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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, May 7**

**"A Fierce Green Fire"**

(see write up on Page 9)

**Tuesday, June 4**

**"Desert Conservation and  
Climate Change"**

Speaker: Cameron Barrows  
(see write up Page 12)

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

## Environmental Dispute Results in Positive Outcome

By

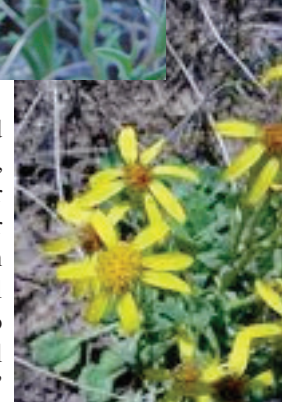
Ed Wallace, Big Bear Group Chair

*Environmental disputes are not for those that need instant gratification. However, I am glad to announce that if you insist that the environmental laws of the state are followed positive outcomes do occur. Below is a recent press release put out by the Center for Biological Diversity on a project that the Big Bear Group has been involved in for years.*

**B**IG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — The developer of a proposed housing subdivision in Big Bear Lake has agreed to numerous conditions, proposed by community and environmental organizations, that will protect endangered plants while still allowing houses to be built. The agreement between the developer Talmadge Partners LP, the Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of Fawnskin, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society and the Big Bear Group of the Sierra Club was finalized this week, following nearly 18 months of discussions and several years of community debate over the future of the project site.

"This settlement is a strong declaration that there can be common ground between developers and environmentalists and that if we come together, we can protect what makes Big Bear Lake so special," said Ed Wallace of the Sierra Club's Big Bear group.

As a result of the agreement, the



proposed project, near Talmadge Road in Big Bear Lake, has been reduced in size from its original proposal (from 26 lots to 23) in order to permanently preserve several acres of unique "pebble plains" plant habitat. The agreement also provides for a buffer between the project and adjacent national forest land; limitations on the project's light pollution; and the protection of important water flows through the project site. Species that will be

helped by the agreement include the Southern Mountain buckwheat (*Eriogonum kennedyi* var. *austromontanum*), ashy gray paintbrush (*Castilleja cinerea*), San Bernardino butterweed (*Senecio bernardinus*) and cottony clay flower (). "These pebble plain plant species are found nowhere else on the planet," said Drew Feldmann of the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. "They are so rare, even here, that we absolutely cannot afford to lose a single acre of their habitat."

"We're trying to educate people about the huge cost to our community and our economy when key elements of our natural environment get destroyed without consideration," said Sandy Steers of Friends of Fawnskin. "This time, the plants and the habitat have been part of the conversation and we're all better off for it."

"We've been working for years to protect the Big Bear Lake area from poorly planned growth, and unfortunately more often than not we've been forced to take our concerns to the courts," said Adam Keats of the Center for Biological Diversity. "This settlement suggests that there's a different way of doing things now in Big Bear Lake, and we're proud to be part of it."



## Sign Up Now For Leadership Training Set For June 1-2

By Ralph Salisbury, San Gorgonio Chapter's Outings Chair

**I**f 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 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday) is the next opportunity for you to receive the training at the Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and includes classes in 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.

Applicants need to be at least eighteen years of age and current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee for the Sierra Club Outing Leader's Handbook, the Chapter Leader's Folder, all materials, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and use of the facility. Saturday night dinner is a great break from a long day however there is one more session after dinner. Participants will be asked

to contribute one food item. For an application form, please e-mail or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. Additional questions should be addressed to [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net)



## Political Update

By Jono Hildner, Political Chair



**O**ur endorsed Assembly Member, Norma Torres, won the special election primary in SD 32 on March 12. Unfortunately, she won with only 44% of the vote and therefore faces Paul Leon in the general election on May 14. Leon garnered 26% of the vote. With a turnout of barely 9% of registered voters, we, in the Club, intend to mount a Get Out The Vote (GOTV) effort on behalf of Torres, so those of you in Senate District 32 can expect a call to help with the effort.

We expect that with our help, Norma will win this race and we will need to encourage and endorse a strong environmental candidate to replace her in the Assembly. Your thoughts on potential candidates in this upcoming race are appreciated.

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### Political Update . . . Continued from Page 1

On the legislative front, things are starting to heat up in Sacramento. Bills are starting to be heard in committee and our small staff of three are working overtime on our behalf.

We will have many bills that we will be supporting and a number that we will oppose. If you aren't on the CAL-ACTIVIST listserve and want to stay on top of the action in Sacramento, I'd ask you to go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/lists/faq.asp>, sign-up, and get regular updates on important news affecting the environment, legislation and Club activities. Bills get amended quickly and if you don't keep up, you may find yourself supporting a bill that has been so altered that it does exactly the opposite of what was originally intended.

Our small legislative staff in Sacramento and the California Legislative

Committee (CLC) have been spending countless hours sorting through the huge number of bills that have been introduced this year. Priorities have yet to be established, but these are some of the bills that have risen to the top so far:

#### SUPPORT:

**AB 217 (Bradford)** – Will continue monetary incentives for solar system installation on low-income residential housing beyond the current terms of the Single and Multifamily Affordable Housing programs through 2021. It also provides additional provisions to encourage energy efficiency improvements.

**AB 976 (Atkins)** – Will grant the California Coastal Commission the authority to impose fines and fees on violators of the California Coastal Act.

**AB 1213 (Bloom)** – Will establish the California Bobcat Protection Act of 2013, which would provide safeguards for bobcats by prohibiting the trapping and commercial trade in bobcats

**SB 132 (Hill)** – Calls for safer/nonlethal removal of mountain lions that pose immediate threat to public or livestock and mandatory documentation of incidents involving mountain lions.

**SB 617 (Evans)** – Will update the California Environmental Quality Act and employ available technology to ensure public access to the environmental review process.  
**SB 436 (Jackson)** – Will improve and update the notification processes used under the California Environmental Quality Act. SB 436 will also ensure that at least one public scoping meeting is conducted by

the lead agency for projects of significance.

**AB 158 (Levine) and SB 405 (Padilla)** – Will phase out the use of single-use carry out plastic bags.

#### OPPOSE:

**SB 804 (Lara)** – Will open the door for controversial and environmentally-unproven waste-to-energy technologies to count as clean renewable energy and recycling.

As always, send me an email if you have questions or want to get more involved. We have a bunch of terrific members who are involved with our political efforts, but we can't have too many boots on the ground working to preserve our awesome environment and Turn the Inland Empire from **Red** to **Green!**

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# Group News

## Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

### Outings

Spring has come to the mountains early this year so the trails should be in great condition for our hiking program which has something for everyone. On the challenging side are the Peaks of Big Bear hikes and Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail hikes. These annual programs award hikers that complete them with patches at an award ceremony each year. Both May and June have hikes relating to these challenges. See the outings schedule for time and dates.



For those out there that like photography we will have an outing during each two month period that allow sufficient time and pace to photograph a scenic area of our mountains. For information see the hike schedule or call Ed Wallace at 909 584 9407. The "Coming Up" section of the outings schedule has a couple of backpacking trips that should tweak the interest of those new to backpacking as well as those with more experience. If you are interested in these trips contact the leader ASAP as space is limited.

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### Monthly Meeting Subjects

OK. You put the bird feeder up and suddenly there appears a bird that you can't identify after searching through Sibley's "Guide to Birds." Perhaps even worse you put out food and almost nothing came. Our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is for you! Bill Downs, former owner of Big Bear's Wild Wings store, dedicated to birding (gear, feeders, books, etc.) will speak on birds local to Big Bear Valley and share with us some of his beautiful photos.

If you have ever tried to grow vegetables in the Big Bear Valley you understand what a challenge this can be. If you haven't but want to the program on May 16<sup>th</sup> is designed to help. Among the topic to be covered will be composting, growing tomatoes in a cool climate and native plants.



## Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

### California Parks in trouble and more:

I have lived in the Mojave Desert since the early 1970s and things have changed a great deal since then! 1971 saw the enactment of the Chappie-Z'berg Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law. Unmanaged Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use was causing significant damage to California's natural resources and bringing OHV enthusiasts into conflict with rural landowners and residents. Through this law, the Legislature addressed the conflicts caused by the growing use of motorized vehicles off-highway 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 motor vehicle recreation. (California Vehicle Code § 38000, et seq.).

The Law was founded on the principle that "effectively managed areas and adequate facilities for the use of OHVs and conservation and enforcement are essential for ecologically balanced recreation." The Law required maintenance and oversight to allow for sustainable OHV use consistent with good environmental stewardship. This oversight was to be accomplished through the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of the California State Parks (California Department of Parks and Recreation). Sources of funding for the program include the registration of the OHVs (green/red stickers for non-street legal vehicles), and a much greater amount from a tax everyone pays at the gas pump, making it the largest program of its kind. The money goes into the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund.

Despite the fact that tens of millions of dollars are used to manage this program every year, I have seen only an increase in destruction to the environment and increasing conflicts with rural residents caused by Off Highway Vehicle use in the past 40 years. One cannot but wonder why.

Up to 50% of the money available in the OHV Trust Fund is set aside for the "GRANTS" program. Every year, agencies such as the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cities, County Sheriff Departments and non-profit corporations apply for the millions of dollars available. Fifty percent of the grant money is available for "Operations and Maintenance" of riding areas and trails. Twenty-five percent is allocated for restoration of areas damaged by OHVs (either legally or illegally). Twenty percent goes for law enforcement and five percent goes towards education and safety.

How much money are we talking about, and how much opportunity exists to ride legally in nearby areas? This year ONLY \$10 million is available for grants – down from over \$30 million in the past. Since 1982, the OHMVR Program has given approximately \$330 million in grants. Since 1971 the BLM alone has received over \$100 million in grants.

Many varied opportunities to ride or drive an OHV nearby abound. In fact, legal opportunities for OHV enjoyment are greater here than anywhere else in the USA and perhaps the world.

BLM Barstow field office has 5 Open OHV Areas (where you can ride/drive where you want – off trail as well as on trail) and these are all in San Bernardino County. This does not include the 5,000 miles of designated trails for legal OHV use within the Mojave Desert. In addition, there are hundreds if not thousands of miles of roads and trails open to OHVs in the San Bernardino National Forest and the Angeles National Forest. The maps and information are available on the OHMVR website with links to the BLM and the US Forest Service. In addition there are 8 State Vehicular Recreation Areas in

California. Between 1970 and 2010 the agencies have had a difficult time getting accurate inventories of roads and trails because the riders have continually made more and more of them. The agencies have also had difficulty keeping up with maintenance on all these trails and areas, yet there is a constant cry for more and more riding areas/trails. Worst of all, many riders still vehemently and selfishly ride wherever they wish; causing dust, noise, and habitat damage that costs millions of dollars a year to try to "mend." In desert areas, restoration

takes a very long time and the scars from the passage of one motorcycle one time can be seen decades later.

Why is there still so much disrespect from people driving and riding motor vehicles on public and private land? It is because they CAN. Hidden behind a mask and gear, often without even the legal registration sticker (which is about 2x3 inches and costs \$52 for 2 years), and with little chance of being seen, let alone chased, riders (especially motorcycle riders) feel that it is safe to ride where they want. The chances of getting caught are minimal and if they are caught the penalty is minimal. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks has not addressed these significant issues. Isn't it time they did? Shouldn't OHVs have large visible identification stickers (several states already require this including Arizona). It's also time to review and update the penalties for illegal OHV use. California's natural resources and wildlife are at stake.

OHV problems are not restricted to California, but it seems that the California OHMVR division may not be as helpful in solving the problems as one would assume given all the money that has been thrown at it. For a good nationwide report on OHV issues and problems visit Responsible Trails America website: <http://www.responsibletrails.org/>

If you are experiencing private property damage and/or aggression from OHV riders, you are not alone. Numerous neighborhood groups are getting together to try to get some peace and quiet, and protection for our public lands. Many of these groups are called Community ORV Watch and two such groups in Southern California have websites: <http://www.orvwatch.com/> and <http://orvwatchkerncounty.com/>

For more information about OHV problems and solutions on private or public land within the Mojave Group area contact Jenny at [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com) or Kim Floyd [kimfloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimfloyd@fastmail.fm).

The Off Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMVR) Division also includes a Commission: Questions for the month: When was the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission created? How many commissioners are there and who are they? What are the primary duties of the Commission?

Please send your answers to Jenny at [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com). The answers and more will be included in the next *Palm and Pine*. (If you are interested in being nominated for the Commission please let me know immediately!)



Juniper Flats Area – Motorcycle riders destroy restoration on shortcut along Powerline Road. – Photo by Jenny Wilder



Motorized play on and off footpath in Arrastre Canyon in Juniper Flats Area (another cattle/footpath is being used as a motorized trail).

– Photo by Jenny Wilder

# Group News

## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

A community meeting was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Moreno Valley to discuss how the proposed World Logistics Center project (eastern Moreno Valley) will affect a variety of health issues. The meeting was sponsored by the Center for Community Action and Environment Justice and representatives from the National Resources Defense Council, Warehouse Workers United, Sierra Club, and Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley took part in the discussion. Issues that were discussed included worsening air quality (respiratory, heart, asthma problems), increased traffic congestion, and the project's effect on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Another meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Tom Thornsley at (909) 797-1397 and savemorenovalley@hotmail.com

The draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center (WLC) was released on February 4<sup>th</sup> and comments were due on April 8<sup>th</sup>. George Hague, Conservation Chair, Moreno Valley Group submitted comments for the Sierra Club. The DEIR presented information confirming that the project will significantly impact air quality, traffic, and cause long-term health issues. These issues will affect the whole Inland Empire, beyond the geographic borders of the city. The proposed project will cover 2,710 acres (approximately the size of 700 full-sized football fields). The project site is located between Highway 60 and the northern boundary of the state-owned 11,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area, a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan reserve that is supposed to preserve threatened and endangered plants and animals for future generations. The draft document can be found on the city's web page: <http://www.moval.org/misc/wcl-deir.html> You can contact: John Terrell (JohnT@moval.org, Community & Economic Development Dept., Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552) and request to be notified of all meetings as well as future documents for this project.

The Moreno Valley Group is working to raise money to support hiring planning

### Help Protect Our Air Quality and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area by George Hague

Please donate what you can to pay for a much needed expert to help the Moreno Valley Group of the Sierra Club challenge the approval of THE 41,600,000,000 SQUARE FOOT WORLD LOGISTIC CENTER (WLC) WAREHOUSE PROJECT WITH ITS 24,000 DAILY DIESEL TRUCK TRIPS ADDED TO SR 60 AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER FREEWAYS WITHIN OUR CHAPTER. The executive director of the Southern California Association of Governments, Hasan Ikhata, was quoted in the Press-Enterprise concerning the WLC saying that "you are talking about a huge amount of warehousing, and you don't have the infrastructure there to support that" (3.10.12). The WLC would also share a two-mile common border with the very special San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). There are more than 20 species of raptors as well as threatened/endangered plants and animals that rely on the SJWA for their very existence. The WLC's light, noise and diesel pollution could have devastating impacts on the SJWA.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your support.



Lake Perris (upper photo) taken from Terri Peak (lower photo), March 2013.

— Photos by Theresa Carson

professionals to make comments on the World Logistics Center (WLC) environmental documents. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the WLC's massive environmental documents. If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it

would make a huge difference in the final project. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you

to those who have already donated! Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325.

The city of Moreno Valley hosted a 'public forum' on February 25<sup>th</sup> to present information supporting their view that that the World Logistics Center would improve the city's economy. City officials and an economist touted the benefits of the project. Unfortunately, the 'forum' did not include any opportunity for the city's residents to ask questions.

