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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 2nd • 7:30 PM
"Climbing the Equador Volcanos"
 Presented by **Jim Vanderaa**
 (see write up on Page 6)

Tuesday, June 6th • 7:30 PM
"National Monuments in Danger!"
 Presented by **Miguel Perla**
 (see write up on Page 6)

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

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Sierra Club Helps Organize People's Climate Movement: April 29, 2017

By Ann Olander per Mary Ann Ruiz

Momentum is building. All around the country, plans for climate marches and rallies are springing up in solidarity with the massive march in Washington, D.C. on April 29th. As one of more than 50 groups on the People's Climate Movement steering committee, Sierra Club calls on everyone to join in and stand up or march "for our air, our water and our land... for clean energy jobs and climate justice ... for our communities and the people we love."

Although this People's Climate Movement was planned before the election, today it's even more imperative. Donald Trump's administration and the 115th Congress threaten our climate, our civil rights and our liberties. Almost daily we discover more attacks on hard-won protections that many of us have taken for granted.

"It's time to march again," writes Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune, referring to the People's Climate March two years ago in Manhattan. "On Saturday, April 29th, we will come together once more in the streets – this time in Washington, D.C. – in the name of climate justice."

Brune continues with a personal note. "Of all the individual actions you can take, nothing will be more powerful than joining with others to say that climate change demands action, and that communities of color, workers, women, Muslims and immigrants will not stand aside while our rights are threatened." The April 29th event closest to most members of San Gorgonio Chapter will be the Inland Empire People's Climate Rally and March in Riverside. Host Contact Information: brenda@the-inland-insider.com.

Through the years the San Gorgonio Chapter has kept us aware of climate movements, such as those sponsored by 350.org, an NGO founded by Bill McKibben and a group of Middlebury College students in 2007. The 350 name comes from scientist James Hansen, who posted in a paper that 350 parts-per-million (ppm) of CO₂ in the atmosphere is a safe upper limit to avoid a climate tipping point. Hence in 2007, we learned about McKibben's "Step It Up" campaign with 1,400 demonstrations throughout the U.S., which led to the

first International Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009.

On that date several people from the Los Serrano Group invited Sierra Club friends to join a Rails-to-Trail bike



Inland Empire People's Climate Rally

When: April 29, 2017 • 11:30 am

To find out Where:

brenda@the-inland-insider.com

ride in Rancho Cucamonga, as part of the world-wide climate event. People in 181 countries participated in more than 5,200 events and posted group photos on the WEB, which ran on the marquee in Times Square. These united actions from different places on the planet called for a binding global climate treaty, discussed at the Copenhagen Accord in December.

Other climate events followed, such as on February 17, 2013, when nearly 40,000 people from across the country rallied in Washington D.C. against the Keystone Pipeline. Sierra Club was one of the official organizers, along with 350.org and other groups. The next year, on September 21st, Sierra Club and more than 1,500 organizations endorsed the first so-called People's Climate Movement in New York City with around 400,000 participants, the largest climate march in U.S. history. This event with companion demonstrations worldwide contributed to the U.N. Climate Summit a few days later in Manhattan and helped prepare for the Paris Climate Summit in December 2015.

Which brings us to April 2017, as momentum grows through the week of Earth Day activities to culminate in the People's Climate Movement, organized again as in 2014 by 350.org, Sierra Club and a large coalition of green and environmental justice groups, labor unions, faith groups, students, indigenous peoples and civil rights groups working together – with more than 500 supportive partner organizations.

So – on April 29th, the 100th Day of the Trump Administration, the People's Climate Movement is calling on everyone, everywhere, to show the world and our leaders that we will resist attacks on our people, our communities and our planet. "The only thing that's for sure is if we stay home, nothing will change – except the climate."

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Chat With The Chair . . . by Mary Ann Ruiz

“One step up and two steps back”... a favorite Springsteen song, and today’s truth. Many stepped up, and organized resistance stopped the GOP healthcare debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser Trump signed executive orders to begin dismantling President Obama’s 2015 Climate Regulation and the 2015 Water of the United States rule. Continuing the war on environmental protection, Trump’s regime approved construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

With the stroke of a pen, Trump can’t change rules set by previous legislation. What he can do is set the EPA on a course of action to begin the process of unraveling

years of progress towards reversing climate change. Some of these changes may take several years; some may be more immediate.

Once again, I’m asking all our members and supporters to be engaged and active. Sierra Club will be fighting wherever climate progress and environmental justice are threatened. You can be part of this fight. In your own neighborhood, join an Indivisible group



or local political club. Know your MOC (member of Congress) office phones for both the House and Senate. Thank them for supporting climate and environmental progress when they are on the side of progress. Let them know your position on key legislation and let them know you are watching and waiting, and thinking of 2018.

Make a bigger impact through the

power of Sierra Club! Take a look at the article in this issue about the California Air Resources Board and the victory won at their March 23 meeting. Local action by volunteers and our amazing staff Organizers made this happen. You can be part of these efforts by donating your skills, your time or money that will help us continue to fight.

Finally, don’t despair or give up. Take time away from watching this all unfold to enjoy the beauty around us. Get outside as thousands are doing these days to enjoy the intense green and super-bloom of spring. Recharge yourself with nature and stay positive and ready to resist!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2017

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2017 Calendar are due by June 1, 2017.

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 the logistics of 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. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
NOTE: In July, the meeting will be the second Tuesday, July 11. 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.

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(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

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

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(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. 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 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

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

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WEEKLY RECURRING 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

APRIL 17 – APRIL 23

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

APR 18 (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

APR 19 (WED) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: Water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Freeway exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 20 (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 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: CRAB FLATS / CALVARY TRAIL HIKE
A 4 to 6-mile easy/moderate hike around the Crab Flats/Calvary Trail area of the San Bernardino Mtns. MEET: Green Valley Lake across from the post office, 33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake. WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C: DEEP CREEK-MOJAVE RIVER HIKE**
This is Hike #3 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 15.9 mile through-hike requiring a car shuttle. This is a particularly beautiful section of the PCT as we hike along Deep Creek several miles. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous due to distance. After hiking ten miles, we will pause for a one-hour stop at Deep Creek Hot Springs for a swim in 102 degree hot pools of a natural spring cascading out of the mountain into man-made bathing pools. Following our rest, we will continue north to our destination Mojave River Forks Dam. MEET: U.S. Post Office in Cedar Glen, 28982 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen CA 92321. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, bathing suit, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the Deep Creek Bridge trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorcrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654.

BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 22 (SAT) 8:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS WILDFLOWERS HIKE
We are all looking forward to a good wildflower showing this year due to all the rain that we have received. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. So, bring your camera and wildflower identification books. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. RATED: Easy/Moderate. This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. BRING: water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection, (hat/sunscreen). WEAR: Sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 8:30 am. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330 or [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com), CO-LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

APR 23 (SUN) 8:00 AM EARTH DAY EDUCATIONAL/SERVICE
Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network. Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week, an entire week of activities focused on the environmental issues that the world faces. In 2017, the March for Science occurs on Earth Day, April 22, and is followed by the People's Climate Mobilization, April 29. The Sierra Club and its regional groups participate in many local activities. Please check with your local Sierra Club group to see how you can be involved. INFO: Ladd Seekins, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, 909-800-3911.

CHAPTER & GROUPS

APR 23 (SUN) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a moderate, 8-mile round trip hike, with little elevation gain. Known for its beautiful terrain, rich with foliage and oak trees, the river will be even richer this year. After returning to our vehicles, we will drive 5 minutes to the old stagecoach lodge, built in 1876, and adjoining rustic restaurant, to have lunch by their high rustic hearth. MEET: Big Bear's Convention Ctr. parking lot right at the corner of Division & Big Bear Blvd. 8 AM sharp. DIRECTIONS: We'll carpool to the trailhead off the 38 & Glass Road, Angeles Oaks. If you are driving up Highway 38 from Mentone, make a left at Glass Road, drive approx. 5 minutes to the trailhead, small parking lot across the street. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snacks, wear layered clothing, hat, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com or 909-866-7423.

