SUN) 7:00 AM PCT SECTION D-5 VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE HIKE**
We are going to be offering most or all PCT Section D segments between now and the next Patch Party. This is the 5th segment. The trail climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6585’) 3.8 miles to the Mt. Baden Powell Spur Trail (9245’), then continues west 5.2 miles along this high ridge past Mt. Burnham and Throop Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (7588’). We continue to descend to Islip Saddle (6670’) to end the day’s hike and complete the 11.6 mile journey. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3-liters of water, poles, and a substantial lunch. MEET: Hwy 2 at Vincent Gap Trailhead. Adventure Pass Required. RESERVATIONS: Call leader David Holtegaard at (909) 881-1329 BIG BEAR GROUP

SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 23

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

SEP 18 (TUE) 7:30 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction! Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. Carpool from Upland by 6:30 AM. CONTACT: Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 18 (3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS KELLER PEAK HIKE
Come Join us for a 7 mile moderate/difficult hike with a 600’ elevation gain. Keller Peak is one of Sierra Club’s 100 Peaks. The start will be at the top of the Exploration Trail via a car shuttle. Start by hiking up to the Keller Peak Fire Look-out Tower, and then hike down the Exploration Trail, finishing up with a car shuttle. Well behaved dogs are welcome. MEET lower parking area of the Exploration Trail on Keller Peak Rd (1N96) off HWY 18 in Arrowbear. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

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****SEP 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**
Join us on the first day of Autumn for a 7-mile round trip hike to Gray's Peak for beautiful views of Big Bear Lake. Hike is rated moderate, with 1120 feet of elevation gain. Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. MEET: 8:00 AM, Gray's Peak trailhead. Adventure Pass required. BRING: 3 quarts of water, snacks/lunch, sturdy hiking boots, hat, sunscreen, layered clothing, 10 essentials. Contact Juliann Anderson prior to hike. LEADER: Juliann Anderson (951) 833-1328 (text OK) or Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com; CO-LEADER: John St. Clair john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP22 (SAT) 6:00 PM SUNSET & FULL-MOON - GRAPE VINE CANYON HIKE
Walk down into Arrastre Canyon and experience the sights and sounds of the desert as the evening approaches. A moderate to strenuous 3-mile hike. BRING: Layered clothing, flash light/headlamp, shoes with good tread, 10 essentials, water snacks and hiking pole. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308. Carpooling may be available. From the museum we will drive about 18 miles and park at BLM's Kiosk A on Grape Vine Canyon Rd, part of this will be on well-used dirt roads. LEADER: Mary Dellavalle 760-810-0223 marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net MOJAVE GROUP

SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 30

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

****SEP 24 (MON) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

****SEP 26 (WED) 7:30 AM CHANTRY FLATS LOOP HIKE**
This will be a moderately strenuous 10-mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, through Sturtevant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoeges Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested, with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. Carpool from Upland by 6:30 AM. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola, 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****SEP 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT WEST FROM POLIQUE RD-BIG BEAR HIKE**
This hike will take us about 8 miles along the PCT on the west side of the north shore of Big Bear Lake. Hikers will pass through open forests of pine, fir and juniper. We will have views of the lake, forest and desert. This is an out and back hike where we hike in 4 miles, have our lunch/snack break, then return on the same trail. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the Cougar Crest trail head parking area, we will carpool to the trail head from there. An Adventure Pass will be required to leave your car at Cougar Crest; Polique Rd. parking is limited. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com. Extreme heat cancels. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 7

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OCT 1 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

