Essential March Fund Request Underway

Every year in March the Sierra Club allows the chapter its only opportunity all year long to send a chapter-wide direct mail request for donations. Chapter members should receive this letter soon. The letter outlines major priorities and needs of the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Now, more than ever, your contribution is vital! Sierra Club cutbacks now have reduced the San Gorgonio return from your annual Sierra Club membership to only about our cost of producing just the Palm and Pine. All other expenses and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally.

There is so much work to be done; it takes time and effort; it’s expensive and we can’t do it without your help. Please send your gift as soon as you receive your Fund Appeal letter. Our vigilant San Gorgonio Chapter members are our greatest source of income. Thank you so much for your past support.

In case your letter doesn’t arrive, remember to make your check out to: The Sierra Club.

Send to:
San Gorgonio Chapter
4079 Mission Inn Ave.
Riverside, CA 92501

You may also contribute through our secure Sierra Club Foundation website at http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/donate. Donations sent to us through this link benefit only the San Gorgonio Chapter and are tax deductible.

The San Gorgonio Chapter recommends a vote for Dean Wallraff for National Director in the upcoming election for the Sierra Club’s Board of Directors.

Sign-up NOW For Leadership Training on June 7-8
By Ralph Salisbury, Outings Chair

If you have enjoyed the Chapter’s outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The many rewards include the satisfaction of introducing fellow members to your favorite places as well as the convenience of tailoring outings to your schedule. June 7-8 (Saturday and Sunday) is the next opportunity for you to receive the training at the Sierra Club-owned Keltner Hut near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and includes classes on Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Physiology and Psychology of Leadership, and Environmental Considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

The San Gorgonio Chapter is currently represented by Rep. Gary Michel (CA 36) and Dr. Raul Ruiz (CA 36). Both of these freshmen earned 100% scores from the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) in their ratings of first year members of Congress. While both races with be contested, Dr. Ruiz is expected to face the more difficult challenge.

Two years ago, he defeated the Republican incumbent, Mary Bono Mack. This year, he faces her former Chief of Staff and six-year member of the Assembly, Brett Stine. The district has a nearly even registration split between Republicans and Democrats and there is some talk that the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) will target this race. So will we.

The other Congressional race where we need to focus a lot of effort is in Congressional District 31. This district is centered in San Bernardino and is currently represented by Rep. Gary Miller-R. He earned a 3% lifetime score from the LCV. With a record like that,
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Am Club member Brian Elliott will present a slide show on his Botswana wildlife adventure last summer. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, March 4, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Ln., Redlands.

Brian and his wife Janice had a 14-day tent camping safari in northern Botswana with an additional three days at Victoria Falls in Zambia. Botswana has some of Africa’s best wildlife viewing and is home to its highest elephant population.

The Elliot’s visited the great salt pan of Naix National Park and Nata Bird Sanctuary, took a boat through the Okavango Delta and spent four days each in the Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park. They focused on birding and wildlife observation, seeing hundreds of elephants, 21 lions, and three leopards, some of each no more than 5 feet away. There were many giraffe, wildebeests, warthogs, springboks and more as well. They saw and identified more than 160 species of birds.

Brian is a former geologist who is now in his 29th of teaching at San Dimas High School. He has organized and led many backpacking trips including several in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska and on Baffin Island in Canada. He has rock climbed extensively across North America, Europe, and Australia including big wall ascents of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite. Brian was a member of a Himalayan climbing expedition in the mid-90s with a group of his friends in the Karakorum Mountains in Pakistan.
MONTHLY MEETING SUBJECTS
All our General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Discovery Center at starting at 6:30 pm.

If you have wondered about the conditions of Big Bear Lake our first meeting of the year on March 20th is for you. Scott Heule, the General Manager of the Municipal Water District, will make a presentation on the state of the lake. How does the present level of the lake compare to levels of the past? How are we coming with efforts to reduce the number of carp in lake? How is the fight to reduce Eurasian Water Milfoil in the water coming? What about the effort to prevent Quagga Musel from gaining a foot hold? Learn the answer to these questions and many more.

At our April 17th meeting, join a Sierra Club Big Bear backpacking group via a video presentation on a journey in July 2013 into the remote Humphreys Basin in the John Muir Wilderness. Follow along as they struggle up the scenic North Fork of Bishop Creek to reach 11,423’ Piute Pass. See as they saw the alpine ponds, streams, wildflowers and water falls along this section of the trip. Once arriving at Piute Pass you will be treated to grand views of one of the Sierra’s finest alpine basins. This huge lake filled lightly timbered area has spectacular views of the Glacier Divide. Follow along on day hikes to Desolation Lake and along Piute Creek into Piute Canyon. Enjoy the vivid colors of summer as towering sequoias and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This act, dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. The Los Serranos Group will host the screening on Tuesday, March 18th at the regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. - First Presbyterian Church Education building, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland. There will be a short business meeting first and refreshments will be served. New and current members and the public are welcome.

