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

Sierra Club Members Go Solar

By Ralph Salisbury



GET A FREE SOLAR
EVALUATION
WITH SIERRA CLUB

SAN FRANCISCO – The Sierra Club, the nation's largest environmental organization is working hard with its Solar Partner Sungevity, one of the country's leading residential solar providers, to help families go solar easily and affordably. The new partnership will help consumers save money on electricity bills, reduce pollution and support the Sierra Club's overall mission to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

Through the partnership, each time someone goes solar with Sungevity and the Sierra Club, that person will receive a \$750 cash gift card and Sungevity will contribute \$750 to the Sierra Club. The partnership is available to any new residential solar customers who visit www.sierraclub.org/gosolar or in the San Gorgonio Chapter just go to your website

home page at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org> and click on the "i-Quote" icon.

The program has been very successful. So far over 70 solar sales have been signed! We highly advise everyone to get a free i-quote and see if solar is right for you. Most of the Chapter Executive Committee has rooftop solar or is in the process of installing solar.

With many Americans still struggling in today's tough economy, it has become harder for consumers to prioritize efforts like reducing pollution and supporting their favorite non-profits, while simultaneously saving money. Through the Solar Homes partnership, Sierra Club and Sungevity allow Sierra Club supporters to accomplish all three by adding residential solar panels to their homes.

Going solar can help consumers save money on their electricity bills. For example, Sungevity found that on average, customers can save up to 15% on electricity costs from day one when they go solar. Under the solar leasing plan, homeowners can "rent their rooftop," allowing them to save money on their electric bills by paying Sungevity directly, without any upfront costs, financing, installation, and maintenance.

Rooftop solar also helps people protect the planet by reducing pollution: every

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Palm and Pine's Fall Fund Appeal

It's time to consider your contribution to the San Gorgonio Chapter's Fall Fund Appeal. A return envelope has been inserted in this issue of the *Palm and Pine* for your check.

Did you know that the chapter receives only \$1 each year from your Sierra Club membership dues for publication of your Chapter Newsletter? The Fall Fund Appeal is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Your contribution allows continued publication of the Inland Empire's most comprehensive environmental newspaper. The *Palm and Pine* is the main source of information for those participating in our Outings program. In fact, on the average about 30% of the total newspaper is devoted to Outings.

If your insert is missing, please make your check payable to the Sierra Club and mail it to Ralph Salisbury, 4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside CA 92501.

Gifts to the Sierra Club support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying programs and therefore are not tax deductible.



Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair.

When looking at campaign calendars for the months of June, July and August I'm reminded of the image of ducks on a river. They seem so serene on the surface and there doesn't seem to be much going on. Under water, it's a whole different story. They are paddling like crazy. So it is with campaigns. Most voters have been barely aware of campaigns during the summer months with the exception of the race for President. That's about to change.

Come Labor Day, all campaigns for both offices and ballot measures will swing into full gear and the airways will seem to carry nothing but political ads. The US Postal Service will see a huge jump in revenue. I would like to say that the San Gorgonio Chapter will mobilize an army of volunteers working on behalf of our endorsed candidates and raising money to get them elected. Alas, we have no such army.



However, I've set a goal to have such an army by this time in 2014. We need to show candidates in the Inland Empire that the Sierra Club is not only a threat in court, but a major force in electoral politics. An example of why we need to get the right people into office is the recent decision of the San Bernardino Supervisors to agree to have the Santa Margarita Water District (in Orange County) be the Lead Agency in approving the EIR for the Cadiz, Inc. heist of water from the Mojave Desert.

By the time you get the next edition of the *Palm and Pine*, many of you will

have already voted. Therefore, it will be important that we get a list of our endorsed candidates on the website at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/>. It's unlikely that we will have the time to endorse many more candidates, it's still possible that we will have some in local races over the next two months. Keep an eye on the website before you vote.

So far, we've endorsed these candidates:

Mark Takano in his race against John Tavaglione for Congressional District 41.

Dr. Raul Ruiz in his race against Mary Bono Mack for Congressional District 36.

Norma Torres in her race against Kenny Coble for Assembly District 52.

Bob Buster in his race against Kevin Jeffries for Supervisor in Riverside County District 1.

Sierra Club of California has taken a position on the following Propositions:

- Proposition 32. Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Prohibitions on

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Contributions to Candidates.
 OPPOSE

- Proposition 37. Genetically Engineered Foods. Mandatory Labeling. SUPPORT
- Proposition 39. Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. SUPPORT

SCCA may take positions on additional Propositions, so be sure to look at <http://sierraclubcalifornia.org/ca-elections/> before you vote.

If you are wondering why we’ve endorsed so few candidates for the November election, the reasons are many. In some races we determined that better

environmental candidate really didn’t stand a chance and in many others we simply didn’t have a good environmental candidate in the race. While I can’t comment on candidates in races where we’ve not made an endorsement, I can tell you that you need to look carefully at each race. While both candidates may be awful on our issues some are more awful than others. We even have one candidate who refers to the Sierra Club as “enviroterrorists.”



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Group News

Los Serranos Group

by Mary Ann Ruiz

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Alaska, Wine Tasting and Friends!

What more could you ask of a local Sierra Club Monthly Meeting? **Los Serranos Group** is hosting their September meeting at RSABG in Claremont. Not only will you get an evening in the Garden exclusively for Sierra Club members, friends and guests, but we have a very interesting program planned. Come join us anytime after 5:30 pm at the Garden, bringing along appetizers and/or wine to share. Take this chance to enjoy the quiet beauty of RSABG, sharing your summer adventures with friends, and have some fun tasting some different wines and noshing on appetizers. (Tuesday, Sept. 18)

At our 7 pm meeting in the Garden Room we will hear about an **amazing summer adventure!**

Local Sierra Club member, Brian Elliott, along with three friends, completed a month long canoe trip this past summer on the Colville River on Alaska's north slope. The Colville River is in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A). The area is off most people's radar as a wilderness and wildlife habitat, but is every bit as spectacular with wildlife and scenery as the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Brian witnessed a couple thousand caribou migrating across the area as well as wolverine, grizzly bears, Arctic Fox, wolves, and many nesting Rough-legged Hawks and Peregrine Falcons. He and his friends did not encounter any other river travelers along the way. The Teshekpuk Lake area near the coast in the reserve is on every environmental group's list of



places to save but the NPR-A is much more than just that area. Brian will share his experience and advocate for the region's beauty and its conservation.

Brian Elliott is a former geologist who is now in his 27th year of teaching at San Dimas High School. He currently teaches Advanced Placement Environmental Science and Advanced Placement Physics classes and regularly takes his students on camping and hiking trips and coaches the school's Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, and Solar Boat teams. He has long been an outdoor adventurer. Outside of school he has organized and led many backpacking trips including several in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska and on Baffin Island in Canada. He has rock climbed extensively across North America, Europe, and Australia including big wall ascents of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite. Brian was a member of a Himalayan climbing expedition in the mid-90s with a group of his friends in the Karakorum Mountains in Pakistan. His wife, Janice, always wants to remind people that Brian completed the Angeles Crest 100 Mile Run the summer that they met. He and Janice are avid birders and spend a good deal of their travel time these days to bird local and not so local birding areas. The past several years have found them visiting Panama, Australia, and southeast Arizona, pursuing this interest.