The Moreno Valley Group's Outings Chair, Theresa Carson, was featured in an article about Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park (Riverside) in February/March issue of The Riverside Magazine. You can view the article on page 24. An on-line version is located: [http://www.riversidethemag.com/issues/april\\_may\\_13/](http://www.riversidethemag.com/issues/april_may_13/) (scroll down to the Feb/Mar issue).

The Moreno Valley Group has six outings scheduled for May. The first one is May 5 at 8:00 a.m.: San Timoteo Canyon Hike (a moderate five mile hike). Information can be found on our web page: <http://www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub](http://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub) (You do not have to sign up to view our FB page.) Please contact Theresa at [tlcarson01@gmail.com](mailto:tlcarson01@gmail.com) or (951) 660-7246 for more information about this walk and other group hikes schedule for May and June.

On January 10, 2013, the Moreno Valley City Council voted to spend \$50,000 to hire a consultant to help determine the "highest and best use" of lands parallel and adjacent to Highway 60 in eastern Moreno Valley. The project is called "SR-60 East Overlay Area." The Skecher USA facility is already in place and the city has already approved the WestRidge Commerce Center. Also city planning staff recommended that the city refrain from approving any projects within the project area to allow completion of the project. The lands within the overlay project area are

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## Santa Margarita Group

By Jim Mitchell, Chair

Our spring Sierra Club activities are in full swing with frequent and interesting hikes underway. We also celebrated John Muir's birthday twice. Once with a hike to Garner Valley, and then again, one week later, with a picnic day at Lake Skinner. Also area wineries have been playing a part in our schedule with a recent Sierra Sunday fund raising event held at the Shadow Mountain Vineyard in Warner Springs. That was followed by a recycling event in celebration of Earth Day at the Monte De Oro Winery in the Temecula Valley Wine Country.

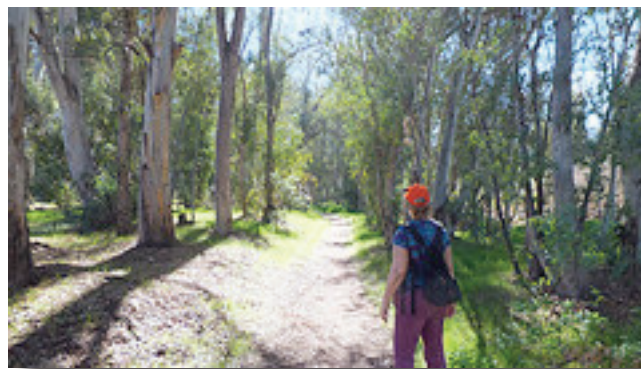
We are also involved in an assortment of conservation projects including working with the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore to help organize their trail systems thanks

to a National Park Service grant.

Here are more details on what we are doing:

### THE SIMPSON PARK HIKE IN HEMET by Gary Marsalone

The Simpson Park hike that started on a fine Saturday morning (March 2) was attended by eight hikers most of whom were first timers to the park. They were surprised to find such an easily accessible hiking gem tucked away in Hemet. The group enjoyed the numerous granite formations and the beautiful vistas afforded by a variety of extensive trails.



Surveying a trail along Murrieta Creek, Murrieta.

— Photo by Teri Biancardi

### SAN JUAN LOOP "MATINEE" HIKE by John and Margaret Meyncke

It was another sparkling day in California as we gathered on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the trailhead for the San

Juan Loop, located directly across from the Candy Store (how convenient!) on the Ortega Highway in the Cleveland National Forest. Eighteen hikers ranging from babies to seniors were eagerly anticipating the first of a new series of afternoon, easy hikes. Designed to introduce outdoor activities and accommodate beginners, the strategy was ... keep it short, simple, and start after lunch. The great response indicates that this idea has merit.

We set off through the shady oaks and wildflowers. As we turned a corner, we saw a FIRE across the canyon! After calling 9-1-1 and seeing the immediate response of the fire department, we continued down the trail. One of our members gathered trash, beer bottles,

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## MAY/JUNE 2013

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the July/August 2013 Calendar are due by June 1, 2013.

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

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

### WHAT TO BRING

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

### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

### CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO 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

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

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

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

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

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407.. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings*

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

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

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

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

### APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

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

**APR 23 (TUE) 5:00 PM TWO TREES-BOX SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east 2 miles to where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

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**\*\*APR 24 (WED) 9:00 AM CASTLE ROCK AND SIBERIA CREEK TRAILS HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult, 4-hour, 8-mile hike with about 1200' of elevation gain. On route we will pass Castle Rock, Bluff Lake and the Champion Lodgepole Pine. MEET: The east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes are required at the trailhead. BRING sturdy boots, water, comfortable clothing and lunch. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM VATICAN TO HIDDEN ARCH HIKE**  
We will enjoy a leisurely hike in the Juniper Flats area about 5 miles round trip. Hopefully there will be some wildflowers and views of the Victor Valley. We will explore some interesting boulder formations. Flowers may include goldfields, nodding bells, desert parsley, bajada lupines, gray ball sage, coreopsis, phacelia (washoea & lace leaf), Wallace's wooley daisy, white forget me nots, Joshua Tree, antelope bush, and desert almond. Best to BRING a hiking stick along with 3-4 quarts of water, snacks/lunch, camera and binoculars. WEAR layers, hat and hiking boots/shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:00 am. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**APR 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK**  
Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### APRIL 29 – MAY 5

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

**APR 30 (TUE) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE**  
Moderate 3-mile hike in Box Springs Park on the skyline trail. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tcarson01@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 4 (SAT) 7:00 AM RIPARIAN FOREST (MOJAVE NARROWS) HIKE**  
Come and join us for a pre-POW WOW hike in Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville. The hike will be about 3 miles winding our way through the forest towards the Narrows and back in time to enjoy the POW WOW as it gets started. The Mother Earth People Inter-Tribal POW WOW is being held on Saturday and Sunday with lots of dancing, drumming, food, and arts and crafts. The festivities begin at 10 am and the Mojave Group will have a table in or near the Children's Area. There is a \$10 fee per car load of up to 6 people or \$2 per person walk in to the park. Visit the POW WOW website for more information on this exceptional Annual Gathering of all tribes. RESERVATIONS: To join us for the hike please mail LEADER JENNY WILDER at JensOasis@aol.com or call (760) 220-0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM MIDDLE FORK OF LYTLE CREEK HIKE**  
This will be an uphill hike in the Cucamonga Wilderness on the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek Trail to the Third Stream Crossing and to the 30 foot unnamed waterfall off of Lytle Creek. Starts in arid chaparral and progresses upward through belts of big-cone spruce and Jeffrey pine. Wonderful scenery. Moderate. 5.1 miles Round Trip, 1400 ft elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 and 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool to Middle Fork of Lytle Creek trailhead. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: lunch, water, and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, dtsierra@msn.com, 909-899-2795  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, ROCK CAMP ECOLOGY WALK**  
In our local mountains we will learn about forest and stream side ecosystems. We will be doing a short and casual hike, a little elevation gain, with frequent discussion stops. INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, DAVE FICKE, 909-336-4706. WEAR boots, sun hats BRING: snack, water, extra clothing. MEET: Rock Camp parking area, Highway 173, north of Lake Arrowhead. (LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910) Adventure Pass required.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 4 (SAT) 8:15 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 CAJON PASS HIKE**  
This is Hike #1 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous. Contact Hike Leader for meeting place and additional information. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: LEADER JIM SEIFERT at (760) 694-5370 or email ironmany2k@hotmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 4-5 (SAT-SUN) BIRDS, FENCES, HISTORY IN THE CARRIZO SERVICE**  
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. On Saturday, we will assist monument staff in the removal of fence wires to allow pronghorn antelope freer access to the range. Sunday is reserved for sightseeing. The views from the Caliente Mountains are spectacular; spring flowers may still be blooming; and the monument is known for the number and variety of raptors present. INFO: LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670,  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAY 5 (SUN) 8:00 AM SAN TIMOTEO CANYON HIKE**  
Moderate 5-mile hike in Moreno Valley, near Redlands Blvd. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: at the end of Quincy street. From the 60 FWY in Moreno Valley, exit Redlands Blvd, go north about 1 mile and turn left on Locust, go ½ mile and turn right on Quincy, park where the pavement ends. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