OUTINGS • By: Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair
Expanding Hiking Programs in the Springs
Spring begins March 20th, and we begin to emerge from the cold weather of winter. With spring come new hiking adventures. We are introducing a new spring challenge by hiking Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2014. This 110.2 mile challenge takes us from Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce. We have separated Section D into 13 Saturday hiking segments. It all begins on Saturday, April 5th and continues every Saturday until June 28 when we halt our hiking until November 8th. By November the weather cools enough so that we can complete the last two segments of Section D. The first 25 miles of Section D climb from I-15 near Cajon Pass (3,000’) to a ridgetop that parallels the San Andreas Rift Zone in San Bernardino National Forest. Next, we hike through some 75 miles of Angeles National Forest, ascending Mt. Baden-Powell (9,395’) along the way. Finally, we descend through Soledad Canyon on our way to Escondido Canyon and the town of Agua Dulce (2,530’).

Those hikers completing all of Section D will receive a PCT Patch acknowledging the accomplishment. The customized patch will be presented to the individual hikers at our annual Awards Party. Here is a tentative schedule:

Pacific Crest Trail, Section D Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce
1st Segment, April 5th - Cajon Pass to Swarthout Canyon Road 2n28, (5.5 miles)
2nd Segment, April 12 - Swarthout Canyon Road 3N28 to Sheep Creek Truck Road
3N31, (8.6 miles)
3rd Segment, April 9th - Sheep Creek Truck Road 3N31 to Inspiration Point, (13.1 miles)
4th Segment, April 26th - Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap, (4.6 miles)
5th Segment, May 5th - Vincent Gap to Islip Saddle, (11.6 miles)
6th & 7 Segment, May 17th - Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost & Eagles Roost to Cloud Burst Summit (10.8 miles)
8th & 9 Segment, May 24th - Cloud Burst Summit to Three Points & Three Points to Little Rock Creek Road 5N04, (8.8 miles)
10 Segment, June 7th, - Little Rock Creek Road 5N04 to Mill Creek Summit, (11.5 miles)
11 Segment, June 28th - Mill Creek to Messenger Flats, (11.8 miles)
12 Segment, November 8th - Messenger Flats to Soledad Canyon Road, (14.2 miles)
13 Segment, November 15th - Soledad Canyon Road to Agua Dulce, (9.7 miles)

This completes Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, a total of 110.2 miles.

Five Peaks of Big Bear Patch Awards Program
Want to challenge your physical conditioning? Then why not hike the Five Peaks of Big Bear. Not only improve your physical condition, but enjoy the magnificent mountain views. Those hikers completing this challenge will receive a custom designed patch at our annual “Patch Party.” Below are listed a tentative hiking schedule for the Five Peaks of Big Bear:

June 14 - Berta Peak (7.5 miles, with 1,400’ elevation gain)
August 9 - Grey’s Peak, (8.0 miles, with 1,400’ elevation gain)
August 23 - Delamar Mountain (5.25 miles, with 1,150’ elevation gain)
September 13 - Gold Mountain (8.0 miles, with 1,640’ elevation gain)
October 11 - Sugarloaf Mountain (10 miles, with 2,500’ elevation gain)

Big Bear’s Group Hike Leader Jim Seifert will be the primary leader to complete all five-peaks over the 2014 summer. If you would like to know more about Jim Seifert, please go to Big Bear Groups website. www.sierrclubbigbeargroup.org.

Los Serranos Group
By Mary Ann Ruiz, Group Chair and Sue Brown
Los Serranos Group to Host Screening of “Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit.”

Documentary Film Honors the 150th Anniversary of Legislation Signed by Abraham Lincoln to Preserve Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

Join us on March 18th for Ken Burns’ Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit, a newly released short documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This act, the first time a government set aside land for public use and enjoyment, gave birth to the national park idea. We are excited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Yosemite with this inspirational film, provided by the Yosemite Conservancy, which brings to life an amazing time in America’s conservation history. We hope that Yosemite lovers will join us for this unique experience. Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. The Los Serranos Group will host the screening on Tuesday, March 18th at the regular monthly meeting time at 7:00 pm. - First Presbyterian Church Education building, 889 N. Euclid Ave, Upland. There will be a short business meeting first and refreshments will be served. New members and the public are welcome.

Los Serranos’ April 15th meeting will feature speaker Kim Brosell, a Natural Areas Administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Kim will share with us her program The Urban Black Bear. American Black Bears are captured throughout the summer in photos and video roaming through Southern Californian neighborhoods and are often the lead story on the local nightly news. They swim in backyard ponds, eat food监控 out of garbage cans, and build nests in the trees. Kim will share with us the story of her encounter with a bear and what she saw captured on camera on the video she watched at the meeting.