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APRIL 24 – APRIL 30

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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 26 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. 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 park. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE AREA HIKE
Join us on a 4 to 6-mile easy/moderate hike around the Green Valley Lake region of the San Bernardino Mountains. MEET: in Green Valley Lake, across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM TENAJA TRUCK TRAIL, SAN MATEO CANYON HIKE
This an approximately 8-mile loop trail near Lake Elsinore that features wild flowers, steams, and lots of picturesque scenery. We start at the Tenaja Trailhead (1968') and hike through Fisherman's Camp (1312 ft.) and loop back toward the start of the trailhead where we end the day's hike. RATED: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Tenaja Trailhead, from I-15N. take exit 68 and from I-15S, take the Clinton Keith Road exit in Wildomar go West and continue onto Tenaja Road which will take you to the trailhead parking lot. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654 or snardoza@cox.net, or CO-LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 243-0198 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 8:30 AM SPLIT ROCK HIKE
We will see many interesting rock formations and also some wildflowers. A loop hike with Split Rock in the middle of the hike. A high clearance vehicle is recommended to get to the trailhead. RATED: Moderate, there is some elevation gain at the being and at the end. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection, (hat/sunscreen). WEAR: sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 8:30 AM. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com CO-LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330 or sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

****APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM TENAJA CANYON TRAIL HIKE**
We hike to the falls, then down to Fisherman's Camp via Tenaja canyon and over the San Mateo trail to view the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! An 8.0-mile hike: 4 miles out and 4 miles back. RATED: Moderate with about 1300 ft of elevation gain over several hills and crossings over several seasonal creeks. Be prepared for areas with poison oak and chaparral. BRING: Plenty of water, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings). DRESS in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. MEET: At the first trail head, Tenaja Trail. DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take the Clinton Kieth exit. Go west on Clinton Keith. Past the Santa Rosa Plateau Eco. Reserve turn right onto Tenaja Road at the 3 way stop sign. Stay on Tenaja Rd. past the stop sign and follow down the long downhill and curve to the left. Shortly after the curve turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trail head parking lot on the left about a mile in. Rain Cancels. Make RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: GARY MARSALONE, (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Easy to moderate approximately 5-mile out and back hike along a portion of the PCT to Red Dome rock. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8 a.m. or meet at 9 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Freeway East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: by 8 p.m. Apr 28 to CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com, and EILEEN O'BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 30 (SUN) 8:30 AM MOMYER TRAIL TO ALGER CREEK HIKE
Join me for the perennial favorite in the Forest Falls area. It's a moderate/difficult, 7.5 mile, 1600 ft. elevation gain, round trip hike. This hike leader takes the uphill slowly as it can be steep in places. We will cross Mill Creek, wander through some low oaks, then head up the trail which switchbacks up a chaparral-covered hillside. From there we hike up through Juniper, Oak and Jeffery Pine. We descend the last 3/4 mile into the Alger Creek camp area where we will have our lunch/snack before returning on the same trail. Weather cancels. RATED: Moderate/Difficult. MEET: Momyer Creek Trail head in Forest Falls, 2.9 miles from the turnoff into Forest Falls. It's a large turnout on the left. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932 or judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 1 – MAY 7

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAY 1 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

****MAY 3 (WED) 7:30 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 mile round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather.

Adventure Pass required at trailhead. 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

MAY 4 (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 5 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE AREA HIKE
Green Valley Lake boast some of the best hiking in our local mountains, so come and join us for a moderate 4-5-mile hike. MEET: Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check weather conditions LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com CO – LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 5-7 (FRI-MON) BRIGHT STAR WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE
We will be working on the Bright Star Corridor fence that was burned in the Erskine Fire of 2016. We will rebuild a fence that blocked access to a cabin site that has been removed but still faces vehicle trespass issues. This project will be the beginning of an even longer fence line that will extend across the corridor route to help protect the vulnerable burned area. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com or 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAY 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM RODMAN MOUNTAIN PETROGLYPHS HIKE
This is a hike through an area known for its numerous petroglyphs, dating back 1000's of years. It is a total of 4 miles and includes an elevation gain of 400' up to the summit of Rodman Mountain. The views across the Desert are spectacular. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, at 8am. We will car pool to the trailhead some 30 miles away. The road to the site is graded and in good condition. WEAR sturdy shoes, BRING water, snacks, and layered clothing. A camera is a must. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 8:30 AM BACKPACK TRAINING CAR CAMP
The second backpack training session. To participate, you must have successfully completed the prior classroom training session and be prepared to car camp overnight. You will be able to see different types of backpacking tents, water purification equipment, cooking stoves, and other backpacking equipment. For detailed training information, go to Big Bear Group website <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear/outings> and locate backpack outings training. RATING: Easy. MEET: Silverwood Lake at campsite to be announced by Leader. REGISTRATION: contact LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM S B MTS, KELLER HUT SPRING GATHERING
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, games, and conversation. BRING: Food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert, or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. For information call OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313 barriemail@mac.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
Join me for a 7-8-mile exploration of the part of the Santa Ana River Trail that was reopened late last summer. It is the first trail to reopen since the Lake Fire of 2015. Start at the turnout on Hwy 38 near the South Fork Campground. Walk under the road and start up the trail from the campground. I'm not sure what we will see due to fire damage, but things are growing back and it should be interesting to see the new and the old. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the large turnout on the north side of Hwy 38 just below the South Fork Campground. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 8 – MAY 14

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MAY 8 (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. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

****MAY 10 (WED) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**
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. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 10 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain. A moderate /difficult 4-mile round trip hike which we will take at an easy pace. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, exit Perris Blvd., go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go 1/2 mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of Kitching Road. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 10 (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

MAY 10 (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

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MAY 11 (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

MAY 12 (FRI) 9:00 AM KELLER/MILL PEAK/ COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE
Come Join us for a 4-5-mile moderate conditioning hike to explore this region of the San Bernardino National Forest. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road, Running Springs) WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 13 (SAT) 6:45 AM JOSHUA TREE BLACK ROCK CANYON LOOP HIKE
This is my last desert hike before summer and it could be warm, hence the early start to beat the heat, hopefully getting on the trail by 7. Hike up the Burnt Hill Trail to almost 4900', then drop into a canyon on the Eureka Peak Trail, descend for a mile or so, then take the Canyon View Trail for some cool geology. Join the Short Loop Trail and return to the starting point. Total mileage: 7.5-7.9 miles. RATED: Moderate to strenuous due to the potential heat, some deep sand, rugged portions, and elevation changes. MEET: Meet at the Backcountry Board 0.2 miles north of the Black Rock Canyon Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley,. BRING: Ten essentials, 3-5 liters of water, snacks, personal first aid/emergency supplies, and serious sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses). A couple of frozen beverages are a good idea for the last miles to ward off heat related problems. Heavy rain or excessive heat (high of 95 degrees or above in the forecast) will CANCEL. RESERVATIONS: Provide your name & contact information via email (preferred) to LEADER L J FOSTER, eljayeff@verizon.net, or leave a message at 951-845-9440. BIG BEAR GROUP

****MAY 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC C: BEAR SPRINGS - DEEP CREEK HIKE**
This is Segment #4 of our Section C patch program (Little Bear Springs Trail Camp to Deep Creek Bridge), and is truly a pleasant 14.2-mile hike through the forest from the Fawnskin Trailhead to Splinter Creek. 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. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the Deep Creek Bridge. MEET: We will coordinate 2 meeting spots (1) 7:00 a. m. at Cedar Glen, Lake Arrowhead and (2) 8:00 a. m. Fawnskin Fire Station, Fawnskin. The meeting in Cedar Glen will carpool to Fawnskin where we will carpool together to the PCT trailhead. To facilitate organizing the car-shuttle, please indicate your preferred meeting location. RERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net, (951) 385-5706, or SHARON NARDOZZA, snardoza@cox.net, (760) 208-3654. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK
MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin's in Crestline. Pay \$8.00 fee or park on street free. See new spring arrivals and year 'round residents as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. Please CALL to check weather conditions. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 (no text), CO – LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 14 (SUN) 8:30 AM EYE OF GOD HIKE
Beginners welcome! We will hike through dense groves of pinyon pines dotted with the occasional Joshua tree. We will hike a section of the Pacific Crest Trail to reach the Eye of God rock which overlooks Baldwin Lake. This large rock formation has significant religious meaning to the Serrano Indians, who continue to gather here annually in celebration. This is a 5-mile round trip hike and is rated easy/moderate in difficulty. MEET: At Cushenberry Grade/Trailhead off the 18 coming from Lucerne; or from Big Bear Lake, take the 18 coming from Baldwin Lake. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, hat, and trekking poles. LEADER: CHARLOTTE WATTS, momswebsite@gmail.com, 909-866-7423. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 15 – MAY 21

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MAY 16 (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

MAY 17 (WED) 5:00 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. 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. LEADER CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 18 (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: ELLENKESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 19 (FRI) 9:00 AM KELLER/MILL PEAK/COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE
See the write up for this hike May 12.

