INSIGHTFUL MESSAGE AT FILM SCREENING OF “FROM THE ASHES” AT MARCH 6TH CHAPTER PROGRAM

The powerful film, *From the Ashes*, will screen at the March 6th chapter meeting. The venue is the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

The film is a compelling look at the lives and issues behind the “war on coal.” Directed by Michael Bonfiglio, *From the Ashes* premiered at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival and the National Geographic Channel.

“From the Ashes” captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump Administration. From Appalachia to the West’s Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the ‘war on coal’ to present compelling and often heartbreaking stories about what’s at stake for our economy, health, and climate. The film invites audiences to learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives,” according to the producers.

The film is recommended by the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal campaign, which states, “Not only is coal burning responsible for one third of US carbon emissions—the main contributor to climate disruption—but it is also making us sick, leading to as many as 13,000 premature deaths every year and more than $100 billion in annual health costs. ‘The Beyond Coal campaign’s main objective is to replace dirty coal with clean energy by mobilizing grassroots activists in local communities to advocate for the retirement of old and outdated coal plants and to prevent new coal plants from being built.”

According to former Secretary of State John Kerry, the film is “A must-watch for everyone because we should all be in this together.”

OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING JUNE 2-3

Do you enjoy Sierra Club outings? Becoming an outings leader has many rewards including the ability to always participate in your favorite outings along with a bunch of like-minded adventurers. Request an application now for the June 2-3 training held at our Sierra Club-owned ski cabin near Running Springs (see photo below).

The two-day class is designed to cover all the leadership skills required by the Sierra Club to lead outings. Saturday will include outdoor leadership, Club outings administration, map and compass, environmental considerations and the Psychology of Leadership. Sunday includes a field exercise.

Once again, the chapter is offering the course at no charge; you only will be asked to provide an item for the dinner feast Saturday night. There is a $15 refundable deposit required upon application though. Included will be all course materials – some provided on Saturday and others mailed prior to the course for review.

Early enrollment is encouraged and will allow you plenty of time to review the materials. For an application form or general questions please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net. Alternatively, you may use mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

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FROM THE ASHES

Source of photo on the right: KPCC Southern California Public Television

Source of photos above and below from the actual film.

The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than usual, to allow viewing of the 80-minute film.

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from San Gorgonio Chapter!
By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Political Chair

Just returned from Washington, DC where I spent a day and a half in meetings with Sierra Club staff and volunteers from around the country as a member of the national Sierra Club Political Team (SCPT). We discussed many of the points of campaign finance laws and how to comply with the need to keep independent expenditure committees separate from the coordinated campaigns working directly with candidates and other issues that only real political wonks love. However, we also discussed matters that you should ALL be excited to learn.

As we move forward, expect to get a call and/or an email, asking for you to get more volunteers who are willing to help! We have a strong Chapter Political Committee that is working hard, but we need your help! We have a strong national Club if we can’t demonstrate that we’ve got our act together and we are ready and able to put any and all additional resources to good use and WIN in November.

With our hard work! We must be submitted to the appropriate Outings Chair.

Chair – Ellen Kester 989-585-1062 jckricket47@yahoo.com
Meet 3rd Thursday, Discovery Center
North Shore, 6:30 p.m.
www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

Los Serranos Group:
Chair – Brian Elliott briandell76@gmail.com
Meet 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
Gildey B. Lewis Center, Central Park,
11200 Baseline Rd. Rancho Cucamonga,
Serrano Group:
Chair – Pam Nelson 951-767-2324
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Cherry Ave., 6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles Group:
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susanquentin.stuber@gmail.com
Meet 2nd Wednesday except July & Aug.
Sterling Inn, Regency Room,
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Mojave Group:
Chair – Susan Stueber 760-900-5330
jens oasis@aol.com
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Chair – Michael Miilagh 951-653-2008
Mountains Group:
Chair – Dave Burrie 909-337-0313
barriemac@gmail.com
Meet 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.
North Shore, 6:30 p.m.