### MAY 6 – MAY 12

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

**MAY 6 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 7 (TUE) 9:00 AM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE**  
It's NEW and under 2 weeks old !!! This newly opened trail in Claremont is rated strenuous (but not the way I approach it), Looping from upper Johnson's Pasture it's more like moderate. They'll be about a 600' elevation gain for the 3 mile R/T hike. Join me in adding this new trail to your resume. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking stick. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL <jmwardjmm@hotmail.com> (909) 985-7686  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 7 (TUE) 5:30 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE**  
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 5:30. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 7 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO 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

**MAY 8 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK WALK**  
MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin's. See new spring arrivals and year 'round residents as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast afterward. LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, <billengs@yahoo.com>.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 8 (WED) 9:00 AM EXPLORATION TRAIL ROUND TRIP HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult, 5-hour, 9-mile hike with about 1200' of elevation gain in the Running Springs area. We will meet in the Visitor Center parking lot and carpool to the nearby trailhead. Those coming from the Big Bear Lake area will meet at 8:30 in the east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center for carpool to the Visitor Center. Adventure passes are required at the trailhead. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, appropriate clothes and lunch. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 9 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*MAY 11 (SAT) 8:00AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult 6-to-7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. Bring at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. We will meet at the Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 8:00 AM. Call LEADER ED WALLACE for more information and to register at 909 584 9407 or email ednjeanne@charter.net  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 11 (SAT) 9:00 AM NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE HIKE**  
This will be a moderate hike to the historic water gauging station at the north most corner of the North Etiwanda Preserve loop. Moderate. About 5.2 miles Round Trip with about 800' elev. gain. This environmental gem is host to native wildlife and plants as well as historically significant sites. Plus the panoramic views are really out of sight. MEET: North Etiwanda Preserve Visitor Parking (Exit Interstate 210 West off Interstate 15 to Day Creek – exit right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Parking just past the pavement). BRING: water and extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, dtsierra@msn.com, 909-899-2795  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 11-12 (SAT - SUN) SOUTHERN SIERRA CAR CAMP/HIKE**  
Come join us for a two day car camp and hike to Owens Peak in the Southern Sierra near Lake Isabella in Kern County. MEET: For more info and meeting place and time contact LEADER: TERENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 11-12 (SAT-SUN) BLACK ROCK DESERT HOT SPRINGS TOUR**  
Come explore the hot springs in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. Playa conditions will determine the exact itinerary. Be prepared for cool weather. We may meet in Reno Friday evening and we'll probably have a potluck dinner Saturday. Sorry, no RV's or trailers. Leader is very familiar with the area. Dogs OK w/ leash, be prepared to pick up after them. LNT. Call leader after 5/1 for details. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

### MAY 13 – MAY 19

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**MAY 13 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 14 (TUE) 5:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 5:30. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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**MAY 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**\*\*MAY 15 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft) with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR <john@stclairs.us> or 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM WYSUP PEAK HIKE**  
This hike begins at Onyx Summit and follows the PCT South about 3.75 miles. We leave the trail and hike to the summit (8990 ft.). Total R/T miles 7.8 with gain of 1538 feet. Meet at Mill Creek Ranger Station for carpooling. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. Call leader if interested. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM MT. BADEN POWELL HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for a moderate 8-9 mile hike to Mt. Baden Powell in the beautiful San Gabriel Mtns. near Wrightwood. BRING sturdy boots, 4 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: Contact LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM SILVERWOOD LK TO MOJAVE RIV DAM HIKE**  
This is Hike #2 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 15.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Silverwood Lake campgrounds are near the Lake entrance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, and sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. CALL: for reservations LEADER ED WALLACE, at (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 18 (SAT) 9:00 AM LITTLE BEAR CREEK HERE AND NOW HIKE**  
While on this moderate hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. We will hike the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Distance: 5 miles RT. Elevation loss and gain: 600 feet. WEAR: hat and boots. BRING: water, snacks and lunch. MEETING PLACE: call LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 <billengs@yahoo.com> Adventure Pass required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEVILS SLIDE TRAIL HIKE**  
Enjoy an early morning hike to the Saddle above Idyllwild. Meet at the trail head in Humber Park in Idyllwild at 8:00 AM. We will hike from the parking lot up the trail for 2.2 miles with an elevation gain of 2,000 FT. The hike is moderately difficult due to the 2000 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is shaded by pines, oak and in the early morning the mountain ridge. The views along the trail provide fabulous vistas to the ocean in the West. Directions: From the "Fort" in Idyllwild drive up through Fern Valley to Humber Park. Wilderness Pass ARE needed here. I will obtain Wilderness trail passes for those that register for the hike in advance. There is no fee for this pass. BRING: Several liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RAIN CANCELS. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER GARY MARSALONE at hikesie@gmail.com or (858) 663-1201. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 18-19 (SAT-SUN) ANGELES NAT'L FOREST BACKPACK**  
Early season, easy backpack to a hike-in camp in the Angeles National Forest to get in shape for a summer backpack to Virginia Lakes in the Sierras. Hike in will be less than 5 miles, and there will be picnic tables, pit toilets, and fire rings. Beginners with plenty of hiking experience welcome. Friendly dogs in good shape also welcome. For equipment list and further details, contact LEADER LYGEIA GERARD at (760) 868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 19 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU – GRANITE LOOP HIKE**  
Join us for another easy hike suitable for beginners and those who like to "meander", like John Muir suggests. An interpretive brochure will provide information about this fascinating area. We will meet at the Visitor's Center at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve just off Clinton Keith Road at 9:00AM. A three dollar day use fee is required to park, which benefits park preservation and maintenance. Bring sun hats, water, sunscreen, and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes. Children are welcome but the trail is not suitable for strollers. Rain Cancels. LEADER: JOHN MEYCNCKE at john.meycncke@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*MAY 19 (SUN) 10:00 AM CHAPARRAL NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL FAMILY OUTING**  
Looking for evidence of wildlife is one way to determine what types of animals are around us. Bring the kids and join us as we learn about the animals of the San Bernardino National Forest and then hike an easy 1/2 mile trail to look for signs of them at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station. The program is most appropriate for elementary aged children and will take about 1 -1/2 to 2 hours, depending on the group. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring water and wear a hat, closed shoes, layered clothing, and sunscreen. Sorry, but pets are not invited. Group size will be limited. An Adventure Pass is required for vehicles parked on National Forest Land. For RESERVATIONS & INFO: call: LEADER BONNIE TRUSLER (909) 880-1334, <btrusler@verizon.net> CHAPTER

## MAY 20 – MAY 26

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

**MAY 21 (TUE) 5:30 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE**  
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. We start promptly at 5:30. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and

LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

**MAY 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 22 (Wed) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL LOOP HIKE**  
This is about a 10-mile, 5-hour, moderate to difficult hike with about 1,000' of elevation gain. We will hike north on the Santa Ana River Trail along a ridge to Heart Bar Road and return via the "Meadow Trail." We will meet at Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. For those coming from the Redlands area, meet us at 9:40 AM in the South Fork parking lot on Hwy 38 between the Santa Ana and South Fork Rivers. Drivers must display Adventure Passes. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, appropriate clothing, sun protection and lunch. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232 BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 25 (SAT) 7:30 AM DEEP CREEK TO MOJAVE RIV FORKS DAM HIKE**  
This is Hike #3 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 16.1 mile through-hike. Hiker shuttling will be required. After 11 miles of hiking, we will have a significant rest period at Hot Springs where the spring water is warm and the river water is cool. So, bring your bathing suit. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam at 7:30 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3-liters of water, food, sunglasses, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 25 (SAT) 7:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS ACEC HIKE**  
This hike to explore the ACEC is an approximate 6 miles, moderate, round trip hike in Juniper Flats just south of Apple Valley. There are spectacular views of the Victor Valley and San Bernardino Mountains. Native Americans used the area for hunting and gathering and it is now protected as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for natural and cultural resources. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! It may be warm/hot so BRING 3-4 quarts of water, wear layered clothing, hat, snacks/lunch and sunscreen. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. High clearance vehicle is recommended. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*MAY 25 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, FLOWER WALK WALK**  
Join us to see plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: water and snack. CALL: BARBARA LEVERING, INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, 909-338-1253, for meeting place. LEADER: BILL ENGS., 909-338-1910 Adventure Pass required. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 25-27 (SAT-MON) BLACK ROCK MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND RENDEZVOUS**  
This trip is a great way to experience the Black Rock Desert in northern Nevada for the first time. This is a well-attended event, with lots of activities to choose from, including speakers, guided tours, kid's activities, visits to hot springs, a potluck dinner, raffles, and more. Trailers and RV's OK but no hook-ups. Dry camping only. Sign up will start on 5/16. INFO, call LEADER DAVID BOOK at 775-843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

## MAY 27 – JUNE 2

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**MAY 27 (MON) 8:00 AM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE**  
Moderate 4 to 5 mile hike on Skyline Loops 1 and 2. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 28 (TUE) 5:30 PM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE**  
Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. We start promptly at 5:30. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

**MAY 29 (WED) 7:00 AM DOLLAR LAKE SADDLE HIKE**  
Hike to Dollar Lake Saddle in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This 17 mile hike, with 3,100 foot elevation gain, will pass by Poop Out Hill, South Fork Meadows, and Dollar Lake. We will have spectacular views along the trail and the opportunity to see wildflowers. MEET: contact Sondra for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 3-4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. INFO, RESERVATIONS & LEADER: SONDR MORISON, skbrian@earthlink.net CHAPTER

**MAY 30 (THU) 9:00 AM S B MTS, STRAWBERRY PEAK MEANDER**  
Join us for an easy 1.5 mile hike with views (a Royal Rendezvous) through the beautiful forest land recently acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust. For nearly 10 years, this natural area between Highways 189 and 18 below Strawberry Peak was threatened by an ill-conceived proposal for an oversized, environmentally-destructive Adventure Camp development. However, the Sierra Club and other allied conservation-minded groups and individuals were determined to save the area from development. Fortunately, their long fight was ultimately successful and provided the SBMLT the opportunity to step in and purchase the land as part of their ongoing commitment to local forest preservation. Today we will celebrate this success as we explore and  
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learn about this valuable parcel. BRING: Water and snack. MEET: Across from Pinecrest Camp on SR 189. CONTACT LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr\_sqf@yahoo.com>  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 1 (SAT) 6:30 AM                      TIMBER MOUNTAIN                      HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Timber Mt. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 1-2 (SAT-SUN)                      LEADERSHIP 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 be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee for training materials, food and the weekend use of the facility. For an application form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507 or contact ralphsalisbury@att.net.  
CHAPTER

**JUN 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM                      DRIPPING SPRINGS TRAIL (NORTH FACE)                      HIKE**  
This will be a 6 mile total out and back up the north face of the Dripping Springs Trail. With your ten essentials add a camera to the list. At the top you will experience some of the best views of Vail Lake and the Temecula Valley available. The views of our highest peaks such as San Gorgonio and San Jacinto are worth the climb by themselves. This hike is moderately difficult hike with about 800' elevation gain. Dress in layers, wear sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes, bring 2 quarts of water, snacks and please don't forget the sunscreen. All cars will need a Wilderness Permit. Directions: Take 79 South in Temecula (Temecula Pkwy) 11 miles from I-15 or 8.5 miles from the junction of Margarita Rd. and Temecula Parkway. Turn right into the Dripping Springs Campground and we will meet in the parking lot. INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or at (951)302-1059. Rain Cancels.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUN 2 (SUN) 10:00 AM                      NATIVE PLANT GARDEN, LYTLE CREEK                      FAMILY OUTING**  
Bring the family and learn about the adaptations of the plants living in our local area. This unique walk through the Native Plant Garden at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station brings together four of the major plant communities of southern California. The child centered guided walk will take 1 to 1 1/2 hours, depending on the group. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring water and wear a hat, closed shoes, layered clothing, and sunscreen. Sorry, but pets are not invited. Group size will be limited. An Adventure Pass is required for vehicles parked on National Forest Land. For RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: BONNIE TRUSLER btrusler@verizon.net> (909) 880-1334.  
CHAPTER

**\*\*JUN 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM                      PCT FROM ROUTE 18 TO THE EYE OF GOD                      HIKE**  
Get ready for summer on this relatively flat 6 mile round trip hike along a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley and the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. Our destination will be the Eye of God, a quartz dome named by the Serrano Indians. We will meet at Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 AM. Bring water, snack and hiking boots. INFO: call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407 or email ednjeanne@charter.net  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 3 – JUNE 9

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**JUN 4 (TUE) 5:30 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 arroyo. We start promptly at 5:30. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM                      SAN GORGONIO 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

**\*\*JUN 5 (WED) 9:00 AM                      PCT FROM V. D. CANYON TO POLIQUÉ CANYON HIKE**  
Moderate 7-mile hike with about a 600-foot elevation gain on the Pacific Crest Trail through mostly shaded forest. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks/lunch and clothing appropriate to the weather. We will meet at Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes will be required for driver's carpooling to the trailhead. INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS at 909-866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 5 (WED) 9:00 AM                      MIDDLE MARSHALL CANYON                      HIKE**  
Join us for this easy 3 mile R/T hike centered in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream and golf course. Elevation gain is a mere 300' and the shade, courtesy of stately oaks is a real bonus. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking stick. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL <jmwandjjw@hotmail.com> (909) 985-7686. Rain cancels.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**JUN 7 (FRI) 7:00 AM                      SAN BERNARDINO PEAK                      HIKE**  
Let's hike to San Bernardino Peak within the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This 16 mile, 4,700 foot elevation gain hike, will pass by Manzanita Springs junction, Columbine Springs and Limber Springs. We will visit Colonel Washington's Monument (from which all surveying of Southern California commenced). Enjoy beautiful views of the wilderness, many peaks, Big Bear Lake, Forest Falls and many other sites. MEET: contact Sondra for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 3-4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. INFO, RESERVATIONS & LEADER: Sondra Morison, skbrian@earthlink.net  
CHAPTER

**JUN 8 (SAT) 6:30 AM                      ONTARIO PEAK                      HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.5 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us>,  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM                      S B MTS, GRAY'S PEAK                      HIKE**  
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit/of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft., 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. Please CALL ahead for additional information or if you want to carpool from Running Springs. LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. Adventure Pass required.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM                      SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN                      HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for a strenuous 10-12 mile hike to Sugarloaf Mtn. in the San Bernardino Mtns. southeast of Big Bear Lake. BRING sturdy boots, 4 quarts of water and snacks/lunch. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place: LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUN 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM                      LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS CAMP TO DEEP CREEK                      HIKE**  
This is Hike #4 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 13.5 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (909) 878-3813.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\* JUN 9 ( SUN) 4:00 PM                      2N10 PHOTO MEANDER                      HIKE**  
We will drive along Forest Service Road and capture the outstanding views of the Santa Anna River Drainage and the San Gorgonio Wilderness. A short amount of walking is required. Bring your photo equipment at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407, email ednjeanne@charter.net  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 10 – JUNE 16