MAY 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC B FULLER RIDGE-DEER SPRINGS HIKE
This is an 11.9-mile challenging hike for those needing this segment of Section B (Fuller Ridge to Deep Springs, Idyllwild. This hike requires a car shuttle which takes about 50 minutes one-way; shuttle drivers will need high clearance vehicles. We will hike one-way, starting at Fuller Ridge (7700') and climbing 1200' in 5 miles along the SW side of San Jacinto before descending to Strawberry Junction, where the hike leaves the PCT to drop to Idyllwild on the Deer Springs Trail with a total descent of 3300'. RATED: Moderate-Strenuous due to length, the rocky trail near Fuller Ridge, the starting elevation, and the elevation change. BRING: ten-essentials including a whistle and a light, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3 liters of water, and a full lunch (recommended: head-net and/or bug juice in case of gnats). MEET: Idyllwild Ranger Station located at 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild. An Adventure Pass is not required for either trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact

LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654, snardoza@cox.net or DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

****MAY 20 (SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN PEAK HIKE**
A “Peaks of Big Bear” hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will get a commemorative patch. RATING: 6.5 miles in distance and rated moderate in difficulty. MEET: 8:30 a. m. at the Cougar Crest trailhead, approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Poligue Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking polls. REGISTRATION: call LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
RATED: moderate to strenuous. This 6-mile round trip hike with about 1000 ft. elevation gain takes a different route than usual. It follows an old jeep road from Route 18 to the peak. Along the way is a vast pebble plain. If we are lucky it will be in bloom. This trail faces predominately south and has some large stands of various cactus. If our luck holds they will also be in bloom. Some spectacular views of the Big Bear Valley and beyond. This is a “Peaks of Big Bear” hike, which counts toward the award for hiking all five peaks in a season. Afterwards, if the group wants, we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. For trailhead information and RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, rushewallace@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM WILDHORSE CREEK HIKE
An 8-mile, 1400 ft. elevation gain, hike in the San Bernardino Mountains. We will hike through Jeffrey and pinyon pine and juniper. We will have a lunch break by the creek. Depending on weather, this can be a very exposed hike. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Trailhead on the north side of Hwy 38, 0.2 mile from the Heart Bar Campground turnoff. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 22 – MAY 28

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MAY 23 (TUE) 8:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE TO STONE HOUSE HIKE
Join us hiking 6 miles from Whitewater Preserve to Mission Creek Stone House and back, a 12-mile RT with 800 feet gain. We will follow the PCT along the river, past Red Dome, then head east on Mission Creek Trail to enjoy lunch in comfort at the Stone House. Incredible vistas, river crossings, and desert blooms. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 23 (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

MAY 24 (WED) 9:00 AM BEAR FLATS HIKE
The Bear Canyon Trail to Bear Flats (also known as Old Baldy Trail) offers some of the finest scenery in the San Gabriels. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,260' (only a small section is actually flat) with a 3.6-mile R/T. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail the leader by 5:00 PM May 23, LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, jmwandjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE
Join us for a 4.5-mile moderate conditioning hike down the Exploration Trail. MEET: Lower trail parking area (1N96) for a car shuttle to the top. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 26-29 (FRI-MON) NEVADA: MT. GRAFTON WILDERNESS SERVICE
Join the CNRCC Wilderness Committee's Memorial Day service trip in Eastern Nevada's Mt. Grafton Wilderness--another in our ongoing series with the wilderness staff from BLM's Ely office. Useful work in a scenic area--a great way to celebrate Memorial Day out in the wilds. Project specifics available later. Optional central commissary. Contact LEADER, VICKY HOOVER, 415-977-5527; vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAY 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM MOUNT ISLIP HIKE
A hike about 7 miles round trip hike with an 1,300 ft. elevation gain-loss to the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains. Start at Islip Saddle, go south on the PCT to Little Jimmy camp where we will leave the PCT and continue to the top of Mount Islip. Great views of the rugged San Gabriel's from the top. RATING: Moderate to Strenuous. MEET: 8:30 AM at Inspiration Point on Highway 2, about 3 miles west of Big Pines. From there we will carpool roughly 10 miles to the parking lot at Islip Saddle. An Adventure or Golden Pass will be required for parking at trailhead. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing (because it could be cold and windy at the top), 2-3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sun hat, wear sturdy shoes/boots. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE (951) 315-7691, qlake15@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, (760) 900-5330, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 28 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWERS WALK
See plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: Water and snack. MEET: Call Gina Richmond, INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, for meeting place, 909-645-0850 (no text). LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 (no text), CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 29 – JUNE 4

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MAY 31 (WED) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE
Hike 3 miles up Bailey Canyon, gain 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elevation 3400'). After lunch, take Lost Canyon Trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt Wilson Trail, stop at First Water, continue 4.5 miles down, ending at Mt Wilson Trail Park. This will complete an 8.5-mile nearly closed loop,

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Mark Your Calendars for Chapter's Programs in May and June 2017!

"Climbing the Equador Volcanos"

Presented by Jim Vanderaa

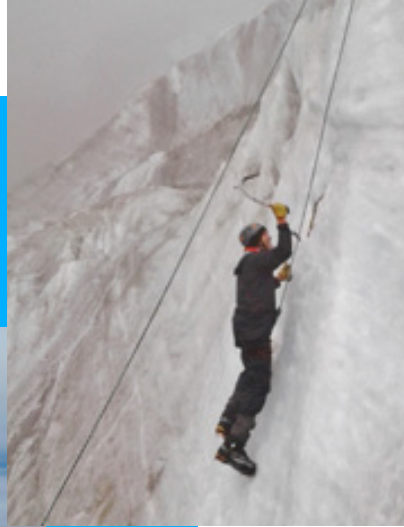
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San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

Guest speaker Jim Vanderaa returns to the San Gorgonio Chapter on May 2nd to give a presentation on his recent mountaineering trip to the volcanoes of Ecuador. Jim will speak of the five Andes peaks he attempted: Pasachoa, Corazon, Illiniza Norte, Cayambe, and Chimborazo.

The presentation will also include the capital city of Quito, the indigenous Quechua people, and the interesting individuals he met while in South America.

Jim is a resident of Upland and has previously been a guest speaker at our chapter in 2015 on his Everest Base Camp trek and in 2016 on his summit of Kilimanjaro and other adventures in Tanzania.



Hope to see you at these two outstanding programs!

"National Monuments in Danger!"

Presented by Miguel Perla

June 6, 2017 • 7:30 PM

San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

Miguel Perla, Southern California organizer for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, will brief us on the fight to protect public lands in Utah. Find out what we can do from California to protect the Bears Ears and other national monuments that are now threatened.

Established in December 2016, Bears Ears protects 1.35 million acres of public lands in Southeast Utah. Bears Ears contains about 10,000 cultural sites and it includes areas sacred to several Native peoples. The campaign to establish the monument had Native American tribes and environmental groups working side by side. Uniquely, it is managed by a coalition of five Native American tribes together with the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service.



But local Utah elected officials have long advocated for the transfer of public lands from federal protection to the state's hands. Most recently, President Trump's anti-environmental rhetoric has emboldened them to push back or even try to do away with protections for public lands. The State of Utah has officially asked President Trump to reverse Bears Ears' national monument designation, an action that would have no precedent. Efforts are also under way in Utah to reduce the size of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.