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spring is around the corner and it’s time to put on the day pack and go exploring the trails near and far. the pacific crest national scenic trail (pct) is a good place to begin as there are numerous trailheads within an hour or so of the victor valley. we are fortunate to have the trail so close as it passes through the san bernardino mountains to the san gabriel mountains on its way from mexico to canada. between the two mountain ranges the pct passes through deep creek canyon and runs beside silverwood lake. we also have 3 national parks close by for a weekend trip: the mojave national preserver, joshua tree national park and death valley national park. in addition to the public forest lands you can explore the nearby public lands managed by the blm (bureau of land management) including the juniper flats area, the granite hills, fairview mountain and bell mountain.

we invite you to look us up on facebook for updates on our hikes and activities: mojave group sierra club.

california is rich in biodiversity, and the mojave desert is no exception. as the government encourages renewable energy and large corporations try to turn the desert into an industrial zone, biologists are busy surveying the areas for flora and fauna. they are finding an ever richer biodiversity than imagined with new species previously undiscovered. these habitats need your help. please consider signing up as a mojave group activist to receive email alerts when action is needed. we already have an email list for monthly meeting and hiking updates (contact melody to sign up for those updates), but those updates rarely include “activist alerts.” your letter writing skills and your voice of reason are needed more than ever. contact jenny for more information and to sign up – jens oasis@ aol.com or call 760 220 0730.

it is said that illegal ohv (off highway vehicle) trespass is the #1 treat to our national forests and public lands. as many of you know firsthand, it is also #1 threat to rural communities. people are buying dirt bikes, quads and “side by side” utility vehicles (which are not street legal) to ride around the neighborhood, the desert and our national forests. the riders come out in greater numbers to “explore off designated routes, not caring about the damage they are doing. there are thousands of miles of trails that they can ride on legally, but they are constantly hammering for more and they prefer to ride through the neighborhood from their garage. in january this year 30+ dirt bikers descended on a community in kern county for a frenzied ride on private property, public land managed by the blm (bureau of land management) and the (pct) pacific crest national with rural landowners and residents. through this law, the legislature addressed the conflicts caused by the growing use of motorized vehicles on public lands by adopting requirements for the registration and operation of these vehicles. in addition, the law provided funding for administration of the program along with providing facilities for off-highway vehicle motor vehicle recreation. (california vehicle code § 38000, et seq.).

has all the money (hundreds of millions of dollars) that you put at the pump, mixed with the “green sticker” fee made any difference at all? are the resources better protected? i think not. (see my article in the april 2013 issue of the palm and pine for more information about that money and efforts to manage ohv use). the ohv division of state parks (http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/) which was set up to manage ohv use has focused too much on providing more and more areas and trails for ohv use and this mantra has permeated our public lands where the managers see the green of the dollar bill instead of the vibrant landscape with wildlife, plants and trees. the public is invited to make comments on the grants between march 4 and april 7 (http:// ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164). the baldy mesa trails are a good example of the tremendous impact of ohv damage to the environment and low impact recreation.

cajon place and the baldy mesa ohv trails.

this area of the san bernardino national forest is between the cajon pass and phelan. phelan residents are plagued by illegal riding and vandalism, and have tried to stop the expansion. the forest manager decided the impacts would be insignificant. in this small enclosed area the agency finds that of the 78 miles of trail 68.4 miles are illegal user created trails. despite numerous complaints, petition and protests, the agency will legalize 23 miles of user created trails and use ohmvr funding to restore 55 miles of trail and open up 23 miles of trail to ohv use. this represents an increase from 9.6 miles of temporary trail. those temporary trails were also user-created trails that emerge after allowing green sticker vehicles on a 4x4 dirt road (about 2.4 miles long). this is by no means an isolated example of the proliferation of routes when green sticker vehicles are allowed on dirt roads.

you are not alone if your quality of life has been severely degraded because of ohv noise, dust, aggression and trespass. the alliance for responsible recreation (arr) was formed in southern california a decade ago to help communities address the issues. this is a coalition of community and environmental groups impacted by the problem of unmanned illegal and legal ohv riding. arr is not alone; there are numerous localized and national groups that are working on better management of ohvs to help curb the negative impacts to the environment and quality of life. if you are distressed with ohv issues in your neighborhood or public lands, you are invited to find out more about the alliance for responsible recreation (arr) by contacting jenny wilder at jens oasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730 or kim floyd at kimfloyd@fastmail.fm 760 680 9479. arr works closely with the sierra club on ohv issues.

proposed world logistics center update: according to the moreno valley planning department, the project proponent for the world logistics center (wlc) has submitted the last of the revised studies and draft responses to comments on the draft environmental impact report (eir). city staff is reviewing the information and eventually will issue the final eir. the proposed project plans to put 41,600,000 square feet of warehouse on 4,270 acres (approximately the square feet of warehousing that can be found there, five species of owls). this proposed project will significantly impact air quality, traffic, and cause long-term health issues for residents of moreno valley and most of the inland empire. for updated information, please contact mark gross at (mark@moval. org), planning division, city of moreno valley, 14177 frederick street, p.o. box 88055, moreno valley, ca 92552 and request that you be notified of all meetings as well as future documents for this project. please attend the planning commission and city council hearings on the project and if possible please wear red.

support needed for comments on wlc documents: please consider making a donation to support the sierra club as they make comments on the proposed world logistics center project. the proposed project will be one of the largest facilities in the country (not county but country). it is possible that the massive environmental documents will be released in the next
LIABILITY WAIVER
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver:

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

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

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

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

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

3. If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go further & assume any risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
MEETING Airport Conference: Room 22726 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3, INDY. DAVE BARRE, (909) 377-0013. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SANGORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKNES <ladd.g.seeknes@gmail.com> (909) 880-3911 CHAP.

