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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 6th • 7:00 PM
“From the Ashes”
 (see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, April 3rd • 7:30 PM
**“Birds of the San Gabriel
 Mountains: A Personal Story”**
 Presented by Luke Tiller
 (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)

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

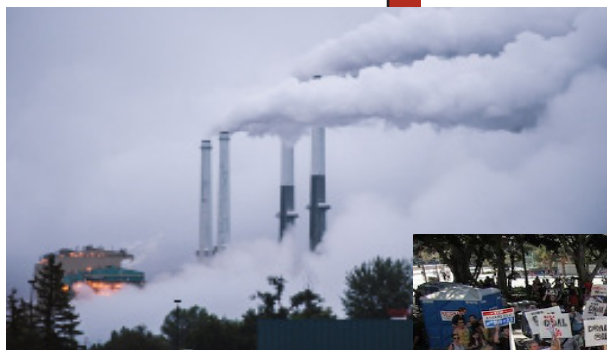
The powerful film *From the Ashes* will screen at the March 6th chapter meeting. The venue is the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

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

“*From the Ashes* captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump Administration. From Appalachia to the West’s Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the ‘war on coal’ to present compelling and often heartbreaking



Source of photos above and below from the actual film.



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



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

stories about what’s at stake for our economy, health, and climate. The film invites audiences to learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives,” according to the producers.

The film is recommended by the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal campaign, which states, “Not only is coal burning responsible for one third of US carbon emissions—the main contributor to climate disruption—but it is also making us sick, leading to as many as 13,000 premature deaths every year and more than \$100 billion in annual health costs.

“The Beyond Coal campaign’s main objective is to replace dirty coal with clean energy by mobilizing grassroots activists in local communities to advocate for the retirement of old and outdated coal plants and to prevent new coal plants from being built.”

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



OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING JUNE 2-3

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

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

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

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



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www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

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Meets 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.
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17738 Francesca, Victorville 7 p.m.
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MAKING RADICAL CHANGES IN OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATION

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

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

We agreed on a political plan for the nation that will focus on just four states in 2018. California being one of the four! We have the greatest opportunity to pick up more seats for good environmental House members in California than in any other state in the Union.

We think, with the help of the national Sierra Club Political Action Committee (PAC), we can gain as many as eleven seats now held by Climate Change deniers. We think we can also go deep in California in state and municipal races. That's **REALLY** good news for our efforts here in the San Gorgonio Chapter where we have many city councils that are controlled by elected officials who are more interested in doing the bidding of developers than serving the people who live in their city.

But that means that our work is cut out for us and we have a lot to do. We need to find and endorse lots of new candidates and then mobilize our members and their friends to get out and do the hard, but fun, work of campaigning to get these folks elected and drive out those who are not working and voting in the best interests of the environment and environmental justice. We can't expect to get the support of the national Club if we can't demonstrate that we've got our act together and we are ready and able to put any and all additional resources to good use and WIN in November. We certainly can't expect others to do the work FOR us.

We have a strong Chapter Political Committee that is working hard, but we need more volunteers who are willing to help!

As we move forward, expect to get a call and/or an email, asking for you to get involved. This work is critical if we want to get good decisions at the local level and not have to sue in court to get them. With so many of our cities having moved from at-large elections to district elections, this is **OUR** year. Let's seize this opportunity with our hard work!

TURNING SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER GREEN!!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH-APRIL 2018

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2018 Calendar are due by April 1, 2018.

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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/

DISCLAIMERS – All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**. 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 and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

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

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

LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM* SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
* Note: The March 6 meeting will start at 8:00 PM, 30 minutes earlier than usual, to allow time for the 80-minute film about coal Out of the Ashes. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

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

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

Check this out . . .



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

Receive a \$20 CA State
Park Pass if you or a
relative are at least 62!

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2018 it will be valid until December 31st and then you will need another for 2019. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

**The Sierra Club Liability Waiver
has been updated effective March 1.
Please review the new Waiver at
sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org
(Click on Disclaimers under the Outings Tab)**

(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) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING

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

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

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

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org

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

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4

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

FEB 25 (SUN) 8:00AM CR&HT SEG #3: JUNIPER FLATS TO TWIN TANKS HIKE

The third Segment of the California Riding & Hiking Trail patch program will begin at Juniper Flats on Keys View Road in Joshua Tree National Park. This 11.9-mile section is the longest of the CR&HT, gaining 353' and losing 793'. After shuttling, we head east leaving the Lost Horse Valley as we ascend a pass at mile three. Continuing east we descend into the open desert and begin an easy

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climb crossing the Geology Tour Road. Next, we skirt the Jumbo Rocks area descending 593' over 4.4 miles to Twin Tanks. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Oasis Visitor Center parking lot, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms 92277. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, idmtman@gmail.com, 208-892-3001. BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 26 – MAR 1 (MON-THU) DEATH VALLEY TOUR TOUR

