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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

*"Sex in the Garden"*

Presented by Eric Garton:

(see write up on Page 9)

**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

*"Everest Base Camp Trek"*

Presented by: Jim Vanderaa

(see write up on Page 12)

Programs are held at the  
San Bernardino  
County Museum, 2024 Orange  
Tree Lane, Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

## Keller Hut Work Parties ... enjoy a free weekend and help out.

**K**eller Hut is a hidden treasure in the San Bernardino Mountains. This Sierra Club owned lodge is available for very inexpensive lodging in the San Bernardino Mountains year-round. Members and non-members can enjoy weekend stays. But somebody needs to keep it in good condition.

Coming up is your opportunity to help with a little maintenance and enjoy the mountains free of normal charges. Work parties have been scheduled for August 8-9 and 15-16. Also scheduled are parties for October 3-4 and 10-11. If interested please give a call to Marty Kluck at 562-677-4740. These are normally closed weekends so please talk to Marty before arriving at Keller. Your assistance will be invaluable – bring the family.

Keller Ski Hut, built in 1938 is at an elevation of 6,800 feet on Highway 18 between Running Springs and Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains, across from Snow Valley Ski Area. There are two rustic living/dining rooms; fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, utensils,



stove, refrigerator; two dormitory sleeping lofts with 30 sleeping pads on floors; and bathroom. And yes there is running water and electricity. Regular member fees run \$5 for day use and \$10 overnight – what a deal! But of course, fees are waived for volunteers.



## Sprog Leadership Program a Big Winner

By Tim Harlan-Marks

Director of Youth Trainings and Leadership Development Sierra Club

**R**ight now, more young people than ever are stepping up to take on big polluters and advocate for just, sustainable solutions to the biggest challenges of today. This summer, more than a hundred youth will take part in our award-winning grassroots leadership program (called Sprog) to learn the skills they need to win real campaigns and see real results.

These trainings are run by, and for, young movement leaders, like me, and are appropriate for young people ages 14 and up. They don't have to be current students. They don't have to have previous organizing experience. The only requirements are a passion for the environment and an eagerness to lead.

For more than 20 years Sierra Club has been training and empowering young people through Sprog – equipping them with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to win campaigns for sustainability, climate and justice.

I started "organizing" when I was a high school student, although I didn't know to call it that at the time, and I certainly didn't know how to make the change I envisioned for my community come to fruition the way that I do now. It wasn't until years had passed of lively but misguided meetings and rallies that I discovered that "organizing" was a practice that could be studied and refined.

I feel so grateful now to play a role in connecting a new group of young people each year to the same time-tested tools that helped change agents like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez make their mark on the world.

Does this sound like someone you know? Help keep our grassroots movement growing. Nominate a youth leader from your community today. (Turn to page 6 to read the Mojave Group's input regarding their Sprog nominee Amanda Sansoucie.)

And thanks for all you do for our environment.

*If you have any questions about Sprog, please contact Tim Harlan-Marks at [tim.harlan-marks@sierraclub.org](mailto:tim.harlan-marks@sierraclub.org)*



West Sprog will be held July 12 - 19, 2015,  
outside Los Angeles.

## Chapter Election Time! Nominations Needed . . . and Opportunities to Volunteer for the Sierra Club

**T**he San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club covers all of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties – a pretty large area to be managed by volunteers. Our Chapter Executive Committee administers all Sierra Club requirements which make possible all our hugely successful Conservation Victories and our continued monitoring of multitudes of environmental issues. Additionally our outings program, monthly Membership Meetings, member service and much more all are administered by our Chapter Excom.

Every year the chapter elects members to our Chapter Executive Committee to serve two-year terms. This is a call for your input. The volunteer services of either you or someone you know are always needed and we are asking for nominations now for our elections later this year. Naturally if you nominate someone, you should first seek their permission, however we will follow-up on those deemed to be good candidates that may be hesitant to seek office.

One thing should be made very clear – "ordinary people" comprise our leadership. Having some expertise is great but historically our volunteers don't really fit that category and just learn as they go. That is where we excel. Unlike other environmental organizations, the Sierra Club is run by volunteers beginning with our National Board of Directors and all the way down to our group and committee levels.



Please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Ralph Salisbury or committee members Roland Hansson or Dave Barrie with suggestions (contact information below).

Additionally the San Gorgonio Chapter always needs volunteers. Your assistance can be of unmeasurable support to us whether as an outings leader (article included in this issue of the Palm and Pine) or help with arranging programs or greeting folks attending. We have many needs, some just involving perhaps 4 hours of computer work every other month to positions such as preparation of minutes for our meetings to treasurer. And please be aware that for duties requiring specific Sierra Club knowledge of procedures such as treasurer, there is no-cost national training providing including hotel lodging and air fare.

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

**JULY-AUGUST 2015**

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

**CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2015 Calendar are due by August 1, 2015.

**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 Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net>

**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 carpoos 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 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5, Nov 2.  
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 1-10 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. CONTACT: GLENDA AKINS, glenda.onthewater@gmail.com. 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, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.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: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 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 walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
Please join us for a 5 mile conditioning walk on Euclid Ave. in Upland. MEET: 14th Street and Euclid Ave. in Upland. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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Our thanks to you, the donors to the San Gorgonio Chapter’s March fund appeal. Your generous support makes our conservation victories possible.

If we received your donation between April 2 and June 4, we list you here!

If you did not donate yet but would like to, please mail your check, to Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside CA 92501.

Make your check payable to “Sierra Club, San Gorgonio Chapter” . . . **And thanks again!**

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**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK WALK**  
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**JUNE 22 – JUNE 28**

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

**JUN 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

**JUN 25 (THU) 8:30 AM JOHN’S MEADOW HIKE**  
A beautiful 6 mile hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness that takes us around the mountains, crosses creeks & gives us some wonderful views. It will be a good time of the year to see the wildflowers blooming along the trail & in abundance where we cross Forsee Creek. We will have lunch/snack at the meadow; visit another creek before coming back along the same trail to our vehicles. RATED: easy/moderate, elevation gain is approx. 600 ft. BRING: 2 liters of water, hat, sunscreen, lunch/snack, trekking poles, & layered clothing. MEET: Forsee Creek trailhead. Coming up from the Redlands area you come up Hwy 38 to Jenks Lake Rd. West about 3/10th of a mile up the road you will see the Forsee Creek trailhead sign on the right. Take that up to the parking area about another 3/10th of a mile. It is a dirt road but all cars should make it. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, JUDY ATKINSON, 909 289-1932, djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 26 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**  
This is a 7 mile hike through mixed oak & pine forests. Depending on the weather we may get a display of wildflowers. The trail reveals views of Snow Valley, Keller Peak, Big Bear Lake & the ridge from San Bernardino Peak east. After the hike, if the group wants we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. RATING: moderate. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water & a snack. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER, ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM GREYS PEAK HIKE**  
New hikers welcome! Join me for a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike up to the top of Big Bear’s very popular Gray’s Peak, 7952’. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. The trail climbs gradually 1200 feet through Jeffrey pines, black oak, & chinquapin, past an old (2007) burn & several impressive rock outcrops where bald eagles nest in winter. To get to the very top there’s an easy scramble over colorful granitic boulders & logs. Take in the views of Big Bear Lake through the trees, & enjoy a snack while resting. RATING: Moderate. BRING: Ten essentials, water for a 3-4 hour hike, sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat), & snacks for energy. MEET: 8:00 AM at the Gray’s Peak trailhead parking area on the north side of Highway 38 a half mile southwest of Fawnskin or 2.7 miles northeast of Big Bear dam. An Adventure Pass is needed to park, & there is a restroom at the parking area. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-3102, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUNE 29 – JULY 5**