As Californians who love the outdoors, we value the amazing people, beauty and wonders that are found throughout Utah and believe it is our responsibility to keep those public lands free from development. We understand the sanctity

of these places for Native people and their desire to preserve these places for future generations.

Californians need to take a strong stance against rolling back protections for these wonderful places. Please tell our California congressional representatives to not waver in their support for the protection of public lands.

Miguel has consulted for Sierra Club campaigns in the past such as the Beyond Coal Campaign in the City of Los Angeles, as well as the Campaign to Shut Down the San Juan Generating Plant in New Mexico. He knows the important role Californians play nationwide in promoting progress in the environmental movement.

Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

With Tulips and Daffodils popping up here in Bear Valley, scheduled activities are matching. On March 27th our Big Bear Group joined other local groups to clean-up the Baldwin Lake preserve. We are responsible for the trail and will be replacing the trail posts with more permanent ones.

On April 21st our Group joined other community groups at the Earth Day festivities held at the Bear Valley Electric Service yard. Our booth distributed "goodies" to the kids and offered Sierra Club informational items.

June 4th finds the EcoTourism Event at the Discovery Center and we will join those festivities promoting our Watersports and Outings Programs. We are delighted to have a new Watersports Director and ExCom member, Terence McCorkle. EcoTourism is an event to promote activities available in our environment other than just the lake and ski slopes. This one-day event combines many area environmental groups.

July 15th brings our fantastic Xeriscape Tour back to our valley. It is a wonderful way to get ideas for Xeriscape gardening, as well as touring different homes/gardens. There are nine different growing environments up here! Lisa Patterson and her committee are busy getting everything organized.

Our General Meetings at the Discovery Center will have the following presenters to enjoy:

Beginning Backpack Training

By Darlene Taylor and Ed Caliendo Hike Leaders

The Big Bear Group of the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club will present a "Basic Backpacking Course" this spring designed specifically for beginning backpackers. Trainees completing the three training sessions are eligible to participate in a High Sierra trip. Training will focus on essential elements of staying safe and navigating the wilderness through enlightened lectures and outings specifically designed to instruct all backpackers and hikers.

The course will consist of three basic "classes" and/or hands-on outings; all are required to "graduate" and are of equal importance. Our first meeting is an introduction and basic overview of equipment needed to navigate safely and provide a brief overview of the course and equipment. The second, "hands-on," session will prepare the hiker for a car

With Deep Sorrow –

The Big Bear Group is saddened and still in shock over the sudden loss of a dear friend and ExCom member, George Watson Jones. He passed away on Friday, March 24th in his home. George enjoyed backpack trips and was an eager volunteer in different organizations in Bear Valley. His infectious, beautiful smile, loving personality, and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed.



camp experience. We will have some fun camping, but also will learn valuable food preparation techniques and ideas, how to pack a backpack, water purification, and investigate many different types of tents. The third session is an overnight backpack trip in the San Bernardino Mountains with some instruction on reading a topographic map, the proper use of a compass, valuable information on "staying found," and what to do if you get lost. Other technical skills include finding proper tent location, body care, and use of bear canisters for food storage.

The three training dates are:

Backpack Training Session One: Introduction and Equipment review (Tues eve) April 25

Backpack Training Session Two: Car camp and Skills Building (Sat & Sun) May 6 & 7

Backpack Training Session Three: Overnight Backpacking (Sat. & Sun) June 17 & 18

Cost of this training is \$50 which includes a professional compass and the topographic map used in your training. A small portion of the fee is donated to the Big Bear Group Hiking Fund.

Go to the Big Bear website <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear/backpacking> to gain detailed information on the training or contact Darlene Taylor, Hike Leader, at (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorcrew@verizon.net to enroll in the training.

Big Bear Group Annual "Patch Party" June 10th

On Saturday June 10, the Big Bear Group will hold its annual Awards Patch Party and Barbeque from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Aspen Glen Picnic Area in Big Bear Lake located at 40101 Mill Creek Road. A morning trail hike up the ridge behind the picnic area is scheduled by Charlotte Watts. (See Outings Schedule for details.) Judy Atkinson will offer a Grays Peak hike if the Eagle nesting closure has been lifted. For a shorter option, L.J. Foster, hike leader and biologist, will lead a short nature walk starting at 9:30 am.

Following these hikes, enjoy a barbeque, with salads, drinks, watermelon, and desserts. All Big Bear Group hikers and their families are invited to attend and participate.

A special recognition awards presentation will follow the barbeque.

Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Nuclear Scientist

Transportation Task Group

The Sierra Santa Margarita Transportation Task Group participates in Riverside County's Southwest Transportation-Now organization. Transportation-Now attendees include elected officials, community activists and transit users. (<http://www.riversidetransit.com/index.php/about-rta/transportation-now>).

During our meeting in the city of Menifee, February 22, 2017, our proposal for a "Transportation Workshop: Rapid Mass-Transit System for the Highway 15/215 Corridor" was placed on the official agenda. The workshop is scheduled for October 25, 2017, in the City Conference Center, 41000 Main Street (City Hall complex), Temecula, California. The preliminary agenda includes formal presentations on the economic, technical and political issues of a rapid mass transit system in our area.

Valentine Party

Santa Margarita Group members met on January 12 at Macaroni Grill restaurant in Temecula for a dinner and celebration of Valentine's Day. As an occasion for relaxation and camaraderie, the event welcomed family and friends who joined us for good food and socializing.

Third Annual Environmental Education Symposium

Pam Nelson (Chair, Sierra Santa Margarita), Caren Hanson, and Margaret Meyncke attended the Symposium on February 23, 2017, held at the Western Science Center in Hemet. Teachers, David Marrett and Matt Willard from our SC teacher outreach program called Stewards for Environmental Education and Discovery (SEED) were also present. Pam presented an overview of our SEED teacher outreach program to educators.



Pam Nelson (far left) and Margaret Meyncke (Pam's right) at the SC table with two participants.

Tree City USA

Margaret Meyncke wrote: "Trees are a vital and strategic part a healthy environment." The National Arbor Day Foundation has been promoting trees since 1972. They have a special program with a four-part plan to help cities earn certification as an official "Tree City USA." Our local Sierra Club invites you to join our effort to establish Temecula as an official Tree City." Please contact Margaret Meyncke at m.meyncke@gmail.com; or contact us on Facebook, "Trees for Trails," a public group dedicated to all things TREES.

Monthly Meeting at Sierra Santa Margarita Group

February 9, 2017: Environmental Solutions: POPS & Spork

Brenda de Luna, a Hemet teacher, brought her 8th grade "Young Environmentalists" to our February meeting to discuss environmental issues and solutions. Last year they competed with a proposal to the Plastic Ocean Pollution Solutions (POPS), Algalita Marine Research at the Dana Point Marine Institute. She wrote: "Our proposal was to begin a recycling program at our school and educate our students about the plastic problem. We got into POPS and came back energized!"

The young girls took turns speaking, exposing the very serious environmental impacts of plastics, such as water bottles. Their performance exceeded all expectations. They gave realistic alternatives to managing the environmental damage from plastics including containers and utensils at their school.

March 9, 2017: What Causes the Extreme Drought to Flooding in Our Region?

During our monthly meeting in March, Alex Tardy discussed meteorological data and interpretation affecting our weather in the Western US causing drought and flooding in California. His lecture included photos of inundated vehicles and toppled trees that resulted from sudden flooding.



Alex is a Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NOAA/National Weather Service in San Diego, California.

Sierra Santa Margarita Earth Day Celebration

Our club will celebrate the coming Earth Day on April 22nd. Our Faire will include vendors exhibits and live animals shows. It will take place in the Stampede parking area behind the Stampede Western Music Venue at 28721 Front Street, Temecula, California.

Entertainment for families includes: a nature walk and opportunities to see and touch a snake, a frog, a Bengal cat, a bird and a tarantula. Children can also participate in eco-friendly games such as counting the bugs in a jar to win a Tarantula puppet. Other activities for all ages will be an exhibit of the latest electric and hybrid cars and bicycles, educational and fun displays and a silent auction. Additionally, artists will happily paint your young people faces. For more information, please call Caren Hanson: 951-760-1131.