OCT 4 (THU) 4:45 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND VALLEY HIKE
Join us for an autumn hike to Mt. San Jacinto's beautiful Round Valley. We will ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway – with rotating cars viewing the entire Coachella Valley – up to Mountain Station (elev. 8500 ft.). Hike is 4.5 miles round trip, and is rated easy/moderate (700 feet of elevation gain). BRING: \$26 for tram fare, \$8 for parking, CA driver license, 10 essentials. BAD WEATHER CANCELS. MEET: Palm Springs Tram Station ticket counter area, 8:00 AM. Contact Juliann Anderson prior to hike for directions and details. LEADER: Juliann Anderson (951) 833-1328 (text OK) or Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com; CO-LEADER: John St. Clair john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
The Holcomb Valley fire burned for about a week in May 2017. The forest ranger posted a keep-out sign for a year due to safety concerns. Join us to view the landscape of desolation, charred tree trunks, and ash, which after just less than a mile gives way to the flora and fauna many of us are familiar with. RATED: Moderate with 1,300 ft. climb in 7-miles round trip. MEET: Vons parking lot on Big Bear Blvd between Vons and Starbucks to carpool to the trailhead. Those coming up 18 through the Lucerne Valley may meet us at the trailhead on Holcomb Valley road at 8:30 AM. BRING: The ten essentials including light layered clothing, lunch/snack, good hiking boots, sunglasses, sun block, and at least 2 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS PINNACLES HIKE
Come join us for a moderate/difficult, 6 miles, R/T, 1100' elevation gain hike, with a rock scramble to the top. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club's 100 peaks. Come see the exciting rejuvenation along the trail since the 2016 Pilot fire. Beautiful views of the desert and Silverwood Lake at the top. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. MEET Blue Jay Cinema parking lot to carpool (27315 North Bay Road, Blue Jay, CA 92317). LEADER Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text). Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM COOPER CANYON WATERFALL HIKE**
Join us on a 6-8 mile moderate hike in the San Gabriel Forest to Cooper Canyon Waterfall. MEET: Wrightwood Community Ctr 1275 State Highway 2 at 9:00 AM. WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: 10 essentials Snacks and water. Caravan/carpool to trail head. Adventure pass required. LEADER: Bob Mourino 760-953-3854, rlmourino@yahoo.com CO-LEADER: Norman Bossom. MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 7 (SUN) 7:30 AM PCT: ISLIPSADDLE TO CLOUDBURST SUMMIT HIKE**
Short segments 6 and 7 will be combined to cover this portion of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D. The 4.1 miles of Segment 6 are mostly level from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost Picnic Area. The beginning of Segment 7 has a permanent closure to protect the endangered yellow-legged frog, requiring a short car shift between segments. Descending 700' in 1.4 miles on the Burkhart side trail gets us on PCT Segment 7. The PCT then climbs 1300' in 3.7 miles through Cooper Canyon to Cloudburst Summit (7,018'). RATED: Moderate. Total distance 7.8 miles. BRING: Ten essentials, sun protection, 3 liters of water, snacks, and lunch. MEET: Islip Saddle lies 10.6 miles west of Vincent Gap on Highway 2. Adventure Pass Required. RESERVATIONS: Call leader David Holtegaard at (909) 881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 14

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****OCT 8 (MON) 7:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,069), 11 miles total trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 8 (MON) 7:00 PM 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. MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

OCT 10 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 11 (THU) 7:30 AM CHAPMAN TRAIL - ICE HOUSE LOOP HIKE**
Beginning at Ice House Canyon, we will hike a strenuous 9-mile loop with 2,600 foot elevation gain, going up the Ice House Canyon Trail, enjoy a snack at the saddle, then return down via the Chapman Trail through Cedar Glen Camp. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. Carpool from Upland by 7:00 AM. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 11 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. Bring water, flashlight, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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**September 4th Chapter Meeting Features:
 Authored and Presented by Steve Freers**

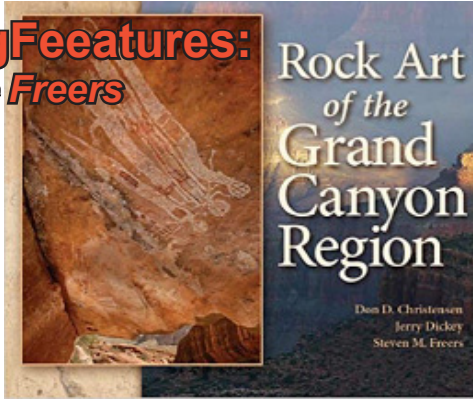
Steve Freers will be our presenter at the San Geronio Chapter meeting in September. Mr. Freer, together with coauthors Don D. Christensen, Jerry Dickey, and their associates, have carefully and thoroughly recorded and documented nearly 500 rock art sites within the Grand Canyon region, stretching south from the Arizona-Utah border to the Mogollon Rim.

Over the past 28 years they have worked in cooperation with the Kaibab National Forest, Grand Canyon National Park, Bureau of Land Management/Arizona Strip, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument to analyze the hard data and to form a comprehensive overview of the 5,000 years of Native American art painted and engraved on the walls and boulders within the greater Grand Canyon region.

Their work to date culminated in the newly released book, *Rock Art of the Grand Canyon Region*, from award winning Sunbelt Publications. It is a visually stunning book with over 425 photographs and 30 drawings, representing the latest classification of this rock art within a chronological framework and associated cultural affiliations. These enigmatic rock images are placed within their environmental and archaeological context, essential in deriving potential clues as to their function and significance.