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

**JUL 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: GLENDA AKINS, glenda.onthewater@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 3-5 (FRI-SUN) 4<sup>th</sup> OF JUPLAYA, BLACK ROCK DESERT CAMPING/EVENT**  
This will be a really busy weekend on the Playa as many Burning Man attendees use this as a shakedown for Burning Man. No specific plans but we’ll probably meet in Reno Thursday evening and head up to the Black Rock and camp on the edge of the Playa. We’ll probably visit area hot springs and the Emigrant Trail. Primitive camping, BRING all supplies and a shovel for personal needs. Possible Ham Radio License Class. July 3 is a legal holiday, can’t waste a long weekend. Leader is very familiar with the area! RESERVATIONS: Sign-up after June 15. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JUL 4 (SAT) 7:30 AM INSPIRATION POINT TO BLUE RIDGE CAMP HIKE**  
A 5-mile moderate hike with magnificent views of the San Gabriel Mountains. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 5 (SUN) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,325 ft. elevation gain. RATING: moderate/strenuous. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, good hiking shoes and a camera to take panorama views of Big Bear Lake. 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 the trailhead.. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JULY 6 – JULY 12**

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

**JUL 6-10 (MON-FRI) THE JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS BACKPACK**  
Join Ed and Vicki of the Big Bear Group on this scenic 23 mile rambling round trip backpack in a spectacular area of the John Muir Wilderness. Our journey will start near Lake Mary and end at Lake George near the village of Mammoth Lakes. The first day of this adventure will take us over 10,797’ Duck Pass with spectacular views of picturesque Duck Lake. Passing Duck Lake we will camp at Purple Lake along the iconic John Muir Trail. From this base camp we will day hike to seldom visited Glen, Glennett and Ram Lake. We will also day hike to Virginia Lake, Tully Hole and through a portion of the Cascade Valley. Past experience in this area suggests that the wild flower blooms at this time of year should be fantastic so be sure to bring a camera or perhaps try your luck fishing Purple Lake. Space is limited. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE at 909 584 9407 or e mail ednjeanne@charter.net or CO LEADER VICKI HOBBS victoria8495@hotmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 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

**\*\*JUL 9 (THU) 8:00 AM COUGAR CREST TO PCT JUNCTION HIKE**  
We will walk up the scenic Cougar Crest Trail, through Pinyon Pines, Juniper and Jeffrey Pines. There are some great views of Big Bear Lake on the way up to where it meets the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). We will walk another mile or so along the picturesque PCT. We will break for snack/lunch then return the same way we came, making it a 6 - 7 mile hike. RATING: Moderate with a 1,400’ elevation gain. MEET: At the Cougar Crest Trailhead, just past the Discovery Center. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, hat, sunscreen, layered clothing and snack/lunch. You will need and Adventure Pass to park. RESERVATIONS; contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON by phone or text at (909) 280-1932 or email: djatk57@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 10-13 (FRI-MON) NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE**  
Savor summer in eastern Nevada’s scenic Highland Ridge Wilderness, just south of Great Basin National Park. We camped there among the aspens 3 years ago and once again partner with BLM’s Ely office wilderness staff on useful service in a fine mountain wilderness. Join us! Details on specific work later. Central commissary offered. Contact Vicky Hoover, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org or 415-977-5527. CNRCC WILDNERNESS COMMITTEE

**JUL 11 (SAT) 7:00 AM MANZANITA FLAT HIKE**  
Early bird gets the worm. This 8.6-mile out and back hike begins at the San Bernardino Peak trailhead (5,960 ft. elevation) in Angelus Oaks and quickly climbs switch backs up a wooded slope of pine, fir and oak into the San Gorgonio Wilderness to beautiful Manzanita Flat (8,240 ft. elevation). We’ll enjoy very scenic views without having to hike the extra mileage to the top of San Bernardino Peak and get in some great conditioning with plenty of time to finish our laundry in the afternoon! RATED: Moderate, elevation gain of 2,280 ft. MEET: The Oaks Restaurant at 37676 State Highway 38 in Angelus Oaks. We’ll carpool over to the trailhead, which is nearby but has limited parking. BRING: Layered clothing, ten essentials, 2-3 liters of water, snack or lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. Hiking poles are very handy on this steep trail. RESERVATIONS: The hike is limited to 12 participants including the hike leader. Since she will need a Day Hike Permit from the Mill Creek Ranger Station, please contact LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, at (909) 362-2531 (before 9:00 p.m.) or email: kitchenchic@mac.com by Thursday, July 9. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 11 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, GUFFY CAMP TO SADDLE HIKE**  
A 5-mile easy hike through the Wrightwood forests. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. .MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 11 (SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This is a Peaks of Big Bear Hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. RATING: This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: Hikers are to meet at 8:30 AM at the Cougar Crest

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Trailhead approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Ctr. We will car pool to Polique Canyon Road and park near to PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. BRING: Two liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking poles. REGISTRATION: Call LEADER, CHARLOTTE WATTS (909)866-7423 or momsampsite@gmail.com or contact ED CALIENDO at (442)242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JULY 13 – JULY 19**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

**JUL 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

**JUL 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

**JUL 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. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: GLENDA AKINS, glenda.onthewater@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUL 17 (FRI) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 11 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, and sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: 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

**JUL 17-24 (FRI-FRI) JOHN MUIR TRAIL BACKPACK**  
This trip will take us into the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8320’) to Ediza Lake (9270’), considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, to Garnet Lake (9680’) and continuing to Thousand Island Lake (9833’) before climbing over the Donohue Pass (11,056’) and descending into Tuolumne Meadows. This route will enable us to view Banner Peak while hiking to Thousand Island Lake. RATING: This trip is considered strenuous. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear. MEET: Meetings place it yet to be determined RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or call 442-242-4103 or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 18 (SAT) 7:30 AM LIGHTNING RIDGE TO JACSON FLAT CAMP HIKE**  
A 5-mile easy hike through pines and spruce of Wrightwood. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 18 (SAT) 9:00 AM PALOMAR MOUNTAIN OBERSRVATORY TRAIL HIKE**  
A 4-mile easy/moderate out and back hike with 900’ gain/loss. We will begin at the Palomar Observatory parking lot and hike down through an oak forest 2 miles along a mostly shaded trail to the Observatory Campground which is our turn around point. The return trip is uphill all the way and the moderately difficult part. When we finish there is a picnic area alongside the parking lot and a gift shop at the observatory. DIRECTIONS: The observatory is at35899 Canfield Road, Palomar Mountain, From Interstate 15, near Fallbrook, drive twenty-one miles east on Highway 76. Turn north on Road S6 (South Grade Road), continue 6.5 miles to the junction with Road S7. Turn left and continue on S6 north to the observatory parking lot. BRING 2 liters of water and snacks or lunch, dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Bug spray may be needed if the gnats are out. Sunscreen and a hat are also a good idea. No passes are required. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT at (951)302-1059 OR bob.takeahike1@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JULY 20 – JULY 26**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