San Bernardino Mtns. Group:
Chair – Dave Burrie 909-337-0313
barriemac@gmail.com
Meet 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.

Santa Margarita Group:
Chair – Joan Taylor palmcanyon@mac.com
Meet 4th Thursday 6:00 p.m.
www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org

Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair
The Sierra Club Liability Waiver has been updated effective March 1.
Please review the new Waiver at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/(Click on Disclaimers under the Outings Tab)

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2018 Calendar are due by April 1, 2018.
FORMAT: items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.
OUTINGS: include write-up to your group or section Outings Chair.
MEETINGS & other events: Send e-mail to Laura Seekins at lseekins@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 under the specified items only. Please confirm your participation with the Leader. The note: The March 6 meeting will start at 6:00 PM, 30 minutes earlier than usual, to the March 18 meeting.

** 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 the following notice: “Sierra Club members are required to have 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 may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass. 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 may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass. 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 may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM* SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
* Note: The March 6 meeting will start at 6:00 PM, 30 minutes earlier than usual, to allow time for the 80-minute film about coal out of the Ashes. For more information, please see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest). Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUETER, susanquintin.stueter@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

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

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/sangorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org

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

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 25 (SUN) 8:00AM CR&HT SEG #3: JUNIPER FLATS TO TWIN TANKS HIKE
The third Segment of the California Riding & Hiking Trail patch program will begin at Juniper Flats on Keys View Road in Joshua Tree National Park. This 11.9-mile section is the longest of the CR&HT, 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
miles in and out, usually rated moderate, but there could be snow, ice, and mud. Rain/snow cancels RATING: moderate to strenuous. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, winter coat, sunglasses, sun block, hat, snow/suction, two liters of water, hiking boots and trekking poles. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, 760-333-3103, petermichelsen@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM ARRESTRE FALLS HIKE This is a family friendly beginners hike. Come and learn about riparian areas. This 2-mile hike through the lovely Arastre Canyon in the Juniper Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains is RATED easy. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9am. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD. 760-964-0039, yorkshireire1@juno.com

MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 3-4 (SAT-SUN) 8:00 AM JT BIG TREES & LOST HORSE BACKPACK From Juniper Flats in Joshua Tree National Park we head east along the California Riding & Hiking Trail, then south on the Big Tree Trail to intersect the Lost Horse Loop and camp on the backside in a Joshua tree and juniper woodland. Next morning, we continue the loop back to the Big Tree Trail and Juniper Flats. Total distance is 13.5 miles with ascent and descent of 1.070 feet. RATED: moderate+. MEET: At Juniper Flats Backcountry lot along Keyes View Road at 8:00 AM. Carpooling will help with limited parking. COST: Park entry fee required. BRING: backpacking gear including 8 liters of water, meals, and cooking gear. We will email a recommended equipment list after you are approved for the hike. Limited to 8 participants. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DA VE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 4 (SUN) 2:00 PM MORTON PEAK HIKE We will hike up to Morton Peak on fire roads to enjoy excellent views. Distance: 6 miles round trip, Elevation gain: 1,300 feet. DIFFICULTY: strenuous. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station at 2:00 pm and leave at 2:05 to carpool to the trailhead. Ranger Station address: 54701 Mill Creek Rd Mentone CA. The trailhead is on the left up the road 2.3 miles and can be hard to find if you are unfamiliar. BRING: Sunscreen, hiking poles, snack, plenty of water, flashlight, dress in layers. Rain cancels. RSVP by 9:00 am on Mar. 4. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmteack@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 5 – MARCH 11

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAR 5 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Alpine Conference Room, 27326 Blue Jay Mall on the First Monday of selected months: Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM PCT AT SILVERWODE LAKE HIKE We will hike a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail that forks off to the left 2 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