The trip will begin in Shoshone near Death Valley at noon for a tour of the historic community and then primitive camping in the area. The next day we will go to China Ranch and hike in Amargosa Canyon. The third day we will drive through the heart of Death Valley visiting scenic sites and hiking some of the beautiful canyons. We will camp that night in the Furnace Creek area. The last morning, we will hike the dunes and then head home. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net, call 760-245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 27 (TUE) 9:00 AM SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL – BOX SPRINGS MTN HIKE

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

FEB 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

MAR 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

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

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

Last chance of the season to get your snowshoes on, so join us on a 1-2 mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary – it's not difficult to learn – just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET in Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Too little snow or inclement weather cancels. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE

This is a 5 Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all 5 receive a commemorative patch. It's been such a long time since we have enjoyed the sights on Gold Mountain. The Holcomb Valley fire came through in late May and burned as far southeast as the low eastern slope of the mountain, closing the trail. Instead of taking the PCT for the first 1.5 miles, we will take an access road. This is a seven

mile in and out hike, usually rated moderate, but there could be snow, ice, and mud. Rain/snow cancels. RATING: moderate to strenuous. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, winter coat, sunglasses, sun block, hat, snack/lunch, two liters of water, hiking boots and trekking poles. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, 760-333-3103, petermichelsenor@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE

This is a family friendly beginners hike. Come and learn about riparian areas. This 2-mile hike through the lovely Arastre Canyon in the Juniper Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains is RATED easy. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9am. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD. 760-964-0039. yorkshirerose1@juno.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 3-4 (SAT-SUN) 8:00 AM JT BIG TREES & LOST HORSE BACKPACK

From Juniper Flats in Joshua Tree National Park we head east along the California Riding & Hiking Trail, then south on the Big Tree Trail to intersect the Lost Horse Loop and camp on the backside in a Joshua tree and juniper woodland. Next morning, we continue the loop back to the Big Tree Trail and Juniper Flats. Total distance is 13.5 miles with ascent and descent of 1,070 feet. RATED: moderate+. MEET: At Juniper Flats Backcountry lot along Keys View Road at 8:00 AM. Carpooling will help with limited parking. COST: Park entry fee required. BRING: backpacking gear including 8 liters of water, meals, and cooking gear. We will email a recommended equipment list after you are approved for the hike. Limited to 8 participants. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 4 (SUN) 2:00 PM MORTON PEAK HIKE

We will hike up to Morton Peak on fire roads to enjoy excellent views. Distance: 6 miles round trip, Elevation gain: 1,300 feet. DIFFICULTY: strenuous. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station at 2:00 pm and leave at 2:05 to carpool to the trailhead. Ranger Station address: 34701 Mill Creek Rd Mentone CA. The trailhead is on the left up the road 2.3 miles and can be hard to find if you are unfamiliar. BRING: Sunscreen, hiking poles, snack, plenty of water, flashlight, dress in layers. Rain cancels. RSVP by 9:00 am on Mar. 4. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 5 – MARCH 11

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

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

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

MAR 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM PCT AT SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE

We will hike a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail that follows along the lake and then up to a vista point & beyond, 5 miles out and back, making this a 10 mile round trip, RATED: moderate, with 500 elevation gain. MEET: Trailhead is in Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. Rain cancels. BRING: 10 essentials, lunch, water, sun protection, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring lunch to enjoy at the lakeside cove. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING

This month, the chapter meeting starts at 7:00 PM, 30 minutes earlier than usual, to allow time for the 80-minute film about coal Out of the Ashes. For more information, see the 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

MAR 8 (THU) 8:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE

Tenaja falls in the San Mateo Wilderness is a pretty spring hike, with wildflowers and maybe even water in San Mateo Creek and the falls. We start from the Fisherman's Camp Trailhead for an 8.1 mile hike, about 1500 ft elevation gain and loss. WEAR: Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing and hat; BRING water, snacks and lunch. Hiking poles are helpful for stream crossings. Rain within 48 hours cancels due to several stream crossings. MEET: In Ontario at 8:00 AM. Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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MAR 8 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 9 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, LAKE VIEW LOOP HIKE
Come join us for a 4-5 mile moderate 600' elevation gain hike. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: At the Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****MAR 10 (SAT) 7:00 AM 6 PEAK CHALLENGE, MT. WILSON HIKE**
You are invited to participate in this new experience of hiking the 6 highest peaks in Southern California. We will start with Mt. Wilson, the shortest. It will be 6 miles one way from Chantry Flats to Mt. Wilson by way of Winter Creek. We have the option to return by the Sturtevant Camp Trail, adding one mile. Elevation gain totals about 3900 ft. RATED: strenuous due to total distance, 12 or 13 miles. MEET: Exit Santa Anita from 210 freeway, north to Chantry Flats. Meet at rest room next to entrance gate to parking lot, which will most likely be full; we can park on side of road, but park off the highway. Adventure pass required. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, snacks, & 3 liters of water. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