Hikes 2017

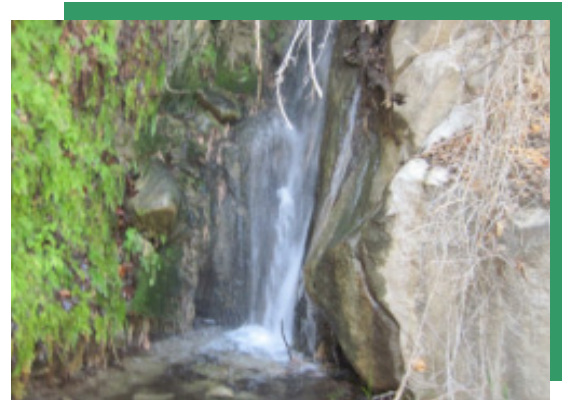
Robert Audibert and Gary Marsalone are guides and coordinators of Sierra Santa Margarita Group Hikes. The following two hikes are our most recent adventures.

Rock Tanks Loop Hike

February 11: This hike was a 6.4 miles through the Anza- Borrego Desert. This hike was moderately strenuous with a gain or loss in elevation of about 1,300 feet.

Maidenhair Falls Hike

March 18: This 5.5-6 miles hike was moderately difficult with an elevation gain or loss of about 900 feet. Maidenhair Falls is a true oasis in the desert. We observed the desert wild flowers and climbed over or around some large boulders and thorny cacti.



Maidenhair Falls



Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Christina Torres and Eileen O'Brien have organized more hikes for April, May and June. Please check our web page for more information on future outings: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

The Moreno Valley Group will have a table at the Earth Night in the Garden event (<http://www.wmwd.com/310/Earth-Night-in-the-Garden>), Thursday, April 20, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; the event is free. It will be held at the Western Municipal Water District's Landscapes Southern California Style Garden, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside. The



Big Morongo Canyon Basin Hike, March 20, 2017
Photos by Christina Torres

family event celebrates water efficiency and the environment. Please send us an email at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you would like to help us host our table for two hours. Ironwood Village Project



(IVP): The Moreno Valley Planning Commission and the city's Recreational Trails Board have unanimously rejected the IVP at their meetings. The Moreno Valley City Council is scheduled to have a hearing to consider the project at their April 4 meeting. Local residents group, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, have organized in opposition to the project. Residents are concerned about the small lot sizes and loss of rural land uses, compromising the city's general plan, increases in traffic, elimination of city public multi-use trail; the city has done a mitigated negative declaration which does not include a complete analysis of the project. Please contact George Hague for more information at movalleygroup@yahoo.com

World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups (San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and other groups) are being represented by Earthjustice. The appeal hopes to reverse the decision of a Riverside County Superior Court judge who denied the request by the coalition to block two Moreno Valley city initiatives which may allow the city to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project.

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Villages of Lakeview (VOL): Comments on the draft environmental impact report were submitted last fall. Current information from the county indicates they are working on responses to the comments and the final environmental documents may be available by the end of March. The proposed VOL housing project (11,350 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@rctlma.org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

Donations Needed: Please take time to make a donation to help us continue our efforts to challenge the latest version of the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview project on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and continue our World Logistics Center litigation. You can make checks out to the "Sierra Club" with the notation WLC/VOL and send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA

92556-1325. Thank you to all who have already donated.

The Riverside County General Plan Update aka GPA 960: Some of our concerns include GPA 960's impact on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species as well as promoting sprawl. The Riverside County Housing Element (HE) is now being litigated because it has similar problems as the GPA 960.

Mid County Parkway (MCP): The California Environmental Quality Act hearing is scheduled for June 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., Dept.10 of the Riverside Superior Court, downtown Riverside. The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. The Center for Biological Diversity is litigating the MCP for the Sierra Club and other groups.

Cajalco Road Expansion: Riverside County is moving ahead with plans to widen Cajalco Road to six lanes. Environmental documents are being prepared. The Cajalco

Road expansion continues the planned Mid County Parkway expansion, (i.e., a six-lane road from San Jacinto to Corona).

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: Check out their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris/> about their events. The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris. It is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, May 20, 2017, 7:30 a.m., Hike to Olive Mountain (DIFFICULT; 3.6 miles round trip). Meet in the parking lot on the north side of campus (enter from Slawson), Palm Middle School, 11900 Slawson Ave., Moreno Valley. Call (951) 413-3703 to confirm all information.

Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie

This will be just a quick note about a few items and to share the schedule for this year's Executive Committee (ExCom) election.

At our February 6th ExCom meeting we confirmed the results of our 2016 ExCom election which had Steve Farrell, Bob Sherman and Sherry Bailey re-elected to new terms and Karla Kellems joining the ExCom for the first time. Karla is replacing Bill Eng as the Group's Outings Chair.

Many thanks to Bill for years (and years and years) of leading our Outings efforts and helping train Chapter Outings Leaders as well. And welcome aboard Karla!

The Mountains Group's annual Spring Retreat will be at Keller Hut on May 6 and 7 and it is your chance to relax at Keller Hut, enjoy the company of other Mountains Group members (and maybe meet some that you don't know), share a potluck dinner on the evening of the 6th, and, if you like, spend the night in a rustic mountain cabin. I will be overseeing the weekend and if you would like more information or want to "sign up" to attend you can contact me at barriemail@mac.com.

One word of warning – if I have to shovel my way in, there will NOT be a Spring Retreat!

And here is our Mountains Group 2017 ExCom Election Schedule:

At the February 6th Mountains Group Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting, Sue Walker (as Chair), Steve Farrell, and Bob Sherman were appointed to be both the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for the 2017 ExCom election.

At the same meeting the following Election Schedule was approved:

February 6: Deadline to appoint Nominating and Election Committees and set Election Schedule.

June 5: Deadline for Nominating Committee Chair to submit Mountains Group Election article to *Palm and Pine*.

September 2 : Last date to accept nominations and Deadline for Nominating Committee to present list of candidates to the Excom.

September 16: Deadline for Petition Candidates to present petitions.

October 5: Deadline for Election Committee to provide final ballot, with petition candidates, (if any) to *Palm and Pine*.

October 13: Date to produce list of members to receive ballots.

October 20: *Palm and Pine* mailed. (Approx.)

November 24: Deadline to receive ballots.

November 25: 11:30 a.m. Election Committee shall verify, open and count the ballots.

November 25: 8:00 p.m. Election Committee shall inform the candidates, the Excom, and any other interested parties of the results.

Please check future issues of the *Palm and Pine* for additional information and to learn how you might be able to help.



Mojave Group

By Norman Bossom, Outings/Political Chair

As we moved through November 2016 and into the New Year I am sure that many of us were watching political events with some concern. The new Administration have been even more destructive environmentally than we could have imagined. Frustrated, I decided to turn to my books and ignore the actions of the new Administration. Turn the television off, do not listen to the radio and skip the political quips on Facebook.

If you have heard of the author, Bill Bryson, then you will understand the enjoyment his books bring me. Mr Bryson wrote 'A Walk in the Woods.' It was made into a popular movie of the same name, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. I have not seen the movie, but, if it is half as good as the book, it will be worth watching. It is the story of two men and their adventures while hiking some of the Appalachian Trail. While reading the book, I had hoped that I would not be reminded of the political events taking place in Washington. I was, sadly, mistaken. According to the book, there are five species of tree that have disappeared from the Trail in very recent times. The scientists make it clear that climate change is responsible, for, what can only be described, as a tragic event, environmentally. Well, thanks Bill, now I am upset.

When not hiking the Trail, the venerable Mr Bryson went to a Town named Centralia, PA. This turned out to be a story, in itself. Cenralia, was a coal mining Town. In 1962 firefighters were

cleaning the local landfill. This included some controlled burning. It is believed that there was an opening in the ground and that a subterranean fire started along a seam of coal. It is thought that the seam was anthracite coal, which is difficult to burn, but when it does, it is very difficult to extinguish. In 1962, the population of Centralia was over 1,000 hardy souls. As the years went by, the area became warmer, roads would buckle and steam would shoot through holes in the ground. The situation came to a head in 1992, when the local gas station owner decided to check his tanks. He found that the underground temperature was over 1,000 degrees. The State became involved. The Town was evacuated, millions of gallons of water were pumped underground, to no good effect. The good people of the area, were paid over \$30 million in compensation. The town was abandoned, with the exception of some folks who were allowed to stay, to live out their lives. All seven of them. It is thought that this subterranean fire could burn for another 250 years. Another town, close by, has also had to be abandoned.