MAR 6 (TUE) 7:00 PM CARCAMP HIKE This month, the chapter meeting starts at 7:00 PM, 30 minutes earlier than usual, to allow time for the 80-minute film about coal Out of the Ashes. For more information, please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org. Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities. MEET: At the Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9am. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM JT BIG TREES & LOST HORSE BACKPACK From Juniper Flats in Joshua Tree National Park we head east along the California Riding & Hiking Trail, then south on the Big Tree Trail to intersect the Lost Horse Loop and camp on the backside in a Joshua tree and juniper woodland. Next morning, we continue the loop back to the Big Tree Trail and Juniper Flats. Total distance is 13.5 miles with ascent and descent of 1.070 feet. RATED: moderate+. MEET: At Juniper Flats Backcountry lot along Keyes View Road at 8:00 AM. Carpooling will help with limited parking. COST: Park entry fee required. BRING: backpacking gear including 8 liters of water, meals, and cooking gear. We will email a recommended equipment list after you are approved for the hike. Limited to 8 participants. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DA VE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 7 (WED) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Alpine Conference Room, 27326 Blue Jay Mall on the First Monday of selected months: Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 8 (THU) 8:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE Tenaja falls in the San Mateo Wilderness is a pretty spring hike, with wildflowers and maybe even water in San Mateo Creek and the falls. We start from the Fisherman’s Camp Trailhead for an 8.1 mile hike, about 1500 ft elevation gain and loss. WEAR: Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing and hat; BRING water, snacks and lunch. Hiking poles are helpful for stream crossings. Rain within 48 hours cancels due to several stream crossings. MEET: In Ontario at 8:00 AM. Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com
**MAR 10 (SAT) 7:00 AM  GRAND VIEW POINT HIKE**
This is a popular trail and hike. Perhaps not so much this time of year as it could be icy and muddy, but there is an unique atmosphere in late winter. The stands of beech and holly add a touch of color. There are some old road. The Crafton Hills primarily grassland with some recently planted oak and acacia. There is a pullout on the right for parking. It is a favorite scenic hike, with great views and stream running alongside part of the trail as well as some rock outcroppings. RATED: moderate to strenuous due to length. Bring: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, and strong walking shoes. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Rd, Victorville, CA 92308 by 9 a.m. LEADER: DARLENE NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net, (760) 208-3654 or LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, dtylorn2em@verizon.net, (951) 385-5706. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY, YUCAIPA HIKE**
Warm up those legs for the hiking season on a 5-6 mile hike in the Crafton Hills area above Yucaipa with wonderful views of the valley out toward Riverside and San Bernardino. Many great trails to choose from. We will walk on some trail and some old road. The Crafton Hills primarily grassland with some recently planted oaks, and one beautiful old oak. I’m hoping for some rain that will give us some wavy green grass and wildflowers to enjoy. RATED: easy/moderate. MEET: When you sign up I’ll let you know which trailhead we will meet at. BRING: ten essentials, 1.5 liters of water, layered clothing, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909)289-1932, judy.5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM AGUAMAG CALIENTE CREEK TRAIL HIKE**
Hike: About 4 miles round trip to a large rock arch in the Wonderland of Rocks. No trail or signage, with many confusing trail traces; limit of 10 hikers to keep us all together. RATED: moderate; about 200 feet elevation gain/loss overall; a few rock scrambles. MEET: Be ready to carpool by 8 AM from the Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Limited trailhead parking; 0.2m dirt segment to the trailhead. Bring: Water & snacks for 3-4 hours’ hiking, poles, wind/sun protection, your personal first aid kit & no-trace toilet supplies. As usual a detailed (topographic) map & compass would be wise. WEATHER: Desert winter/spring days can be warm or cold & often windy; check forecast. Extreme wind, snow, or rain will cancel. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LJ FOSTER eljayeffhiker@ yahoo.com. Please include your name. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM OAK GLEN HIKE**
This is a scenic hike of 4 miles through the Oak Glen area of Jeri Quinlin’s home. RATED easy. Wonderful rock formations and historic mining areas make this walk in the wilderness a real joy. The abundance of oak trees adds to the enjoyment. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com. 760-985-1062. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAR 11 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTNS, MILL PEAK HIKE**
Come join us for a 3-4 mile round trip moderate hike with a 800’ elevation gain to Mill Peak, one of the Sierra Club’s 100 Peaks. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Robert Hoobmantown Center parking lot, 9290 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92358. Weather: hot, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 14 (WED) 7:00 PM JOVAJ GROUP MEETING**
Meeting monthly except January, February, and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site (sierrachub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO and LEADER: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jerkiers77@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP
Mojave Group
By Susan Stueber, Group Chair
and David Hansen
Friends of Juniper Flats Steering Committee and
Newly Elected Mojave Group Executive Committee Member