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

MAR 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM AGUA CALIENTE CREEK TRAIL HIKE
This is an approximately 9-mile out and back hike along a portion of PCT Section B near Warner Springs. It is a favorite scenic hike, with great views and stream running alongside part of the trail as well as some rock outcroppings RATED: moderate to strenuous due to length. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, energy and trail snacks, lunch and 3.0 liters of water. MEET: At the lot approximately 0.25 miles east of the glider port off Hwy. 79 in Warner Springs; there is a pull out on the right for parking. The glider port address is 31930 CA-79, Warner Springs, CA 92086. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net, (760) 208-3654 or LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net, (951) 385-5706.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM OAK GLEN HIKE
This is a rescheduled hike of 4 miles through the Oak Glen area of Juniper Flats. RATED easy. Wonderful rock formations and historic mining areas make this walk in the wilderness a real joy. The abundance of oak trees adds to the enjoyment. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725.
MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 12 – MARCH 18

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(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAR 12 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

MAR 14 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

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

MAR 15 (THU) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE
The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to Sturtevant Falls RATED easy; a 3.7-mile round trip hike. Be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader, prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 15 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, WEAR sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site (sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 16 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, MILL PEAK HIKE
Come join us for a 3 to 4-mile round trip moderate hike with a 800' elevation gain to Mill Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY, YUCAIPA HIKE
Warm up those legs for the hiking season on a 5 to 6-mile hike in the Crafton Hills area above Yucaipa with wonderful views of the valley out toward Riverside and San Bernardino. Many great trails to choose from. We will walk on some trail and some old road. The Crafton Hills primarily grassland with some recently planted oaks, and one beautiful old oak. I'm hoping for some rain that will give us some wavy green grass and wildflowers to enjoy. RATED: easy/moderate. MEET: When you sign up I'll let you know which trailhead we will meet at. BRING: ten essentials, 1.5 liters of water, layered clothing, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909)289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL TO GRAND VIEW POINT HIKE
This is a popular trail and hike. Perhaps not so much this time of year as it could be icy and muddy, but there is an unique atmosphere in late winter. The stands of black oak are bare and the late winter sun is still low in the sky casting very long shadows. Heavy snow/rain cancels. RATED: moderate. 7 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 900 feet. If there is ice on the trail, consider it strenuous. BRING: The ten essentials including winter coat and layered clothing, snack/lunch, two liters of water, good hiking boots, sun glasses, sun block, hat, gloves and poles. MEET: Aspen Glen Picnic Area 40105 Mill Creek Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM PCT NORTH OF SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
This is a 5-mile hike, RATED easy, along the Pacific Crest Trail with panoramic views of Summit Valley and the San Gorgonio Mountains. It has minor elevation gain and loss. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley 92308 by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 18 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, PCT SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
Enjoy an 8-mile hike round trip hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Spring Dam, with a 500' elevation gain. RATED: moderate. There are beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible sightings of distant snow-capped peaks. BRING: Hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. MEET:

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Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair
and David Hansen Friends of Juniper Flats Steering Committee and
Newly Elected Mojave Group Executive Committee Member

Election Results

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

Our Gem of the High Desert

By David Hansen

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

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

This January, members joined together in repairing over 100 feet of broken fence line in the western part of Juniper Flats, near Route JF4330, a fence meant

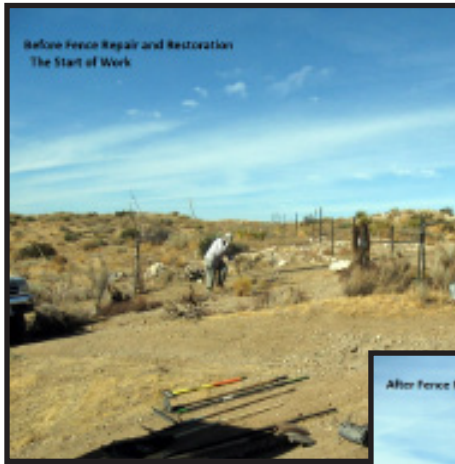
to stop vehicle traffic just north of the route. The area beyond the fence leads to a couple of nice hiking paths. Eight new t-posts were installed leaving a 4 ft. wide opening between two large wood posts for hiking & equestrian access. This project also included restoration

work to the damaged area around the fence line, topping it off with spreading some wild plant seeds throughout the area.

On the way out of the area, the team also spent about an hour partially repairing a section of JF4325, a little south of the BLM kiosk near Japatul Rd. Erosion had

badly damaged the road to the point that only a 4X4 vehicle could get through the area. This resulted in people creating a new bypass around the damaged area, further damaging a virgin area of land and plants. They filled in the worst part of the erosion, and then created a diversion channel a little farther up the hill on the road to minimize further water erosion in the future. Plans are to work more on this damaged road area at another time.

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



Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Spring is here and outings leaders Christina Torres and Beatriz Vindiola have planned some nice opportunities for members and friends to get out and enjoy our beautiful local scenery. The first hike on March 4 will be to Morton Peak. Please check out the details on our web page for this hike and future hikes: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

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

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

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

World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, and Sierra Club are represented by Earthjustice in two separate challenges. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge was heard in Riverside Superior Court January 22, 2018. Judge Waters announced she is inclined to grant our petition; her final ruling is pending. An appeal of our challenge to the initiatives is pending in the Court of Appeals.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), and Sierra Club are represented by CBD in a lawsuit challenging the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's December 12, 2017, approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center. Make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL and send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all of you who have taken time to donate!