**JUL 21 (TUE) 10:00 AM CASTLE ROCK HIKE**  
Here’s a Royal hike for you. You’ll definitely feel like royalty when you summit this one. This premiere lake vista hike for the fit is rated moderate/strenuous due to its altitude and pitch within the 1.5 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000’ and the elevation gain is 700’ in just 3/4 of a mile. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble for the last 100 yards (this part will be optional). Rain/Snow--cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER - JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM, July 20. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 24-26 (FRI-SUN) 2:00 PM ANNUAL CHILDRENS’ FORESTCAR CAMP**  
We’ll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday. Join us for happy hour, followed by a potluck, starting at 5 PM on Saturday. BRING: drinks, a dish to share, fire wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight

or come for a day. There will be day hikes and other optional activities. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 24-26 (FRI-SUN) BRISTLECONE PINE FOREST CARCAMP**  
Escape the summer heat. Come to the beautiful White Mountains to camp, hike and just relax. On Saturday, we’ll visit the ancient bristlecone pine forest, home to the oldest living things on Earth, and do a moderate 5-mile round trip interpretive hike, followed by a picnic lunch. At camp we’ll enjoy Happy Hour, a potluck feast and a campfire. Sunday head home. Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 25 (SAT) 7:30 AM EARTHQUAKE FAULT, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE**  
A 4-mile easy hike along the rocky fault line in Wrightwood. Enjoy the spectacular rock formations of this prehistoric area of Wrightwood. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUL 26 (SUN) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE**  
Join me on one of the 5 Peaks of Big Bear hikes to Gray’s Peak. Named for Gray’s Landing on the north side of Big Bear Lake, founded by Alex Gray in 1918! The hike will take us through stands of Jeffrey pin, black oak and white fir. We will pass through an area that burned several years ago and can see what new growth has come up. The peak has some great views of Big Bear Lake where we will have our lunch/snack, then return on the same trail back to our vehicles. RATING: Moderate 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. MEET: At the Gray’s Peak Trailhead on Hwy 38, 2.7 miles from the Big Bear Dam or half a mile southwest of Fawnskin. You will need an Adventure Pass to park at the trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, hat, sunscreen, layered clothing, snack/lunch. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON by phone or text at (909) 289-1932, or email at djatk57@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JULY 27 – AUGUST 2**

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**JUL 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

**AUG 1 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SECTION D, VINCENT GAP - ISLIP SADDLE HIKE**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> segment in a series of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Section D that was aborted in May due to snow cover and weather. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments of Section D will receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6585’) 3.8 miles to the Mt. Baden Powell Spur Trail (9245’). The PCT continues west 5.2 miles along this high ridge past Mt. Burnham and Throop Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (7588’). We continue to descend to Islip Saddle (6670’) to end the day’s hike and complete the 11.6 mile journey. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Hwy 2 at Vincent Gap trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR at (951) 243-0198 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net OR CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 1 (SAT) 7:30 AM BIG HORN MINE, MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE**  
A 4-mile easy hike to the historic Big Horn Mine on Mount Baden Powell. Outstanding views of the San Gabriel Mountains make this very special. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30 am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30 am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 9**

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

**AUG 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

**AUG 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: GLENDA AKINS, glenda.onthewater@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMP TO GUFFY CAMP HIKE**  
This easy 6-mile hike through woodland has the bonus of panoramic views of the San Gabriel Mountains. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

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## Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliengo, Group Chair

This season, we are celebrating several individual achievements that have manifested into special well deserved recognition awards.

### “EAGLE OF EXCELLENCE” AWARD

Ed Wallace, Conservation Chair and Robbie Bos, Curator of the Big Bear Community Garden have been selected to receive the “Eagle of Excellence” Award from The Rotary Club of Big Bear at their 18<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony. The dinner and awards ceremony is dedicated to honoring members of the Big Bear community that exhibit a very high caliber of professionalism, enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to service, not only in their vocational field, but also in how they demonstrate excellence in the personal giving of time, energy and influence on others within the Big Bear Valley community.

Since the Rotary Club began this program in 1998, over 91 individuals, mostly non-Rotarians, have been honored with the “Eagle of Excellence” award.



### SIERRA CLUB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On June 1, Marvin Cira, Big Bear Group’s Treasurer, presented our \$1,000 College Scholarship Fund award to James DeGree, graduating Big Bear High School Senior. James plans to attend the University of California Santa Cruz to earn a Master’s Degree in Marine Biology.



During his time at Big Bear High School, James spent four years in Music playing the violin, three years in Track and Field, and became a Senior Patrol Leader earning the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, all the while maintaining a 4.21 Cumulative GPA, placing him 9<sup>th</sup> in his class of 172 students.

At left is a photo of James DeGree, his proud mother, Becky DeGree, and our Big Bear Group Scholarship Chairperson, Marvin Cira.



## Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

The big news with the Mojave Group is that we are sponsoring Amanda Sansoucie for this year’s SPROG training. Amanda lives in Havasu Lake, CA, and works as an Environmental Assistant for the Chemehuevi EPA Dept. She is a high school graduate with some college experience, mostly in English and Sociology. She served as Secretary for the Election Board Committee for her Tribe. She has always been into writing, philosophy, activism, and environmental concerns, and is looking forward to gaining as much experience and knowledge as possible so that she may further pursue her academic goal of becoming an Environmental Sociologist.

The Mojave Group looks forward to having Amanda speak at one of our monthly meetings and also to give a presentation to students at our local Victor Valley Community College.

It looks like things may start happening with Juniper Flats and the OHV restoration grant. Several of us met with the new Recreation Planner, Zach Pratt, and Supervisor, Katrina Symons, both of the BLM Barstow office. We viewed several areas that will be restored and also discussed other issues related to Juniper Flats. Besides working with us on the grant, we are excited about working with Zach to plan some public events in Juniper Flats.



### PATCH PARTY AWARDEES

On May 30, 2015, the Big Bear Group hosted its annual Awards Party at the Aspen Glen Picnic Park in Big Bear Lake. For the past seven years, we have given special recognition to individual hikers who have accomplished special feats over the last twelve months. These special accomplishments have been done under the direct supervision of Big Bear Group Hike Leaders.

