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Presidents Message



It feels good to sit by the fire and enjoy the warmth this time of year. Fortunately Carol continues to ride. As we look forward to the new riding season we are fortunate to have clinics here locally.

Marcie Hansen will

be putting on a couple of clinics at her place, and Danny Baumgarner will once again have a clinic with Jodi Collins. Contact them if interested. At this time we are looking forward to the desert ride with Doug and Jim.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for Rendezvous in Red Bluff as it should be a good one.

This is a good time to check your gear and vehicles to be ready for the coming season.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski
President

DESERT RIDE AT STARLIGHT RANCH NW OF ROSAMOND CA

February 14-17, 2020

A Breakfast to be provided at 9:00am Saturday and Sunday. Pulled Pork Friday night and Chili Verde Potluck Dinner Saturday. We need RSVP by February 7th. Need to bring water and anything else you want to drink. Some beds available but need to secure with us. Bed rolls tents and whatever is needed for general camping. Terrain is simple to difficult depending on trail with all trails being packed to loose desert soils that are easy on the hoofs. Coyotes and Jack rabbits mice and desert rats for local animals. There are snakes but I have never seen one and we have done a lot of cross country out there. Most of the trails/roads are a gradual climb but depends on what you want to do. There is one that goes up to the PCT but would be a long ride. Clean up needs to be done behind horses and distribute outside fence. Take out all other that you bring in. There is a new outhouse on the property and a flush toilet in the house. May want to bring your own toiletries to be safe.

The gate at the ranch will be open at noon on the 14th and property will be cleared and gate closed by 2pm Monday the 17th.

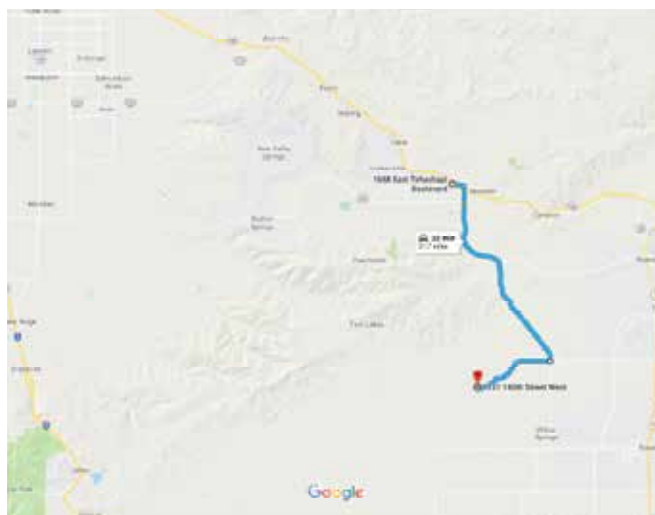
Directions: Starlight Ranch is already tagged on google maps if you use that. The map shows traveling on what is called Aqueduct RD but you want to go 30' further on Backus Rd to what we call Upper Aqueduct RD where you will see a large Rock painted with a Smiley Face. Although the lower road can be used to get there, there are more obstacles and a large dip that larger trailers may have issues with. Take CA Hwy 99 south to CA Hwy 58 East out of Bakersfield to Tehachapi about 43 miles. Exit at Tehachapi Blvd and go Right on Tehachapi Blvd. Loves Truck Stop will be on your Right. Continue on Tehachapi Blvd for 1 mile and go Right on Willow Springs Road and follow for 16.0 miles where you will turn Right on Backus RD. Backus RD is paved for about 1.2 miles When you come to the end of the pavement you will see a dirt road to the right that you will proceed on. The rest of the trip is on dirt roads. You will continue on Dirt Backus RD over a short bridge and on to Upper Aqueduct RD. You will see a large rock painted with a Smiley Face. Turn left and continue on Upper Aqueduct RD for 3.6 miles to 140th St. There will be a curved dirt road leading to the right onto 140th St and most will want to take that. You will see a sign on your left that says Starlight Ranch. Go left before the sign and drive straight back about 100 feet and through the gate to the ranch. You will need to bring water for overnight stays. The ranch is cyclone fenced but horses/stock will need to be tied up. There are just 3-4 highline areas first come first serve. There are some bed opportunities in the house and out

buildings on the property but please call to claim. Jim and Doug Laber will be hosting the ride at the Starlight Ranch which is owned by Family. We will have a generator there that gives us lights in the house in the evenings. There is a large patio and fire pit for gatherings. Firewood if you have it will help and we will be bringing some out with us. It can get very cold and or very windy at the ranch so be prepared for that.