Riverside County General Plan Update (GPA 960): Our concerns include greenhouse gases, agricultural lands, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species and the sprawl-

promoting nature of the plan. A separate lawsuit was filed on the Housing Element because it has similar problems. Portions of the General Plan suit related to greenhouse gases and the Housing Element suit have been settled. We believe the settlement will protect the environment and strengthen the County's Climate Action Plan. The court hearing on the remaining aspects of our litigation is scheduled for May 14th.

Mid County Parkway (MCP): The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would facilitate projects like the Villages of Lakeview. Appeals are pending in both federal and state courts.

State Route 60 Truck Lanes (Badlands): Our California Environmental Quality Act challenge to Caltrans' proposed mitigated negative declaration is pending in Riverside County Superior Court.

Banning to Cabazon Bypass Road: Riverside County proposes a parallel route south of I-10 between Banning and Cabazon. The proposed improvements may significantly impact important biological resources and may induce growth along the alignment. The comment period for the Draft EIR closed February 13th. For more information about the project, visit <http://rcprojects.org/i10bypass/>.

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

Lake Perris State Recreation

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

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



January 3rd hike to Zanja Peak, Yucaipa
Photo by Christina Torres, MV Group Outings Chair



January 27th hike to Thousand Palms Oasis Preserve,
Coachella Valley
Photo by Christina Torres, MV Group Outings Chair

Join us March 3 for the Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

For 11 years running you are invited to make the trek up towering Blue Mountain. Starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3 the gates will be unlocked for this 1.6 mile hike to the 2,428 summit. Easily accessible from all points in the IE, the trailhead is at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace.

Begun 11 years ago by the Friends of Blue Mountain and assisted by the Sierra Club, one man's vision to allow year-round access to this signature peak is becoming a reality. Denis Kidd, an avocado grower in Grand Terrace led the way but now is joined by the City of Grand Terrace to make the Blue Mountain Nature Trail possible. A grant application is being processed with matching funds of \$200,000 from the city.

As always there is no charge to participate and ample free parking is available at the gates and nearby. March weather is ideal, however it tends to get windy at the top so don't forget a windbreaker. And always bring water, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash.

Most hikers do make it to the peak and enjoy a 360-degree view of the Inland Empire. Except for Box Springs Mountain to the south at a little over 3,000 feet, you need to look down to see other familiar nearby points. La Loma Hills just across the 215 freeway has a high point of 1,896 feet. In Riverside, Mount Rubidoux reaches just 1,337 feet



Friendly pets are welcome.

Top of the mountain.



and Pachappa Hill tops off at 1,175 feet.

All the signature mountain peaks of Southern California can be seen from the top of Blue Mountain. Looking to the left of Cajon Pass, Cucamonga Peak

and Mount Baldy in the distance can be seen. To the northwest, the 10,000-foot ridge of the San Bernardino Mountains comprises the prominent range with Southern California's highest peak, Mt. San Geronio, in the distance. Across from San Geronio and above Palm Springs, Mt. San Jacinto with its icy north face can be viewed. To the south, the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska stand out in the Cleveland National Forest.

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



Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

Our Big Bear Group ExCom (Executive Committee) is excited to have three new members this year. They have fresh ideas to inspire new activities and bring more participants in our events. We welcome Peggy Hitchcock, Mike Casares, and Peter Michaelsen. Mike works for the Forest Service up here, Peggy is actively involved in the Forest Service volunteer program, and Peter has been a Hike Leader for several years.

After our election results, we are happy to announce the ExCom officers/members for 2018:

Chairwoman – Ellen Kesler

Vice Chairman – Ed Wallace

Secretary – Sherry Noone

Treasurer – Marv Cira

Conservation Chairman – Ed Wallace

Outings Chairman – Dave Melton

Membership Chairwoman – Ellen Kesler

Webmaster – Coral Keating

Co-webmaster – Peggy Hitchcock

Xeriscape Chairwoman – Christie Walker

Members-at-Large – Joe Holmes, Mike Casares, and Peter Michaelsen

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

All are welcome!

Santa Margarita Group

By Pam Nelson, Group Chair

Lawsuit Challenges Development That Could Doom California's Santa Ana Mountain Lions

A group of concerned conservation organizations filed a lawsuit against the City of Temecula today for approving the Altair housing development, which would endanger the local mountain lion population by disrupting critical wildlife corridors. The groups include the Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Mountain Lion Foundation, and Cougar Connection. Our wildlife crossing and corridor program is in need of donations. As you may know, a coalition of groups, Sierra Club, Mountain Lion Foundation, Cougar Connection and Center for Biological Diversity have filed a lawsuit against the Altair developer and the City of Temecula.

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

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

George McMackin, treasurer
40335 Garrison Drive
Temecula, CA 92591

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

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

Our college credit intern program has begun. An orientation meeting on Jan. 5th was an introductory session for this pilot project that included prospective interns, land managers and other volunteers. Our Group has become an official "employer" for unpaid interns at the Mt. San Jacinto Community College (MSJCC). This allows us to direct students to local environmental "job" opportunities in the area. This includes the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, Santa Rosa Plateau, Meadowview, Vail Headquarters, Riverside County preserves, college environmental and our Group projects. Students will receive college credit. High School, other college students and MSJCC students can enroll in the program at the college.