(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
MEETING The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE 909-585-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU) 6/2 SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUZI (909) 815-9379, cruzmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 2876 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRE, (909) 377-0013 SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: you need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kfloyd@fawnail.com>. CHAP.

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17758 Francena, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-4734, <carol.wiley@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND TUE) 6:30 PM SANTARAGARITA GROUP MEETING
MEETING Mount Diablo public walk. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL, (951) 506-9607 eucrachrubang@ gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD THU) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Uphold Presbyterian Church, Eufolia Ave; at 110, The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho San Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUZI, (909) 815-9379, cruzmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group page with site www.sierrabc.orgbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE 909-585-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SANGORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3234 <csangorgar@gmail.com>. CHAP.

WEAKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

M O N D A Y 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE M. PURDUBUS ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
WALK MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

M O N D A Y 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE
HIKE Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace park lot close to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18185 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

W E D N E S D A Y 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK
WALK MEET for us a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace park lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18185 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <bspreng@gte.net> (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP
This Mojave river walk. Bring flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4330 eLabelady@mson.com

MOJAVE GROUP

FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 25 (TU) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly, except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 crsangor@gmail.com

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FEB 27 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE Moderate 2 to 3 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns on the same route. Start promptly at 4:30. Sunset is 5:43: flash light, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 28-MAR 3 DEATH VALLEY CAR CAMP On Friday, February 28, we will meet at primitive campground at 11:00 a.m. to set up. Fridays hike will be at 12:00 noon in the Amargosa Canyon. Sat. we will travel through lower Death Valley, scenic drive along the Salton Sea, visit the Furnace Creek, and camping at Texas Springs Campground in Furnace Creek. Sunday we will travel north through the parking stops at sites along the way to Mesquite Sand Dunes and camp at Stovepipe Wells. Monday we will hike up to Mosaic Canyon. You will need to bring your own food, plenty of water and start with full tank of gas. There are some services at Furnace Pots to 5:300 per person and includes 5 nights of camping, the trip for just Sat & Sunday. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact: LEADER CAROL WILEY 760-246-8734 or earthlings.wiley@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN HIKE This scenic desert hikes, an 8 mile loop. Location is north of Barstow. RATING: Moderate/ Strenuous with two minor rock climbs (no special gear/skills needed). MEET: Call hike leader for meeting time and place in Barstow CA. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: Light clothing, the ten essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. To REGISTER please call LEADER JIM SEIFERT (760)694-5370 or email ironman2k@hotmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE Come hike through some of the area proposed for the Sand to Snow National Monument, along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Round trip about 9 miles, 1500 feet of gain. Wear hiking boots to navigate the rocky wash, bring water, snacks and good hiking shoes. Most of the hike is on the sun so sunscreen and wear a hat! MEET: leader for meeting place LEADER: MARY ANN RUZ 998-815-9379 or ruizmaryan@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 3 – MARCH 9 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

MAR 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER PROGRAM See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2034 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at California St. INFO: LADO SEENKIS <ladog.seenks@gmail.com> (909)-800-3911

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MAR 5 (WED) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns on the arroyo. We start promptly at 4:30 as sunset is at 5:48. BRING: flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 or ms.elleinaire@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 6 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place call MARY ANN RUZ (998) 815-9379 or ruizmaryan@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6-9 (TH/SUN) SPRING AT JOSHUA TREE NP CARMPCAMP Visit Joshua Tree National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. This 12 mile “out and back” hike begins in the East Highland Ranch residential neighborhood and quickly climbs into the San Bernardino National Forest on the historic Plunge Creek Truck Trail. If we are lucky, the wild flowers and yuccas will be in full bloom and water will be flowing in the creeks! This is a 10 mile hike, rated moderate. In 3-4 miles, you will reach above the crest and see a beautiful view of the Bear Valley. The trail then descends to a crossroad beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein’s California Desert Protection Act of 2010. This is not a hike for beginners. High clearance vehicle recommended. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. BRING binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO & LEADER JENNY WILDER, JennyOasis@att.net, (760) 226-7030 or CO-LEADER WENDY WALKER, wendywalker@gmail.com or 760 226-6141.

MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 8 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE Join us on a lovely moderate 6 mile round trip hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats area, just south of Apple Valley. We descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a little upstream from Deep Creek Hot Springs. Enjoy the lovely views and a glorious location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein’s California Desert Protection Act of 2010. This is not a hike for beginners. High clearance vehicle recommended. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. BRING binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO & LEADER JENNY WILDER, JennyOasis@att.net, (760) 226-7030 or CO-LEADER WENDY WALKER, wendywalker@gmail.com or 760 226-6141.

MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 10 – MARCH 16
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MAR 10 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting this month — on your own. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 27807 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-6313.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

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MAR 12 (WED) 9:00 AM YSCAMORE CANYON HIKE This 12 mile “out and back” hike begins in the East Highland Ranch residential neighborhood and quickly climbs into the San Bernardino National Forest on the historic Plunge Creek Truck Trail. If we are lucky, the wild flowers and yuccas will be in full bloom and water will be flowing in the creeks! This is a 10 mile hike, rated moderate. In 3-4 miles, you will reach above the crest and see a beautiful view of the Bear Valley. The trail then descends to a crossroad beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein’s California Desert Protection Act of 2010. This is not a hike for beginners. High clearance vehicle recommended. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. BRING binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO & LEADER JENNY WILDER, JennyOasis@att.net, (760) 226-7030 or CO-LEADER WENDY WALKER, wendywalker@gmail.com or 760 226-6141.

MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 13 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Twentynine Palms. INFO: JIM MITCHELL, (951) 506-9607 jsmitc12345@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK TRAIL TO LITTLE MILL CREEK HIKE This 10 mile “out and back” hike begins in the East Highland Ranch residential neighborhood and quickly climbs into the San Bernardino National Forest on the historic Plunge Creek Truck Trail. If we are lucky, the wild flowers and yuccas will be in full bloom and water will be flowing in the creeks! This is a 10 mile hike, rated moderate. In 3-4 miles, you will reach above the crest and see a beautiful view of the Bear Valley. The trail then descends to a crossroad beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein’s California Desert Protection Act of 2010. This is not a hike for beginners. High clearance vehicle recommended. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. BRING binoculars and camera! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO & LEADER JENNY WILDER, JennyOasis@att.net, (760) 226-7030 or CO-LEADER WENDY WALKER, wendywalker@gmail.com or 760 226-6141.

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MAR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL TO/EVERYDAY LAKE HIKE
You will hike from state Highway 173 to Cedars Springs Dam on Silverwood Lake, Distance: 9.5 mi. Elevation gain: 500 ft. Bring water, lunch, and warm jacket. MEET & CARPOOLING: This hike requires a car shuttle, so please LEADER: HEATHER SARGENT, 909-336-2836. 

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 15-16 (SAT-SUN) EARLY SPRING IN THE CARIZZO PLAIN SERVICE HIKE
This outing combines a day of service in the Carizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. Weather can be cold, gray, and rainy, or it can be warm and bright - we take our chances. The trip will begin with an opportunity to get pronghorn and antelope greater mobility of the site. WEAR long pants (many sharp cacti), high top hiking boots, (or gators) with tough soles, dress in layers. BRING a gallon of water per person, a hat, scarf, lunch and of course sunscreen and sun glasses. Steady rain cancels. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take CA-78 S to CA-79 (70 miles). Turn left onto San Filippo Rd./S2. At junction with CA-78 turn right then left on CA-82 again. After mile sign 22 the road will turn slightly left then to the right. When it begins to straighten out the entrance is on the left. If you see several pines you have gone too far. MEET near the Great Oak Campground parking lot. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Hike cancels if rain. Bring: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing and be prepared for the possibility of wet feet. MEET: Vons parking lot in at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. LEADER: LYNN PETERSON at 909-967-4140. 

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MARCH 17 – MARCH 23
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

MAR 18 (THU) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Meeting join us for Ken Burns' "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit," a short documentary film produced to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This inspirational film is brought to us by the Yosemite Conservancy, the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park. The public is welcome. Places will be served. MEET: Educational Building, Uphland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUZI, (909) 815-9739, cruzmaryana@gmail.com. 

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyos. We start promptly at 4:30. Bring: hikin' boots, water and sun glasses. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Indian Springs Dr., Moreno Valley, Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: ELIZABETH J. O'BRIEN (951) 616-9779 or 865-8289. 

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please contact the Group web site www.santacitaBigBeargroup.org. MEET: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM STEURTAVEN FALLS HIKING TRIP
The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7 mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." Along the way you pass private cabins built in the early 1900s and pass by a system of concrete check dams that create their own series of waterfalls. Take a short 50 foot Sturtevant Falls. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing and be prepared for the possibility of wet feet. MEET: Sunset Campground at 11.00 am on Friday, 4 mile rt hike to Teutonia Peak that afternoon. Contact leader to confirm you are coming. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, stclair@sjcarrus.com or 909-983-8501. 