Electoral Results

Congratulations go to David Hansen, Vesna Lazic Polovin and Carol Wiley for being voted in as the new and returning members of the Mojave Group Executive Committee.

Our Gem of the High Desert

By David Hansen

The Mojave Group is proud of the area we serve, especially the transition zone known as Juniper Flats, located south of Apple Valley. It is a beautiful area that offers wonderful opportunities for nature lovers, hikers, equestrians, and campers. The area covers over 101,000 acres from the desert floor to the forested areas of the San Bernardino Mountains. It is a diverse landscape of mountains, hills, boulder fields, canyons and seasonal streams, and hosts scattered wetlands that attract a variety of wildlife. Juniper Flats also includes a unique mixture of plants and flowers.

Bowne Ranch Road is a main entry point to Juniper Flats, but there is so much more to explore via adjoining routes like Coxey Truck Trail, Powerline Road, and Juniper Flats Road (Japatul Rd.). Throughout this region, you’ll find trails leading to Arrastre Canyon, where there is actually a seasonal water fall; Grapevine Canyon, a rugged and beautiful deep canyon area; Round Mountain with amazing vistas of the Victor Valley from the top, and Cottonwood Springs, a lush riparian area. Many boulders are huge, like Split Rock, with heights equal to three-story buildings.

This January, members joined together in repairing over 100 feet of broken fence line in the western part of Juniper Flats, near Route JF430, a fence meant to stop vehicle traffic just north of the route. The area beyond the fence leads to a couple of nice hiking paths. Eight new t-posts were installed leaving a 4 ft. wide opening between two large wood posts for hiking & equestrian access. This project also included restoration work to the damaged area around the fence line, topping it off with spreading some wild plant seeds throughout the area. On the way out of the area, the team also spent about an hour partially repairing a section of JF4325, a little south of the BLM kiosk near Japatul Rd. Erosion had badly damaged the road to the point that only a 4X4 vehicle could get through the area. This resulted in people creating a new bypass around the damaged area, further damaging a virgin area of land and plants. They filled in the worst part of the erosion, and then created a diversion channel a little farther up the hill on the road to minimize further water erosion in the future. Plans are to work on this damaged road area at another time.

The Friends of Juniper Flats invites you to visit our website (friendsofjuniperflats.org) or our blog site (Friends of Juniper Flats Wordpress Blog).

Moreno Valley Group
By Ann Turner McBibben, Secretary

Spring is here and outings leaders Christina Torres and Beatriz Vindiola have planned some nice opportunities for members and friends to get out and enjoy our beautiful local scenery. The first hike on March 4 will be to Morton Peak. Please check out the details on our webpage for this hike and future hikes: http://sangorgonios2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

Here is some updated information on projects that we are following:

Ironwood Village Project (IWP): This small-lot encroachment into the City’s rural area remains indefinitely postponed; however, this area is expected to be under attack again through the General Plan Update. Contact City planner Claudia Manrique at claudiamanrique@moval.org to request notification of all City announcements, meetings, and hearings for the General Plan Update.

Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVLC): This 1.3 million square foot warehouse across the street from an established neighborhood includes a developer request to reduce the minimum setback from 300 feet to just 100 feet. The next City Council hearing is April 17th.

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. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge was heard in Riverside Superior Court January 22, 2018. Judge

San Gorgonio Crossings: This warehouse project at the gateway to the rural Cherry Valley community was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in October 2017. Lawsuits have been filed by Sierra Club and local Cherry Valley citizens groups.

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

A bald eagle count will take place on 8:00 a.m., March 10 at Lake Perris State Recreation Area. Meet at Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum for orientation. Please call Lake Perris Recreation Area at (951) 940-5600 to confirm all information. No experience is necessary.
Join us March 3 for the Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

For 11 years running you are invited to make the trek up towering Blue Mountain. Starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3 the gates will be unlocked for this 1.6 mile hike to the 2,428 summit. Easily accessible from all points in the IE, the trailhead is at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. Begin 11 years ago by the Friends of Blue Mountain and assisted by the Sierra Club, one man’s vision to allow year-round access to this signature peak is becoming a reality. Denis Kidd, an avocado grower in Grand Terrace led the way but now is joined by the City of Grand Terrace to make the Blue Mountain Nature Trail possible. A grant application is being processed with matching funds of $200,000 from the city. As always there is no charge to participate and ample free parking is available at the gates and nearby. March weather is ideal, however it tends to winds at the top so don’t forget a windbreaker. And always bring water, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash. Most hikers do make it to the peak and enjoy a 360-degree view of the Inland Empire. Except for Box Springs Mountain to the south at a little over 3,000 feet, you need to look down to see other familiar nearby points. La Loma Hills just across the 215 freeway has a high point of 1,896 feet. In Riverside, Mount Rubidoux reaches just 1,337 feet and Pachappa Hill tops off at 1,175 feet. All the signature mountain peaks of Southern California can be seen from the top of Blue Mountain. Looking to the left of Cajon Pass, Cucamonga Peak and Mount Baldy in the distance can be seen. To the northwest, the 10,000-foot ridge of the San Bernardino Mountains comprises the prominent range with Southern California’s highest peak, Mt. San Gorgonio, in the distance. Across from San Gorgonio and above Palm Springs, Mt. San Jacinto with its icy north face can be viewed. To the south, the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska stand out in the Cleveland National Forest.

For those unfamiliar with the location, take the 215 Freeway to the City of Grand Terrace and exit East on Barton Road; proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave. to the top where Palm meets Honey Drive – you have arrived.

Inland Empire. Except for Box Springs Mountain the trailhead is at the Macaroni Grill in Temecula.

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Top of the mountain.

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Also, we intend to continue to make the Temecula Creek underpass at 1-15 a more functional wildlife crossing in hopes of attracting all wildlife and especially mountain lions. We just received good news that the Temecula Creek Inn expansion has been scrapped now that the Pechanga Tribe has purchased all 305 acres on the east side of the freeway. This gives us encouragement that we can help restore this crossing and corridor.

Please donate by sending a check (and put wildlife crossing in the memo) to:

George McMackin, treasurer
40335 Garrison Drive
Temecula, CA 92591

If you want a tax-deductible donation, you must make it to Sierra Club Foundation with Santa Margarita group-wildlife crossing in the memo.

We had to do it. The developers of the Altair housing development wouldn’t comply with CEQA or the MSHCP. The City went ahead and approved the project on Dec. 12th. There are others that are suing, so attention will be taken to this issue. We, the developers and City didn’t realize what this project really would represent. Now the fight for local wildlife crossings and corridors is a focus for many organizations. This turned out to be a good thing.

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We are eager to get our General Meeting programs scheduled and started beginning in March, the third Thursday of each month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm.

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MARCH 26 – APRIL 1  
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Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, conservation chair, kmfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.

