THE RESULTS ARE IN!

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Political Chair

Sierra Club California has published our 2017 Legislative Report Card and the San Gorgonio Chapter has two superstars! Out of 40 California senators, only ten of them scored a perfect 100% and our Sen. Connie Leyva was one of them. Over in the Assembly, there are 80 members. Fourteen scored 100% and our own Asm. Eloise Gomez Reyes was among them and Asm. Eduardo Garcia just barely missed the cut with 92%. When you get a chance, give them a call or send them a note to let them know how much we appreciate what they are doing for the environment and for environmental justice!

But wait. There’s more! We also had four legislative representatives who managed to pull off the rather difficult task of scoring perfect zero’s on the Report Card. Senators Jean Fuller, Mike Morrell and Jeff Stone, and Assemblymember Jay Obernolte. Remember: Fuller, Stone and Obernolte will all be running for election in 2018 and we have plans for them.

Mostly, we had good news regarding our representation in Sacramento. The success of Eloise Reyes in defeating an “oily Democrat” in AD 47, seemed to send a message to some of our so-called “moderate” Democrats and we saw much better environmental votes than we had in the past. Asm. Jose Medina and Asm. Freddie Rodriguez both brought their scores up to 83% and our newest member, Asm. Sabrina Cervantes, was a disappointment at 50%. Room for improvement, but I think we are getting their attention!

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### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
**DEADLINE:** Items for the March/April 2018 Calendar are due by February 1, 2018.

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

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS
All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader’s rules. Participants should bring items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

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

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

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

### CALENDAR OF OUTINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS

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### MOUNTAINS GROUP

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WECKLY RECUMING FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDoux ONE HOUR FUNCTION WALK MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH 951-369-5117.

DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 29 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE/SNOWSHOE Join us for a 2-3 mile easy/moderate hike/snowshoer around the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. If we have enough snow we will snowshoe. All levels welcome, and no experience is required. MEET in Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR layered clothing. BRING snacks and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text). fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellem@gmail.com

AB MOUNTAIN GROUP

DEC 31 (SUN) 8:30 AM NEW YEAR’S EVE, JOSHUA TREE, WARREN PEAK HIKE A 7-mile loop combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; an occasionally steep trail through the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short, steep, occasionally loose walk-up ascent of Warren Peak; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak. Vegetation includes some nice larger pinyon, juniper and oak. Starting elevation of 4000 feet with 1100 foot gain. RATED: Moderate MEET: Visitor’s Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance station or fee. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmetlon61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER PETER MICHelsen at petermichelsen@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103 BIG BEAR GROUP

JANUARY 1 – JANUARY 7 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

JAN 3 (WED) 8:30 AM ZANJA PEAK – YUYAIPHI HIKE Five-mile moderate to difficult hike with 1000’ elevation gain and great views of surrounding mountains. BRING: water, snack, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles then veer left on Oak Glen Rd. In 1.0 mile turn left into the trailhead parking (opposite Shadow Hills Dr.). Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: EILEEN O’BRIEN no text.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JAN 4 (THU) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. ADVENTURE PASS will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. CLAIR, MEET: Claire to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclair.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 4 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 5 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, HEAPS PEAK ARBORETUM WALK Here’s your last chance to get the kids out into nature before the end of winter break. Join us for a 1-mile easy walk on the family friendly Sequoia Trail. The interpretive trial is an educational opportunity to learn the names of local plants and animals. MEET: Heaps Peak Arboretum on Highway 62. Arrive by 9:30 a.m. ADVENTURE PASS recommended. WEAR layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. Inclement weather or poor trail condition will cancel. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellem@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAIN GROUP

JAN 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE This is a FAMILY FRIENDLY beginners hike. Come and learn about riparian areas (A wetter area usually with water present.) This hike is in the northern area of Juniper Flats just south of Apple Valley. This is a short approximately 2-mile hike. The first part is downhill and then after spending some time at Arrastre Falls we will head back up. RATED: Easy. WEAR: sturdy shoes/hiking boots, and dress in layers. BRING: snack/lunch, sunscreen, camera and binoculars if you have them. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 9:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER,(760) 900-5330, susuebe16@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