We are 10 years old! We celebrated at our Jan. 11th general meeting with an historical power-point created by Laurie Webster and her son Zach. She has participated since the first year of our formation. Several of the "founders" attended and spoke of the need for the group since its purpose was to fight the Granite Quarry. Matt Rahn, Jim Mitchell and Meryle Hammett spoke about the early days and the process of forming our Group. Kathleen Hamilton attended and was referred to as a "force of nature" and the lead for the Quarry opposition.

Our vice-chair, Teri Biancardi, has secured funding for a Science Day for high school students on March 17th at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER). She works with County Flood Control on an open space restoration project at Meadowview and sits on an advisory board for water quality as part of Flood Control's water conservation and quality efforts. This Day works into our efforts to support SMER's educational program. Next general meeting topics will be Astronomy and the importance of Dark Skies, Feb. 8th and Extreme Weather, March 8th.

We are preparing for our Valentine's Party that will be on Feb. 11th at the Macaroni Grill in Temecula.



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Call for meeting place and details. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text). MOUNTAINS GROUP

MARCH 19 – MARCH 25

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(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

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

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

The outing will begin on Tuesday at noon at Sunrise Rock campground on Cima Road. That afternoon we will hike Teutonia Peak for scenic views of the area. (3 miles round trip.) The next day we will drive to the Rock House and hike the loop trail (1 mile) and then go the Midhills to camp. Thursday, we will hike in the area. Friday, we will go to Mitchell Caverns for a tour of the famous caverns at 11:00 am. Details will be available later. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, 760-245-8734, desertlily1@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

****MAR 22 (THU) 9:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**
A 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road to the top of Sunset Peak (elev. 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. RATED: moderate. Great panoramic views in from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Call or email to confirm and for directions to the trailhead and carpool meeting place. LEADER: NIKITA PRAJAPATI, 818-448-6040, nikitapraja@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (THU) 4:45 PM SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK HIKE

Approximately 2-hour hike. Rain cancels. RATED: easy to moderate. Trail has some ups and downs. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside, south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562)713-4470, orbgonz002@ucr.edu MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 23 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us on a 3 to 5-mile hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. RATED: easy/moderate. Learn about the history and ecology of this region. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 23 (FRI) 9:00 AM BIG MORONGO CANYON PRESERVE HIKE
A beginning of spring 4-mi. hike on loops along desert willows and marshes, ridge vistas. RATED: easy to moderate. Rain cancels. BRING: water, sunscreen, snack, sturdy shoes, layered clothing. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8 a.m. or meet at 9 a.m. at parking lot at 11055 East Drive, Morongo Valley (off Hwy 62). RSVP by 8 p.m. Mar 22. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM PANORAMA LOOP TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE

A spectacular 6-mile hike on Joshua Tree National Park's Panorama Loop Trail. RATED: easy to moderate. There is 1100 ft of elevation gain/loss on the hike with little shade. The Black Rock area of Joshua Tree has an ideal climate for Joshua trees and they are displayed with all their distinctive beauty. Rain Cancels. COST: No permits or fees are required. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch, dress in layers and a good pair of hiking shoes. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 62. In Yucca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Rock Ranger Station at 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA. 92284. RESERVATIONS: email or call LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951)3021059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 24 (SAT) 9:00 AMPCT AROUND SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
A 6-mile hike around Silverwood Lake on the Pacific Crest Trail. RATED: easy. The views of the lake and the San Bernardino Mountains are a joy. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 26 – APRIL 1

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MAR 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

MAR 30 (FRI) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE
A 5-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak with 1,000-foot elevation gain. RATED: Strenuous. The trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. Rain cancels. BRING: water, snack, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562) 713-4470. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAR 30 (FRI) 1:00 PM SB MTS, HEAPS PEAK SEQUOIA TRAIL WALK

A 1-mile easy walk on a family friendly trail in honor of National Take a Walk in a Park Day. The interpretive trail is an educational opportunity to learn the names of local plants and animals. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET at the entrance to Heaps Peak Arboretum on HWY 18. Adventure Pass recommended. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 31 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDWOOD CANYON STATE PARK, YUCAIPA HIKE

A 5 to 6-mile hike in Wildwood Canyon State Park located in the foothills of Yucaipa. This hike is very different from the Crafton Hills Conservancy. Wildwood Canyon State Park features interior live oaks, chaparral, sage, and hopefully some wildflowers if we get some rain. There are a few outbuildings and a former ranch, and Wildwood Canyon Creek runs through the park. RATED: moderate with some elevation gain. MEET: Wildwood Canyon State Park, 12241 Canyon Dr., Yucaipa. BRING: 10 essentials, 1.5 liters of water, layered clothing, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 31 (SAT) 9:00 AM OZZIES TRAIL HIKE