This year we will recognize those individuals that have completed Sections of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Five Peaks of Big Bear:

- Eight (8) hikers completed the Five Peaks of Big Bear, with over 8,000’ elevation gain
- Six (6) hikers completed Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail, 101.4 miles
- Six (6) hikers completed Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, 110.2 miles

Below is a photo of all the Patch Award winners including available Hike Leaders in attendance.



## SAVE THE DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour

Big Bear Lake, Calif. – Mother Nature is having hot flashes!!! It’s hot, it’s cold, it’s hot, it’s cold. What’s a gardener to do? After a long, cold, dry winter, spring seemed right around the corner. Birds were coming back and trees were budding out, when BAM...a series of snow storms threw us back into winter mode. But spring IS on the horizon, and thoughts turn to our gardens and yards.

The annual Xeriscape Garden tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get ideas, discover plants that can survive the wild ups and downs of Mother Nature while looking great at the same time. So mark your calendars for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger’s Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny’s Restaurant. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

This year’s tour will include the DWP’s Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand to answer questions about the myriad of solutions available to the homeowner who wants to create a beautiful, colorful, drought tolerant landscape. In addition to the Demonstration Garden, there will be 7 homeowner gardens, landscaped by professionals and homeowners. So no matter your budget, you’ll find solutions for creating low-maintenance, drought tolerant gardens here in Big Bear.

A tour booklet, which includes the locations of the 8 stops, a map and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Experts will be on hand at each of the homes on the tour to explain the ins and outs of creating a beautiful landscape and conserving water at the same time.

For additional information on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>.



## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

**Group Outings Resume Next Fall**—Thank you to Theresa Carson, Christina Torres and Eileen O’Brien for organizing and leading the Moreno Valley Group outings for fall, winter & spring! Many good hikes have been taken and lots of beautiful views have been seen. Christina and Eileen will be taking a break this summer because of the heat, but please plan on joining them next fall when a new season of outings starts up. If you have any questions and/or suggestions about our outings, please contact us at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com).

Thank you to Manya Jiannino for organizing the information table and volunteers for the Moreno Valley Group table at the Earth Night in the Garden event on April 22. Thank you for volunteers:



Bidding farewell to Theresa Carson – Thank you for all that you’ve done!  
Photo by George Hague



The Moreno Valley Group, Sierra Club information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Photo by Ann McKibben

Theresa Carson, Manya Jiannino, Kathryn Jones, Johnathan Lipscomb, Ann McKibben, and Christina Torres for hosting the Moreno Valley Group table. We had fun meeting many new people who were interested in the Sierra Club.

The city of Moreno Valley released the final environmental impact report (FEIR) for the proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) project on May 1 and comments on the FEIR (documents can be found at <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/misc/wlc-deir.shtml>) were accepted for 45 days. A city planning commission meeting was scheduled for June 11 to hear comments from the public on the project. In mid-May one of the city councilmembers proposed that a ballot measure be put forward to let the public vote to decide whether the project should be approved. Discussion of that proposal was planned for the June 9 city council meeting. A *May Press Enterprise* article discussed issues regarding the city’s negotiations with the developer of the WLC project and says the project developer has asked the city to contribute \$100 million for infrastructure improvements (streets, sidewalks, etc.). The WLC is probably the most controversial project proposed for Moreno Valley and the Inland metropolitan area. The 40.6 million square foot project (the size of 700 full-sized football fields) will have severe impacts—increased freeway traffic, truck traffic (approximately 69,000 vehicle trips per day), air quality (asthma, respiratory diseases). If built, it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. Please plan on attending planning

## Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

**Mountains Group Executive Committee Election**  
This year’s Nominating Committee (Sue Walker, Steve Farrell and Bob Sherman) wants you to know that if you want to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination you can contact any one of them. (Try Sue at [svwalker@gmail.com](mailto:svwalker@gmail.com))

Before you do, however, look over this year’s Election Rules.

### Election Rules

- Nominees must be Mountains Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 5.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses **not** to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate.
- The name of any Mountains Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 5% of Mountains Group members. (10 minimum)
- Petitions with valid signatures must be received by September 25.
- All Mountains Group members as of October 16, 2015, shall be sent ballots.
- Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 23.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 23, at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 3:30 pm on Saturday, December 5 at Keller Hut.
- The 2 year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2016, and will run through December 31, 2017.



Everything accomplished by the Mountains Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference.

If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member please feel free to contact Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com).

commission and city council public hearings on the WLC. You can speak or attend and support those who speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please contact planner Mark Gross at: [markg@moval.org](mailto:markg@moval.org) & (951) 413-3215 for more information & to be notified of all meetings as well as all environmental documents. We will post the links to the newspaper articles on our Facebook page; please take time to read them and become familiar with the issues on this project. <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub>

Donations are needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistics Center project and to help with possible litigation costs. Your very important donations will and have been used to support hiring a traffic engineer expert and as well as an attorney to review the documents. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, PO Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation “WLC.” Thank you to all who have made donations—your support makes a difference!

The Riverside County Transportation Commission approved the proposed Mid County Parkway (MCP), a sixteen-mile, six-lane freeway from Perris (I-215) to the city of San Jacinto (Highway 79) and would cost approximately \$1.7 billion. The project would displace almost 400 individuals and also displace businesses that employ approximately 170 individuals. The proposed project also has to undergo National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. The Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and Friends of Riverside’s Hills are suing to stop or downsize the project and make sure it complies with the law. Issues: impacts to low income minority neighborhoods, impacts to wildlife (San Jacinto Wildlife Area), loss of prime agricultural lands, urban sprawl, air pollution. Making the road safer is one thing; but creating a major freeway through rural areas, displacing low income residents, businesses, and eliminating agricultural lands is problematic.

**Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU):** Riverside County has recirculated the GPU and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Draft Environmental Impact Report. The county is preparing responses to comments and was scheduled to start public outreach meetings in June (even though they will still be working on responses). Please try to attend. Documents and the review schedule can be found at: <http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo960EIRNo521CAPFebruary2015.aspx> Please contact Kristi Lovelady, [KLOVELAD@rctlma.org](mailto:KLOVELAD@rctlma.org), Tel: (951) 955-0781 to request that all notices and documents related to the GPU and CAP be sent to you.

**The Villages of Lakeview—Revised:** There is no new information on the proposed revised Villages of Lakeview project on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Contact Riverside County Planner Matt Straite at [MSTRATTE@rctlma.org](mailto:MSTRATTE@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

For information hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area, please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) Notice that Bernasconi Beach access will be closed due to the repair of the dam.

**Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board:** Next hike is on Saturday, July 25, 7:30 a.m. Hike to Hidden Springs (MODERATE, 3.3 mi round trip); meet at Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, MV, parking lot directly in front of the school. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and [http://www.moval.org/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf](http://www.moval.org/resident_services/park_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf) to see the complete list of hikes.