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

**JUN 11 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE                      MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
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**JUN 12 (WED) 7:00 PM                      MOJAVE GROUP                      MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 13 (THU) 6:30 PM                      SANTA MARGARITA GROUP                      MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUN 15 (SAT) 7:30AM                      VATICAN TO ROUND MTN SPRING                      HIKE**  
This hike is a 6 mile moderate round trip hike in the Juniper Flats area just south of Apple Valley. We follow a footpath beside a wash and over a hill between two springs in the Juniper Flats Area. Hike includes lovely views of the mountains and Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern). Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! WEAR sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, hat and BRING plenty of water (3-4 quarts) as well as lunch/snacks and sunscreen. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. High clearance vehicle is recommended. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUN 15 (SAT) 9:00 AM                      S B MTS, MT. SORENSON HERE AND NOW                      HIKE**  
While on this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. Wildflowers will be in bloom and we will see how the area has recovered from the 2003 fire as we hike to Mt. Sorenson. Distance: about one mile RT. Elevation gain: 300 feet. WEAR: hat and boots, BRING water and snacks. MEET: Arboretum, east of Sky Forest, on highway 18. Call LEADER, BILL ENGS 909-338-1910 <billengs@yahoo.com>, for information. Adventure Pass Required.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 15 - 17 (SAT-MON) 7:30 AM                      SAN GORGONIO WILDERNESS BACKPACK**  
Let's backpack in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. The route for this 3-day, 2-night backpack was selected as it closely simulates backpacking in the Sierras. We will be covering approximately 22 miles, ascending 4,500 feet and descending 5,400 feet. We will begin the backpack near Jenks Lake; the second day we will summit Mt. San Gorgonio (11,500 feet); the third day we will end near Forest Falls. This will be a strenuous and challenging backpack (not for beginners); however, the pace will not be fast. As we hike along the trails we will be seeing wildflowers, meadows, mountain peaks, streams, lakes, vistas, perhaps wildlife, waterfalls and other inspiring sights. Fun and educational camp programs in the evenings. MEET: contact leader(s) for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: a list of items will be provided to participants. Space is limited. Inclement weather may cancel. INFO, RESERVATIONS & LEADERS: SONDRA MORISON (skbrian@earthlink.net) and ROBERTA DARROW (kitchenchic@mac.com).  
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## Film "A Fierce Green Fire" Set For Chapter Program on May 7<sup>th</sup>

The San Gorgonio Chapter meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> will feature the sweeping, award-winning documentary of the modern environmental movement *A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet*. It is a full-length feature film and is now in theatrical release. Because of its length, only about the first half of the film will be shown at the chapter meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>, which starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

There will be an opportunity to see the entire film on Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Sierra Club office in downtown Riverside. Space is limited at the chapter office and those who wish to attend the Thursday showing should RSVP to Ladd Seekins at (909) 800-3911 or ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com.

*A Fierce Green Fire* is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement – grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. Directed and written by Mark Kitchell, Academy Award-nominated director of Berkeley in the Sixties, and narrated by Robert Redford, Ashley Judd, Van Jones, Isabel Allende and Meryl Streep, the film premiered at Sundance Film Festival 2012, has won acclaim at festivals around the world, and this year begins theatrical release as well as educational distribution and use by environmental groups and grassroots activists.

Inspired by the book of the same name by Philip Shabecoff and informed by advisors like Edward O. Wilson, *A Fierce Green Fire* chronicles the largest movement of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and one of the keys to the 21<sup>st</sup>. It brings together all the major parts of environmentalism and connects them. It focuses on activism, people fighting to save their homes, their lives, the future – and succeeding against all odds.

The film unfolds in five acts, each with a central story and character:

- David Brower and the Sierra Club's battle to halt dams in the Grand Canyon
- Lois Gibbs and Love Canal residents' struggle against 20,000 tons of toxic chemicals
- Paul Watson and Greenpeace's campaigns to save whales and baby harp seals
- Chico Mendes and Brazilian rubber tappers' fight to save the Amazon rainforest
- Bill McKibben and the 25-year effort to address the impossible issue – climate change

Surrounding these main stories are strands like environmental justice, going back to the land, and movements of the global south such as Chipko in India and Wangari Maathai in Kenya. Vivid archival film brings it all back. Insightful interviews shed light on the events and what they mean. The film offers a deeper view of environmentalism as civilization change, bringing our industrial society into sustainable balance with nature.

Featured in the film are:

- The incomparable Lois Gibbs, still fighting for all the Loises
- Paul "I work for whales" Watson
- Bill McKibben, author, activist and founder of 350.org
- Leaders like David Brower, Chico Mendes and Wangari Matthai captured on archival film
- Paul Hawken, Stewart Brand and other alternative ecology visionaries
- Carl Pope and John Adams, longtime heads of the Sierra Club and NRDC
- Martin Litton, at 92 still thundering about how you've got to have "hatred in your heart"

Bob Bullard, environmental justice advocate, closes the film on a universal note, saying, "There's no Hispanic air. There's no African-American air. There's air! And if you breathe air—and most people I know do breathe air—then I would consider you an environmentalist."



Sierra Club Executive Director David Brower leads the campaign to save Grand Canyon National Park from a series of dams.

— Photo by Arthur Schatz/Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images



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### JUNE 17 – JUNE 23

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

#### JUN 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE

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

JUN 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING  
It's time again for our annual "Picnic in the Garden" at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. Don't miss this opportunity to see this special place on one of the longest daylight days of the year. Bring a picnic dinner any time after 5:30 pm, and the Garden will be open to Sierra Club members, friends, and anyone interested. We will have a short business meeting at 7 pm then explore the new "Gateways to the Communities" exhibit. The public is welcome, no entry fee for this evening. PLACE: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 19 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT FROM ONYX SUMMIT TO 2N04 HIKE  
Moderate 9-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail with 1000-foot elevation gain through mostly shaded woodland. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks or lunch and clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead, where Adventure Passes are required. For those coming from the Redlands or desert areas, you can meet us at Onyx Summit at 9:15 AM. INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

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#### JUN 20 (THU) 6:30 PM

**BIG BEAR GROUP**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407.

#### JUN 21-27 (FRI-THU)

**COYOTE GULCH, UTAH**  
This trip heads into some of the best of red rock in Utah, with sheer high-walled canyons and cathedral-like camping areas. MEET around noon at the Escalante visitor center where we will obtain our permits. Hike 4-5 miles a day, possible lay-over day. Most of hike is fairly easy, but requires wading back and forth across the creek. This is definitely the summer warm season, but I have generally found it quite pleasant in the canyon this time of year. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS: LEADER DAVID HARDY, 702 875-4826, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

#### JUN 22 (SAT) 6:30 AM

**CUCAMONGA PEAK**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### JUN 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM

**GOLD MOUNTAIN**  
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,500 ft. elevation gain. RATING: moderate/strenuous. MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center, Big Bear Lake at 8:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JIM SEIFERT (760) 694-5370 or ironmany2k@hotmail.com.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

#### JUN 22 (SAT) 9:AM

**SB MTS, ARROWHEAD RIDGE**  
Eighty acres of the last remaining island of undeveloped forest within the Lake Arrowhead community, known as Eagle Ridge, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2011 to protect as forest open space (but not yet officially open to the public). We will follow the Land Trust's newly created trail on the property, a little over a mile with a few steep stretches of medium elevation gain. Walk will take 2 hours or more with frequent discussion (and rest) stops as needed. BRING: snack, water, extra clothing WEAR: boots, sun hats. MEET: Eagle Ridge Parking area, Grass Valley Road, across from golf course. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr\_sqf@yahoo.com>  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### JUN 22-23 (SAT-SUN)