A 6-mile hike in the Juniper Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains. RATED moderate. There is an initial elevation gain of 1000' over 2 miles. The area has historic mining sites and fantastic views over the Victor Valley. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, 92308 by 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

APRIL 2 – APRIL 8

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APR 2 (MON) 8:30 AM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK HIKE

Join us for a hike among rolling green hills, wildflowers, oak woodlands and mountain views. 4 to 5 miles with 500-800 ft of elevation gain. WEAR sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen, and layered clothing. BRING your camera or your birding binoculars, 2 liters of water and snacks. Optional stop for lunch after the hike. Rain within 48 hours cancels as park closes to protect trails. MEET in Chino at 8:30 AM. Contact for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 2 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

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

APR 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING

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

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APR 5 (THU) 8:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
A 4.6-mile round trip hike with 1,289 ft. elevation gain (elevation 3422 ft). RATED: moderate. The trail and is surrounded by beautiful wildflowers and provides a good variety of scenery including a view the Inland Empire. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader to confirm and for directions to the trailhead and carpool meeting place. LEADER: NIKITA PRAJAPATI, 818-448-6040, nikitapraja@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 5 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE
A 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. RATED: moderate. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Rain cancels. BRING water, WEAR sturdy shoes. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562) 713-4470.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 6 (FRI) 7:00 AM LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HIKE
A 10 mile round trip hike with 2,800 ft elevation gain. RATED: strenuous. It starts on the Bear Canyon Trail to Mt. Baldy, then goes on a seldom traveled trail through a beautiful incense cedar forest, then climbs a steep and difficult-to-navigate cross-country section. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 6 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
A hike to the top of Crafts Peak in Green Valley Lake. Crafts Peak is one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. RATED: moderate/strenuous. 8 miles round trip with a 1100' elevation gain. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Green Valley Lake at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text).
MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 7 (SAT) 7:30 AM JOSHUA TREE CR&HT SEGMENT #2 (RESCHEDULED) HIKE
Starting at Upper Covington Flats located southeast of Yucca Valley, we hike 11.3 miles on the longest and most remote segment of the California Riding & Hiking Trail. Elevation change of 2,660'. After a shuttle or key exchange, we cross a desert plateau and a panoramic ridge; view unique rock formations; hike past Quail Mountain, the tallest in the park; and hike through a Joshua Tree and juniper forest in Lost Horse Valley. Wildflowers should be present. RATED: moderate to strenuous. MEET: At the Visitors Center, 6554 Park Blvd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252. COST: Park entry fee required. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, lunch, and 3 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com or CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, 760-408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 7 (SAT) 10:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS WILDFLOWERS HIKE
it is hard to say in advance what the wildflower showing will be in April. However, there are always some wildflowers even in dry years. A leisurely hike; there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. It may be necessary to carpool to the trailhead as there is limited parking. RATED: Easy/Moderate. This hike is approximately 3 to 4 miles roundtrip. BRING: camera, wildflower identification books, water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, sun protection (hat/sunscreen). WEAR: Sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: At 10:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley 92308. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, 951-315-7691, qlake15@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 8 (SUN) 9:00 AM DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE HIKE
A 6.5-mile exploratory hike along North Hills Trail overlooking the Diamond Valley Reservoir, known for its wildflowers. Elevation gain 800 ft. We plan to shuttle from the meeting area to the west end and hike east. Optional visit the Western Science Center afterwards (admission under \$10). Rain cancels. BRING: water, snack, sturdy shoes. COST: \$2 parking. MEET: 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet. RESERVATIONS: by 8 p.m. on April 7. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 9 – APRIL 15

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APR 9 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 10 (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

APR 11 (WED) 4:45 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE
A 3-mile hike up steep Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. RATER: moderate to strenuous. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215/60fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St/3rd St. and drive east 2 miles. Turn left on Belvedere and right on Two Trees to trailhead parking. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 11 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 11 (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