Jim Laber, Cell: 559-250-7906,

Doug laber, Cell 559-786-6634

LAT: 34.92479 LON: 118.382792





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Jan. 7, 2020

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle
Directors: Jim Laber, Debbie McDougald, Muriel Holland, Paige Stambach, Steve Naylor

Minutes review and approved: 1st Jim Laber, 2nd Paige Stambach

Correspondence:

Treasurer report: YTD Income: \$13,292.37 YTD Expenses: \$23,246.76
YTD Profit(Loss): \$(-\$9,954.39) General Checking: \$7,865.17
CD's and Savings: \$11,392.95 #2CD: \$5,018.15

Committee reports:

Education: Muriel working with 4-H for learning opportunity.

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due Jan 20. State is looking for newsletter editor. Thanks to all who contributed to newsletter.

Public lands: Mike McGuarity willing to work with us on signage for Shaver Lake Trail.

Sunshine:

Shaver Lake:

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows sponsorship to run from Jan. to Jan.

2. Stamey concert- 70 tickets sold. KJUG to advertise. Blast to go out.

3. Christmas dinner 2019- Music had very positive feedback. Thank yous need to be sent. Send to Jan for mailing. Raffle/
silent auction- positive feedback. (do again). Need more donation co-ordination.

Entertainment for next year- Possibly have the Gilly Girls sometime. John Pemberton was positive (for 2020).

Centerpieces- possibly sell next year. Donations- could use a spread sheet. Food- Discussion on different menu for next year.

4. Events-Jerry Jones for General Meeting. Officers Training- need location and address for Jan. 25 meeting.

Ruth to find info. General meeting- Business at 6:30. Jerry Jones @ 7:00. Special election to be held at general meeting. Blast
to go out. Names for directors- Fredi, Doug, Steve, Marcee, Jim L., Debbie, and Rick. Volunteer Awards for USFS- April 28
Red Bluff Rendezvous-Mar 27-29, 2020. Playday-Mar. 14, Steve Naylor's. Bring your own lunch.

Ruth went to USFS meeting for permit process. Need to start process in Jan. \$60 application fee plus 5% of income. Marcee
would like to see event grow. (30+). Marcee and Ruth will look into locations at Shaver.

Debbie to meet with Chuck and Justin (bike groups) to co-ordinate with . Possibly work together for poker rides.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar review: Next meeting Feb. 4, 2020

Adjourn: 8:17 Jim L. 1st , Steve 2nd

2019-20 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. (Bullard & Woodworth).

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed.

Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org

2019

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| Nov 5 | Board Meeting |
| Nov 27 | Board Meeting |
| Dec 14 | Christmas Dinner |
| Dec 3 | Board Meeting |
| Work Parties TBA | |

2020

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| 1/18 | Dave Stamey concert |
| 2/14-17 | Desert Ride |
| 3/14 | Playday Steve Naylor |
| 3/27-29 | Rendevous Red Bluff |
| 4/18 | Desensitization Clinic |
| 4/25 | Clovis Parade |
| May | Shaver Camp Opening TBD |
| 5/1-3 | Jose Basin Ride & Pack |
| 5/16-17 | Big Meadows work party (weather permitting) |
| 5/19-25 | Bishop Mule Days (non BCHC event) |
| June | Edison work party TBD |
| July | Wishon work party TBD |
| July 9-13 | Coast Ride (Montana De Oro) |
| 9/11-13 | Diana Sorensen Memorial Ride |
| Oct | Shaver Ride TBD |
| 10/8-12 | Coastal Mounted Unit (non BCHC event) |
| 12/12 | Christmas Dinner |

Is there any activity that you would like to sponsor? We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net. You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

Joe Kaminski
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:
www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,
www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

The purpose of this publication is to keep its members in- formed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.

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DUTCH OVEN SLOPPY JOES

This is a terrific, tame recipe for making sloppy joes over the campfire. If you want to spice it up a bit you can add chili powder, cayenne or any of a variety of other peppers or hot sauces.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds ground turkey or beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 celery ribs with leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1-2/3 cups canned crushed tomatoes
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground mustard
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- 8 to 10 hamburger buns, split

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a Dutch oven over medium heat, cook the beef, onion, celery and green pepper until meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender; drain.
2. Stir in the next nine ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 35-40 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Spoon about ½ cup meat mixture onto each bun.



**Backcountry Horsemen
of California
San Joaquin Sierra Unit**

Trail Trials Fun Day

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Members only – FREE!

(You may sign up as a new member on site)

Location

Luck of the Irish Ranch
7939 21st Avenue, Lemoore CA 93245

Time

Saddle up and ready to ride by 10:00 a.m.