Chapter members and friends and guests from all groups are invited to this special evening, we hope to see you there!

More info: ruizmaryann@gmail.com

Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore, Enjoy, Protect!

In September, after a couple of months "off" we resume our General Meetings. We will kick off with a Fall Food Fest, some fun conversation and a short environmental documentary. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share, your own plate, fork, knife, spoon and cup etc. Our ExCom meetings are on the Thursday before the General Meeting (Sept 6 at 7pm) and interested members are welcome. Contact Jenny for details (Jensoasis@aol.com).

Thanks to Melody and a group of regulars, the popular weekly evening conditioning walks continued through the summer months and we anticipate some lively conversation and brisk exercise in the fall too. On each hike, we celebrate the great outdoors and regain our connection with nature. We invite you to join us. Check the Outings Calendar for the walk details and upcoming hikes.

Mojave Group's Top Ten Reasons to get out and walk/hike with us:

- 1) It will release endorphins which will make you feel better, improve our mood, and minimize pain.
- 2) It will get you away from the computer, TV and other harmful electronic gadgets
- 3) You will be obeying your doctor's orders to get exercise and fresh air
- 4) You can meet new friends and reunite with old ones
- 5) You can eat and still lose weight
- 6) It will help you re-connect with the natural environment
- 7) You can explore the natural wonders of the High Desert & surrounding mountains
- 8) You will be setting a good example for your children and grandchildren
- 9) No one will sell you anything
- 10) You will have fun!

We also invite you to help maintain current hiking opportunities and protect some places where there should be designated hiking trails. We encourage you to let the Bureau of Land Management know that hiking trails as well as motorized routes are needed throughout the Mojave Desert and especially near large populations such as the Victor Valley. Here we are surrounded by superb opportunities in the Juniper Flats Area, Fairview Mountain, Bell Mountain, Granite Mountain and many more (but there is a total lack of designated hiking trails). Please submit public comments by email at cawemopa@blm.gov or send them to Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WEMO Plan Activity Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los



Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. From the BLM web page: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html

Mojave Group members enjoy hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail near Big Bear and Wrightwood, near Lake Silverwood, and in the Deep Creek Canyon. There are many trailheads to this national treasure within an hour's drive of the Victor Valley. "Our" section is in need of constant upkeep and repair, much of which occurs naturally by the regular use of equestrians and hikers. Although the US Forest Service is ultimately responsible, scheduled trail maintenance occurs largely because of volunteer efforts by the Pacific Crest Trail Association. See the Calendar section "non-Sierra Club" events for details about upcoming PCTA trail work days.

This year, while doing graffiti cleanup in the Deep Creek Canyon (photo at left) I talked to about 15 "through" hikers on their way from Mexico to Canada. Many first timers say that "the Deep Creek Canyon is the most scenic section so far" (about 300 miles into the trek). Deep Creek has been proposed as a "wild and scenic river", however, the graffiti on the canyon walls has been getting increasingly menacing over the past few decades. The beautiful rocks are then usually painted over which just creates a new canvas for the graffiti and often the paint is not well matched to the color of the rocks. People do not come from all over the world to look at graffiti in one of the most scenic river canyons in Southern California. In the last few years, I have been experimenting with a simple and natural method of scraping or pecking the graffiti with a rock and then covering the spot with a clay-based mud. This proven method provides a graffiti deterrent and eventually the rock resumes its former beauty. The through hikers and others I meet on this section of the trail express their gratitude. I also saw many of the through hikers hauling out not just their heavy packs but also bags of trash that they had found left by locals. If you are also interested in this section of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, please contact me at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. This is an ongoing problem that will not go away unless *people take action*. That action may be simply to continue to hike the section and *report problems*; help with the graffiti mudding and/or consistently hauling out a bag of trash. Suspicious or illegal

activity that does not require emergency response should be reported as soon as possible to local rangers (909 383 5651) or local law-enforcement (760 245 4211) and now you can report incidents on line at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pct/home/?cid=stelprdb5361615>.

See you soon at the meeting or on a hike!

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Photos by George Hague of San Jacinto Wildlife Area

The Moreno Valley Group newsletter will be coming out this Fall and will include the ballot for the Group Executive Committee Election. Please take time to read our newsletter and also mail in your ballot by the deadline. If you are able to support as well as work towards the Moreno Valley Group goals found on our web site and are interested in running for the group executive committee, please send an e-mail to our nominating committee at: mvalleygroup@yahoo.com by September 15.

Outings Chair Theresa Carson has new hikes planned for September and October. The first outing is on Wednesday, September 26, 5:00 p.m., Hidden Springs Trail & Arroyo. Meet at Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, Moreno Valley. Contact Theresa at (951) 660-7246 or tlcarson01@gmail.com for more information. All of the group outings are listed in the Palm & Pine Outings Section and on our group web page: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/>

moreno-valley/index.html

The final judgment on the Villages of Lakeview's 11,000 housing units on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area read, "The County shall set aside all approvals" within 45 days. They, however, can still appeal. This judgment could not have been achieved without all the environmental groups involved. Please make a generous donation to the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society when they have a fund appeal for their organizations.

The draft environmental impact report for the proposed World Logistics Center, a 41.6 million square foot warehousing project, may be released in September. Highland Fairview has proposed the project on 2,000 acres of land (the size of 700 full size football fields) south of Highway 60 and north of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (it would share a two mile boundary with the wildlife

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Group News

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area). If approved the project would replace the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan which was approved almost 20 years ago. Concerns about the project include: 25,000 daily diesel truck trips, micro-fine particulates/air quality, loss of private property (existing homeowners), loss of agricultural lands, loss of raptor foraging habitat, devastating impacts to the state owned San Jacinto Wildlife Area. More information can be found at: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/mv-forum0118.shtml> Contact for the project is John Terell, Planning Official; telephone (951) 413-3206, e-mail: john@moval.org Please take time and contact the planning department and ask to be put on the list of individuals interested in commenting on the environmental documents, attending planning commission and city council meetings for this project.

Please donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group make comments on the World Logistics Center's massive environmental documents. If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it would probably make a huge difference in their final project. If we later decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325.

The draft environmental impact report for the ProLogis Eucalyptus Industrial Park Project was released by the city of Moreno Valley on July 19. The project will include six warehouses (2,244,419 square feet) on 113.87 acres of agricultural lands (dry farming and citrus). It

is located east of the Moreno Valley Auto Mall and a city fire station; south of Highway 60. Westridge Commerce Center is to the east of the proposed project. Moreno Beach Drive and Redlands Boulevard will be the access points for the project's traffic. Documents can be viewed at: <http://www.moval.org/misc/prologis-090412.shtml> Comments on the draft document are due on September 4. Please contact Jeff Bradshaw, Associate Planner, Moreno Valley Planning Division at (951) 413-



3224 for information on the project.