APR 12 (THU) 9:00 AM PCT TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE
AN 8-mile one way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. RATED: moderate. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. You will want your camera for this hike!! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: contact leader by April 10 for location and to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 12 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 12-15 (THU-SUN) ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK/CULP VALLEY CARCAMP
Culp Valley, in the Upper Sonoran plant zone, is our base for this family friendly outing. Choose from a variety of activities including a moderate 7.5-mile hike down the California Riding & Hiking Trail to Borrego Valley, 3000 feet below, or a 5.5 mile difficult hike 1000' up Hellhole Canyon in a palm oasis to catch a glimpse of the 20' seasonal Maiden Hair Falls. Visit the Anza-Borrego State Park Visitors Center, which hosts an easy interpretive trail, educational exhibits, & a theater. On shorter, easier hikes we'll view beautiful vistas, local springs, and Indian morteros. This is a primitive campground (No facilities except for pit toilets). Cell service may be spotty. OK for passenger cars, campers, small trailers, and small RVs. Inclement weather will cancel. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text).
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 14 (SAT) 7:00 AM 6 PEAK CHALLENGE, CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**
8859-ft. Cucamonga Peak features deep canyons, pine forests, and relatively isolated, nearly pristine high country. The only easy access to Cucamonga Peak and its surrounding wilderness is via Icehouse Canyon and the saddle. We'll hike up Ice House Canyon right at the saddle pass trail to Ontario Peak and onward. RATED: strenuous because of mileage and some small bolder hopping. 12 miles round trip; 3800' elevation gain. MEET: Exit 210 freeway on Mountain Ave, north through Baldy Village, stay right at the "Y" junction. Meet at the trailhead past restrooms. Adventure Pass required. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, snacks, and 3 liters of water LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM MORGAN TRAIL TO TENAJA FALLS TRAIL HIKE
An 8.2-mile hike through the beautiful San Mateo Canyon Wilderness, ending at Tenaja Falls. RATED: moderately strenuous with 600' of elevation gain/loss and areas of loose rock. Will require a car shuttle. No passes are required. Rain cancels. MEET: at Tenaja Falls trailhead, leave some cars there and ride share to the Morgan Trail head. When we finish, we all ride back to the starting point in the cars we left there. The Tenaja Falls trail head is on Forest Road 7S02, Murrieta, CA 92562. RESERVATIONS: email LEADER GARY MARSALONE, hikesie@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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APR 14 (SAT) 8:00 AMRIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE
This is a six-mile hike along the northern ridge overlooking the beautiful Summit Valley. RATED: easy. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 14 (SAT) 8:30 AM MORTON PEAK HIKE
A 6-mile round trip conditioning hike. We hike up a service road to the Morton Peak fire lookout tower. There are views of the Mill Creek Valley into Forest Falls and the valley below from Yucaipa to Lake Perris and beyond if it's a clear day. Once we get to the fire tower we will have our break and the views from there are 360 degrees and quite stunning. RATED: moderate with an elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone, BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. WEAR layered clothing, RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 16 – APRIL 22

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APR 17 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 18 (WED) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU, MURRIETA HIKE
Come enjoy hiking through this ecological reserve in all its springtime glory, while grasslands are still green, temperatures mild, and wildflowers bloom prolifically! We will hike several trails, encompassing Vernal Pool, Adobe Loop, Poppy Hill, and Monument Hill. Be prepared to hike 10 miles in rolling terrain while enjoying vistas & wildflowers! Rain cancels. COST: \$4 fee to enter park. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather, & you will want your camera for this hike! MEET: Call leader for information on carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 19 (THU) 4:45 PM SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK HIKE
Approximately 2-hour hike. Rain cancels. RATED: easy to moderate. Trail has some ups and downs. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside, south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562)713-4470, orbgonz002@ucr.edu
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

APR 20 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK HIKE
A 3 to 4-mile round trip hike with a 500' elevation gain. RATED: moderate. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM BOWEN RANCH HIKE
A 5-mile hike around the historic Bowen Ranch in the Juniper Flats area. RATED: easy. The ranch sits in the wonderful San Bernardino Mountains and has exceptional views. WEAR: Layered clothing and strong walking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760-964-0039. yarkshirerose1@junocom
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC D: SWARTHOUT TO SHEEP CRK HIKE
Hike the second segment of the 110-mile Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, This segment starts at Swarthout Canyon Road and travels northwest 8.6 miles to Sheep Creek Truck Road. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,740' elevation gain. RATING: moderate. MEET: At the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 8:00 a.m. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Contact APPRENTICE LEADER JANET ROY, janetroy2@yahoo.com, (909) 702-4519 or LEADER DAVE MELTON, 760-408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE
A 6-mile round trip hike with an 1100' elevation gain. RATED: moderate/strenuous. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club's 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET: Blue Jay at the Blue Jay cinema to carpool. Parking is limited at trailhead. BRING: Hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text).
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 22 (SUN) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE**
This is a seven mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet. RATED: moderate. This hike is part of the 5 peaks of Big Bear program. Those achieving all 5 will be awarded a commemorative patch. Begin on the Cougar Crest trail, which winds through stands of mountain mahogany in a forest of the usual pines, cedars, and junipers. with a half mile strenuous stretch. Heavy snow/rain cancels. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch/snack, two liters of water, good hiking boots, sunglasses, and sun block. Trekking poles are optional but recommended. MEET: At the Cougar Crest trail head just west of the Discovery Center. Don't forget your adventure pass for parking. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 22 (SUN) 12:00 PM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY PEAK WALK
A 1-mile slow walk on the Strawberry Peak Trail in honor of Earth Day. This interpretative trail by Garden Works has an impressive "Harry Potter" like tree, fun for the whole family. After the walk, check out the views at the Strawberry Peak fire lookout tower. MEET: Strawberry Peak trail head on HWY 189 across the street from the Pinecrest Christian Conference Center, 1140 Pine Crest Rd. Twin Peaks, CA 92391. WEAR layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 23 – APRIL 29