JAN 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM I NDIAN CANYONS: FERN CANYON LOOP HIKE In the Indian Canyons on the south side of Palm Springs, we’ll hike along some small oases in the Fern Canyon Wash, then climb out to the Vandeventer Trail on this 6.5-mile loop on the east side of Palm Canyon, which we will parallel or drop into on the way back. Nice views of the Desert Divide and San Jacinto mountains. Entrance fee of $5 per person, $7 for seniors. RATED: Easy-Moderate with 1000 ft. gain and loss. MEET: At the Starbuck’s, 682 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264. BRING: ten essentials, layers and sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmetlon61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JANUARY 8 – JANUARY 14 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

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

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JAN 10 (WED) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE Time to “peel” the potato. This moderate, 5-mile R/T jaunt has a 1,200’ elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and, after reaching the saddle, there are great vistas of the cities of Upland and Claremont below. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM JAN 9. LEADER: JEFF WARRHOL 909-985-7686, jwandjwj@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

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

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

JAN 11 (THU) 9:00 AM HOPALONG CASSIDY TRAIL HIKE The Hopalong Cassidy Trail is an 8.3-mile moderate hike with an elevation change of 1,345 feet. In places the trail clings to the mountainside while it slices across the escarpment, giving great views of residential enclaves and golf courses in Palm Desert. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-337-0313.
Attention San Gorgonio Chapter Members . . .

After you've read this issue of the *Palm & Pine*, and before you fold it up and place it on the coffee table, look for your Group's 2018 ballot (below), mark your selections, then cut out the ballot and mail it in.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT . . . IT COUNTS!**

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**Printed Ballot Instructions for ...**

**Big Bear Group Executive Committee Election**

It is time to bring new members into our Executive Committee and we have eager volunteers who wish to participate!

Instructions for voting:
Print your name and address and **SIGN THE OUTSIDE** of the envelope to verify your ballot. If two ballots are enclosed from a Joint Membership, print **BOTH** names and address and have **BOTH MEMBERS SIGN** the outside of the envelope.

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by **January 8, 2018.**

**Los Serranos Ballot**

Please vote for 3 or fewer.

- Brian Elliott
- Jeff Warhol
- Mark Rush

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
Joe Whyte, 1404 Albright Ave., Upland, CA 91786

**Tahquitz Ballot**

Please vote for 3 or fewer.

- Kim Floyd
- Jono Hildner
- Al Murdy

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
Tahquitz Group, Sierra Club, PO Box 4944, Palm Springs, CA 92263

**Santa Margarita Ballot**

Please vote for 4 or fewer.

- Pam Nelson
- Elena Garcia
- Teri Biancardi
- Margaret Meyncke

Mail your ballot(s) to:  
Santa Margarita Group, Sierra Club, C/O Michael H. Momeni  
32407 Dahl Drive, Temecula, CA 92592

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**Printed Ballot Instructions for ...**

**Mojave Group Executive Committee Election**

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- Vesna Lazic Polovin
- Carol Wiley

Write-in:

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Sierra Club Big Bear Group, PO Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

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Mojave Group
By Susan Stueber, Group Chair and Jenny Wilder, Chair of the Friends of Juniper Flats

Juniper Flats and the West Mojave Route Designation

Welcome to the Victor Valley which is surrounded by beautiful mountains and extraordinary desert scenery! Hiking trails in the mountains are well publicized; however, did you ever wonder where to hike in the desert? The West Mojave Desert is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and includes the Juniper Flats Area which borders Apple Valley on the south side of the Victor Valley region. This is a “transition” area between the Mojave Desert and the San Bernardino Mountains. Here you may enjoy unique mixes of flora and fauna found in both the desert and mountain regions as well as extensive views.

The Juniper Flats Area is home to an abundance of history including the main dirt road 3N14 (or Coxe Truck Trail) to the old gold mining district in the mountains as well as homesteaded ranches such as Brown Ranch and Rock Springs Ranch. In the northwest corner, there is an ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) which was established in the 1980s to help preserve important archaeological and biological resources.

By the time you read this, the BLM may have released for comments their draft Route Designation Plan for the West Mojave. Over the past decade the Friends of Juniper Flats have worked with the BLM to include designation of hiking/equestrian trails in Juniper Flats. We have the understanding that the draft will include our Hiking Trail Proposal in Alternative 4 (Juniper Flats Hiking Trail Proposal) which means that it is not in the preferred alternative.