Several interpretation theories exist in the literature and these are carefully examined in light of this current research. Importantly, rock art is an endangered cultural heritage and the question of its protection, preservation, and conservation also receives attention as well as the religious and social importance of these images to contemporary Native American peoples.

Presenter Steven M. Freers will provide highlights of the book's content and share behind-the-scenes glimpses of their research



journey within the majestic Grand Canyon region rarely seen by the millions of visitors who visit this area annually.

Steve Freers is a chemistry teacher at Temescal Canyon High School, Lake Elsinore, California. His avocation for the past thirty-eight years has been to research Native American rock art in Riverside and San Diego counties, as well as concentrated studying in the Grand Canyon region.

In 1994, he co-authored the book *Fading Images* on rock art in western Riverside County and served for five years as the senior editor for the American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA). In May of 2013, the results of an extensive rock art recording project in Grand Canyon National Park culminated in a 288-page book entitled *Rock Art of the Grand Canyon Region* by Don Christensen, Jerry Dickey, and Steve Freers.

The Arizona Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission awarded Mr. Freers and his co-authors the 2014 Arizona Governor's Award for Special Achievement in Public Archaeology for their book and the over 10,000 volunteer hours documenting archaeological sites for public agencies.

In 2016, Mr. Freers was awarded the Crabtree Award by the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) for his outstanding contributions to the field of archaeology, cultural heritage preservation, and public education. Steve currently serves as the program and conservation chair for the San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) and continues to conduct field work in northern San Diego County.

Mr. Freer is expected to have copies of his book at the meeting available for purchase.



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Santa Margarita Group
 By Pam Nelson, Group Chair

The Santa Margarita Group celebrated the end of our "season" with a lively picnic at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook. Caren Hanson made the kids happy with a mixture of outdoor games and equipment. Everyone brought delicious dishes for our potluck and the weather was ideal. Our objectives were to celebrate the end of our 10th year of programs as the Santa Margarita Group. We expect that it will be an annual June event for our group.

The Political Committee has continued its involvement with the Sierra Club endorsement process for candidates seeking local, state and national offices. The Santa Margarita Group's PolCom Chair, Elena Garcia, was on the interviewing teams which resulted in the endorsements of two candidates: Joy Silver, for State Senate District 28, and Sabrina Cervantes, for Assembly District 60, both under the auspices of the San Geronio Chapter. Additionally, Elena was joined by SMG member David Marrett at a workshop on July 8th sponsored by the Chapter which focused on how to facilitate such endorsements and a plan to continue to do so for candidates within its purview prior to the upcoming general elections in November.

We held a Stewards of Environmental Education and Discovery (SEED) get-together at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) on June 14th. Educators in our network were invited to walk on the new Nature (View Loop) trail where Scott Hanson's students had placed interpretive signs. At the North Station, educators Brenda De Luna, Teri Biancardi, David Marrett and Tania Marien spoke successful outdoor and classroom lessons. Pablo Bryant, SMER manager, spoke about the programs available to educators at the Reserve.

We are planning for our 2018-2019 season with speaker topics, events, fundraisers and projects. We made good progress at our first summer planning meeting at Laurie Webster's beautiful home in De Luz. Ex-com and volunteers attended. We are searching for speakers to fill our general meeting dates to cover topics such as air quality, native insects, Wilderness, Temecula water supply and



history, forest health and more. Our annual Earth Day Festival will be a priority since Caren Hanson has made it such a success. Our student intern program will continue into the Fall with the help of David Marrett and Pam Nelson.

Teri Biancardi hosted a unique and informative workshop in early July. This soils workshop with the theme, "Can a healthy soil "sponge" rehydrate California?", and was presented by Didi Pershouse who is lead for the Soil Carbon Coalition. The coalition is creating lessons for teachers to help the understanding of soil structure and capacity to absorb carbon as well as other characteristics that are important for healthy soils. Climate change has focused attention on both sources and sinks of the greenhouse gas, CO², and there is growing interest in the possibility of soil rehabilitation being an important part of a suite of measures to reduce heat trapping gasses in our atmosphere. Members of the Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club attended. The Meadowview Community Association partner hosted the event.

Beth Cobb, lead docent, of the SMER (and SMG member) organized a Star-gazing party on July 21st. Beth is hosting LEAF students (The Nature Conservancy youth camp attendees) at SMER where they learn outdoor skills and about the Reserve. (See photo above.) She invited the local astronomy club to instruct and entertain the crowd that included some of our members. They viewed the moon and Saturn with its rings. The attendance was limited to about 30. Since several people were turned away, we hope to have more of these events at SMER.