Here are some links to some recent articles related to the warehousing industry: article by UCR sociology professor Ellen Reese and five graduate students: "Unsafe and Unfair: Labor Conditions in the Warehouse Industry": <http://www.policymatters.ucr.edu/> and a New York Times article on labor conditions in southern California warehouses: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/23/us/in-california-warehouse-industry-is-expanding.html?_r=3&pagewanted=all



The Sierra Club settled its lawsuit against the Moreno Valley approval Westridge Commerce Center. Thank you to attorney Ray Johnson for his work on the project.

The city of Moreno Valley is holding a series of meetings to consider the city's Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Strategy. A planning commission meeting is scheduled for September 13 and a city council meeting on October 9. This is our opportunity to let the city know how important a climate action plan is, something that will improve our quality of life and save energy in Moreno Valley as well as significantly reduce our contribution to global warming/climate change. Here is the link for the document: <http://www.moval.org/misc/pdf/eec-actionstrategy220512.pdf> For more information contact planner Gabriel Diaz at gabriel@moval.org and (951) 413-3226.

The draft environmental impact report for the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan (SP366) was released on June 18 with comments due on August 6. The proposed project plans to put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (northeast of where the Villages of Lakeview would have been built). Prime farm lands, raptor foraging habitat would be lost; it would have devastating impacts on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. For more information, contact project planner Matt

Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail mstraite@rctlma.org The Moreno Valley Group will be submitting comments.

Bird walks will be held at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) September 8, October 13 and November 10. Rock art walks will be held the last Saturday (2:00-4:00 p.m.) in September, October, November, and December. Please call the LPSRA museum for more information on all events—(951) 940-5657. Information on Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800 This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31st.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a "Hike to Lake Perris" on September 22. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Moreno Valley. The hike is classified as moderate, 7.2 miles round trip. Another hike is scheduled for October 27, 7:30 a.m., "Hike to Box Springs M Trail" (difficult), 4.8 miles round trip. Meet at Canyon Springs High School, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive, Moreno Valley. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>) and increase outreach and membership. If you are interested in helping us share information about our group, please e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie, Chair

Photos by Mary Barrie

The Mountains Group held its annual three-day campout at Shady Cove Campground at the top of the Children's Forest, near Keller Peak, above Running Springs. Heather Sargeant opened the gate early Friday afternoon (Aug. 3) and the fun began.

A few of us joined Heather that afternoon and enjoyed watching cumulo-nearly-nimbus clouds build up above us and bring temperatures down to "long pants" levels. At least one of us (me) felt compelled to make sure that there was still a big sheet of 4 mil plastic in amongst the camp kitchen stuff. There was, but it turned out not to be needed.

Saturday is always the "big day" of the weekend with a morning hike on the Children's Forest Exploration Trail in the morning, a potluck dinner, and an evening campfire for relaxation and conversation.

Our potluck this year was extra-special as the day (Aug. 4) was Bill Eng's 80th birthday! Bill, our Treasurer and Outings Chair, is rapidly recovering from early June hip replacement surgery and, while he wasn't quite ready to crawl into his one-man tent, he was ready for the rest of the afternoon and evening activities, including the surprise birthday cake and celebration after dinner! More than twenty of us (from 8 to 80) started nibbling early (happy hour at 5 pm) and then at 6 pm got serious about trying as many of the delicious potluck dishes as possible.



Bill went home for the night but was back with us Sunday morning to cook pancakes for those that spent the night. Bill is our pancake expert (whole wheat with walnuts) and has the job three times each year for the Mountains Group, once at Shady Cove and twice at Keller Hut.

After breakfast most of the group took a hike around the Children's Forest Interpretive Trail and celebrated Bill's first group hike since he got the new hip. Of course, Bill had already been out and about walking at Lake Gregory and to the Post Office and local market, but this was "official."

We had a great time! Thank you Heather Sargeant for being in charge and handling all of the details, thanks to all of the Mountains Group "regulars" that always participate

and make this so much fun, and thank you to everyone that made a special effort to attend to celebrate Bill's birthday.

And finally, a verbal pat-on-the-back to Steve Farrell for bringing his dartboard. It has to be verbal because I cannot make my arm lift high enough for an actual back-pat! 16, double 16!

Chapter's September Program is Not to be Missed!

The stunning, award-winning film "Mother: Caring for 7 Billion" will be shown at the September 4 San Geronio Chapter meeting, 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands.

"Mother," the film, breaks a 40-year taboo by bringing to light an issue that silently fuels our most pressing environmental, humanitarian and social crises - population growth. In 2011 the world population reached 7 billion, a startling seven-fold increase since the first billion occurred 200 years ago.

Population was once at the top of the international agenda, dominating the first Earth Day and the subject of best-selling books like *The Population Bomb*. Since the 1960s the world population has nearly doubled, adding more than 3 billion people. At the same time, talking about population has become politically incorrect because of the sensitivity of the issues surrounding the topic—religion, economics, family planning and gender inequality. Yet it is an issue we cannot afford to ignore.

Today, nearly 1 billion people still suffer from chronic hunger even though the Green Revolution that has fed billions will soon come to an end due to the diminishing availability of its main ingredients—oil and water. Compounded with our ravenous appetite for natural resources, population growth is putting an unprecedented burden on the life system we all depend on, as we refuse to face the fact that more people equals more problems.

The film illustrates both the overconsumption and the inequity side of the population issue by following Beth, a mother and a child-rights activist as she comes to discover, along with the audience, the thorny complexities of the population issue. Beth - who comes from a large American family of 12 and has adopted an African-born daughter - travels to Ethiopia where she meets Zinet, the oldest

daughter of a desperately poor family of 12. Zinet has found the courage to break free from thousand-year-old-cultural barriers, and their encounter will change Beth forever.

Grounded in the theories of social scientist Riane Eisler, the film strives not to blame but to educate, to highlight a different path for humanity. Overpopulation is merely a symptom of an even larger problem - a "domination system" that for most of human history has glorified the domination of man over nature, man over child and man over woman. To break this pattern, the film demonstrates that we must change our conquering mindset into a nurturing one. And the first step is to raise the status of women worldwide.

"Mother: Caring for 7 Billion" features world-renown experts and scientists including biologist Paul Ehrlich, author of *The Population Bomb*; economist Mathis Wackernagel, the creator of the ground-breaking Footprint Network; Malcolm Potts, a pioneer in human reproductive health; and Riane Eisler, whose book *The Chalice and the Blade* has been published in 23 countries.

"Mother: Caring for 7 Billion" is a beautifully crafted and unique film that dispels the myths from business leaders and government that we can grow forever, consume ever more, and that the planet is our infinite dumping ground. The film makes it clear that by ignoring the facts and continuing a course of business as usual, we are endangering our future on this planet.

"I am so happy to see a courageous film that deals with population in both a sober and hopeful way. Mother is a must see for anyone interested in saving our planet and humanity."

— Paul R. Ehrlich, Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University, and author of *The Population Bomb*



Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2012 Calendar are due by October 1, 2012.