It is important that your comments promoting hiking trails for this route designation are submitted prior to the BLM deadline. Without your support, we may lose some spectacular trails to motorized use or restoration. Designated hiking trails are needed in special areas such as Juniper Flats to ensure a balance of recreational pursuits, to encourage low impact recreation and for the safety of all visitors. We encourage you to visit our Friends of Juniper Flats web site (Friends of Juniper Flats Wordpress Blog), and look under the hiking tab. When the draft WEMO Route Designation plan is released we will have some helpful tips on how to write comments. We also have a blog site (Friends of Juniper Flats Word press Blog), where you can enter your email address and click on the “Follow” button to receive an email when a new blog is posted. Please also leave us a note!

In addition to supporting our proposal for Juniper Flats, you may consider supporting hiking trails in other areas such as Bell Mountain, the Fairview Mountains, and the Granite Mountains in the Victor Valley and the Middle Knob Region north of Hwy 58. Designation of hiking trails is a rather new concept for the BLM, but they must hear from you if that is to change.

Moreno Valley Group
By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Group outings leaders Christina Torres, Eileen O’Brien & Beatriz Vindela have some fun hikes planned for this winter. First up is a hike on January 3 at Zanja Peak; on January 14 there is hike planned at Chino Hills State Park. If you are reading our article in December, there are hikes scheduled for December 16 and December 20, too. Please check out the details on our web page: http://sangorgonio2.sieracchaby.org/groups/moreno_valley/.

Ironwood Village Project (IVP): While the private development proposal is postponed indefinitely, this area is expected to be under attack again with the upcoming General Plan Update. Stay tuned for updates on both fronts.

Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVL/C): The project includes a 1.3 million square foot warehouse across the street from an established neighborhood, presenting concerns related to air quality, noise and traffic. The developer wants to reduce the required minimum setbacks from 300 feet to just 100 feet. The project was unanimously approved by the city planning commission in July 2017. The city council hearing has been continued to January 16, 2018. Comments may still be submitted to the planner, Julia Descoteaux at julia@moval.org. The environmental documents can be found at the city’s web page: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/cdd/documents/about-projects.html

World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, and Sierra Club are represented by Earthjustice in two separate challenges at the Superior Court and the Appeals Court. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge will be heard in the Superior Court in January 2018. Our Superior Court loss in the challenge to the initiatives has been appealed in hopes of blocking two Moreno Valley city initiatives which may allow the city to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): The final environmental document for development of up to 11,250 homes on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area was released in August 2017. The Riverside County Planning Commission has recommended approval of an alternative allowing 8,725 units. The Board of Supervisors heard public comments on November 14 and December 5. While we would love to have a responsible decision from the Board denying this ill-advised project, we have been working with the Center for Biological Diversity in the event it is necessary to litigate this project again.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our continued efforts to challenge the latest version of the Villages of Lakeview project and to continue our World Logistics Center litigation. Make checks out to the “Sierra Club” with the notation of either WLC and/or VOL, and send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you.

The Riverside County General Plan Update (GPA 960): Some of our concerns include impacts on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area’s at-risk species as well as the sprawl-promoting nature of the plan. A separate lawsuit was filed on the Housing Element (HE) because it has similar problems. Settlement talks have resolved portions of the General Plan suit related to greenhouse gas issues and the Housing Element suit. We believe the settlement will protect the environment and strengthen the County’s Climate Action Plan. We will be in court in 2018 on the remaining aspects of our General Plan Update litigation.

Mid County Parkway (MCP): The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would facilitate a project like the Villages of Lakeview. While we lost in the first rounds in both federal and state court, the Center for Biological Diversity has filed appeals on both decisions on behalf of the Sierra Club and other groups.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The 2018 Limited Use Golden Bear Pass ($20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris; it is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Box Springs Towers Spring Trail, October 29, 2017
Photo by Christina Torres

Pumpkin Rock Hike, Norco, October 22, 2017
Photo by Christina Torres
Temecula’s proposed ALTAIR Development

The wildlife corridor is the region at the upper-central section of this photo between the upper dirt road and the Interstate 15. Development site is located at the right of AMPM upper dirt road and the Interstate 15. Development site is located to the right of AMPM

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October 4th, Pam and Caren attended the annual Thompson Middle School Eco-Fair. We were one of the many “stations” that the 7th graders visited during the 5-hour session in the school gymnasium.