This is a tragedy for these hard working people. I would not want to go into a coal mine, no matter how desperate I was. I weakened and started to take note of the political events taking place. I saw Trump giving a speech in which he was singing the praises of miners and promising lots of lovely 'Clean coal.' Well, from what I have researched, clean coal is, in fact

regular coal, with all of the nasty elements, CO2, etc. removed. This process is expensive. The extracted elements are made into a liquid form which is pumped into areas where oil can be found. Apparently, it enhances the amount of that product. The question is: who will invest in coal? Most power stations now use gas. If clean coal is so expensive why would an investor take such a risk?

I noted that there is a clause in the Affordable Care Act which applies to coal miners who are unable to work because of 'black lung'. They are given benefits. The benefits pass on to surviving spouses. Far too many coal miners die from 'back lung' and/or lung cancer, and many of these deaths are premature. I was listening to a former coal miner, from Virginia I believe, on the radio. He had retrained and was working as a computer engineer. He certainly wasn't disappointed at never having to go down a coal mine again. Surely, retraining is the answer. These brave people deserve better.

Let us hope that the current administration will, at some stage, believe that climate change is real, that the human race is responsible for much of that change, that renewal energy is the way forward, and that we have to train people in industries that are the future. A brave administration, who truly care about the future and the people, would move the country forward through education, innovation and investment. I have just started reading Bill Bryson's book, 'In a Sunburned Country'. It relates to Australia. Interesting.

Pushing the State to Buy Clean for the Climate

By Kathryn Phillips

One of Sierra Club California's major campaigns for 2017 focuses on getting the state to use its purchasing power in a way that's consistent with our goals to reduce climate-disrupting pollution.

The campaign, called "Buy Clean," was conceived by Blue Green Alliance, which is a coalition of environmental organizations and labor unions. Sierra Club was among the original members of Blue Green Alliance when it was founded a decade ago, and Sierra Club Executive Director Mike Brune currently serves as its co-chair.

Sierra Club California has teamed up with Blue Green Alliance's California team to incorporate the Buy Clean approach into California's state procurement policies.

The Buy Clean approach got a big push when Assembly members Rob Bonta and Susan Eggman jointly introduced Assembly Bill 262 on February 1.

That bill would require that state agencies that contract for big infrastructure projects, plus the University of California, and the California State University system, take into consideration the greenhouse gas

emissions in the supply chain when they're reviewing bids for those projects.

It combines information disclosure and purchasing requirements to recognize manufacturers who produce the least amount of climate pollution while making any of five products: cement, steel, glass, insulation and asphalt.

On launch day, the bill's supporters represented labor, manufacturing, environmental, environmental justice, and health groups.

Over the next month, Sierra Club California staff and volunteers will be helping refine the bill and building the support list before it goes to its first committee hearing in March.

The Buy Clean bill will be one of the priority bills for in-district lobbying. You can learn more about the Buy Clean Campaign on the buycleancalifornia.org website.

If you'd like to get involved in helping your chapter or group learn more about the Buy Clean Campaign, or if you'd like to get involved in in-district lobbying for the Buy Clean bill, contact Meg Gunderson in our office at Meg.Gunderson@sierraclub.org.



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requiring a short car shuttle. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 2 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE

A 5 to 6-mile moderate thru hike from Snow Valley to Green Valley Lake via Little Green Valley Trail. Little Green Valley boasts beautiful flower blooms this time of year. MEET: In Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake), for a car shuttle to the Little Green Valley trailhead parking area across the street from Snow Valley. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text). SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 3 (SAT) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE

RATED: moderate. A 7-mile hike through mixed oak and pine forests. Depending on the weather, we may encounter some spectacular wildflower blooms. The trail has views of Snow Valley, Keller Peak, Big Bear Lake, and the ridge from San Bernardino Peak east. After the hike, if the group wants, we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, ED WALLACE 909 584 9407, rushewallace@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL 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. A 7.5-mile hike, 1,400' + elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: 8:30 at the Cougar Crest Trail Head, 0.5 mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 4 (SUN) 8:00 AM BEARPAW PRESERVE HIKE

The Bearpaw Preserve is on the drive into Forest Falls off Hwy 38. We need a reservation to do this hike. I've put in my request, but hadn't heard back before I wrote this. There are several trails we can do once we get up there. I've been told it is quite lush and we should have lots of water and wildflowers to see. A 7 or 8-mile hike. I can take 11 others so be sure to get a reservation in soon. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station off Hwy 38 & Bryant St., Mentone and carpool to preserve. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 4 (SUN) 3:00 PM WILDWOOD CANYON STATE PARK HIKE

This 4 to 5-mile loop has some steep areas and follows a ridge through shaded oak trees. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, and hiking poles if anted. WEAR sturdy shoes.. MEET: Exit Interstate 10 at Oak Glen Rd, make almost immediate right onto Calimesa Blvd (east), turn left on Wildwood Canyon Rd. Go north 4.3 miles, turn left on Canyon Drive to the parking lot/equestrian staging area near the picnic tables. Entrance is free. RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP by 8 p.m. on Jun 3. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUNE 5 – JUNE 11

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

JUN 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE

Join us for this favorite hike to the historic fire lookout at the top of Tahquitz Peak at 8846 feet

elevation. We will start at Humber Park and hike up 4.5 miles via Devil's Slide Trail and PCT, gaining 2400 feet, enjoying sweeping vistas all along the way! Enjoy lunch at the summit before returning the same way, making a 9-mile round trip. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 6 (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

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JUN 8 (THU) 9:00 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN VIA ACORN TRAIL HIKE

The trail begins in a residential neighborhood of Wrightwood and connects to the PCT in 2.5 miles, gaining 1500 feet. Then continues another 1.5 miles, gaining another 500 feet to the summit of Wright Mountain. Return the same way, making it a total of 8 miles with 2000 feet gain. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 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

JUN 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM MORGAN TRAIL TO TENAJA FALLS TRAIL HEAD HIKE

An 8.2-mile hike through the beautiful San Mateo Canyon Wilderness, passing by Tenaja Falls. The hike is moderately strenuous with 600' of elevation gain/loss and areas of loose rock. Requires a car shuttle. We will meet where the hike will finish, leave half the cars there. We all ride share to the Morgan Trail Head for the hike. When we finish, we all ride back to the starting point in the cars we left behind. The 13-mile road used for shuttling is partly paved and unpaved with pot holes. Cars with average ground clearance should be OK. We drove in a Prius with no trouble. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 15 in Wildomar, take the Clinton Kieth Exit, go west on Clinton Kieth, which becomes Tenaja Rd. About 7 miles from the freeway turn right at the stop sign to stay on Tenaja Rd. About 11 miles from the freeway turn right on Cleveland Forest Rd. Drive about a mile and park at the trail head on the left. No passes are required Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 302-1059.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUN 10 (SAT) 8:30 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL HIKE/PATCH PARTY

Our goal is to do 7 miles round trip and be back for the patch party picnic by 12 PM. This trail climbs the southern ridge above Alpine Slide to Skyline Drive (2N10), through lush meadows of white fir and Jeffrey pine, ending with a spectacular 180-degree view at Grand View Point of the Santa Ana River Bed and historic Clark's trail to Angelus Oaks. MEET: At the patch party location, in the Aspen Glen Picnic parking lot. Need an Adventure Pass (can get one at the Discovery Ctr. on North Shore Drive). BRING: Ten essentials, 2.0 liters of water, trail snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, good hiking boots and trekking poles. LEADER, CHARLOTTE WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com, 909-866-7423.

BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM STRAWBERRY PEAK HERE AND NOW HIKE

The property, threatened by inappropriate development, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2012. On this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment: sights and sounds of the forest and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. A variety of wildflowers should be in bloom. Distance: about one mile (loop). Elevation gain: 300 feet. WEAR: hat and walking shoes. BRING: Water and snacks. MEET: Land Trust preserve across SR 189 from Pincrest Camp. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 (no text). CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text).