Our intern program in partnership with Mt. San Jacinto Community College had three students participate this summer. Celine Biancardi worked on an artifact and historical search for her project by exploring SMER, interviewing experts and looking up old records. Beth Cobb was her supervisor and with her direction Celine found the original retreat site (see photo at left) of the property owner, Murray Schloss. Evelyn Delgado researched and went in the field to explore the impacts of plastic pollution



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on the marine environment. She has contacted restaurants to encourage and help them eliminate the use of disposable items. Danielle Mendoza researched water quality testing methods for local surface waters. She and her family have sampled in the field and she is learning about the impact of polluted water on organisms. One of our hiking leaders, Bob Audibert, was photographed (above) taking the down-hill route an easier way while visiting Catalina.



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Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

It's been a busy summer up here! We started in June with a booth at the Village Faire where we joined other local groups promoting our Bear Valley's many activities and recreational opportunities. Then July was our fabulous Xeriscape Tour that is organized by one of our committees. Participants tour various, pre-selected homes with xeriscape and firewise landscaping. One of the tour locations includes the China Gardens Community Gardens where booths are also set up from eco-friendly groups including our group, and they can receive free native plant seedlings and seeds. Mike and Cindy Bode, members of the committee, gather native plant seeds throughout the year, start the seedlings, then offer them at our event.

July also found our booth at "Adventure Days" at the Discovery Center, an event similar to the Village Faire.

August 18th will be our first time to join in the "Forest Festival" at Barton Flats Visitor Center. As always, we'll be promoting Chapter, Group, and National information. Also, this month, we are going to have a "Kid's Scavenger Hunt/Hike" for our August 16th General Meeting.

Our September 20th General Meeting will find Steve Fowler sharing the turtle rescue operations he spearheaded years ago in Mexico.

Our General Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Discovery Center. Because the September 1st nominating deadline is just around the corner, I am including the Election Rules for the Executive Committee for the Big Bear Group.



Executive Committee Election

This year's Nominating Committee wants you to know that if you want to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination, you can contact Sherry Noone at etarre@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Before you do, please look over this year's Election Rules:

ELECTION RULES

- Nominees must be Big Bear Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 1st.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses **not** to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominee, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a Petition Candidate.
- The name of any Big Bear Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 10 Big Bear Group members. Petitions with valid signatures must be received by 6:00 pm on September 15.
- Ballots will be mailed as part of the *Palm and Pine* newsletter by October 14.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 23rd at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted in Ellen Kesler's home, Big Bear City, CA, November 27th, 6:00 pm.
- The two-year term of office for the newly elected ExCom members will commence on January 1, 2019, and will run through December 31, 2020.

Everything accomplished by the Big Bear Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference. If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member, please feel free to contact Ellen Kesler.

"Yes, You CAN Change the World"

Are you interested in volunteering, but just not sure how? You have skills, interests and knowledge – as well as a desire to change what is happening right here in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. You can help build a better future by finding your spot in our volunteer opportunities. Interested in helping with political work, social media, administration or fundraising? Do you have an area of expertise such as land use, urban planning, water or air quality policy? Maybe Conservation of our Wild Spaces is your passion – our deserts, mountains and urban parks can all use our help.

Just Google clubvolunteer.org or enter the link <https://clubvolunteer.org> and enter your zip code where prompted.

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- Jordan Sollitto, Los Angeles, CA

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Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Four members of the Moreno Valley Group, Mike Millspaugh, David Zeitz, Keri Then and Kathy Dale, were part of a group of about 30 San Gorgonio Chapter members who gathered on July 8, 2018, for the San Gorgonio Chapter Political Summit. The Summit provided an overview of Sierra Club political policies and served as the kick-off for Club endorsement activities in numerous federal, state, and local races that will be decided in November. Of primary interest to the Moreno Valley Group are the City races for Council District 2 (Councilman Giba), Council District 4 (Councilman Cabrera) and Mayor. While the endorsement process may be complete by the time you read this, all members are encouraged to volunteer to assist our endorsed candidates. Those interested in volunteering may contact Kathy Dale at kdalenmn@aol.com or (951) 941-3883. Just a few hours of your time or a modest donation could be the difference in the outcome of this very important election.

First group outing of the fall season is September 2, Oak Glen Preserve. Please check our group web page for details on this and other fall hikes: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

The Moreno Valley Group will be sending our fall group newsletter in November. Please look for it and take time to review our news, our fall group excom ballot and share a donation if possible.