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

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

APR 27 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Join us on a 3 to 5-mile hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains IN HONOR OF Arbor Day RATED: easy/moderate. We will plant a tree. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL, IDYLLWILD HIKE**
Pines and oaks shade our ascent to the Tahquitz Fire Lookout Tower. The trail and tower provide fabulous vistas from Garner Valley all the way to the ocean. We will start at the beginning of the rough Forest Road, walking to the trailhead and from there hiking to the Lookout Tower to snack and enjoy the view before retracing our steps. RATED: moderate, but last mile is strenuous; 2500 ft. elevation gain and 9 miles total distance. Rain cancels. MEET: At the "Fort" between Jo Ans and the coffee shop in Idyllwild. Adventure Pass needed to drive up the dirt road and park at the trailhead; otherwise not. BRING: 3 liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RESERVATION: CONTACT LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net, or CO-LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654, snardoza@cox.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

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

APR 29 (SUN) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN FULL MOON HIKE HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain on this 4-mile round trip hike. RATED: moderate to strenuous. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. Rain cancels. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley, exit Perris Blvd., go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 30 – MAY 6

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

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

MAY 4 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS SEQUOIA GROVE-KELLER/SLIDE PEAKS HIKE
Two hikes in one. Pick your difficulty level, a 3-mile easy hike through a sequoia grove, or continue on and make it a 6 mile difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. The 3-mile easy hike explores the 1970's Penny Pines sequoia grove project, then drive up to the Keller Peak Fire lookout tower for spectacular views. Both groups will meet up at the Children's Forest for a carpool back to yellow post site 5. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (1N96). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

UPCOMING

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

****JUN 2-3 (SAT-SUN) OUTING LEADER TRAINING COURSE**
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations, and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. The course will be offered for no charge; however, there is a \$15 deposit, refundable for those that attend. For an application form, contact ralphsalisbury@att.net or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. The first five hours of Saturday classes may be attended by current chapter outings leaders to fulfill their recertification requirements. Please contact the LTC Chair if interested. CHAPTER

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS March 5, 12, 19, and 26; and April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UCRIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309 [MEETS March 2 and 16; and April 6 and 20]

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



Volunteer Opportunity in Yosemite National Park

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge) is a National Historic Landmark building that represents the rich heritage of the Sierra Club in Yosemite Valley. The building houses several interpretive displays, a children's nature corner, a wonderful library, art projects and evening programs.

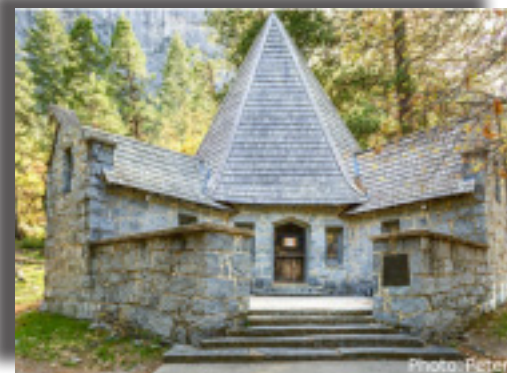
Since 1904 a curator and Sierra Club volunteers have provided information to park visitors. Today the program welcomes over 15,000 visitors to the Sierra Club's spiritual home in Yosemite Valley. Volunteer are currently needed in July, August and September 2018.

Volunteers spend a week from Saturday to Saturday in the park assisting the club's curator Bonnie Gisel, PhD by interacting with park visitors and carrying on the Sierra Club tradition of helping others appreciate and protect our natural environment.

The volunteer workweek consists of up to 25 hours for service in the YCHC with Monday and Tuesday free days to explore Yosemite. This opportunity includes free admission to Yosemite National Park and free camping in a group campsite; and, is restricted to volunteers only— no family members, friends or pets are permitted. Camping is limited to tents only. Volunteers bring their food and supplies.

- Potential volunteers must:
- Be current Sierra Club members
 - Be outgoing and comfortable interacting with park visitors
 - Have visited Yosemite within the last two years and have current park knowledge
 - Be familiar with current Sierra Club programs and initiatives
 - Be able to stand for up to 3 hours per day

To become a volunteer at YCHC, please contact Bonnie Gisel, Curator, at Bonnie.Gisel@sierraclub.org.



Heads Up (literally) as Chapter Program on April 3rd Features “Birds of the San Gabriel Mountains: A Personal Story” Presented by Luke Tiller

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

“Birds provide more than a flash of color and enticing calls in our local mountains. They are a major element of



the forest ecosystem, spreading seeds, catching prey, and providing food for other animals,” says Luke.

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

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



Lawrence's Goldfinch



Mountain Quail

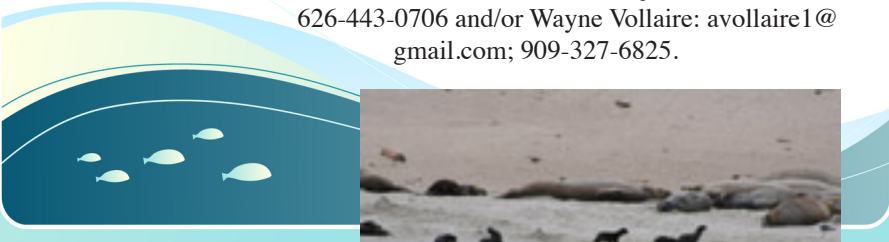


Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park in 2018

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

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

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



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