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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

WHAT TO BRING

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

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. BIG BEAR GROUP

(3RD THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net> CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

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

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

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

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AUGUST 20 – AUGUST 31

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

AUG 21 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or e-mail for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER. 951-767-2203 <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

****AUG 22 (WED) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a moderate to difficult 6-to-7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. Bring at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. We will meet at the Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 9:00 AM. Call Dick Banks for more information and to register at 909-866-9232.
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 24-26 (FRI-SUN) SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SERVICE
(May be moved to AUG 3-5 depending on wildfire risk) We will be working with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Nevada Wilderness, removing old barbed wire fence in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. Cattle grazing has been eliminated in the refuge and the fence is a threat to native pronghorn antelope and sage grouse. This is a family friendly event. All meals are provided except lunch. For details contact leader or Pat Bruce of FNW pbruce@nevadawilderness.org. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478. graham@grahamstafford.com.
GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

****AUG 25 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft. 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. PLEASE CALL ahead for additional information or if you want to carpool from Running Springs. Contact LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. Adventure Pass required.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****AUG 25-SEP 1 MT. WHITNEY PEAK VIA COTTONWOOD LAKES BACKPACK**
If climbing Mount Whitney is still on your bucket list of lifetime achievements, here is your chance for experienced backpackers. This is a 7-8 day odyssey, 60+ miles R/T backpacking trip starting from Horseshoe Meadows (9,950) south of Lone Pine, California, via the Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail to the top of Mount Whitney (14,500'). RATING: Strenuous BRING: The ten-essentials, backpackers gear, tent, water purification, bear canister, food, first aid materials, trekking poles, 2.0 liters of water, energy snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. CALL: Experienced backpackers only, please contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 dogs111@msn.com or Co-Leader, Ed Wallace, at (909) 584-9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.
CHAPTER

AUG 31 (FRI) 7 PM PCT ON A FULL BLUE MOON HIKE
Please join me and other hikers for a 6 to 7 mile evening hike on the Pacific Crest Trail during a full Blue Moon. The exact location will be revealed in August. Plan to wear layered clothing for weather changes, & sturdy hiking boots; bring FLASHLIGHT, walking stick (optional) snacks and plenty of water. For more information contact leader Melody Nichols at (760) 963-4430 or email Labelady@msn.com
MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 31 (FRI) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is August 31.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

AUG 31 (FRI) 7:00 PM S B MTS MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT MEANDER
Join us for our 2nd annual moonlit stroll (and night-time picnic) in the forest. An easy route, we'll not be setting any speed records here; just a leisurely and safe adventure in the "dark" (who knows what we will see?). Afterwards, we'll share a small informal potluck if we all make it back together. (Rain, fog or fire will cancel.) BRING: weather appropriate clothes and a flashlight (preferably night-vision red lights). MEET: Current plan for location is the Children's Forest Trail, but do check in to confirm. CONTACT LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL. Call for important details and to verify where we'll meet: 661-449-2867 or <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 9

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

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

SEP 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.
CHAPTER

SEP 6 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM PCT – HWY 2 TO GUFFY CAMPGROUND HIKE
Come join other hikes for a moderate 10-11 mile hike along the PCT from Hwy 2 to Guffy Campground to Vincent Gap. This is another great hike thru the beautiful forested San Gabriels Mtns. just west of Wrightwood along the Pacific Crest Trail. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and oldhikerdude@verizon.net
MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT – INSPIRATION TO VICENT GAP HIKE
Enjoy a moderate 8-9 mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap and back to Inspiration Point. BRING 3qtrs of water, lunch/snacks and sunscreen. Wear layered clothing, sturdy boots, & hat. Meet at Park and Ride off I-15 and Bear Valley Road in Victorville at 7:30am. Easy option: Some could arrange a shuttle vehicle at Vincent Gap to avoid the return hike. Contact leader for details Jenny Wilder: JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM ONYX SUMMIT TO CUSHENBERRY PASS HIKE**
This is Hike #7 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: Those hikers from Apple Valley/ Yucca Valley should meet at Cushenberry Pass at 8:00 a.m.; for those hikers traveling from San Bernardino should meet at Onyx Summit at 8:30 a.m. Those individuals living in the Big Bear area should meet at Cushenberry Pass at 8:00 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3 liters of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEPTEMBER 10- SEPTEMBER 16

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

SEP 10 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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 11 (TUE) 10:00 AM CASTLE ROCK HIKE
Here's a chance to become "Royalty" as you summit the CASTLE. This Big Bear premiere lake vista hike for the fit is rated moderate/strenuous due to altitude and pitch within the 1.6 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and there is a 700' elevation gain in just 3/4 of a mile. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble for the last 100 yards (this part is optional). Rain/Snow-Cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details.
LOS SERRANOS 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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>
MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 14-16 (FRI) 7:30 AM 3RD ANNUAL SAN GORGONIO MTN BACKPACKING**
This is the third annual San Gorgonio Mountain backpacking trip leaving from South Fork trailhead at 7:30 a.m. The first day, we backpack to Dry Lake/Lodgepole Pine campgrounds and set up camp. On Saturday, we hike to the top of San Gorgonio Peak (11,500') and return to base camp. On Sunday, we break camp and return home, a total distance of 25.0 + miles with a 5,000 foot elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: at the Southfork Trailhead off of Jenks Lake Road at 7:15 a.m. or at Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center at 6:00 a.m. BRING: layered clothing, and over-night camping equipment, bear vault, water purification pump or drops, trekking poles, sun protection, 2 quarts of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance reservations required, Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813, dogs111@msn.com, or Co-Leader, Bill Spreng at (760) 951-4520.
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 15-16 (SAT-SUN) BRIGHT STAR SERVICE AND HIKE
The Bright Star Wilderness Area, north of Ridgecrest, has been impacted by both trash and by illegal ORV trespass. On Saturday our group will assist BLM Wilderness Resource Specialist Marty Dickes putting up barriers, concealing illegal routes, and placing signs. Sunday is reserved for a long hike through the interior of the wilderness to visit Cortez Creek and monitor a cherry-stemmed vehicle corridor. The ponderosa forest and chaparral should provide a delightful diversion in the early fall. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 23

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

SEP 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

SEP 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome Our September meeting will be held at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens. Join us for wine and cheese reception 6:00 - 7:00 pm and program starting at 7:30 pm. Brian Elliott will speak on his recent month-long canoe trip on the Colville River- part of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. He will share photos and discuss the importance of conservation of this region's beauty and natural resources. PLACE: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, 1500 N. College Ave, Claremont CA. BRING: Members- bring appetizer or wine to share. MORE INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin.
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 20 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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SEP 21-23 (FRI-SUN) NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN BLACK ROCK SERVICE
We will be doing assigned service work and celebrating National Public Lands Day in the Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Immigrant Trails NCA. All meals except lunch are provided. Contact closer to the date for full details. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, graham@grahamstafford.com or Pat Bruce of Friends of Nevada Wilderness pbruce@nevadawilderness.org.
GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