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM FOREST FALLS MOTHER TRAIL/ALGER CREEK HIKE
This hike is a popular 6.5 mile hike in the Forest Falls area. We will start out crossing Mill Creek and then hike up to and around the headwaters of Alger Creek. A great hike and a great get away hike. Bring your camera and some of the oak and Jeffrey pines. After about 3 miles we will find ourselves in a more forested area then head up an exposed trail with lots of chaparral and great views. Next we get into some shade and the view from the site is awesome. This trail is about 1.5 round trip and is the steepest climb of the day, but well worth the effort. From here we will drive to the Pictograph Trail head. After hiking the trail from the pictographs back to the parking area we will hike up to the Picture Rock Falls. The elevation gain/loss. For those interested there is another place of interest, “The Morteros Trail”. This is a self-guided tour of the ruins of a Kumeyaay Indian Village. This will not be part of the hike, however if you would like, you can spend as much as the little time you have on the site. WEAR long pants (many sharp cacti), high top hiking boots, (or gators) with tough soles, dress in layers. BRING a gallon of water per person, a hat, scarf, lunch and of course sunscreen and sun glasses. Steady rain cancels. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take CA-78 S to CA-79 (70 miles). Turn left onto San Filippo Rd./S2. At junction with CA-78 turn right then left on CA-82 again. After mile sign 22 the road will turn slightly left then to the right. When it begins to straighten out the entrance is on the left. If you see several pines you have gone too far. MEET near the Great Oak Campground parking lot. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Hike cancels if rain. Bring: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing and be prepared for the possibility of wet feet. MEET: Vons parking lot in at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. LEADER: LYNN PETERSON at 909-967-4140. 

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MARCH 23 – MARCH 30
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MAR 25 (TUE) 8:00 AM SILVERLAKE LAKE TO 1-15 NEAR CAJON PASS HIKE
This hike is 13.6 miles on the PCT with an elevation gain overall about 1800 feet. This hike is one way and will require a car shuttle. This is a good spring hike up and down canyons and parallel highways 138. MEET across from McDonalds Hwy. 138 and 1-15. If interested contact LEADE, JOE WHYTE at 909 9490899 or whytejoe@msn.com. 

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. Place: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.</p>

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MAR 28 (FRI) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK LOOKOUT HIKE
This strenuous 12-mile round trip hike up a portion of the Santa Anna River Trail has a 2800 ft. elevation gain. The hike rewards us with great views of the Santa Anna River drainage and the peaks along the ridge from San Bernadino Peak to San Gorgonio. Bring water, lunch, layered clothing and good hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot at an 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM at the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00 AM. RESERVATIONS: Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 or email at edwallace@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us for a ridge hike near Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat, BRING: layered clothing, water, and snacks. MEET: San Gorgonio Valley Lake from the post office (32371 Green Valley Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9:00 AM. CALL, for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or flsellis67@gmail.com. 

CO-LEADER, HEATHER SARGENT 909-336-2836. 

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 30-31 (FRI-SAT) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE TOUR CARCAMP MEET at Sunrise Campground at 11:00 am on Friday, 4-mile hike to Teutonia Peak that afternoon. Parking on Thursday evening, Saturday enjoy a 6 mile hike around Barker Peak from Hole-in-the-Wall. Hike to Kelso Dunes on Sunday. For those wanting to stay over on Sunday, we car camp at Granite Pass. Camping is primitive so bring plenty of water. More information will be available at time of sign-up. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL. Whirl at desert18 version.net or 760-245-8734.
APRIL 17 – APRIL 13
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APRIL 14 – APRIL 20
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APRIL 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Recreation. Kim’s program “The Urban Black Bear” will educate us on bear habits and human/bear interactions in the urban environment. (Note: This program is well worth the price of a membership. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUTZ (909) 815-9379 - email: marylirt@gmail.com)

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Los Serranos’ April meeting will feature speaker, Kim Bosell, the LA Department of Parks and Recreation. Kim’s program "The Urban Black Bear" will educate us on bear habits and human/bear interactions in the urban environment. The meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUTZ (909) 815-9379 - email: marylirt@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 17 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
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SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 18 (FRI) 7:30 AM KELLER PEAK VIA EXPLORE TRAIL HIKE
This 12-mile moderate to strenuous round trip hike with 1900 ft elevation gain will take us to the oldest remaining of the original fire lookouts in the San Bernardino National Forest. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, superb views, and meet at McDonald Restaurant, 760) 328-1090, at 7:00 a.m. at Hwy 74 at the PCT junction. There is an open parking area just off Hwy. 74. RATING: ten-essential, 3-likes of water, lunch and weather appropriate clothing and gear. MEET: San Bernardino National Forest hotel at the intersection of Hwy 395 and Hwy 243, just south of the Bear Mountain Inn. INFO: Leader ED CALIENDO 760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC D, SWARTHOUR CYN RD TO SHEEP CREEK HIKE
This is the second segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This second segment starts at Swarthout Canyon Road and travels northwest 8.6 miles to Sheep Creek Truck Road. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,740’ elevation gain. RATING: Moderate.MEET at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 8:00 a.m. Bring: Ten-essential, layered clothing, 2.0 liters of water, lunch, sun-screen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call Leader, ED CALIENDO 760) 328-1090, at 7:00 a.m. at Hwy 74 at the PCT junction. There is an open parking area just off Hwy. 74. RATING: ten-essential, 3-likes of water, lunch and weather appropriate clothing and gear. MEET: San Bernardino National Forest hotel at the intersection of Hwy 395 and Hwy 243, just south of the Bear Mountain Inn. INFO: Leader ED CALIENDO 909-584-9407 - email edcaliendo2@... (909) 800-3911  CHAPTER