Kathy Dale stepped down as the chair of the Moreno Valley Group in June. She will continue working with the SG Chapter on a variety of issues. The MV excom would like to thank Kathy for her numerous volunteer hours over the last couple of years and all of the positive, knowledgeable contributions she made to our group along with monitoring local conservation and political issues!

MV Group appointed long-time Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group member Tom Thornsley to our excom at our July 5th excom meeting.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

World Logistics Center (WLC): Although the judge ruled that the city's Environment Impact Report was deficient as to the energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts of the project, the city issued a Revised Sections of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the WLC the last week of July 2018 to address those issues. Deadline for submitting comments is September 7, 2018, by 4:30 p.m. Please contact the Planning Department and request that you be put on their mailing list to receive information on the project: Albert Armijo, Interim Planning Manager, (951) 413-3206, alberta@moval.org Here is a link for the Press Enterprise article: <https://www.pe.com/2018/07/31/sept-7-deadline-set-for-submitting-comments-about-moreno-valley-warehouse-project/>

Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVL): We are in settlement talks with the project proponent.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A



Oak Glen Wildlands Conservancy
Photo by Christina Torres

Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A



Hiking Whitewater Preserve on May 6, 2018.
Photo by Christina Torres

separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural. The next scheduled action before the court is a status hearing on September 6, 2018.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have taken time to donate!

Mid County Parkway (MCP) & State Route 60: Five environmental groups settled the lawsuit; part of the settlement helps nearby homeowners and schools acquire air filtration systems and also retrofit windows. The \$17 million settlement will also allow the purchase of important wildlife habitat which will be impacted by these roadways and increased urbanization.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The 2018 Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. Other special passes are also available. The lake is being refilled and the bike trail around the lake is now open. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

The Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services Department has two hikes planned this fall. One is September 29 and another on October 27. Please go to their link to find out the details: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml

EMWD Birding Tours: <https://www.emwd.org/education/birding-tour>



A Fundraising Chairperson Would Really Help the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Do you have a background or interest in fundraising?
Is the environment important to you?
Would you feel good about raising money to protect the environment?
If your answer to each of these questions is YES – why aren't you on the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee?

Our Chapter works tirelessly to protect the environment in Riverside and San Bernardino counties; in the desert, in the mountains and in our cities as well.

We are working to protect National Monuments, to protect our cities from unchallenged warehouse development, to help plan for a sustainable future for the Salton Sea, to promote clean energy legislation and to make sure that the environment has a voice in our part of California. We review development plans and EIRs to make sure that land use decisions consider added congestion, traffic, pollution and water impacts. We are ready to litigate if bad projects need stopping.

All of these tasks require many hours of volunteer time and effort. They also require many hours of paid staff time, costly expert opinions and reports, lawyer fees and court costs.

Investments and grants that we receive, as well as our annual fund appeal income, are not enough to ensure against a shortage of funds in the foreseeable future. If we want to continue our involvement in current and future environmental protection we need more income.

The members of the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) are multi-talented, dedicated, relentless, knowledgeable and aging well. But none of us are very good or comfortable with asking people for money. And that is why having an "expert" on our ExCom would be so very helpful.

The ExCom currently has an open position, so if someone qualified wanted to step forward to join they could be appointed immediately and then added to the ballot for the election this fall.

If you find that your qualifications and willingness to help the Chapter with its fundraising are in alignment please contact Nominating Committee Chair Dave Barrie at

barriemail@mac.com





(Sing loosely to “Seasons of Love” from Rent)

Not one more warehouse without pollinating trees,
 Not one more warehouse until clean air blows in the breeze.

Not one more warehouse without a grand library.
 Not one more warehouse, without a museum to plant a historical seed.

Not one more warehouse until the homeless are off the street.
 Not one more warehouse without (speak) houses for children and something for them to eat.

Not one more warehouse without (shout)health care, a living wage, and worker dignity.
 Not one more warehouse until per-piece workers meet their quota to infinity.

Chorus

No more tilt ups! No more cement, ship your e-stuff back to a brick n’ mortar store that pays rent.

Not one more warehouse without some green space.
 Not one more warehouse until (speak) homes and parks occupy this place.

Not one more warehouse without electric trucks.
 Not one more warehouse until (shout) solar lights them up.

Not one more warehouse until the Arts are on stage.
 Not one more warehouse until (speak) performance theater and singers are all the rage.

Not one more warehouse without sustainable Inland jobs.
 Not one more warehouse until the asphalt jungle has been robbed.

No more developers! No more politicians! No more fake jobs to support power and ambition.