SEP 22 (SAT) 7:30 AM COTTONWOOD SPRING HIKE
This hike is an approximate 6 mile, moderate, round trip hike into the Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern), just south of Apple Valley. We begin with an uphill climb rewarded by spectacular views of the Victor Valley and San Bernardino Mountains. Large boulders provide shade near the Cottonwood Spring area in addition to some trees along the small stream. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! It may be warm/hot so bring plenty of water, wear layered clothing, hat and bring snacks/lunch. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. Contact leader Jenny Wilder for details: JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 22 (SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**
8:30 a.m., moderate/strenuous, 5.5 miles, 1,037' elevation gain. This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. Hikers are to meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. Bring two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. To register and gain additional information please call Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 23 (SUN) 8:30 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU HIKE
Join us on an easy 4.5-5 mile hike to the historic Adobes. This is an easy hike in a beautiful area suitable for everyone. You will enjoy this one. We will meet at the Hidden Valley trail head at 8:30 a.m. Bring plenty of water, wear comfortable shoes, dress for heat, and bring sunscreen and a hat. Bring a snack for when we take a break at the Adobes. The hike should take between 2 and 3 hours depending on our pace. We will be back in time for the Sierra Sunday picnic at the Visitor's Center. Directions: From Interstate 15 in Murrieta, exit southwest on Clinton Keith Rd. Drive 5.8 miles to the Hidden Valley Trail Head on the left side of the road. The trail head is located past the Visitor's Center, beyond where the road makes a sharp left turn and changes name to Tenaja. There is a \$3 day use fee for using the reserve. No wilderness pass is needed. For information or to register, contact John Meyncke, hiking leader with the Santa Margarita Group, at (951) 259.9148.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 30

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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SEP 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM.....SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>
CHAPTER

SEP 26 (WED) 6:30 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3404 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, spruce, fir, and pine. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 26 (WED) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate approximate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and 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. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcason01@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEP 28 (FRI) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is September 29.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elevation. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvd. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****SEP 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM ONYX SUMMIT TO MISSION SPRING CAMP HIKE**
This is Hike #8 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all ten segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 12.5 mile downhill through-hike. RATING: Strenuous due to the distance MEET: Those hikers from Apple Valley/ Yucca Valley should meet at Onyx Summit 8:00 a.m.; for those hikers traveling from San Bernardino/ Highland should meet at Heart Bar exit off of Hwy 38 at 6:00 a.m. Those individuals living in the Big Bear area should meet at Onyx Summit at 8:00 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, and sun protection, a minimum of three liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 29 (SAT) 9 AM SB MTS EAGLE RIDGE ECOLOGY WALK
Eighty acres of the last remaining island of undeveloped forest within the Lake Arrowhead community, Eagle Ridge, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2011 to protect as forest open space (but not yet officially open to the public). We will be doing a short and casual hike, a little elevation gain, with frequent discussion stops. INTERPRETER AND GUIDE: DAVE FICKE, 909-336-4706. BRING: snack, water, extra clothing WEAR: boots, sun hats. MEET: Eagle Ridge Parking area, Grass Valley Road, across from golf course. (LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>)
MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEP 29-30 (FRI-SUN) NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional and scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. Others may join us for National Public Lands Day on Saturday when we will participate with other volunteers in placing barriers and fence on a backcountry road to protect resources.. On Sunday we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the Monument. Leader CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, (310-477-6670)
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEP 30 (SUN) 6:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE
Moderate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike, although there are some steep sections. Actually full moon is Sept. 29th. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcason01@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 7

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

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

OCT 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.
CHAPTER

OCT 3 (WED) 4:30 PM RECHE MTN HIKE
Difficult 4.5-mile round trip hike with 1,100-elevation gain. Hiking mostly on an old steep access road, lots of burros and views. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit Heacock and go north about 2.4 miles to turn left onto the road that leads to the Methodist Church. We will park on the side of the road, not in the church parking lot. If you reach Reche Vista you went a little too far and missed the left turn. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcason01@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL-CAJON PASS HIKE
Join us on a moderate 6-mile RT hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through a chaparral community that borders a historical site where early trails once merged. An approximate 600 foot elevation gain will provide a spectacular view of the Cajon Pass "Earthquake Park" that features a linear sag pond and uplifted sandstone strata of the San Andreas Fault. BRING a snack and plenty of water. WEAR sturdy shoes and dress in layers. CONTACT: Bonnie Trusler, 909-880-1334 <btrusler@verizon.net> for information and meeting place. RAIN OR STRONG WIND CANCELS.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 6-7 (SAT- SUN) 8:15 AM ONYX SUMMIT - DEER SPRINGS BACKPACKING**
This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake you will backpack 4.0 miles to Dear Springs Trail Camp where the group will camp over-night. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, map reading, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. Call the hiking leader for details. MEET: Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center at 8:15 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, and food. CALL: Space is limited, call for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM SAN ANTONIO CANYON CLEANUP SERVICE OUTING
Los Serranos Group members have organized several trash cleanups in the canyon, with Ranger Sarah telling us it is making a difference. We are partnering with the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign to pull in a full crew to help with this work. Come and help clean up trash from a summer of picnics and parties by the stream. Meet at 8:30 AM at the lower fire station on Shinn Road where Mt. Baldy Road crosses the bridge heading to Claremont or Upland. Bring sturdy shoes or hiking boots, sunscreen, hat, gloves, water, and snacks. Bags and pickers will be provided. LEADER: Mary Ann Ruiz 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 7 (SUN) 9:00 AM ELFIN FOREST RECREATIONAL RESERVE HIKE
Hike the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, located in Escondido. This is a moderately difficult hike of about 5.5 miles. Along the trail you will experience some great views of the relatively unknown Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir along with dominating views of Escondido and the surrounding hills. At our turnaround point (Lake Hodges Overlook) a beautiful view of Lake Hodges seems to appear out of nowhere. There are rest areas with toilet facilities and benches available along the trail. Bring water, snacks and a lunch. Wear layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For those who wish to carpool meet in Temecula at Paloma Del Sol Sports Park at 7.45 AM. "Rain cancels" Reservations and information: Leader Bob Audibert Email: bob.takeahike1@gmail.com: phone: (951)302-1059. If you register for this hike I will email you a map that will help you find the trail head from the I-15 in Escondido, along with a flyer of the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 14

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OCT 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

OCT 10 (WED) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike with 1,000-elevation gain. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kal-mia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcason01@gmail.com.
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****OCT 12 (FRI) 8:30 AM SB MTS CRAFTS PEAK HIKE**
Join us for a moderate hike (8 miles, 1500 ft. elevation gain) from Green Valley Lake to Crafts Peak at 8,364 ft. This area was burnt in the 2007 fire, so many of the trees are still in the process of recovering. It will be interesting to see how nature continues to restore itself. Views in all directions, from Lake Arrowhead and Mt Baldy to Big Bear Lake and San Gorgonio Mountain. WEAR sturdy boots, BRING sufficient water, lunch, hat and a jacket. CALL LEADER DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332 for carpooling meeting time and place. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOHN'S MEADOW TO ANGLES OAKS HIKE**
Come join other hikers for a moderate 11-12 mile hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area from John's Meadow to Angeles Oaks. This is an outstanding hike thru the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness Area with a great place to dine after a perfect hike. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 and oldhikerdude@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 13 (SAT) 8:15 AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be an 10 mile hike with a 2,500-foot elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: at the Vons Shopping Center and we will car pool to the trail head. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register call Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com . BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 13-14 (SAT-SUN) EXPLORE AND SERVE IN THE CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE
Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. This trip is one of a continuing series to either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Saturday will be a work day. We will camp and have a pot-luck dinner that evening in one of the campgrounds. Sunday, at the choice of the group, will be either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the Plains. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