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Come a day early for: **SC Xeriscape Tour or Big Bear PaddleFest — July 18**

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**AUG 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
 This is a Peaks of Big Bear Hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch .RATING: This hike is 8.0 miles, 1,325 ft. elevation gain, moderate/strenuous. Bring a camera to take panoramic views of Big Bear Lake. MEET: The Vons Shopping Ctr. parking lot, adjacent to Big Bear Blvd, where we will car pool to the trailhead. BRING: Two liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, trekking poles, Wear Layered clothing, and good hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, CHARLOTTE WATTS (909) 866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com or contact CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com, BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 9 (SUN) 8:00 AM CASTLE ROCK TO GUNSIGHT HIKE**  
 We will hike approximately one mile through ponderosa pine, white fir and incense cedar to the jumbo rocks at Castle Rock. From there we will pass by the lodgepole pine on our way to Gunsight for a total of about 6 - 7 miles. We will be in and out of pines and fir trees, pass by a meadow and walk along what is left of Siberia Creek. We will have our snack/lunch at Gunsight and return on the same trail back to our cars. RATING: Moderate with a 800 ft elevation gain. MEET: Performing Arts Center 39707 Big Bear Blvd. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, and snack/ lunch. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON by phone or text (909) 289-1932 or email djatk57@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUGUST 10 – AUGUST 16**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
**(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

**AUG 11 (TUE) 8:00 AM SAN BERNARDINO & E. SAN BERNARDINO PEAKS HIKE**

We will do both peaks on a loop via the Forsee Creek trail and return by John’s Meadow trail. RATED: This is a strenuous hike of about 14 miles and 4000 foot gain. Meet at the trail at 8 AM. The trailhead is reached by coming up HWY 38 to Jenks Lake Rd. Go right at the Forsee Creek trailhead sign. BRING lunch 3/4 quarts of water and layered clothing and sun protection. If interested call LEADER for more information and carpooling. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 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, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**AUG 12 (WED) 9:00AM ICE HOUSE SADDLE HIKE**

What better place to beat the summer heat than an ice house! At this elevation and with a tree canopied covering, this is one of my summer favorites. RATED: moderate. Here’s the numbers—8 miles R/T with a 2,600’ elevation gain. Rain or snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: For location, please call/e-mail CONFIRM: By Aug. 11 5 PM with LEADER JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or jimwandjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUG 14-16 (FRI-SUN) METEOR SHOWER/BLACK ROCK DESERT CARCAMP**

New moon will mean great stars and Perseid meteor watching. We’ll be camped mid-Playa about 102 miles north of Reno but with portable toilets. We’ll probably visit hot springs and the Emigrant Trail among others. And watch out for ham radio operators on the Playa, they’ll be there too. Be sure to bring your radio. LOCATION: For more info and GPS location go to www.blackrockdesert.org. There’ll also be a map and directions in the Friends of Black Rock Desert office on Main St. in Gerlach. LEADER DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**AUG 15 (SAT) 7:30 AM GRASSY HOLLOW TO LUNCH LOG HIKE**

This easy 4-mile hike has spectacular views across the Mojave Desert and through lovely woodland. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC D, INSPIRATION PT TO VINCENT GAP HIKE**

This is a short section of the Pacific Crest Trail Sec. D southwest of Wrightwood, from Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap, approximately 4.8 miles, scenic with some terrific views. We will have several photo opportunities, so bring a camera. From Inspiration Point (7386’), the trail heads west, passes a couple of campgrounds, contours and gradually ascends (7480’), then descends to cross Angeles Crest Highway, ending at the parking lot at Vincent Gap (6585’) where our cars are parked. RATING: Easy to moderate. MEET: 8:00am at Inspiration Point. Take Highway 2 west from Wrightwood. Pass Big Pines and two Mt High Resorts. Continue up the winding Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2) until you cross over to the other side of Blue Ridge, to Inspiration Point, where the beautiful views will blow you away. Weather Forecast: Average temps in August last year at this time ranged from 66 to 75. BRING: Ten essentials, energy snacks and lunch, 1.5-liters of water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeve shirt), and layers for variable temperatures. RESERVATIONS: Email APPRENTICE LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net or leave a message at (760) 685-5321, or contact CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or call (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 23**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
**(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

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

**AUG 22 (SAT) 7:00 AM LIMBER PINE BENCH/SAN BERNARDINO PEAK HIKE**

This 12 (or maybe 16-mile) “out and back” hike begins at the San Bernardino Peak trailhead in Angelus Oaks and quickly climbs into the San Gorgonio Wilderness past Manzanita Springs junction, and Columbine Springs to Limber Pine Bench Camp. We may decide to just enjoy the spectacular views from Limber Pine after climbing 3,240 ft. and return to the trailhead or we may decide to take on another 1,424 ft. elevation gain and visit Colonel Washington’s Monument, from which all surveying of Southern California commenced, and bag San Bernardino Peak. RATED: Strenuous due to elevation gain and length. Elevation gain is 4,664 ft. to the top of San Bernardino Peak. MEET: The Oaks Restaurant at 37676 State Highway 38 in Angelus Oaks. We’ll carpool to the trailhead, which is nearby but has limited parking. BRING: Layered clothing, ten essentials, 3-4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. Hiking poles are very handy on this steep trail. The hike is limited to 12 participants including the hike leader. RESERVATIONS: Please contact LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, at (909) 362-2531 (before 9:00 p.m.) or email: kitchenchic@mac.com by Thursday, Aug. 20. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 22 (SAT) 7:30 AM CEDAR CANYON TO JACKSON LAKE HIKE**

An easy 3-mile hike that requires shuttles, which will be arranged on the day - A not to be missed stroll through beautiful woodland. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**AUGUST 24 – AUGUST 30**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
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**AUG 24-29 (MON-SAT) JOHN MUIR TRAIL BACKPACK**

This backpack trip (Shadow Creek to Agnew Meadows) will take us into the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8320’) to Shadow Lake (8737’) to Ediza Lake (9270’), considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, to Garnet Lake (9680’) and continuing to Thousand Island Lake (9833’) while viewing Banner Peak before returning to Agnew Meadows via the Pacific Crest Trail. This is a 20.1 mile loop hike. RATING: Moderate in difficulty. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear. MEET: Meetings place it yet to be determined. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or call 442-242-4103 or CO-LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS (909)866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

**AUG 29 (SAT) 7:30 AM LITTLE JIMMY PARKING LOT TO MT. ISLIP HIKE**

A moderate 6-mile hike with wonderful views. WEAR strong shoes and BRING plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum at 7.30am or Wrightwood Elementary School on Spruce St. next to Angeles Crest Highway in Wrightwood at 8.30am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM MT SAN JACINTO VIA PALM SPRINGS TRAM HIKE**

Hike in the cool weather at the top of the tram in San Jacinto State Park The hike starts from the tram’s 8400’ mountain station and climbs to Wellman Saddle (9700’) which itself has nice views, and from there to San Jacinto Peak at 10,800 feet, which has spectacular views all around. A short rock scramble is required to get to the top of the peak. We retrace our steps to return. This is a challenging hike for experienced hikers only. RATED: Strenuous due to altitude and climb. TRAM FEE: \$23.95 per person, \$21.95 for age 62 and up. MEET: At the Tram Station lobby at the end of Tramway Road, which heads west uphill from the visitor’s center on Highway 111 (N. Palm Canyon Dr) at the northwest end of Palm Springs. A parking fee may be charged, but it’s not certain. BRING: Ten essentials, at least one layer, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
**(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