**ANGELES NAT'L FOREST**  
Easy backpack to a hike-in camp in the Angeles National Forest to get in shape for a summer backpack to Virginia Lakes in the Sierras. Hike in will be less than 5 miles, and there will be picnic tables, pit toilets, and firerings. Beginners with plenty of hiking experience welcome. Friendly dogs in good shape also welcome. INFO: For equipment list and further details, contact LEADER LYGEIA GERARD at (760) 868-2179.  
MOJAVE GROUP

### JUNE 24 – JUNE 30

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

#### JUN 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM

**SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM**  
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

#### \*\*JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM

**VAN DUSEN CYN TO LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS**  
This is Hike #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 11.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3-liters of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER DICK BANKS, at (909) 866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JULY 1 – JULY 7

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

#### JUL 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM

**SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER**  
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

#### JUL 3 (WED) 6:30 PM

**BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

#### JUL 4-7 (THU-SUN)

**INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND, BLACK ROCK**  
This will be a very busy weekend in the Black Rock. No specific activities planned at this writing but it's a shame to waste such a long weekend so it'll probably be a car-camp. Possible amateur radio class on Sunday! After 6/15, call for more info. Leader is very familiar w/ the area and can find plenty to do up there. Sorry, no RV's or Trailers. Dogs on leash, LNT. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775/843-6443.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

#### \*\*JUL 5– 7 (FRI -SUN) 8:00AM

**FULLER RIDGE TO FOBES TH**  
This is a backpacking trip and the continuation of the Pacific Crest Trail Section B Winter Program. This trip will consist of a 25 + mile total distance. We start the backpacking trip at Fuller Ridge

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## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

April 7-9; May 5-7; June 2-4; July 21-23; August 25-27; September 15-17, 2013

By Joan Jones Holtz

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard cruise to Channel Island National Park. 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 Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' twin diesel Truth.



The cost, \$590, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest, and present evening programs. To make a reservation send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information call or e-mail leader (626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com).



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We celebrated Earth Day and John Muir's birthday a week late this year at our potluck at Lake Skinner Regional Park on April 28th. It was a fun outing for everyone with kite flying, trail hiking and lots of sharing of good food.

The trail grant given our Group by the National Park Service is going well. We are coordinating with the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore to help tie all the trail systems. The grant facilitator, Patrick Johnston, has brought together all the various trail maps provided by the cities. Teri Biancardi and others in our Group are out hiking the trails to verify them and to find any obstacles.

Margaret Meyncke has developed a great addition to our Outdoor Families program with her new "urban hikes." She describes this in the following column.

### OUR NEW URBAN HIKES FOR OUR OUTDOOR FAMILIES PROGRAM by Margaret Meyncke

Urban Hikes are a wonderful way to get outside and enjoy nature without a huge effort of time, energy, or expense. Designed to be short and sweet, these adventures are chosen for being family friendly and easy for everyone. Our first event was a trip around the Temecula Duck Pond with a docent from the city. There were about 30 people and we took about an hour. The second event was at Harveston Lake. Our docent was from the Parks and Recreation Department and explained many interesting things about the lake. Our next "Urban Hike" will be at the Temecula Creek Park. Come join us for a lovely outing. Information about these hikes can be found at our meetup site at [www.meetup.com/OutdoorFamilies](http://www.meetup.com/OutdoorFamilies) and also on facebook at [www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup](http://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup). See you on the trail!

### HERE ARE THE HIKES PLANNED FOR MAY & JUNE by Bob Audibert, Gary Marsalone and John Meyncke:

On Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> we are going

to the Devils Slide Trail to enjoy an early morning hike to the Saddle above Idyllwild. Meet at the trail head in Humber Park in Idyllwild at 8:00 AM. We will hike from the parking lot up the trail for 2.2 miles with an elevation gain of 2,000 FT. The hike is moderately difficult

in advance. There is no fee for this pass. To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact me Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or [hikesie@gmail.com](mailto:hikesie@gmail.com) or check "Calendar of Outings, Meeting and Other Events" in this *Palm & Pine* for more details.



*Hikers along the scenic trail in Simpson Park near Hemet. – Photo by Gary Marsalone*

due to the 2000 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is shaded by pines, oak and in the early morning the mountain ridge. The views along the trail

On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM we are heading to the Santa Rosa Plateau - Granite Loop Trail. It will be an easy hike suitable for beginners and those who like to "meander," like John Muir suggests. An

interpretive brochure will provide information about this fascinating area. We will meet at the Visitor's Center at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve just off Clinton Keith Road at 9:00 AM. A three dollar day use fee is required to park, which benefits park preservation and maintenance. Contact hike leader: John

Meyncke at [john.meyncke@gmail.com](mailto:john.meyncke@gmail.com) or check "Calendar of Outings, Meeting and Other Events" in this



*A hawk keeps a close watch in the woods along Murrieta Creek and a trail near Murrieta. – Photos by Teri Biancardi*

provide fabulous vistas to the ocean in the West. I will obtain Wilderness trail passes for those that register for the hike

*Palm & Pine* for more details.

On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> we are heading back to the Dripping Springs Trail. This is a six-mile total out and back up the north face of the Dripping Springs Trail. Remember with your ten essentials add a camera to the list. At the top you will experience some of the best views of Vail Lake and the Temecula Valley available. The views of our highest peaks such as San Gorgonio and San Jacinto are worth the climb by themselves. This hike is moderately difficult hike with about 800' elevation gain. For additional information please contact Bob Audibert (leader) at [bob.takeahike1@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike1@gmail.com). or at (951)302-1059, or check "Calendar of Outings, Meeting and Other Events" in this *Palm & Pine* for more details.

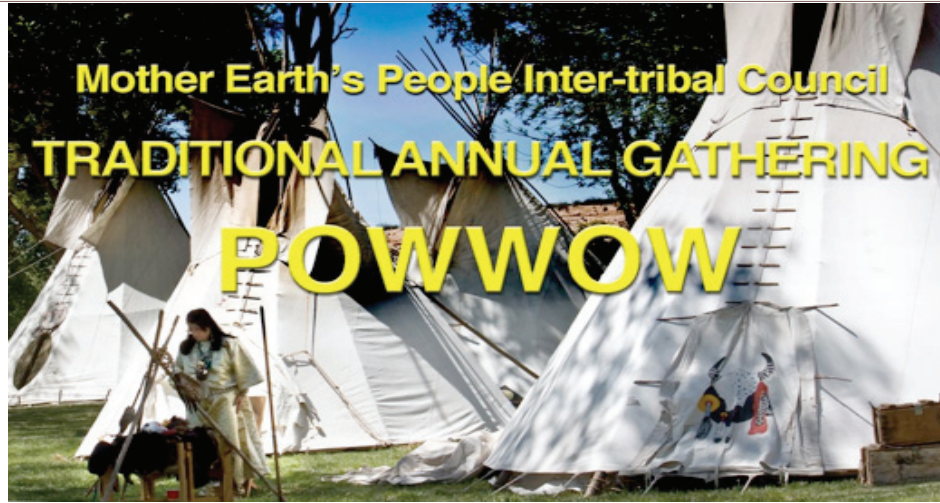
OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589 STARTING AT 6:30 PM.

For more information, please email us at [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) and visit our web site:

[www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)  
and [www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup](http://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup)



**Saturday & Sunday,  
May 4 & 5, 2013  
10 A.M. to Dusk  
Mojave Narrows Regional Park  
(see map)  
18000 Yates Road  
Victorville, CA 92392**



The purpose of the PowWow is to bring the community together, to ensure the continuance of a Native American Gathering! This year will be our 4th Annual plus our 17 years to make for a Twenty First Year Celebration for the people.

The PowWow has now become an inclusive American cultural tradition bringing together the community to share Native American culture, dance, song, food and sharing of Native American arts and crafts. Additionally, PowWows serve as a vital link in educating non-Native American children and families about Native American cultural traditions, values, and teachings by Native American elders and instilling community.