OCT 14 (SUN) 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 miles round trip with 3950 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. 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, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 21

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OCT 16 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

OCT 16 (TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Discover the beauty of birds in our area. See birds through the lens of professional photographer, Steve Kaye. Our speaker will share his unique photos and memorable stories. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, First Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th St., Upland. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 16 (TUE) 9:00 AM JOHNSON PASTURE HIKE
This "Walk in the Pasture" is a pleasant 4 mile R/T loop stroll. It has a moderate rating with only a 800' elevation gain. Very enjoyable vistas will greet you along the way of this 180 acre plot that the city of Claremont wisely purchased in 2006, thus saving it from development. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909)985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 17 (WED) 7:00 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3800 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. 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, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 17 (WED) 4:30 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and 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 and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 18 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) PCT HIKE IN THE DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
Come and join others on a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon. this canyon is sometimes viewed by thru hikes as the most scenic part of the trail since their start over 300 miles south at the Mexican border. The trail follows a contour above the stream to a little bridge. It is also the site of the historic water channel that was built in the 1800s to carry water from Deep Creek to potato fields in Hesperia. BRING 3qtrs of water, lunch/snacks and sunscreen.

Wear layered clothing, sturdy boots, & hat. Please email or call for this hike as the date may change due to a work project being planned for the trail in the canyon. Contact leader Jenny Wilder for details: JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO SNOW CANYON ROAD HIKE**
Near to top of San Jacinto Peak, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) winds down the north face of San Jacinto Mountain arriving at Snow Canyon Road. This is a through-hike that continues our quest of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section B. This is a 16.2 mile through-hike with a 6,000' elevation loss. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at Snow Creek PCT trailhead and carpool to Fuller Ridge where the hike will begin. Take I-10 to Hwy 111 exit towards Palm Springs. Take the next right turn identified as Snow Canyon Road. Drive south approximately 1.5 miles to the PCT. We will meet there. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER Ed Caliendo (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) 9:00 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: Six miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss and gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2- quarts of water, and snack. WEAR: hiking boots. CALL: LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2838 for meeting place. MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCTOBER 22 – OCTOBER 31

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OCT 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net> CHAPTER

OCT 24 (WED) 4:30 PM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE
Moderate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike, although there are some steep sections. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

****OCT 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM VAN DUSEN CYN RD TO COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a short section of the famous Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from the Van Dusen Canyon Road PCT access road west to the Cougar Crest Trail and then south to Hwy 38. This section is rated moderate in difficulty. RATING: this is an estimated 5.0 miles through-hike requiring shuttling of hikers. MEET: At the Cougar Crest Trail head parking area. Discovery Pass is required. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 2 liters of water, lunch/energy snacks, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM WONDERLAND OF ROCKS - WILLOW HOLE HIKE
Kick off the desert hiking season with an easy 7 mile level hike through the Wonderland of Rocks into willow Hole. Depending on the recent weather, there can be water at Willow Hole, or if not at least more greenery than most of Joshua Tree. Have some fun scrambling around the rocks as we eat lunch at Willow Hole. If time permits we can explore more of the park after our hike. Meet at 8:30 AM to carpool from the Ontario Mills parking lot in front of the Edwards Cinema. Or meet at the visitor center at the West Entrance of Joshua Tree National Park at 10:00 AM. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layers, sunscreen, hat, 2 liters minimum of water, lunch, and snacks. LEADER: Mary Ann Ruiz 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 28 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is October 29.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elevation. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvd. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 28 (SUN) 6:00 PM TERRI PEAK FULL MOON HIKE
Moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Actual full moon is October 29. Trail starts on a path behind homes with lots of barking dogs and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beech road for 3.4 miles; turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Call or email to confirm meeting place: as the hours/days that Lake Perris is open may change in October. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 30 (TUE) 9 AM SB MTS, DOGWOOD TRAIL HIKE
Easy ramble starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, and descending through groves of dogwoods as well as other large trees, and includes views towards Lake Arrowhead. BRING camera and a snack. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2838. CALL for meeting place. MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 11

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

NOV 2-4 (FRI-SUN) DEATH VALLEY SERVICE TRIP
Work with Death Valley National Park Wilderness Coordinator Charlie Callagan on restoration activities in the Park. Projects are to be determined, but will probably include fence removal. Camping will be at Mesquite Springs campground, north of Stovepipe Wells. Arrive Friday afternoon and work for part of the afternoon, work will continue on Saturday, with a potluck Saturday night. Sunday may be a work day or perhaps recreational. Leader: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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

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

NOV 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com> CHAPTER

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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DEC 1-2 (SAT-SUN) EXPLORE AND SERVE IN THE CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE
Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. For nearly eight years work has continued to remove fences and/or modify them to facilitate mobility of the pronghorn. The project has been very successful, and this will be one of the very last of these work weekends. Saturday will be a work day. We will camp and have a pot-luck dinner that evening in one of the campgrounds. Sunday, at the choice of the group, will be either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the Plains. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, (310-477-6670) CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

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

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 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
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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SEP 9 (13) (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD WALK
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SEP 22 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT REI
Sept 22 (SAT) Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance "Section C" Horse Thief Canyon. We will be working on a 3 mile stretch of the PCT (Section C- Horse Thief Canyon) doing brushing and tread work. All tools, drinks & lunch will be provided. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, bring gloves and hat. For meeting place and time please contact John Hachey (909) 605-3219 or email goaliehachey@msn.com

OCT 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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OCT 6 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT REI
We will be teaming up with REI for this day project. We will be doing tread & rock work and possible brushing along Section C, Crowder Canyon. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, bring gloves and hat. For meeting place and time please contact John Hachey (909) 605-3219 or email goaliehachey@msn.com

OCT 14 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD WALK
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OCT 17 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
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NOV 2 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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Join Us For a Slide Show European Tour at Our October Chapter Meeting.

Ladd and Gail Seekins will present a slide show of their travels in Southern Bulgaria and Western Turkey. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 2, at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands.

Both Bulgaria and Turkey are rich in history and possess beautiful natural areas. The slideshow will feature the Seekins' visits to ancient sites, traditional homes, forests and beaches.

In Bulgaria the Seekins visited Plovdiv with its ancient Roman circus excavation on display beneath its main pedestrian shopping street, its Roman theater, which is still used, and its many fine eighteenth and nineteenth century merchant's houses, which are preserved as galleries and museums. Also visited was Sofia with its many fine old churches and modern museums, and the remote village of Koprivshtitsa, nearly unchanged for 200 years.

Of special interest were the mountain monasteries of Bachkovo and Saint Ivan Rilski (Rila), two of the best preserved in Bulgaria. The remote monasteries preserved Bulgarian culture and national spirit during the centuries of rule by the Ottoman Turks. The Seekins also hiked through the mountains from Rila Monastery to the tomb of Saint Ivan Rilski.