**SEP 1 (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

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**SEP 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: GLENDA AKINS, glenda.onthewater@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

**COMING UP**  
**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
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**SEP 26-27 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE/HIKING**  
 This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. Saturday is National Public Lands Day, and we will join other volunteers on several maintenance projects. We will car-camp, with a pot-luck and campfire on Saturday night. Sunday we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the monument with details to be determined by consensus of the group. LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 31-NOV 1 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP**

Celebrate Halloween by visiting the ghosts of California’s colorful past in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. Saturday, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this Wild West town. We’ll return to camp for happy hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat’s graveyard. On Sunday, we’ll make a quick visit to the infamous Riley townsite. RTESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

Note: there will be no meeting July 4. 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. 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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**July 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting Features “Sex in the Garden” – Rated-G, for Good-Natured!**

**W**e know birds do it. Bees do it, too. But have you ever stopped to think about beautiful and innocent-looking flowers doing it? In the forests, in the fields, by streams, even alongside the freeways and most certainly in our garden. Pollination is happening all around us all the time!

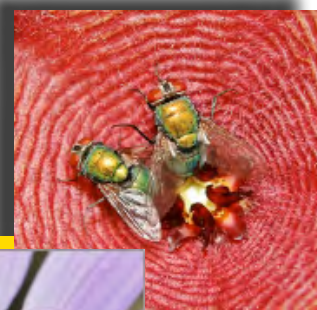
Eric Garton, Director of Visitor Services and Community Education at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont will present this fun, educational and lighthearted look at the amazing diversity of flowers and the pollination strategies they have acquired over time with their pollinators to be successful. You’ll never look at a flower the same way again.

Service before becoming the Public Programs Manager at Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

He and his family moved to Claremont in December 2009 when Eric became the Director of Visitor Services and this fun, educational and lighthearted look at the amazing diversity of flowers and the pollination strategies they have acquired over time with their pollinators to be successful. You’ll never look at a flower the same way again.

The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, at 86 acres, is a non-profit organization dedicated to California native plants. The garden originated in 1927 and now contains some 70,000 native Californian plants, representing 2,000 native species, hybrids and cultivars. It has an active research department, specializing in systematic botany and floristics. The combined herbarium of the garden and neighboring Pomona College holds over 1,000,000 specimens.

A Pacific Northwest native, Eric Garton attended the University of Idaho receiving a B.S. degree in Wildlife Resources. He worked as a biologist for the US Forest interpretation, and overseeing the Garden’s extensive volunteer program. Since 2010, Eric has become highly engaged in the community, serving in various capacities on several boards, committees, and with the City of Claremont, including: City of Claremont Community and Human Services Commission, Sustainable Claremont, Kiwanis Club of Claremont, City of Claremont Independence Day Committee and Claremont Community Coordinating Council. Away from work and community service, Eric’s favorite activities are those experienced out-of-doors with his wife of 15 years and 10-year old son, Palmer.



# 2015 Young Environmental Champion Awards

By Jono Hildner, San Geronio Chapter Political Chair

For the third year in a row, the Chapter is recognizing a group of young people who are, indeed, environmental champions and who are bringing recognition to the environmental problems that their community faces. All of these students are part of the GrEAT/Sierra Alliance. "GrEAT" is the Green Energy and Technology Academy at Desert Mirage High School in the eastern Coachella Valley. This school serves a community that is one of the most heavily impacted areas in our Chapter. They face huge problems of air quality, pesticide use and oppressing poverty, just to name a few of the environmental justice issues in this area.

With the support of the Sierra Club, these students have travelled by bus to Sacramento this year to testify regarding the EPA's proposed 60ppb "smog rule." This meant leaving Thermal at 1:00 am on one day and getting back at 5:00 am the following day. By all accounts, those in attendance found their testimony riveting and one EPA official was quoted as saying, "in the 20+ years that I've worked for the EPA, I've never been more moved by testimony in a public hearing." Most of them have made several trips to Diamond Bar to testify at Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board. All but Jose and Marina were presented with Environmental Justice Advocate awards by Assemblyman Garcia recently. Some made a second trip to Sacramento to testify at the state Water Resources Board regarding the future of the Salton Sea.



Supervisor Benoit, a member of the SCAQMD Board, was so impressed he brought District staff to come meet with them and Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia came to address a full assembly at the High School. Most of this year's awardees have applied for this year's Sprog, the summer environmental leadership program that is put on by the Sierra Student Coalition, and Marina Barragan has been tapped as a trainer for the program this year. They are truly making a difference and we expect all of them to continue as champions for the environment as they move on to the next phases of their lives. You can see some of them on YouTube videos. An 11-minute video on the Salton Sea, titled *California's Sea - The Salton Sea: A Date With Destiny* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGb5viMIAfl> and a recent short Associated Press story that can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhcsdnN-pzc>. This AP story was carried by over 333 media outlets on June 3.

We encourage you to work with young people in your area, and if you are a member who lives in the Coachella Valley, we encourage you to work with any or all of this year's Young Environmental Champions. The future of the Sierra Club depends on getting the next generation involved and with limited resources, many of these youngsters could use financial help to attend Sprog or to participate in other activities outside of their immediate area. If you want more information or want to make a financial contribution, contact either Jono Hildner at [Jono@Hildner.com](mailto:Jono@Hildner.com) or Kim Floyd at [kimfloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimfloyd@fastmail.fm).

Check out their bios and pictures below:

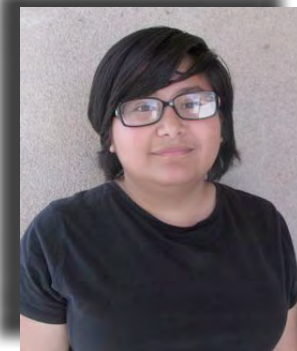
**Elijah Cervantes**  
Thermal, CA  
Age: 17



Elijah began volunteering by phone banking for Congressman Raul Ruiz and going to hearings like for the DRECP, a plan to implement renewables in the Desert. Elijah was going through a difficult time with family loss but still managed to be a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. Cynthia participated in door-to-door visits collecting permission slips. She phone banked reaching out to people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, San Francisco and Sacramento for the EPA trip. She organized a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and played a lead role in recruitment. On the way to Sacramento Cynthia played a role as a bus captain. As a captain she was responsible to make sure everyone had finished their public comment and assisted them if needed. Cynthia also spoke out during the rally in the Cesar Chavez Park. She finished the day by giving testimony herself. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where she was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Cynthia was also a participant in the Wildflower Festival speaking to various people coming to the booth.