Skyview Park
Santa Margarita Group members Caren Hanson and Elena Garcia staffed a table with Sierra Club information at the dedication of Skyview Park in Temecula on October 21st. This park is family-friendly and was attractively xeriscape landscaped using drought-tolerant plants. The park shows expansive views of fields and hills of the northeastern portion of Temecula.

The other activities of our group during this period are:

- October 4th: Pam Nelson and Caren Hanson attended the annual Thompson Middle School Eco-Fair.
- Our Outreach committee met at the Vail Lake Resort (December 10th).
- Our annual Holiday Party at the Jacinto Community College helped the many families enjoy the games.
- For more information, contact us at Palm and Pine, Santa Margarita Group.
Jan 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM CR&H SEG 2: COVINGTON TO JUNIPER FLATS HIKE
This is segment two of the California Riding & Hiking Trail patch program. This is a key exchange hike requiring a park entry fee. We hike 11.3 miles in the most remote section of the CR&H with an elevation change of 2660’ beginning either at Upper Covington Flats heading east or Juniper Flats heading west. We'll cross a desert plateau and a panoramic ridge; view unique rock formations; hike past Quail Mountain, the tallest in the park; and hike through a Joshua Tree and juniper forest in Lost Horse Valley. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252. BRING: the ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, 760-408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS TO OAK GLEN HIKE
This easy 4-mile hike through Juniper Flats to the Oak Glen area has wonderful views of rock formations. There also has a very interesting mining history. There are old mines and a small town where the gold was extracted. The hike is rated as easy. BRING: water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com.

MOJAVE GROUP

JANUARY 22 – JANUARY 28
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 11

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

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

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

Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at Cal State St. INFO: LADD SEEKSIN ladd.g.seeke@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

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

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30800 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierrachhapng@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**FEB 11 (THU-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE CAR CAMP**

Camping, hiking, restoration, and conservation, this car camp has it all! Take this rewarding opportunity to join the Sierra Club CA/NV Desert Committee and the National Park Service for a 1-day restoration project in the preserve. Participate in joint CA/NV Desert Committee meetings with the Wilderness Committee to discuss conservation concerns affecting our deserts and wilderness. Hikes and outings ranging from easy to moderate will also be offered in lieu of the meetings. CALL to RSVP and for details. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-382-6760 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 12 (SUN) 8:00 AM SITTON PEAK HIKE**

The Sitton Peak Trail offers endless views of Cleveland National Forest. From the peak, at 3,273 feet, you get views of Mt. San Jacinto, San Gorgonio, and Santiago Peak. Just off the Ortega Highway (74) near Lake Elsinore. We’ll hike 10 to 11 miles in and out, taking 5 hours. RATED: Moderate. A challenging experience with a 2150 ft. elevation gain. MEET: Ortega Oaks Candy Store at 34950 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. BRING: 10 essentials, 2-3 liters of water depending on weather, sunscreen, hiking boots, hat, poles, and a lunch to enjoy at the peak. Need Adventure Pass for parking. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, (760)-408-2456, or CO-LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com BIG BEAR GROUP

FEBRUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 18

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

**FEB 12 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**

Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 25

**FEB 19 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at Cal State St. INFO: LADD SEEKSIN ladd.g.seeke@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER
FEB 13 (TUE) 9:00 AM OLVIE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. Bring: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, exit Perris Rd., go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