In Turkey the Seekins visited Istanbul with its Topkapi Palace, Agia Sofia and Blue Mosque, Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, and Denizli with the ruins of two Roman cities and the immense travertine terraces at Pamukkale. The Seekins also visited Iznik, famous for the blue tiles used all over Turkey during Ottoman times and (the city's Greek name was Nicaea) home to early Christian church meetings where questions of doctrine were settled.

Also on the Seekins' Turkey itinerary were Bodrum with its underwater archaeology museum in the old Crusaders castle, Izmir with its traditional covered market and the hilltop ruins of Alexander the Great's fortress, and Ephesus, one of the best preserved Roman cities.



Sierra Student Coalition



Students: Check out <http://www.ssc.org>
Get Involved – Whether you're brand new to activism or you've been organizing for years, the Sierra Student Coalition offers many ways to plug into the youth clean energy movement.

- Stay Connected •
Sign up for the *SSC Update*, our monthly newsletter, to stay up to date on the SSC's campaigns and highlights. Join the SSC Energy Forum to receive e-mails about energy campaigns and new opportunities and events.

Get Trained – Learn more about the SSC's phone trainings or summer trainings, where you can

get the skills you need to win victories for clean and just energy solutions.

Questions? E-mail sierra.student@sierraclub.org



Eureka to San Francisco • Sept. 9-13, 2012

5 days • 320 miles

You can enjoy an incredible 5-day bicycle ride in Northern California while supporting Sierra Club California.

Climate Ride is a fully supported bicycle ride from Fortuna to San Francisco under towering redwoods, through the Russian River Wine Country, and along the Pacific Coast Bicycle Route.

Climate Ride is more than a bike trip. It's an inspiring journey with 150 like-minded people who are united by their passion for sustainability, renewable energy, and bicycles—the ultimate carbon-free form of transportation. Climate Ride also features an acclaimed nightly speakers series, known as the 'green conference on wheels,' where we hear from bright minds in policy, advocacy and innovation.

**Please Sign Up for Climate Ride 2012
and Support Sierra Club California**

Registration for Climate Ride is \$75 (which includes a beautiful jersey and more), and then you raise at least \$2400 to participate in the five-day, all-inclusive event. The ride is fully-supported by a team of talented leader-hosts, bike mechanics, medics, and massage therapists.

When you sign up, you'll be joining many other people who want to do something to help create a better future for us all. Climate Ride is a great way to get involved and experience an amazing adventure, powered by your own energy. The best bet is to sign up early not only so you have time to fundraise and train, but also because spots fill up! Visit www.climateride.org to find out about the route, tips for getting in shape, and finding sponsors for your trip.

Everyone who registers for the ride gets to choose which organization they will be raising money for – and we hope you will choose Sierra Club California!

Please visit www.SierraClubCalifornia.org to learn about the work the Sacramento advocates do at the Capitol and state agencies. If you would like to learn more about the event or other ways to support Sierra Club California, please contact Vicki Lee at 510-741-1201.

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kilowatt hour of solar generated replaces electricity that might come from dirty fossil fuels like coal.

“We are proud to be working with Sungevity to help families across the country save money and support the Sierra Club by going solar,” said Michael Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club. “With today’s partnership, we are helping Sierra Club’s 1.4 million members walk the walk in helping to address climate change, by making it easier and more affordable to add solar panels to their homes. A recent poll found that 76% of Americans believe the country should move to a sustainable energy future by 2050 through renewable energy, showing that there is widespread support for residential solar across the country.”

“We are honored and excited to be working with The Sierra Club on the organization’s solar partnership,” said Danny Kennedy, Sungevity’s founder and president. “This partnership makes so much sense, especially as the economy continues its slow recovery.” Kennedy continued, “Now, homeowners who want to save money on their electricity rates and support The Sierra Club, can do so simultaneously at no cost to themselves. Shine on.”



Preserve The Future



Not everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

For more information and confidential assistance, contact:

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SIERRA CLUB SOLAR HOMES PROGRAM

Request a Free iQuote and see how rooftop solar will save you money
 Just go to the San Geronimo Chapter website and click on Solar Homes <<http://sangeronimo.sierraclub.org>>

Why Now?

- If you care about the environment, rooftop-solar is as green as it gets.
- Solar has never been more affordable— materials and installation costs have fallen dramatically. If you purchase there are significant Federal Tax Credits and most Chapter locations have additional incentives available to bring the cost down.
- Rooftop solar helps the economy. The Sierra Club Solar Partner is Sungevity but the installers will be local reputable companies. You will be creating Green Jobs!

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS



- Go to the San Geronimo Chapter Website and click on the Solar Evaluation photo
- You will be asked for your address and an image of your house will pop up
- Confirm it is your house and enter your electric usage for last month from your bill
- Add your e-mail and phone and within 24 hours, you’ll receive your iQuote
- The quote will show your immediate savings going solar, savings over time, the environmental impact and your proposed system’s specifications

THAT’S IT! THERE IS NO OBLIGATION

If you like what you see then you’ll need to decide what’s best for you—should you lease or buy?
 If you want to proceed, Sungevity will link you up with a local Solar Installer

SOLAR LEASE

- Upfront costs range from zero to a small down payment (Usually \$1,000)
- An average Sungevity customer saves 15% on electricity from day one
- You’ll lock in your energy costs for 20 years regardless of rising energy costs
- All maintenance and repairs, even insurance, are covered by the lease
- You have an option to prepay your solar lease. If you prepay, you keep the advantages of leasing without the monthly payments and save on carrying costs



OUTRIGHT PURCHASE

- Larger upfront investment but no payment for life of system (25+ years)
- You are eligible for the Federal Investment Tax Credit of 30%
- State and local rebates are typically available and may be greater than the Fed credit
- You are responsible for repair/maintenance but most panels carry a 25-year warranty
- It puts idle dollars to work immediately with a much better rate of return

More information about the Solar Homes Program—After a thorough vetting by the Club’s Business Partnership Committee, legal staff and financial staff, and a competitive bidding process the Club has selected Sungevity to be the Club’s Solar Partner. In today’s market most residential solar customers lease their solar system so there is little or no upfront money required and very little paperwork or other concerns. As a major supplier of solar systems to the residential market, Sungevity through its competitive pricing can provide ongoing energy cost savings while making a \$750 contribution to the Club’s Clean Energy Programs and other important work and providing a \$750 cash gift card back to you. As always, you are encouraged to do adequate comparison shopping for your solar solution.

A Sad Farewell

Warren Arnold Hagar, 99, loving father, husband, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away on July 13, 2012, at Park Lane Assisted Living, Monterey, CA.

Mr. Hagar led a full life as manager of J.J. Newberry’s; high school English teacher, Yucaipa, CA; State rehabilitation counselor, Riverside; social worker, Redlands, CA; top sales person - Encyclopedia of Britannica; member of the Sierra Club and World Affairs Council in L.A. Resided in Carmel, CA for 25 years; active member of the Carmel Foundation, leading men’s group on philosophical discussions.