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 11 (SUN) 9:00AM SB MTS CRAFTS PEAK HIKE

A moderate/strenuous hike up to the top of Crafts Peak in Green Valley Lake. 8 miles round trip and 1400' elevation gain. MEET: In Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUNE 12 – JUNE 18

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

JUN 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

JUN 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

JUN 14 (WED) 9:00 AM WALNUT CREEK HIKE

Also known as the MDA or Michael D. Antonovich Trail, this is a 3 mile R/T hike with a mere 400' elevation gain. These numbers make for an easy jaunt through canyon woods with multiple stream crossings, so hiking poles are strongly advised. BRING: water, hiking poles, sturdy boots, and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail by 5:00 PM June 13, LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, jmwandjww@hotmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 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

JUN 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

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JUN 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: ELLENKESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 17-18 (SAT-SUN) 7:30 AM OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRAINING
This is the third and final backpack training session. To participate, you must have successfully completed the prior sessions and have overnight backpacking equipment. Upon completing all three training sessions you will be ready for a multi-day backpack in the High Sierra. For detailed training information, go to Big Bear Group website <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear/> outings and locate backpack outings training. RATING: Strenuous, 10-mile R/T hike. MEET: 7:30 a. m. at Cedar Glen, Post Office, 28982 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen. REGISTRATION: contact LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM DOBLE MINE, BIG BEAR HIKE
Step into the past and enjoy the historic Doble Mine. This hike is a 6-mile round trip and includes an elevation gain of 500' up to the mine. Also included is an historic commentary relating to the mining in this area. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am. WEAR sturdy shoes, BRING water, snacks and layered clothing. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 16-22 (FRI-THU) ESCALANTE BACKPACK
The first part of this 37-mile backpack covers 11 miles in Harris Wash, then 12 miles along the Escalante River, and finally 14 miles out 25 Mile Wash. The entry and exit washes have narrows, large alcoves, and side canyons that become slot canyons. Along the river, we will take day hikes to explore Choprock Canyon and Neon Canyon. Be prepared to get your feet wet - hiking may be easier in the river if the banks are choked with tamarisk. Trip requires a car shuttle, high clearance vehicles best. Limit 10. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, DAVID HARDY 702-875-4826 hardyhikers@embarqmail.com email preferred.
SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP

JUNE 19 – JUNE 25

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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JUN 20 (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

****JUN 21 (WED) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. 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

JUN 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG HORN MINE, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE
This 4-mile hike offers spectacular views over the San Gabriel Mountains and a glimpse into the past. The trail is flat but can be a little rough in one small area. The Mine has much of the equipment dating back to days gone by. There will be an historic commentary. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. WEAR sturdy shoes, BRING water, snacks, and levered clothing. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3757, coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM JOHNS MEADOW HIKE
A favorite for all who have hiked this trail in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Wildflowers are abundant from the end of June until the mid/end of July. Start with a short climb to where the Johns Meadow trail branches off. Hike through pines, oaks and fir trees. Cross a couple of small runoffs from springs that pop out of the side of the trail. May have a couple of small creek crossings with all the rain and snow we have had. Come across a lush area full of wildflowers. Cross Forsee Creek and have a short climb to Johns Meadow where we will take our break before returning on the same trail back to the vehicles. If you can't make this hike, I will be repeating it in a couple of weeks. RATED: moderate, 7 miles. MEET: Forsee Creek trail head parking area. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUNE 26 – JULY 2

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

JUN 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

JUN 28 (WED) 9:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction!!! Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. 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 2-6 (SUN-THU) NEVADA: CENTRAL-TWIN RIVERS/ARC DOME BACKPACK
This area has been described as one of "deep, rugged canyons, high bald peaks, elk and wet feet." Begin on the North Twin River, near Carver, about an hour's drive northeast of Tonopah, at an elevation around 6300 ft. Hike in 2 or 3 miles to our first camp. The next day we will hike about 5 miles and camp. On day 3 we do a 12-mile day hike (bring a day-pack) to the top of 11,773 ft. Arc Dome, 4100 ft. elevation gain. Day 4 sees the start down South Twin, with a camp after several

miles. The last day is the hike out. 16 miles, 3000 ft. elevation gain with backpacks. An option to do the trip in the opposite direction. Elevation gain to the top of Arc Dome is 300 ft. less. Possible car pool or caravan from Las Vegas, details on trip sheet. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER DAVID HARDY 702-875-4826 hardyhikers@embarqmail.com email preferred.

SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP

JULY 3 – JULY 9

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JUL 6 (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

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB

RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST FRI) 8:30 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. 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.

(3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
See writeup above for 1st FRI.

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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APR 21 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

MAY 5 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

MAY 17 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
See April 19th writeup (above) for details.

MAY 19 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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JUN 2 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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JUN 16 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
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JUN 21 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

JUL 7 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.



Living in a Politically Challenging World

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

Most of us cannot remember living in a time when the federal administration was this hostile to the environment. Not just the critters and the physical landscape, but the air, the water and the people most adversely affected by the lack of concern for what the environment means to the future. This has resulted in a huge surge in the number of Americans showing an interest in making financial contributions to long-established organizations such as the Sierra Club and the American Civil Liberties Union. The challenge for these groups is to figure out how to channel that intense concern into effective activism, as well as use the increased financial resources to empower “the resistance.”

We, here in the Chapter leadership, are still working to figure out how to harness all the energy and outrage into positive outcomes for the environment. We are making plans in conjunction with the national Club, but encourage all of you who have ideas or wish to get more involved, to “Like” the Chapter Facebook page, “Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter” or send a message to Jono@Hildner.com.

Living in California, it is easy to think that all our elected officials are wonderful environmental supporters. Nothing could be further from the truth. While we’ve made

HUGE strides here in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to elect strong environmental supporters to represent us in Washington, DC, and Sacramento, we’ve done little, here at the municipal level. Consider for a moment that while we fought for two years to get some wins at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, all that fighting was because four members of that Board represent our two counties and they have consistently voted with the polluters. The Board has a Supervisor from each County Board and a City Council member who represents the Cities in each County. None of them are committed to the environment. It’s time we focus on municipal races and quit letting those who are aligned with polluting industries get elected to the local offices that are “non-partisan.”

This is an “off-year” election, where conventional wisdom says there will be very low turnout for local elections. We can change that and elect environmental candidates to those offices. We have City elections in Blythe, Desert Hot Springs, Menifee, Norco, Palm Springs, Perris, and Riverside. There are numerous elections in School Districts and Water Districts. I urge everyone to get involved in those elections. Making endorsements requires member volunteers. If you want to help make endorsements in any of these local races, send me a note or give me a call.

LET’S KEEP TURNING THE SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER GREEN !!

Young Environmental Champions for 2017

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

This year, we have more Young Environmental Champions than ever. There’s a good reason for that!

These young activists have done amazing work and have achieved much success in the face of incredible odds. Some of these young folks we have recognized before, but many have risen to the occasion in just the last year. Some have become seasoned leaders in their own right and others are just getting their feet wet and enjoying the challenges, understanding the issues and jumping in with both feet.

Space available in this issue of the *Palm & Pine* does not allow me to list each activity for each YEC where they played a role, so let me lay out the many events and/or actions in which most of them played a part:

Numerous meetings of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board in Diamond Bar. For those from the Eastern Coachella Valley, it meant getting up at 4:00 or 5:00 am to catch a bus or van and then spending a whole day in order to testify about the impacts of bad air quality on them and their families. Several of these were dramatic actions staged to get added press attention to the failure of the SCAQMD to do their job.

Work on legislative campaigns in AD 37, AD 40, AD 42 and AD 60, all of which were against anti-environmental incumbents. AD 37 and AD 60 were big

wins and continued our progress toward turning the IE Green!

Canvassing door-to-door in Wildomar and Highland to educate the public and collect signatures.

Participating in the Women’s March/ Immigration March, the anti-warehouse rally in Fontana and the rally to support the DRECP with Secretary Sally Jewel.

Actions to support work on the Salton Sea.