FEB 14 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jrciekes47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUWEBER, susanquintin@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 15 (THU) 9:00 AM BEAR FLATS HIKE
The Bear Canyon Trail to Bear Flats, also known as Old Baldy Trail, offers some of the finest scenery in the San Gabriels. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 2,160 ft. and a 3.6 R/T mileage. Only a very small section of this trail is flat. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hat, rain gear, and hiking sticks. Rain cancels. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM FEB 14. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated as moderate. The inward path is a lengthy but steady elevation gain. The views above Lower Deep Creek and Deep Creek are stunning. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9 am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSDOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 17 (SAT) 9:30 AM BOX SPRINGS TOWERS & THE “M” HIKE
Moderate 5 to 6-mile round trip hike to the “M” via the Spring Trail. Approx. 400 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 wwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass Rd about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt). In 1.2 miles reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee $5. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINLIODA, (562) 713-4470, bgnotom02@ucr.edu MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 19 – FEBRUARY – 25 FEBRUARY Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannel8@ael.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 21 (WED) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE QUEEN MINE & EAGLE CLIFFS HIKE
This is a repeat of the hike January 27. Please see the write up there. RESERVATIONS: Email LJ FOSTER, eljaye6hiker@yahoo.com or leave message at (951) 845-9440 (voice only). BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 22 (THU) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE
This will be a short hike up the rocky wash to the 90-foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 23 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE
Join us on a 1-2 mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it’s not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes available for those who want to try it out but don’t have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET: in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), seliss67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER KARLA KELLEMES, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEB 24 (SAT) 7:30 AM INDIAN CANYONS: WEST FORK TO MURRAY CYN HIKE
On this well-liked hike in the Indian lands south of Palm Springs, we head southwest from the trading post, climbing 2,500 ft. alongside a canyon on the trail that goes to Cedar Spring. At a fork we turn north to drop into a green area in the canyon, later along the slope, and then descend to the lower end of Murray Canyon, where we may see a little water. Total distance is 10 miles. This is a shuttle hike, on paved roads. COST: Entrance fee of $5 for persons, $7 for seniors. RATED: Strenuous; experienced hikers only. MEET: At the Starbuck’s, 682 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264. BRING: tens, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: CONTACT LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM SITTON PEAK HIKE
Join me on a 10 mile RT moderate/difficult hike to Sitton Peak. There is 2150' of elevation gain/loss and a 1/4-mile scramble to reach the peak. The peak stands only 3,273' it has a commanding 360-degree view, which includes views of the ocean on a clear day. WEAR: dress in layers, BRING plenty of water, lunch and sunscreen. MEET at the parking lot across from The Ortega Oaks Candy Store, 34040 Ortega Hwy. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. A wilderness pass in required for cars parked in the lot and are available at sporting goods stores. For more information or to register please contact me. I will send a more detailed description to everyone that registers. Rain cancels. LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951)302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

FEB 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE
This 6-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail is rated as moderate because part of our journey is off trail. The views across the historic Summit Valley are stunning. BRING water, a snack, suitable footwear and layered clothing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSDOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 24 (SAT) 9:30 AM LA QUINTA COVE HIKE
TRAIL Moderate 6.5-mile RT exploratory hike along a wash and hills along desert mountains to Lake Cahuilla and back. 548’ elevation gain. BRING: water, sunscreen, hat, snack, sturdy shoes, camera. MEET: Interstate 10 east to La Quinta, exit Washington St. turn R on Eisenhower, R on Avenida Bermudas until it becomes Callile Road and drive N.Park Dr. Take the 2nd left and park. Call me at 760-245-8734.

FEB 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM CR&H SEG #3: JUNIPER FLATS TO TWO TANKS HIKE
The third Segment of the California Riding and Hiking Trail patch program will begin at Juniper Flats on Keys View Road. This 11.9-mile section is the longest section of the CR&H, gaining 353’ and losing 793’. After shuttling, we head east leaving the Lost Horse Valley as we ascend a pass at mile three. Continuing east we descend into the open desert and begin an easy climb crossing the Geology Tour road. Next, we skirt the Jumbo Rocks area descending 593’ over 4 miles into Twin Tanks. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Oasis Visitor Center parking lot, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms 92277. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 26 – MARCH 4 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 26 – MAR 1 (MON-THU) DEATH VALLEY TOUR TOUR
The trip will begin in Shoshone near Death Valley at noon for a tour of the historic community and then primitive camping in the area. The next day we will go to China Ranch and hike in Amargosa Canyon. The third day we will drive through the heart of Death Valley visiting scenic sites and hiking some of the beautiful canyons. We will camp that night in the Furnace Creek area. The last morning, we will hike the dunes and then head home. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desert1ly@verizon.net, call 760-245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 27 (TUE) 9:00 AM SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL – BOX SPRINGS MTN HIKE
Moderate 4-mile hike on Skyline Loop 1. BRING: water, snack, sturdy shoes. MEET: from Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, go north on Pigeon Pass Rd about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt). In 1.2 miles reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee $5. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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**Palm and Pine**

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**FEB 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANS GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCMEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions.

INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, mmannyann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

**CHAPTER**

**FEB 28 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET RIDGE TRAVERSE HIKE**

This is a moderately sure but very long hike totaling 16 miles. We will start with Sunset Peak, then continue westward on the service road all along the ridge, past antennas, all the way down, ending in La Verne. This is a 1-way hike requiring a car shuttle. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. RESERVATIONS required no later than 2-24-18. Rain cancels. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com.

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**FEB 28-MAR 4 (WED-SUN) JOSHUA TREE NP IN LATE WINTER CARCAMP**

Visit Joshua Tree National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We may explore palm oases, boulder areas, and desert canyons or climb peaks within the park. We have the campsites from noon Wednesday until noon on Sunday. Hikes may require walking over rocky trails and some areas of rock scrambling off trail. Maximum hiking distance is 10 miles with up to 2000 feet of elevation gain. Some vehicle travel on dirt roads may be required. COST: $30 per person and includes 4 nights of camping. $20 deposit required to confirm participation. There is an additional Park entrance fee of $25 per vehicle. We may also take a guided tour of the historic Keys Ranch ($10 per person extra). Group size limited to 18 people. RESERVATIONS: Email or call leader for reservation information. LEADER: RICH JURICICH, rich.siercclub@puchell.net, 916-492-2181.

**CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE**

**MAR 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

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

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**MAR 2 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE**

Last chance of the season to get your snowshoes on, so join us on a 1-2 mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it’s not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them, MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Too little snow or inclement weather cancels. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fellsis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER CARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com.

**MOUNTAINS GROUP**

**UPCOMING**

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

**MAR 20-23 (TUE-FRI) TOUR OF MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE TOUR**

The outing will begin on Tuesday at noon at Sunrise Rock campground on Cima Road. That afternoon we will hike Teutonia Peak for scenic views of the area. (3 miles round trip.) The next day we will drive to the Rock House and hike the loop trail (1 mile) and then go the Midhills to camp. Thursday we will hike in the area. Friday we will go to Mitchell Caverns for a tour of the famous caverns at 11:00 am. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, deserlily1@verizon.net, 760-245-8734.

**MOJAVE GROUP**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**FEB 27 (TUE) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKS WALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA**

Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year’s Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. “Volks” means “people” in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 3210 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & FEB 5, 12,19, and 26]

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

**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays, COST: $3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 giskeeksins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL, (909) 864-2309 info@larrypowell.com. [MEETS Jan 5, 19, & FEB 2, 16]

**3RD WED 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**MEETING**

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift, tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. [MEETS JAN 17 & FEB 21]
Mark Your Calendars for our Chapter Program on February 6th:
“Tejon Ranch: A Biological Treasure”
Presented by Nick Jensen

A t the February 6 chapter meeting, Nick Jensen will discuss his research on the ecology and botany of Tejon Ranch, the site of his PhD dissertation research. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

In the past, Tejon Ranch was the focus of a long and bitter fight to preserve its unique flora, fauna, scenic, and recreational attributes. Prior to 2008, Tejon Ranch was closed to scientific research. Now, 240,000 acres, nearly 90% of the ranch, have been conserved under the Tejon Ranch Conservancy.

Over the past two years working on Tejon Ranch, Nick has made more than 4,000 herbarium collections representing at least one new species, dozens of new populations of rare species, and countless range extensions.

At 270,000 acres, Tejon Ranch is California’s largest contiguous piece of private land. Located primarily in the Tehachapi Mountains of Kern County, Tejon Ranch occupies one of the most interesting and complex ecological areas in the California: the convergence of the San Joaquin Valley, Sierra Nevada, Western Transverse Ranges, and Mojave Desert.

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Nick recently was awarded his PhD by Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden/Claremont Graduate University. His research interests include biogeography, rare plants, and biodiversity. Nick is also interested in gaining a greater understanding of the threats to California’s plants. Prior to his graduate career, Nick served as the Rare Plant Program Director for the California Native Plant Society and has worked as a botanist for the US Forest Service, Chicago Botanic Garden, and the private consulting industry.

Nick also presented his talk on his Tejon Ranch research at the October 2017 meeting of the Los Serranos Group.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park in 2018

April 8-10; May 6-8; June 10-12; July 15-17; August 19-21; September 23-25; October 21-23

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

For more information contact leaders: Joan Jones Holtz: jholzthln@aol.com; 626-443-0706 and/or Wayne Vollaire: avollaire1@gmail.com; 909-327-6825.

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