He enjoyed playing bridge. Mr. Hagar was born in Troy, NY, on June 25, 1913; attended old East Boston High School; junior and senior high school class president; remarkable salesman; paid for college by selling old gold. Graduated with a B.A degree, with honors, Bowdoin College, ME; premaster’s UCLA; M.A. UC Riverside, majoring in Philosophy,

and pre-doctorate from UCR. Authored, “Cognitive Awareness and the LPM,” published by Philosophical Library, Inc. Troy, NY, 1977.

Survived by Olga Hagar, wife, Monterey, CA; two daughters, Sharon Lovell, Bridgewater, NJ; Charlene Wilder, Hagerstown, MD/Upperstrasburg, PA; 1 son, Everett Hagar, Pine Mountain, CA; 1 stepson, Pierre Roubaud, Paris, FR; 4 granddaughters, Katrina Schneider, Phoenix, AZ; Valarie Wilder, San Diego, CA; Denise Payne, Grand Junction, CO; Loddie Foose, Pasadena, CA; one grandson, William Feigen, Irvine, CA; 5 great grandchildren, Alyssa and Joshua Schneider, Phoenix, AZ; Joslyn and Ashlyn Payne, Grand Junction, CO; Tira Foose, Pasadena, CA, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews in Boston, MA and ME. Predeceased by parents; wife, Genevieve Hagar; brothers, Edward, Justin, Preston, and Ralph Hagar, and sister, Ethel Davis.

Messages of condolences may be sent to c.wilder@myactv.net.



One Environment . . . One Simple Way to Care for it.

Join us in protecting the future by doing your share today.

How can you choose between the eagle and the buffalo? Between the elephants and the whales?

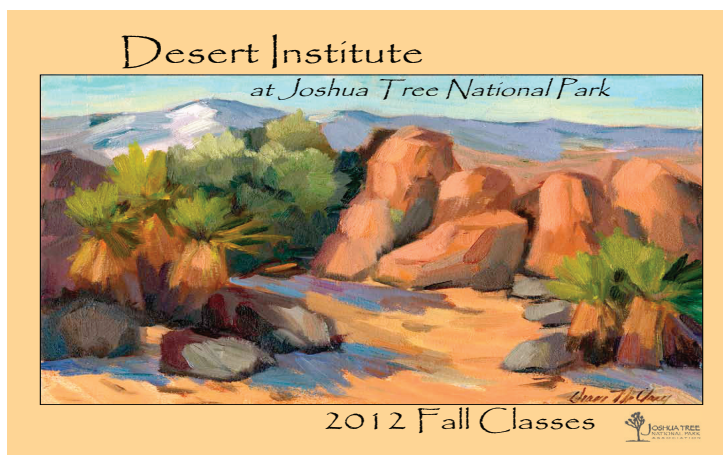
Between drinking clean water and breathing clean air? Between parks and beaches? How can you choose? Would there be a right choice?

Now there’s a way to help not just one, but all these things. It’s called Earth Share of California – the world’s leading environmental and conservation charities working together.

Through Earth Share of California you can make a one-time gift, or a payroll deduction donation that helps every day to preserve and protect the environment – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

Earth Share is not part of your employer’s workplace giving campaign? We’d like to do something about that. Call Ladd Seekins at 909-888-0161 weekdays or 909-825-4427 evenings and weekends. Address e-mail to iwfladd@eee.org.

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park presents its outdoor adult weekend field classes for fall 2012. Come to Joshua Tree National Park and learn about this exciting desert wonderland with expert instructors. Classes are open to all skill levels. Contact our office for catalog, information and registration: 760-367-5535 or www.joshuatree.org



September 21, 22 - 23, 2012

Insects & Other Arthropods of the Morongo Basin

Yucca Valley, CA – Kurt Leuschner, M.S. and Professor at College of the Desert, will explore the lives of the largest group of animals in the world through a study of insect anatomy, survival traits, habitats, and behaviors during this three-day field class.

Date/Time: Friday, September 21, 6:30 pm – 9 pm
 Saturday, September 22, 8:30 am – 1 pm; 5 pm – 9 pm
 Sunday, September 23, 8 am – 12 pm
 Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA
 Non-credit Fee: \$125 for JTNPA/PINE members \$135 for non members
 Credit Fee: \$200 for JTNPA/PINE members \$210 for non members

September 21 - 22, 2012 • Basic Map and Compass

Twentynine Palms, CA – Do you want the confidence to explore the desert and not get lost? Navigation specialist, Theresa Walsh will teach participants how to navigate using a map and compass in this two-day hands-on field class.

Date/Time: Friday, September 21, 6 pm – 9 pm
 Saturday, September 22, 8 am – 5 pm
 Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA
 Fee: \$75 for JTNPA/PINE members \$85 for non members

September 30, 2012 • Desert Snakes: Fang, Rattle, and More

Yucca Valley, CA – William Hayes, Ph.D. and Professor of Biology at Loma Linda University will introduce participants to a remarkable variety of venomous and non-venomous snakes that inhabit Southern California’s deserts in this all-day field class.

Date/Time: Sunday, September 30, 9 am – 4 pm
 Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA
 Non-credit Fee: \$50 for JTNPA/PINE members \$60 for non members
 Credit Fee: \$75 for JTNPA/PINE members \$85 for non members



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October 5 - 6, 2012 • GPS Navigational Techniques

Twentynine Palms, CA - Learn how to use your Global Positioning System (GPS) with Dave Pylman in the Joshua Tree National Park. GPS units grow in popularity each year, but GPS technology can be challenging for beginners’ use. Don’t miss this interactive class and field program and the knowledge to add GPS technology to your navigation toolbox! Participants need to provide their own GPS units.

Date/Time: Friday, October 5, 6 pm – 9 pm
 Saturday, October 6, 8 am – 4 pm
 Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA
 Fee: \$75 for JTNPA/PINE members \$85 for non members

October 6, 2012 • Basic Map and Compass for Families

Joshua Tree, CA – Learning to read a compass and map can be a fun and exciting experience for children. A variety of real-life exercises that involve map-reading and problem-solving skills will help children develop and understanding of how the compass and map can be a useful everyday tool.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 6, 9 am – 2 pm
 Meet at: Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA
 Fee: \$25 for JTNPA/PINE members \$35 for non members

October 6, 2012 • Biological Soil Crusts

Twentynine Palms, CA – The desert floor may just look like dirt and sand but it is full of living organisms vital to Joshua Tree National Park’s ecosystem. Nichole Pietrasiak, Ph.D. candidate, Biological Sciences, will introduce biological soil crusts in this two-day field class.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 6, 9 am – 5 pm
 Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA
 Fee: \$50 for JTNPA/PINE members \$60 for non members

October 7, 2012 • Advanced GPS Navigation Techniques

Twentynine Palms, CA – Work with software tools to learn how to load maps and waypoints, create a trip route and download it to your GPS. This class will combine outdoor hands-on practice with classroom lecture. Participants need to provide their own GPS units.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 7, 9 am – 5 pm
 Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA
 Fee: \$50 for JTNPA/PINE members \$60 for non members

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