All actions contribute to our overarching goals, but the most impressive win for this group, led primarily by Marina Barragan, is the win with the 15-year clean air plan adopted by the SCAQMB. This has been a continuing battle with a majority of the Board favoring the polluters. Due in large part to the work of these young activists, the Board adopted a plan to finally get rid of the totally ineffective cap-and-trade program of Regional Clean Air Incentive Market, called RECLAIM and replace it with a system of “command and control.” Further, by pushing the California Air Resources Board, they got that body to require that the SCAQMD begin to regulate ports and warehouses as indirect sources (primarily diesel truck exhaust) of air pollution.

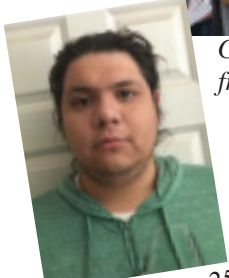
The Chapter salutes ALL of this year’s Young Environmental Champions and urges all our members to congratulate them and to continue to support their work.



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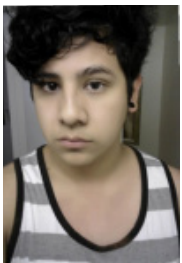
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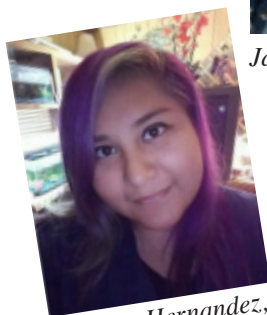
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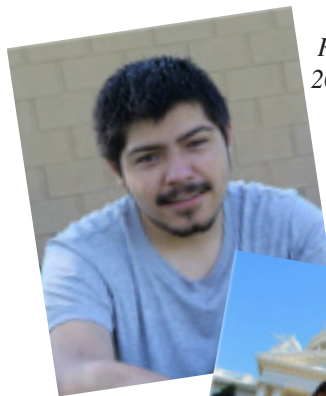
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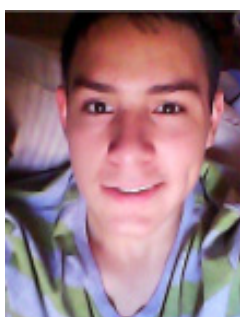
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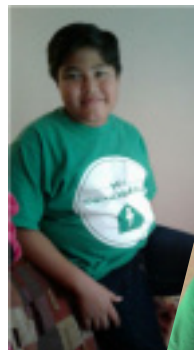
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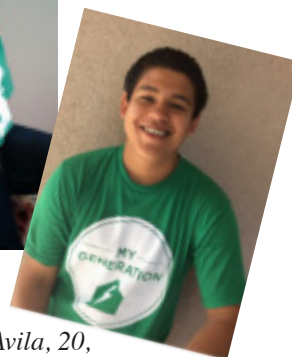
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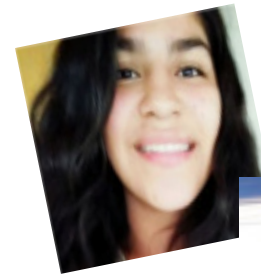
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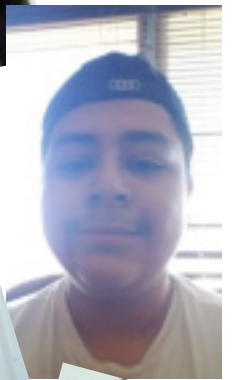
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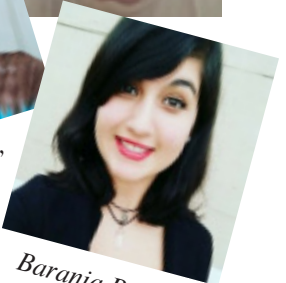
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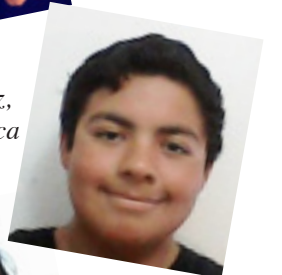
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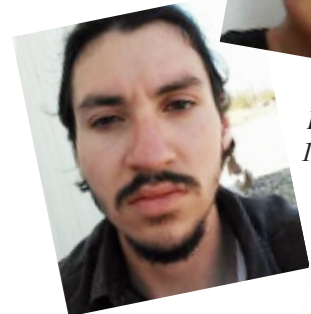
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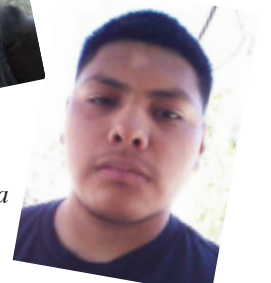
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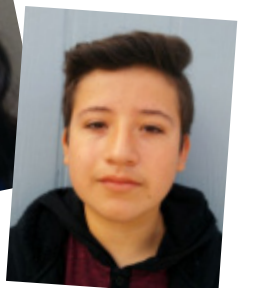
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SAVE THE DATE: 15th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour— Water Conservation... A Big Bear Way of Life

The 2016/2017 winter season has seen above average snow and rainfall, compared to years in the recent past. Does this mean the drought is over? Maybe for some parts of California, but not for Big Bear Valley.

Big Bear Valley is unique in many ways including how we tap into our water. Unlike Los Angeles and other Southern California cities, Big Bear Valley gets ALL its water locally via local wells. Nothing is brought in from Northern California via the aqueduct. While it's easy to see signs of recovery in the rising levels of Big Bear Lake, Baker Pond, and even Baldwin Lake, water conservation is not going away anytime soon. The popular Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour is a great way to learn about conserving water by creating beautiful drought-tolerant yards and gardens that require only limited water use.

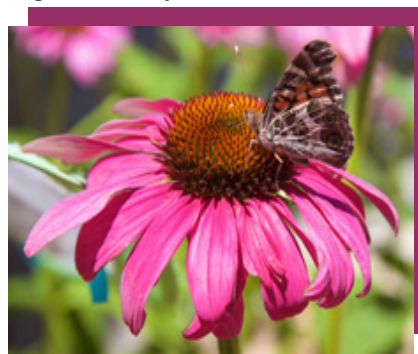
The 15th Annual Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get landscaping ideas, discover drought tolerant plants and learn how to save money on your water bill, all while creating a beautiful drought-tolerant garden. As an added bonus, one of the homes will feature a landscape that is both low-water use and fire-wise.

This year's theme, "Water Conservation...A Big Bear Way of Life," will focus on Big Bear's unique water situation and how everyone can do their part to conserve water while still creating beautiful and exciting yards and gardens.

The tour will once again 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. In addition, there will be a variety of homeowner gardens, some landscaped by professionals and others by the homeowners. No matter your budget, you'll find solutions for creating low-maintenance, drought tolerant gardens right here in Big Bear Valley.



Carol & Bill Treadwell admiring one of the plants on the 2016 Xeriscape Garden.
Photo by Christie Walker



Flower of the year, Coneflower, by Michael King,
winner of 2016 photo contest.
Photo by permission.

So mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on Saturday, July 15th. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 a.m. 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. A tour booklet, which includes the locations and directions for the tour stops, and helpful information on Xeriscape gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 p.m. to complete the self-guided driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

For additional information on the Sierra Club's Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Lisa Patterson at

909-866-1067. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>.



Outings Leader Training June 3-4 By Ralph Salisbury

If you enjoy healthy exercise and the abundance of special places to visit in the San Geronio Chapter, then you have probably participated in our extensive Outings Program. Coming up is the opportunity for you to become a Chapter Outings Leader beginning this June 3 & 4 at the Sierra Club-owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay and includes instruction in outdoor leadership, Club Outings Administration, Map and Compass Psychology of Leadership and environmental considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

For this year only the fee will be \$15 which covers some direct costs

including lodging and foods. San Geronio Chapter Outings will pick up the remaining \$27 cost for course materials. Participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner after which we hold one final class.

Early enrollment is highly encouraged as upon receiving your application with payment you will immediately be provided some pre-course material to study at your own pace. For late enrollees, it is not necessary to complete this study material prior to the class; however, it will greatly aid you in doing so. Naturally, completion will be necessary before becoming an outings leader.

For an application form or general questions, please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net Alternately, you may mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



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