Not one more warehouse (softly)
 Not one more warehouse (softly)

Fade

~ This work was “inspired” by the World Logistics Center project. She performed this at the Chapter political summit on July 8th.



Political Insights

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Political Chair

NOVEMBER 6 GENERAL ELECTION

The “mid-terms” are upon us!

As you read this, we have a small, but dedicated group of volunteers who are working on making endorsements in critical municipal races all over the Chapter. Many cities



is happening to our air quality due to the runaway development of distribution warehouses. The air affects all of us as do the city councils in these cities. PLEASE, if you care about this special place where we live, I ask that you volunteer to help between now and November 6. Call me

or send me an email and I will connect you with the folks who are working in the area where you are most interested.

ENDORSEMENTS

Due to a quirk in federal election finance laws, we can’t list our endorsed candidates for Federal offices, but they can be found by going to our Chapter website: <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/> and click on the Politics tab. We will also be posting our municipal endorsements as they are finalized, so be sure to visit often. You may also want to have the list open when you fill out your ballot, or print the list before you head to the polls.

- Endorsements for Statewide Offices**
- Governor.....Gavin Newsom
 - Attorney General.....Xavier Becerra
 - Secretary of State.....Alex Padilla
 - Controller.....Betty Yee

in our area have elected representatives who are anti-environment and who don’t actually represent their constituents, but who represent special interests. With the recent decisions by many cities to move to district elections, we have the best chance in decades to change that. Sierra Club can play a very large role in making that change, but only if you, our members, step up and volunteer your time, energy and, perhaps a few bucks, to make it happen.

The Chapter Political Committee (PolComm) has determined that we need to focus on the following races: Apple Valley, Chino, Colton, Corona, Eastvale, Fontana, Hesperia, Highland, Indio, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, Upland and Victorville. This is the most ambitious effort in our Chapter history, but this year also holds historic opportunities. You don’t need to live in one of these cities to know what

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Nominations for This Year’s Environmental Champion Awards with the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Sam Rodriguez

Sam Rodriguez is a 21 year old Sierra Club volunteer leader and ChICCCAA member (Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Action and Advocacy). He has led efforts recruit students from San Bernardino Valley College Progressives club to work with My Generation. His efforts have been substantial in Sacramento for protecting our public lands, at LADWP against the Cadiz Water project, with Senate bill 100, at the Air Quality Management District for the indirect source rule, California Public Utilities Commission for Transportation Electrification, and at the Womens March, May Day, and Zero hour. Sam is planning on transferring to receive his bachelors in the upcoming year.



Gaby Cruz

Gaby Cruz is a 24 year old Sierra Club volunteer leader and is the San Gorgonio Chapter Political vice Chair. She is currently finishing up her studies at Cal State San Bernardino, pursuing bachelors in Philosophy. Her leadership has been seen in facilitating electoral support for national monuments, supporting Air quality Management rule making, and the fight for cleaner heavy duty transportation. She is resident in the West side of San Bernardino and can see the effects of air pollution every day from large trucks that idle near the railyards. Gabby’s leadership goes above and beyond as she



also co-directed this year’s Sierra Student Coalition youth summer institute, SPROG at Harwood lodge in Mt. Baldy. She and her team developed curriculum for over 50 youth on community organizing.

Joshua Bell

Joshua Bell is a 22 year old Sierra Club Volunteer leader and ChICCCAA member. He is also on the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s youth Advisory Board. His leadership can be seen gathering grassroots support at the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to protect our national monuments, in Sacramento to protect public lands, LADWP to stop the Cadiz Water Project, with Senate Bill 100, at the Air Quality Management District for the indirect source rule, California Public Utilities Commission for Transportation



Electrification, and at the Women’s March and May Day. Josh has also attended CNRCC and is excited to evolve in the Sierra club’s efforts in gathering more youth at San Gorgonio.



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OCT 11 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCT 12 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS ARRASTRE CREEK HIKE
Come Join us for a 6-mile, 800' elevation gain moderate/difficult up-side-down hike on the Pacific Crest Trail along Arrastre Creek in search of Fall colors. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Forest Service Road (2N01) off HWY 38. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (Text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 13 (SAT) 8:30 AM ASPEN GROVE SAN GORGONIO WILDERNESS AREA HIKE
This will be the final hike into the Lake fire area to see how the area has changed from our first hike out in July and from the fire that went through 3 years ago. We will have our experts, Chad Hanson and Rachel Fazio, along with us again to point out the significant changes. This hike has a limit of 12 hikers, is about 5-miles long (possibly longer) with about 800 to 1000 ft of elevation gain. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: I will let you know where we are meeting. We may change the route to make it a little more interesting for those coming on all 3 of the hikes. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT TOUR
The Mitsubishi Cement Plant is situated at the historic Cushenbury Springs in Lucerne Valley. This is a fascinating easy walking tour of the plant which shows the cement making process (which is very complicated) up close. There is also an active plan in place to restore the natural habitat to its original form. BRING: Camera and very strong footwear (which will become dirty). MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 so that we can carpool to the site. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 21