Cynthia started off volunteering for Congressman Raul Ruiz and attending hearings for plans like the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan where she gave public comment. She then built up leadership and soon became a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. Cynthia participated in door-to-door visits collecting permission slips. She phone banked reaching out to people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, San Francisco and Sacramento for the EPA trip. She organized a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and played a lead role in recruitment. On the way to Sacramento Cynthia played a role as a bus captain. As a captain she was responsible to make sure everyone had finished their public comment and assisted them if needed. Cynthia also spoke out during the rally in the Cesar Chavez Park. She finished the day by giving testimony herself. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where she was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Cynthia was also a participant in the Wildflower Festival speaking to various people coming to the booth.

**Selene Hernandez**  
Thermal, CA  
Age: 17



Attended Selene was a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. Her organizing includes door-to-door visits, phone banking people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, organizing a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and following up with recruitment. Selene was a bus captain on the road to and from Sacramento. As a bus captain she was responsible to make sure everyone had finished their public comment and assisted them if needed. Selene gave a strong testimony in front of the EPA

and even did underground organizing in case anything went wrong. That includes leading a group to the principals office and telling him why it was so important that they go and represent their community. Selene followed up with interviews from various papers and national news. Selene submitted an LTE to La Times. Selene participated in the chalking at the Cesar Chavez park in Sacramento. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where she was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Even though Selene did not go to the Wildflower festival she still helped by creating the display board for the Wildflower Festival.

**Ruben Garza**  
Mecca, CA  
Age: 17



Ruben was a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. Ruben's organizing includes door-to-door visits, phone banking people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, organizing a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and following up with recruitment. Ruben was a bus captain on the road to and from Sacramento. As a bus captain he was responsible to make sure everyone had finished their public comment and assisted them if needed. Ruben led a twitter rally to influence the school board to allow the students to go to Sacramento. Ruben created a poem for his testimony that was extremely heartfelt and led many to tears. He also participated in the chalking at the Cesar Chavez Park in Sacramento. Ruben was also a lead organizer in underground organizing in case things went wrong. Part of that underground organizer was media control where he led more twitter rallies and facebook rallies. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where he was also in lead of prepping for his visit.

**Christopher Avila**  
Mecca, CA  
Age: 17



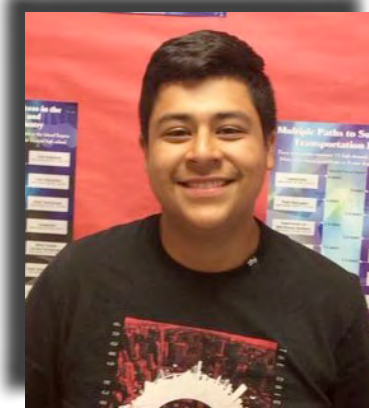
Chris was a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. His involvement includes door-to-door visits, calling people to go to him and turn in slips, phone banking people to people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, organizing a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and following up with recruitment, he led a twitter rally to get youth to go to Sacramento, followed up with recruitment and gave a strong testimony in Sacramento. Chris followed up with interviews from various papers. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where he was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Chris led the meeting to a heavy discussion instead of the intended presentation. Air quality issues were addressed in this conversation. Chris participated at the Wildflower Festival by running the booth and speaking with folks about the work the Great/Sierra Alliance has been doing to help the Coachella Valley. Chris also helped me to follow up with Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia. Chris led a group of about 20 students to the Mecca Health Fair led by Riverside County's Department of Public Health. School board officials, Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia and Riverside County's Department of Public Health were all attending this meeting.

**Cynthia Portillo**  
Mecca, CA  
Age: 17



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**Jose Alcantara**  
Mecca, CA  
Age: 17



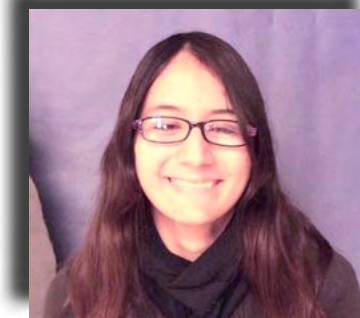
Jose helped to organize the EPA Sacramento trip. His involvement includes door-to-door visits, calling people to go to him and turn in slips, phone banking people to people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, following up with recruitment and gave a strong testimony in Sacramento. Jose's strong testimony made it to interviews by various papers. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where he was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Jose is contacting Raul Ruiz to set up a meeting and continues to help however possible.

**Raul Zendejas**  
Mecca, CA  
Age: 17



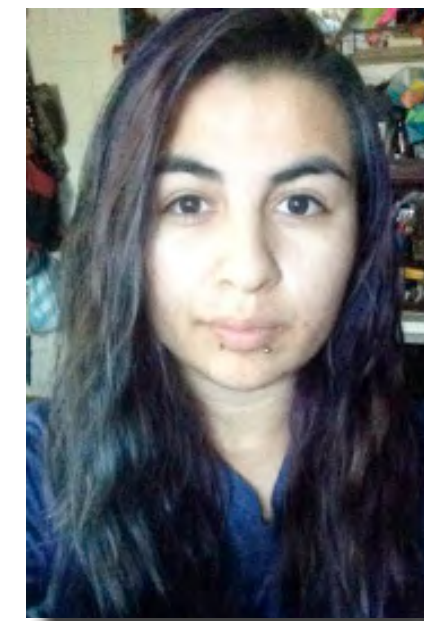
Raul was a lead organizer in the EPA Sacramento trip. His involvement includes door-to-door visits, calling people to go to him and turn in slips, phone banking people to people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, organizing a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and following up with recruitment, Raul went to the principal and told him why it was important for him to attend. He followed up with recruitment and gave a strong testimony in Sacramento. Raul followed up with interviews from various papers and national news. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where he was also in lead of prepping for his visit. What was meant to be a powerpoint Raul led to a discussion. Raul did the same thing at the Mecca Health Fair where he addressed various environmental hazards that the Eastern Coachella Valley community faces. Raul participated at the Wildflower Festival by running the booth and speaking with folks about the work the Great/Sierra Alliance has been doing to help the Coachella Valley.

**Lourdes Baez**  
Thermal, CA  
Age: 17



Lourdes has always had a perfect attendance at meetings and helped to organize the EPA Sacramento trip. Her organizing includes phone banking people in the Eastern Coachella Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, organizing a booth for Desert Mirage youth to sign up to go to EPA Sacramento and following up with recruitment. Lourdes also gave testimony in front of the EPA. Lourdes helped the seniors with anything they needed help with and they mentored her in the process. The trip led to a visit from AQMD Supervisor John Benoit where she was also in lead of prepping for his visit. Lourdes is now creating itinerary for Assemblyman Garcia's visit.

**Marina Barragan**  
Thermal, CA  
Age: 20



I started off with two students and began by taking them with me to phone banking and hearings. I then spoke to various students advocating the Great/Sierra Alliance, a collaboration between the Great Academy at Desert Mirage High School and the Sierra Club San Geronio Chapter. Our numbers grew and then we created a committee where the committee became the main student organizers. I mentor the committee and trained them on political tactics, environmental racism, etc. They do their research on any upcoming event or plan and we voice our opinion in an educated but passion filled manner. I organized my committee for the EPA Sacramento trip and they organized the student body. After I felt my mentees were built up enough I started a mentor-mentee program within my mentees so now each of my mentees now has their own mentee. This is how we are creating another branch in the Great/Sierra Alliance. I too gave testimony in front of the EPA for a 60ppb smog standard and have been interviewed by various papers and national news. I take the committee to every outing and prep them for it. I guide them through the planning but I have them lead the way because that is how to build a leader. Let them lead. I was on a panel at a meeting in Brawley to prep for a new trip to Sacramento to speak with the EPA again, this time to push forward the restoration process of the Salton Sea. Overall these students are incredible and became huge advocates for their community.