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 19 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D, CALIFORNIA CANYON MEETING
This is the third segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This third segment starts at Sheep Creek Truck Road and travels northwest 13.1 Canyon Inspiration Point. This is a short hike with a 2,787’ elevation gain. MEET at the junction of Sheep Creek Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 7:30 a.m. Bring: Ten-essential, layered clothing, 2.5 liters of water, lunch, sun-screen, sunglasses, and hat. Refreshments: CB LADY KERIDWELL (626) 759-8900. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
A workshop on the “Three-R’s” – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We will be looking at the three Rs and how they can be applied in our everyday lives. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 2300 Botanica Dr., Encinitas. INFO: ANDREA FARR (760) 757-6238 - email: andrea.farr@botanicgarden.org  CHAPTER

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APRIL 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTO DOMINGO GROUP MEETING
Enjoy in the sights and sounds of spring. On an easy 2-hour walk you will see a variety of native plants, flowers, and birds. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 33650 Calle de San Antonio, San Juan Capistrano. INFO: LISE MURLEY (949) 445-8260 - email: murleyli@msn.com  CHAPTER

SANTA MARIA GROUP

APRIL 19 (SUN) 1:00 PM CALIENDO GROUP MEETING
Enjoy an afternoon stroll through the trees in the San Bernardino National Park. Bring a picnic lunch and a camera for the beautiful surroundings. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: San Bernardino National Park Headquarters, 23900 Cajon Pass Rd., Big Bear Lake. INFO: LEADER ED CALIENDO 760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM CARMEL VALLEY GROUP MEETING
This is the final meeting of the year. Come and enjoy refreshments while planning our future activities. PLACE: Carmel Valley Community Center, 31758 Paseo Padre, San Diego. INFO: OSWALD PETERSON (619) 791-0898 - email: oswaldpeterson@...  CHAPTER

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A Sad Passing . . .

 Sierra Club leader, activist and volunteer Lori Ives died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014. She and husband Robin met and shared a passion that would fuel their Angeles Chapter activities for a lifetime.

Even before she began mountain climbing, Lori Ives forged new paths as one of the first women to attend Harvey Mudd College (HMC). Lori was the only woman in her class when she graduated in 1961. During the 1980s the couple worked to establish protection for California’s coast and participated in an eight-year campaign that resulted in the passage of the California Wilderness Bill. In the 1990s they worked for the eventual passage of the California Desert Protection Act.

Lori’s passion was communications. She edited the Angeles Chapter’s Schedule of Activities for nine years and continued to edit and publish the Sierra Club California/Nevada Redbook. She also published the Conservation Committee Newsletter.

Lori was very well-known and always very helpful to the San Gorgonio Chapter. Needless to say, this lovely lady will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Big Bear Group . . . Continued from Page 3

BACKPACK TRAINING IN JUNE + By: Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair

On Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, the Big Bear Group is providing a two-day, and one overnight introduction to backpacking and wilderness camping. You will sleep under-the-stars in the San Bernardino Mountains. You will learn the fundamentals of backpacking including:

Proper packing of the backpack

How to properly hoist a loaded backpack

Adjusting the pack to fit your body

Proper use of trekking poles

Review of Trail Etiquette

Selecting a tent site

Setting up the tent

Organizing your tent before sunset

Water purification

Training of map and compass techniques

Bear canister use and precautions

Don’t eat while you sleep

Proper method of lighting a propane stove

Proper method of “Shitting in the Woods” Leave no trace review

If requested, we will recommend equipment. To sign up for the class, please contact Jim Seifert at (760) 694-5370 ironmany2k@hotmail.com or contact Ed Caliendo at (760) 528-1090 dogs111@msn.com
2014 is the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and the Santa Margarita Group is planning to honor that ground-breaking piece of legislation by hiking 30 miles in wilderness this year. Our progress will be recorded on a special “Wilderness Thermometer” and highlighted at our monthly meetings. So far we’ve notched up ten miles, from two hikes in January. Our hiking group trekked the San Mateo Creek while "Outdoor Families" hiked in the Aguia Tibia. We’ll be returning to this theme with events later in the year.

In addition to that, we’ve got lot of great hikes and activities planned, and at the same time, we’ll continue to ramp up our focus on the more serious issues facing our valley from threats to wildlife, to nuclear power.

On that note, we’re very concerned about the decommissioning of San Onofre, which currently now includes a plan to store the spent, “high-burnup” fuel rods above ground – essentially forever. Heightening concern is the fact that the plan includes the storage in casks of these rods at numbers that have not been tested. Our Group is networking with local activists and keeping a careful eye on the situation.

Back in our valley, we’re making exciting progress with the Murrieta Creek Trail project that the Santa Margarita Group initiated. To date, we have produced in conjunction with the technical assistance of our National Parks Service grantee, Patrick Johnson, and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps and city planners, an 80 page document replete with photos and high quality maps.

By Terry Biancardi

Santa Margarita Group

and the Santa Margarita Group are planning for an April 12th, in the San Mateo Canyon.