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

OCT 16 (3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 19 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS SEQUOIA GROVE/SLIDE PEAK HIKE
Two hikes to pick from. A 3-mile easy hike through a 1970's Penny Pine sequoia grove. Or a 6-mile, 800' elevation gain moderate/difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at yellow post site 5, Keller Peak Road (1N96) off HWY 18 in Arrowbear. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Sandy Ellis 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE EUREKA PEAK HIKE
Although you can take a dirt road nearly to the top of 5,600 ft. Eureka Peak, we will do it the fun way on this semi-loop hike on the western end of Joshua Tree, with great views of the surrounding valleys and peaks. We'll take the Burnt Hill trail to the Peak trail, with a short segment on the CR&HT for the return. The hike is generally well graded, but has some short steep sections near the peak. Distance is 9.6 miles, with a climb of 1600 feet. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Visitor's Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance station, no fee. BRING: ten essentials, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM MILPAS GOLDMINE HIKE
Walk down into Arrastre Canyon and experience the sights and sounds of the desert. Moderate 3-mile hike. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308. From the museum we'll drive about 11 miles and park near water tank at the end of Milpas Rd. Part of this hike will be on well-used dirt roads. BRING: Layered clothing, shoes with good tread, 10 essentials, water, snacks and hiking pole. LEADER: Mary dellavalle 760-810-0223 marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net
MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 21 (SUN) 8:30 AM ZANJAPEAK – YUCAIPA HIKE
5-mile moderate to difficult hike with 1100' elevation gain and great views of surrounding mountains. BRING: water, snack, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles then veer left on Oak Glen Rd. In 1.0 mile turn left into the trailhead parking (opposite Shadow Hills Dr.) Rain cancels. Please RSVP by 7:00 pm Oct. 20th. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com Co-leader in training: Nancy Power
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 22 – OCTOBER 28

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OCT 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

OCT 24 (WED) 5:30 PM BOX SPRINGS TOWERS FULL MOON HIKE
Moderate 4-mile round trip hike to the towers via Spring trail. Approx. 400 ft elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, snack and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt road). In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 26 (FRI) 8:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK HIKE
Join us for an easy hike among rolling hills, oak woodlands, and mountain views. We will hike 4-5 miles with 500-800 ft of elevation gain. We will start at Rolling M Ranch and have a couple of trail options depending on overgrowth and trail accessibility. Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen, and layered clothing. Bring your camera or your birding binocs, 2 liters of water and snacks. Optional stop for lunch after the hike. Rain within 48 hours cancels as park closes to protect trails. Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE BOY SCOUT TRAIL/MAZE HIKE
This is a one-way shuttle hike that spans from Indian Cove to Park Blvd, in the northwest area of the park. We will start on the Boy Scout Trail, but then branch off west on the Pine Trail through the Maze. Total distance is 8 miles with about 1200 ft. of climb. RATED: Moderate MEET: Joshua Tree Visitor's Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree, CA 92252. Entrance fee. All driving is on paved roads. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton at (760) 408-2456 dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM RODMAN MOUNTAIN PETROGLYPHS HIKE
This is without any doubt a hike that is worth the 50 minute journey to the trail head. The journey is partly on a graded road suitable for any vehicle. We will car pool to the trailhead which is deep into the Rodman Mountain/Johnson Valley area. The petroglyphs are situated in a volcanic area with a history dating back thousands of years. It is an easy 3-mile hike suitable for children For those who wish, there is an optional hike up Rodman Mountain. It is short and strenuous and is completed in full view of those who do not participate. BRING: Camera, strong footwear, appropriate clothing, water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

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Insurance Commissioner.....Ricardo Lara
Superintendent of Public Instruction.....Tony Thurmond

ASSEMBLY ENDORSEMENTS

AD 40 – Highland – James Ramos
AD 47 – San Bernardino – Eloise Gomez Reyes
AD 52 – Pomona – Freddie Rodriguez
AD 56 – Coachella – Eduardo Garcia
AD 60 – Riverside – Sabrina Cervantes
AD 61 – Riverside – Jose Medina

STATE SENATE ENDORSEMENTS

SD 20 – San Bernardino – Connie Leyva
SD 28 – Palm Springs – Joy Silver

NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition 3 – OPPOSE

Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

The bond would provide \$8.877 billion for various water projects and programs. The flaws in the bond will enable certain dams and other infrastructure we have opposed. It also directs to unspecified water projects a specific category of funds collected through the state's cap-and-trade program that should be used to efficiently cut climate emissions.