APR 11 (WED) 4:45 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE
A 3-mile hike up steep Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,100-foot elevation gain. RATED: moderate to strenuous. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen. PLACE: Silverwood Lake St. and Secco Rd. 5.5 miles round trip; 3800’ elevation gain. PARKING: 50’ north of Baldy Village on Mountain Ave, north to Morgan Tract Rd., east to trailhead. When we finish, we all ride back to the starting point in the cars we left in the parking. MEET: Exit 210 freeway on Mountain Ave, north 1 mile, west 1 mile, north on Silverwood Lake Rd. 9.4 miles to the trailhead. RATED: moderately strenuous with 600’ of elevation gain/loss and 1,000’ total gain.

APR 12 (THU) 10:00 AM PCT TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE
An 8-mile one way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. RATED: moderate. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. You will want your camera for this hike!! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: contact leader by April 10 for location and to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kvio13826@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 14 (SAT) 7:00 AM 6 PEAK CHALLENGE, CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE
885-ft. Cucamonga Peak features deep canyons, pine forests, and relatively isolated, nearly pristine high country. The only easy access to Cucamonga Peak and its surrounding wilderness is via Icehouse Canyon and the saddle. We’ll hike up Ice House Canyon right at the saddle pass trail to Ontario Peak and onward. RATED: strenuous because of mileage and some small bolder hopping. 12 miles round trip; 3800’ elevation gain. MEET: Exit 210 freeway on Mountain Ave, north through Baldy Village, stay to right at the “Y” junction. MEET: at the trailhead past restrooms. Adventure Pass required. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, snacks, and 3 liters of water. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

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The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcrickett47@yahoo.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 11 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJA VE 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. MOJA VE GROUP

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APR 12-15 (THU-SUN) ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK/CULP VALLEY CARCAMP
Calp Valley, in the Upper Sonoran plant zone, is our base for this family friendly outing. Choose from a variety of activities including a moderate 7.5-mile hike down the California Riding & Hiking Trail to Borrego Valley, 3000 feet below, or a 5.5 mile difficult hike 1000’ up Hellhole Canyon in a palm oasis to catch a glimpse of the 20’ seasonal Maiden Hair Falls. Visit the Anza-Borrego State Park Visitors Center, which hosts an easy interpretive trail, educational exhibits, & a theater. On shorter, easier hikes we’ll view beautiful vistas, local springs, and Indian morteros. This is a primitive campground (No facilities except for pit toilets). Cell service may be spotty. OK for passenger cars, campers, small trailers, and small RVs. Inclement weather will cancel. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGENT, 909-336-2836 (no text). MOUNTAINS GROUP
APR 14 (SAT) 8:30 AM MORTON PEAK HIKE
A 6-mile round trip conditioning hike. We hike up a service road to the Morton Peak fire lookout tower. There are views of the Mill Creek Valley and Mill Creek Falls. We will see the valley below from Yaquipa to Lake Perris and beyond if it’s a clear day. Once we get to the fire tower we will have our break and the views from there are 360 degrees and quite stunning. RATED: moderate with an elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone. BRING: 11 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. WEAR: layered clothing, RESERVATIONS: CONTACT LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE
A 6-mile round trip hike with an 1100’ elevation gain. RATED: moderate/strenuous. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club’s 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET: Blue Jay at the Blue Jay cinema to carpool. Parking is limited at trailhead. BRING: Hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text). MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 15 (SUN) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE
This is a seven mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet. RATED: moderate. This hike is part of the 5 peaks of Big Bear program. Those achieving all 5 will be awarded a commemorative patch. Begin on the Cougar Crest trail, which winds through stands of mountain mahogany in a forest of the usual pines, cedars, and junipers, with a half mile strenuous stretch. Heavy snow/rain cancels. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch/snack, two liters of water, good hiking boots, sunglasses, and sun block. Trekking poles are optional but recommended. MEET: At the Cougar Crest trail head just west of the Discovery Center. Don’t forget your adventure pass for parking. RESERVATIONS: CONTACT LEADER PETER MICHELSSEN, petermichelssen@gmail.com, 760-333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program: PLACE: Gosart Hall, 11441 8th St., Moreno Valley, CA 92557. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 17 (THU) 4:45 PM SUCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS HIKE
Approximately 2-hour hike. Rain cancels. RATED: easy to moderate. Trail has some ups and downs. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside, south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (352)773-4470, orangeuz002@ucri.edu MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 19 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bears. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38). Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 20 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK HIKE
A 3.5 to 4-mile round trip hike with a 500’ elevation gain. RATED: moderate. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR: Long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM BOWEN RANCH HIKE
A 5-mile hike around the historic Bowen Ranch in the Juniper Flats area. RATED: easy. The ranch sits in the wonderful San Bernardino Mountains and has exceptional views. BRING: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92380. MEET: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760-215-6000 (no text). MOUNTAINS GROUP