## ECO-SUNDAY Ecotourism Festival Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Big Bear

As a way to expand public awareness of the unique natural habitats and wildlife of Big Bear Valley, Friends of Big Bear Valley formed a coalition of valley agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals. Our partners range from the City, County and CDFW to nonprofits such as Sierra Club, Southern California Mountains Foundations and Big Bear Education Trust. Our mission is to plan and implement pathways that bring economic benefits to Big Bear Valley through the conservation of, education about and promotion of our extraordinarily unique and diverse natural habitats, wildlife and resources.

Our unique valley hosts amazing species and habitats, including some rare and endangered and over 30 species that exist nowhere else in the world! - from pebble plains to montane meadows with endemic species and from spotted owls and flying squirrels to ash-gray Indian paintbrush and checkerblooms.

**ECO-Sunday Ecotourism Festival**  
On Sunday, July 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., we are hosting our first Ecotourism Festival, featuring free samples of many of our eco-friendly activities and tours. Headquarters for activities will be the Big Bear Discovery Center on North Shore Drive in Fawnskin. Booths will have information on eco-friendly tours and green businesses in Big Bear. Tour activities will include nature hikes discovery hikes, bird walks, water sports - paddleboarding, canoeing, electric boat cruises, off-road rides and more. Turn back to Page 7 for more info.

*Come and join the fun!*



*"If you want to go fast, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go together."*

*African Proverb*

## Riverside County General Plan Update Climate Action Plan Public Meetings

By George Hague

Please try to attend one of the public meeting that is closest to your area as seen in the below chart. These outreach meetings will precede the more important Planning Commission meetings which are projected to be held August 19<sup>th</sup> in Riverside and August 26<sup>th</sup> in Palm Desert as well as the release of the Final EIR around August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kristi Lovelady ([klovelad@retlma.org](mailto:klovelad@retlma.org)) to be sent the Draft EIR and the Final EIR as well as notices of all meetings.

Date	Facility	Address	Time
Thursday, July 2, 2015	Coachella Valley Water District: Forbes Auditorium	85-985 Avenue 52, Coachella, CA 92236	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8, 2015	The Lodge - Trilogy (EPA 960 Public Outreach Program will be held during Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Committee meeting.)	24503 The Lodge Drive, Temescal Valley, CA 92683	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 9, 2015	Head Valley Community Center	21091 River Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 15, 2015	Winchester Park Community Center: Gym	32665 Haddock Street, Winchester, CA 92596	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 23, 2015	Mountain Shadows Middle School: Simpson Room	30401 Reservoir Ave, Nuevo, CA 92567	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2015	Riverside County Administrative Center: 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room	4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501	1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

~ 2015 Schedule ~

- July 19-21 • August 23-25 • September 27-29 •
- October 25-27 •

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands! Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds--and an occasional whale. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, \$615, 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 give evening programs.



To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leader: 626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com



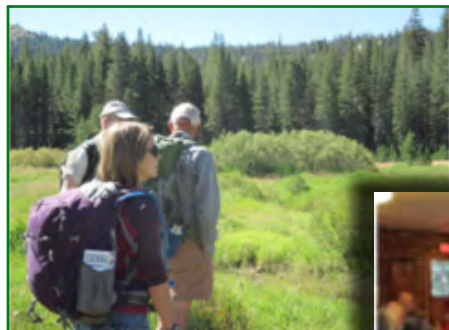
### CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE AUGUST FUNDRAISER

#### A LASTING LEGACY

August 14-16, 2015

On August 14 – 16, 2015, we will gather together for Clair Tappaan Lodge's 11th Annual Summer Fundraiser. Proceeds contribute to the Lodge's expenses and support the CTL Environmental Education Scholarship fund for school groups and inner city outings.

This year, our theme is about leaving



a lasting legacy for conservation and environmental education. Making a bequest to Clair Tappaan Lodge is a simple way to support a place you cherish.

At the Lodge, we strive to provide recreational opportunities, increase awareness of the environment, foster a sense of community, and increase the spirit of volunteerism. If you support those ideals, you can name the Lodge in your will or trust. No amount is too small.

As always, the weekend will be built around hikes in the beautiful

Donner Summit area. We begin with a Friday afternoon hike, followed by dinner. Don Baldwin will then present a pictorial journey of the Giant Sequoias and Coastal Redwoods, accompanied by locally composed Sequoia Rhapsody. We end the evening with a bonfire, s'mores, and brandy. Saturday morning will be dedicated to hikes of different themes (e.g., photography, archaeology, swimming) and of various levels of difficulty. In the afternoon, there will be music in the woods, enjoyed while tasting wine and cheese. A special Saturday evening dinner will be



followed by a presentation by teacher Alex Ezzell and some of his 5th grade students who had a wonderful visit to the Lodge on a CTL Foundation grant. We will then have a "social hour" to discuss the Lodge's legacy and future. An exhibit and sale of original art will be included during the weekend, organized by local artist Susan Berry, along with a raffle of many wonderful prizes.



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## Come Along on Our "Everest Base Camp Trek" Set for August 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

Adventurer and traveler Jim Vanderaa will share with us photos and video clips of his incredible trek to Mt. Everest Base Camp in October 2014. With only himself and his Sherpa guide,

from the summit of Gokyo Ri (17,575'), traversing Cho La Pass (17,782') in snowstorm, the Everest sunset from the summit of Kala Patthar (18,514'), Everest Base Camp (17,598') and Nangkartshang

Peak (16,732'). Jim will also show his photos and videos of Kathmandu prior to the city's devastation in the earthquake this April.

Jim tells us that this trek is far more accessible than people realize – physically, logistically, and economically. He encourages others to make a trek. He will provide valuable tips to anyone thinking about this challenging adventure.

Born in Montreal, Canada, he immigrated to the US at the age of 28 and lived in Colorado and New Hampshire before moving to Southern California 26 years ago. He is married with children 11 and 14 and lives in Upland. So that he could enjoy new adventures, he retired in 2012 at age 54 from a construction business he owned and operated for 23 years.

Jim is a regular guest speaker on a variety of topics at local high schools and vocational training centers. He coaches youth basketball and baseball. An avid hiker and



his adventure took sixteen days and covered 92 miles. His route followed the Gokyo Lakes and the Cho La Pass, rather than the more usual one up the Khumbu Valley. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Jim's presentation will cover everything he experienced on his adventure, including the Sherpa people and villages he visited, the Everest sunrise

adventurer, he loves the Canyonlands and red rock country of southern Utah, and hopes to climb Kilimanjaro in September.