Proposition 6 – OPPOSE

Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding

The measure is an attempt to repeal Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, passed in 2017 that raises about \$5.2 billion a year to fix the state's crumbling roads and bridges and improve public transit service.

With your help, we can keep **TURNING THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!!**

So, reach out to volunteer your help.



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OCT 28 (SUN) 8:30 AM FORSEE CREEK TO JOHNS MEADOW

HIKE

This Forsee Creek Trail to Johns Meadow in the San Geronio Wilderness area is the hike leader's favorite hike, offered once in early summer and again in the fall. It's about 7 miles with 800 ft. of elevation gain. Hikers will have views of the San Bernardino Mountains across from the trail, views up and down the Santa Ana River valley. We will hike through pines, firs, and oaks, cross several wet spots on the trail where springs slowly trickle out, cross Forsee Creek (easily done) and take our break at Johns Meadow before returning on the trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: at the Forsee Creek trail head off Jenks Lake Rd. West and Hwy 38. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 28 (SUN) 9:00AM SB MTS SPLINTERS CABIN TO DEVIL'S HOLE

HIKE

A moderate 6-mile R/T up-side-down hike with a 500' elevation gain. Follow the popular Pacific Crest Trail along beautiful Deep Creek. BRING lunch and 2 bottles of water. WEAR hat, long pants, layered clothing, and hiking shoes. MEET Cedar Glen Post Office parking lot to carpool (28982 Hook Creek Road, Cedar Glen, CA 92321) LEADER Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text). Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 9

Please read **"LIABILITY WAIVER"** preceding these listings
(Also, refer to **Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities**)

NOV 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 4 (SUN) 9:00AM SB MTS SPLINTERS CABIN TO HOLCOMB CROSSING

HIKE

A moderate 9-mile R/T hike with a 1200' elevation gain. Follow the popular Pacific Crest Trail to Holcomb Creek. BRING lunch and 2 bottles of water. WEAR hat, long pants, layered clothing, and hiking shoes. MEET Cedar Glen Post Office parking lot to carpool (28982 Hook Creek Road, Cedar Glen, CA 92321). LEADER Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text). Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 5 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING

Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

NOV 8 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB

RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA

Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS September 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

[MEETS September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19]

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift. tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

[MEETS September 19 and October 17]



Chapter Program October 2nd Features Sierra Club's Documentary Film: *Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom*

The Sierra Club's most recent documentary film, *Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom*, will be shown at the San Geronio Chapter meeting October 2. The film takes the viewer across the country to hear directly from the people making our clean energy future achievable. These individuals are working to rebuild what's broken, rethink what's possible, and revitalize communities.

Critically, *Reinventing Power* underscores the notion that jobs, economic growth and innovation don't have to be sacrificed for a clean environment. Over the film's 50 minutes, it focuses on people in

eight states whose lives were changed by the renewable energy industry while exploring various aspects of clean energy from innovation to installation.

The film, which was produced by Los Angeles based Transit Pictures and Executive Producer Amber Valletta of A Squared Films, premiered on June 5, 2018, in Los Angeles. The full film will be available to watch in Fall 2018.



For more information, see <https://www.sierraclub.org/reinventing-power>.

Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune said, "Clean energy is more than just a solar panel, wind turbine,

electric car or a battery. It is an industry driven by thousands of hard working people in every state across our country. We wanted to tell the story of the people building our clean energy future, driving innovation, and fighting for community access. This is a true American story and the people behind the scenes are worth celebrating."

Tony Valentino, *Reinventing Power's* Director, issued the following statement, "Through the course of making this film, we met incredible people who showed us the depth of this industry. Clean energy is helping people find new opportunities as our economy shifts, it's bringing in steady revenue for our farmers, and it is driving breakthroughs in clean technology. We saw how clean energy is made and got to experience how it is changing people's lives for the better in a deeply personal way. It is exciting and an honor to share these stories with the world."



Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park in 2018

August 19-21; September 23-25; October 21-23

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines, Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$675, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. A ranger/naturalist assigned by the national park will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$100 deposit, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.

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