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APR 22 (SUN) 12:00 PM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY PEAK WALK
A 1-mile slow walk on the Strawberry Peak Trail in honor of Earth Day. This interpretive trail by Garden Works has an impressive “Harry Potter” like tree, fun for the whole family. After the walk, check out the views at the Strawberry Peak fire lookout tower. MEET: Strawberry Peak trail head on HWY 189 across the street from the Pinecrest Christian Conference Center, 1140 Pine Crest Rd. Twin Peaks, CA92391. WEAR layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 23 – APRIL 29
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APR 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

APR 25 (WED) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, steady shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Parking along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com . MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 27 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us on a 3 to 5-mile hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains IN HONOR OF Arbor Day RATED: easy/moderate. We will plant a tree. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fse Ellis67@sbcglobal.net, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL, IDYLLWILD HIKE
Pines and oaks shade our ascent to the Tahquitz Fire Lookout Tower. The trail and tower provide fabulous vistas from Garner Valley all the way to the ocean. We will start at the beginning of the rough Forest Road, walking to the trailhead and from there hiking to the Lookout Tower to snack and enjoy the view before retracing our steps. RATED: moderate, but last mile is strenuous; 2500 ft. elevation gain and 9 miles total distance. Rain cancels. MEET: AT the “Fort” between Jo Ains and the coffee shop in Idyllwild. Adventure Pass needed to drive up the dirt road and park at the trailhead; otherwise not. BRING: 3 liters water; Snacks: Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RESERVATION: CONTACT LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 358-5706, dtaylormom@verizon.net, or CO-LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654, snarozzaz@cox.net BIG BEAR GROUP

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APR 28 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDCROUSE CREEK HIKE
An 8-mile round trip hike in the San Bernardino Mountains. It starts on an old jeep trail, though an open forest of Jeffrey Pine, Pinyon Pine and Juniper. There will be views of the San Gorgonio wilderness and the Santa Ana River valley as we climb up. The last part of the trail then winds down to the creek where we will have our snack/lunch break before returning on the same trail back to our vehicles. RATED: moderate with an elevation gain of 1400 ft. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: at the Wildhorse Creek trailhead on Hwy 38, 2/10 of a mile from the Heart Bar Campground. RESERVATION: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com [BIG BEAR GROUP]

APR 29 (SUN) 5:00 PMOLIVE MTN FULL MOON HIKE
HIKE: Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain on this 4-mile round trip hike. RATED: moderate to strenuous. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. Rain cancels. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 600y from Moreno Valley, exit Perris Blvd., go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalima, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. INFO AND LEADER: CHRISTINA TORIES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 30 – MAY 6
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MAY 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter meeting. PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. 