Our PowWow location is alongside an old riverbed, 840 acres of nature, impressive stands of cottonwood and willows all naturally landscaped. Group camping, RV camping, picnic sites, showers, and hiking handicap nature trails. Native American demonstrations, craft

classes, storytelling, with more than 14 teepees in our Village. A Volunteer Booth will be posted for those willing to assist in keeping the event a clean environment.

Vendors will offer authentic handmade Native American crafts, and food. No sale of sage, sweet grass or cedar is allowed. Visitors are welcome to explore the Teepee Village, cultural demonstrations and hands-on activities. Surrounded by open pastures, willow and cottonwood trees, situated along the

Mojave River. It is the largest strand of riparian wetland making it home to over 1,500 species of watchable wildlife.

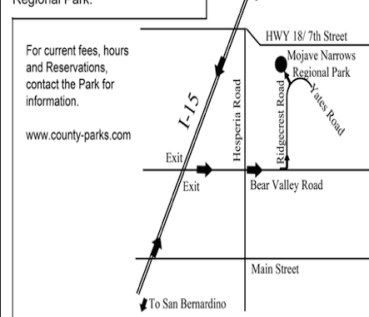
Playground and Water Park Saloon will be available for the kids and families. Come prepared with a towel, shade and chair or blankets to sit on. Great family event.

**\$10 PARK FEE FOR UP TO SIX PEOPLE IN ONE CAR PER DAY. \$2 FOR EACH WALK-IN.**

**ALL DRUMS & DANCERS WELCOME !**

**Directions:**

I-15 FWY to Victorville exit Bear Valley, east (right) about 5 miles. Then north (left) at Ridgecrest road, Ridgecrest turns into Yates Road, POWWOW at Mojave Narrows Regional Park.



18000 Yates Road Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 245-2226

For current fees, hours and Reservations, contact the Park for information. www.county-parks.com



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(7720') and hike south to Saddle Junction (8100') a total of 11.3 miles the first day. On day 2, we will continue from Saddle Junction (8100') hiking a to Apache Spring (7340') and camp adjacent to a fresh water spring and comfortable campgrounds. The third day we will hike the final 5.1 miles to Fobes Trailhead. RATING: Moderate BRING: Backpacking equipment, tent, sleeping bag, bear canister, rain-gear, food, stove, water purification pump or drops, and the ten-essentials. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com or contact CO-LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, at (909) 362-2531. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**COMING UP**

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

**JUL 8-12 (MON- FRI) NORTH LAKE TO HUMPHREYS BASIN BACKPACK**  
Join Ed and Terrance on this scenic 15 mile round trip backpack up the North Fork of Bishop Creek with it picturesque alpine ponds, meadows, lakes and waterfalls. After crossing Piute Pass we will camp in the lake-filled Humphrey Basin and spend the next few days day hiking this stunning area of the John Muir Wilderness. The wild flower blooms at this time of year should be spectacular so be sure to bring a camera or perhaps try your luck fishing in the Golden Trout Lakes. If the group is interested we will attempt to summit Pilot Knob. Space is limited. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net, or CO LEADER TERRANCE MCCORKLE, 760 252 2194, oldhikerdude@verizon.net **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**JUL 20-21 (SAT-SUN) 8:15 AM BEGINNER BACKPACKING BACKPACK**  
This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake, you will backpack 4.0 miles to Dear Springs Trail Camp where the group will camp over-night. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. MEET: Onyx Summit at 8:15 a.m. located on Hwy 38. BRING: ten essentials, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, water purification capabilities, layered clothing, sun protection, bear canister, food, and two-liters of water. CALL: For additional information and RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813, dogs111@msn.com or CO-LEADER JIM SEIFERT, (760) 694-5370. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**\*\*AUG 11-14 JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS ADVENTURE BACKPACK**  
Starting and ending at the Rock Creek trailhead we will explore the Little Lakes Valley of the John Muir Wilderness. Our trip will include three nights of trail camping, fly fishing, photography, and hiking. You will be surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery the High Sierra has to offer. We will explore Heart Lake, and Long Lake with an optional day hike up Morgan Pass to Upper Morgan Lake while camping two nights at Chickenfoot Lake. We'll retrace our steps and then hike along the Mono Pass Trail to beautiful Ruby Lake for the last night. Rated: Easy to moderate in difficulty. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, insect repellent, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, food, water purification, and rain gear. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. CALL: Space is limited to ten-participants, RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com, or CO-LEADER ROBERTA DARROW at (909) 362-2531. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities & makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

**Schedule Saturday & Sunday**

- 10:00 Flute Playing Steve RushingWind
- 11:00 Gourd Dancing (main arena)
- 12:00 Grand Entry will be in Honor of all Members of the United States Armed Forces, Raising of the Flags; drumming, & dancing begins; please join us in the main area to pay respect.
- 1:00 Bear Circle Opens: Children's Hands-on Activities all afternoon.
- 2:00 Musical Instruments (Bear Circle)
- 3:00 Storytelling (Teepee Village)
- 4:00 Cuauhtemoc- Aztec Dancers (main arena)

Times subject to change.

Please check master schedule posted at Pow Wow.

**On-going Educational Demonstrations:**

- Teepee Village
- Basket weaving
- Dream Catchers
- Musical instruments
- Plant Life Awareness
- Flint-napping
- Weaving
- Wild Life Awareness

No alcohol or drugs allowed.

No animals allowed within the Pow Wow site.

Pow Wow Coordinator: Moreena Rocha Chavez (760) 245-2398

E-mail: moreenac@yahoo.com

**NON-SIERRA CLUB  
RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS  
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)**

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

**(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. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**MAY 3 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
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**MAY 4-5 (SAT-SUN) 10:00 AM-5:00 PM MOTHER EARTH INTER-TRIBAL POW WOW  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT MOTHER EARTH PEOPLE**  
See write-up at top of this page.

**MAY 15 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. *Continued on Page 12 >>>*

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

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**JUN 1 (SAT) 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM S B MTS FOREST FESTIVAL EVENT  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT USFS & SO CA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**

A Non-Sierra Club event sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Southern California Mountains Foundation. Join us for this year's Forest Festival, celebrating the San Bernardino National Forest. Learn about local, non-profit, service agencies, networks, groups, and organizations; all of the wonderful things the forest has to offer; and how we preserve, protect and enjoy our mountain environment. Arts and crafts, music, hiking at the nearby Children's Forest Exploration Trail, and lots of clean mountain air! LOCATION: The Children's Forest Visitors' Center on Highway 18 just east of Charles Hoffman Elementary School in Running Springs. Parking is available at the nearby Brulte ball-field. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313, barriemail@mac.com

**JUN 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

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

**JUN 19 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY  
AUDUBON SOCIETY**

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**JUN 21 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
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**JUL 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
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Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Hike, Moreno Valley Group.  
- Photo by Theresa Carson

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



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## Cameron Barrows Presents "Desert Conservation and Climate Change" at June 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

The program for the June 4 chapter meeting is "Climate Change and Effective Conservation in the California Desert" an illustrated presentation by Cameron Barrows, of the University of California Riverside's (UCR) Palm Desert campus. Dr. Barrows' talk is informative, easily understood by laymen and illustrated with slides of desert wildlife as well as maps and charts.

Dr. Barrows is Associate Research Ecologist at UCR's Center for Conservation Biology and coordinates its Desert Studies Initiative.

At the request of the San Gorgonio Chapter, Dr. Barrows developed this talk for presentation to the Sierra Club national Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Sierra Club Foundation at their joint meeting in Palm Springs in March. His presentation emphasizes the value and uniqueness of the California desert landscape, its wildlife and plant life.

The focus of Barrow's Desert Studies Initiative is to develop risk assessments for desert flora, fauna and natural communities to aid in regional conservation programs. The Initiative also models



current and historic species distributions to measure habitat loss. In addition it is exploring programs to enhance science education in Coachella Valley secondary schools. Dr. Barrows received the 2008 George Miksch Sutton Award for Conservation Research from the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.