We had a pair of wonderful speakers at our January meeting. Drs. Vanessa Lopez and Anna Soper from UCR gave fascinating presentation on the invasive species, the Citrus Psyllid, which is becoming a real threat to the health of California’s citrus, and the Gold Spotted Oak Borer, also an import, which is wreaking havoc on our state’s iconic oak trees. Upcoming programs will feature wildlife rescue, a member’s great safari adventure, a local author and more.

By the time this column goes to press we’ll have had a Sierra Sunday Valentine’s event at the Macaroni Grill, because we also enjoy the great indoors. Also our dedicated members, Margaret and John Meyncke, are planning to table a number of future outdoor events that are an important part of our outreach, and we’re grateful for their commitment to this aspect of our work.

Our SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AT THE TEMECULA VALLEY LIBRARY, 39600 PAUBA ROAD, TEMECULA

APRIL 25 (FR) 8:00 AM BUTLER PEAK

Hike a moderate to strenuous 12-mile round trip hike to the 8579 ft. peak with grand views of the Bear Creek drainage and beyond. MEET at the Von’s parking kit at 8:00 AM. Big Bear Lake Road. Cost: Adventure Pass required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 30 (WED) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PEAK

Hike this trail by road and in the Box Springs Nature Reserve is about 8 miles R/T with a gain of about 1400 feet to reach the Spring. The local view from the top of "Heart Rock" falls, discovering and appreciating who knows what along the way. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, and snack. MEET: lead one on a 5.4 mile round trip up to Box Springs Peak at 6,770 feet elevation. Distance: about 3 miles. WEAR: layered clothing, hiking. RATING: no need to bring lunch just a snack and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS 909-867-7115, sllellis67@gmail.com - MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 30 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT SEC D: INSPIRATION PT TO VINCENT GAP

This is a 10.5 mile hike from the ranger station parking lot on Hwy 330 in Highland to City Creek Peak with about 1200' of elevation gain. RATING: Moderate to difficult. MEET: We will meet at the trailhead at 9:00 AM. People from the Big Bear area will meet at the east end of the parking lot on the road to the trail. Hiking poles and water are required. This is a shuttle hike with a 180' elevation gain. This is a short but compelling exposure to the health of California’s citrus, and the Gold Spotted Oak Borer, also an import, which is wreaking havoc on our state’s iconic oak trees. Upcoming programs will feature wildlife rescue, a member’s great safari adventure, a local author and more.

By the time this column goes to press we’ll have had a Sierra Sunday Valentine’s event at the Macaroni Grill, because we also enjoy the great indoors. Also our dedicated members, Margaret and John Meyncke, are planning to table a number of future outdoor events that are an important part of our outreach, and we’re grateful for their commitment to this aspect of our work.

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For more information, please email us at sierrachuburg@gmail.com and visit our website www.sierrachuburg.org and www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup and for Outdoor Families information visit www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies.

January’s Tenaja Falls hike. Photo by Gary Marsalone

Brian Marsalone, President of the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation, receives the Santa Margarita Group’s fundraising donation check from Jim Mitchell, Group Chair. Photo by Ginger Greene, Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation
in this race. Perhaps Glenn Miller-R, Council Member from Indio.

Assembly District 40 - Redlands. The incumbent is Mike Morrell-R who is almost sure to win in SD 23 special election. This means an open seat with nearly even voter registration and no clear front runner. We could make a difference.

Assembly District 42 - Yuccaipa. Open seat. With Republicans having a 42 to 34 percent edge in registration and multiple current incumbents, we can probably endorse again.

Assembly District 58 - Imperial Valley. Geographically, most of this district is filled by an environmentally conscious Assembly member like Eduardo Garcia, from Coachella could be unopposed. We need to make sure that our endorsements can be more environmentally friendly.

This is a free community event that provides fun and education for all.

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pool, enjoy a snack and climb a tree in communities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. These opportunistic creatures are mastering the technique of living with humans. What can we do to discourage bears around our homes and deal with bears in our neighborhoods?

Kim Bosell spent three years with the California Department of Fish and Game on an urban bear study that trapped and radio-collared bears. Kim was tasked with tracking the bears to determine how much time the bears were spending in urban areas, what they were eating and where they were sleeping while there. Later she worked for the City of Moreno Park and Police department handling all black bear and mountain lion calls and has many years of experience as a public administrator responding to bear concerns in the urban setting. Join us at 7:00 pm on April 15th, to see this informative and engaging presentation & activities for children.

Los Serranos Group Excom Election

Candidates’ statements

Brian Elliott

I am a long time Sierra Club member and outings leader. I am a high school teacher and currently teach Advanced Placement Environmental Science. I wish to increase my involvement with the Sierra Club by becoming an excom member for the Los Serranos Group.

Sue Brown

1. Sue Brown, a lifetime Sierra Club member and have been active in the Los Serranos group for over 5 years. I have served as Outing chair person and Programs chair. I wish to continue to serve the group on the executive committee. Your vote will be appreciated. Thank you.
Join us as we explore these enchanting 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. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or just relax at sea. A ranger/naturalist will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and present evening programs. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, $590, includes an assigned bunk, meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist. To reserve space, send a $100 check, written to Sierra Club to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.