CHAPTER MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianel1@aol.com

MAY 4 (FRI) 9:00 AM SBMTS SEQUOIA GROVE-KELLER SLIDE PEAKS HIKE
Two hikes in one. Pick your difficulty level, a 3-mile easy hike through a sequoia grove, or continue on and make it a 6 mile difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club’s 100 Peaks. The 3-mile easy hike explores the 1970’s Penny Pines sequoia grove project, then drive up to the Keller Peak Fire lookout tower for spectacular views. Both groups will meet up at the Children’s Forest for a carpool back to yellow post site 5. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (1996). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS 909-867-7115 (no text), fsevil67@gmail.com CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), klarakellem@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

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**JUN 2-3 (SAT-SUN) OUTING LEADER TRAINING COURSE**
If you have enjoyed the Chapter’s Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations, and a field exercise. Applicants need to at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. The course will be offered for spectacular views. Both groups will meet up at the Children’s Forest for a carpool back to yellow post site 5. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (1996). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS 909-867-7115 (no text), fsevil67@gmail.com CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), klarakellem@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT V WOLFSWALKING/NOSO 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, 32110 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 March 5, 12, 19, and 26; and April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30]

(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: S3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309 [MEETS March 2 and 16; and April 6 and 20]

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift, tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. [MEETS March 21 and April 18]

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

T he Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge) is a National Historic Landmark building that represents the rich heritage of the Sierra Club in Yosemite Valley. The building houses several interpretive displays, a children’s nature corner, a wonderful library, art projects and evening programs.
Since 1904 a curator and Sierra Club volunteers have provided information to park visitors. Today the program welcomes over 15,000 visitors to the Sierra Club’s spiritual home in Yosemite Valley. Volunteer are currently needed in July, August and September 2018.
Volunteers spend a week from Saturday to Saturday in the park assisting the club’s curator Bonnie Gisel, PhD by interacting with park visitors and carrying on the Sierra Club tradition of helping others appreciate and protect our natural environment.
The volunteer workweek consists of up to 25 hours for service in the YCHC with Monday and Tuesday free days to explore Yosemite. This opportunity includes free admission to Yosemite National Park and free camping in a group campsite; and, is restricted to volunteers only— no family members, friends or pets are permitted. Camping is limited to tents only. Volunteers bring their own food and supplies.
Potential volunteers must:
• Be current Sierra Club members
• Be outgoing and comfortable interacting with park visitors
• Have visited Yosemite within the last two years and have current park knowledge
• Be familiar with current Sierra Club programs and initiatives
• Be able to stand for up to 3 hours per day
To become a volunteer at YCHC, please contact Bonnie Gisel, Curator, at Bonnie.Gisel@sierraclub.org.

Volunteer Opportunity in Yosemite National Park

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• Have visited Yosemite within the last two years and have current park knowledge
• Be familiar with current Sierra Club programs and initiatives
• Be able to stand for up to 3 hours per day
To become a volunteer at YCHC, please contact Bonnie Gisel, Curator, at Bonnie.Gisel@sierraclub.org.
Heads Up (literally) as Chapter Program on April 3rd Features “Birds of the San Gabriel Mountains: A Personal Story” Presented by Luke Tiller

Birdwatcher and photographer Luke Tiller will present his program on the birds of the San Gabriel Mountains at the April 3rd chapter meeting at the San Bernardino County museum in Redlands. He will show his photography and also provide tips on how and where to find and identify some of the special birds that call the San Gabriel Mountains home.

“Birds provide more than a flash of color and enticing calls in our local mountains. They are a major element of the forest ecosystem, spreading seeds, catching prey, and providing food for other animals,” says Luke.

Luke will also discuss some of the resources and gear available to help you become a more successful birdwatcher – all illustrated by his own bird photography.

Luke has been employed as a hawk watcher all over the world, has traveled extensively as a natural history tour guide, and currently sits on the board of Pasadena Audubon. His article “Eight of the Best Hawk Watching Sites in the U.S.” was published in Audubon magazine in the fall of 2016.

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

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