Lunch

Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice

Contact

Steve Naylor
559 284-7478
scnaylor@hotmail.com

RSVP

to Steve by Wednesday, March 11, 2020
so we can plan the parking area needed

This event is meant to provide a fun opportunity
to familiarize you and your mount
with different obstacles and encounters
that may be found on a trail or ranch.

Come and Practice and Join the Fun!

No dogs • No stallions • Helmets required if under 18

Trail Trials Fun Day Directions to Venue

From Fresno:

Take 41 south
Turn west onto Fremont
Turn left onto 20 ½ Avenue (second left)
Follow the road as it turns west onto Fargo
Continue west and enter the gate on the
right. Proceed north on the road and then
turn left at the second road to reach the trailer
parking area.

From Visalia:

Take 198 west then go north on 41
Turn west onto Fremont and follow the rest of the
directions above



The Lighter Side

~ FUN QUOTES ~

"You can see what man made from the seat of an
automobile, but the best way to see what God made is
from the back of a horse."

~ Charles M. Russell (1864-1926)

"Wherever man has left his footprints in the long
ascent from barbarism to civilization, we find the
hoofprint of a horse beside it."

~ John Trotwood Moore

"A good rider can hear his horse speak to him.
A great rider can hear his horse whisper."

"A dog may be man's best friend...
but the horse wrote history."

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Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,
Joe Kaminski



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Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ www.ytbtravel.com/bchc a travel newsletter full of terrific deals from YTB, our BCHC travel partner. The newsletter is chock full of great ideas for anyone's next getaway! You can download an icon to your computer desktop for instant connection to the BCHC Getaway website.

Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

C.J. Hargreaves
BCHC Editor/Travel Site Coordinator
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A NEW YEAR!!! SPRING AND MOUNTAIN RIDES ARE ALMOST HERE ! WELL ! ABOUT MARCH TO APRIL SNOW WILL BE MOSTLY GONE

Is this the year you are going to be a frequent mountain rider? Would you like some introductions to great places to ride and others to ride with? Small group excursions (6 or less) most about an hour from the valley and some a couple of hours will be forming soon so we'll be ready when the trails are. Easy rides graduating to more rugged..whatever people want ..times and dates and ride lengths flexible . Focus will be on safety, adventure, leave no trace skills, becoming comfortable in the mountains with your horse and developing friendships with like minded riders. Last year we got a late start however the 3 groups that participated had a great time and will probably return this summer and will be able to mentor anyone new who is a little unsure. Everybody learns including the leaders.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THIS Questions, suggestions and help always appreciated. If you are already well experienced we would enjoy your company and knowledge for relaxed rides in our beautiful Sierras. CONTACT Muriel Holland 805-440-9289 or muriel@netptc.net



Ted Fisher Memorial Dave Stamey Dessert Concert

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A great concert by Dave Stamey. Our annual event held at the Clovis Elks Lodge was very well received and everyone had a great time. Dave performed his songs from his new album "Good Dog." Dave always looks forward to performing locally and is looking forward to next years event. Limiting the attendance to 100 people makes the event enjoyable. The event is always open to the public. Tickets are always presale and not at the door. During Dave's break his wife Melissa sold his albums and BCHC-SJSU furnished delicious Desserts from Hewitts Catering. People just love these desserts. The Clovis Elks Lodge is always a great venue for this concert. They have a full bar and the staff is always very helpful. So if you are looking for a great event for next year please check out our web page bchcsjsu.org for date of event and when tickets will be on sale. Thanks To Gary Van Sickle, Sue Van Sickle, Alan Fry, Patricia Peverill and Duane Peverill for their help at the event.

Here is a little bit about Dave Stamey: Cowboys and Indians Magazine has called him "the Charlie Russell of Western Music." Western Horseman Magazine has declared his "Vaquero Song" to be one of the greatest Western songs of all time. True West Magazine named him Best Living Western Solo Musician four years in a row.

Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has been voted seven times Entertainer of the Year, seven times Male Performer of the Year and Five times Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association, and received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He's delighted audiences in twenty three states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses.

In November of 2016 Dave was inducted into the Western Music Hall of Fame. Received the Chester A. Reynolds Award at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame Oklahoma City.



A Horse Named Luke

By Cara Peterson
2-3-2020



In the field he is so humble,
Never wants to cause a rumble.
The others only pick on him,
Because he always lets them win.
A cow will choose to run right by,
Less threatening than the other guy.
But on the trail a different story,
He leads the heard in all his glory.
In the past a battle horse,
Search and Rescue now his course.
To pony the mules or pack the ladders,
Water and grass are all that matter.
When riders join up, he'll be ready,
To carry them so calm and steady.
Nice low head parading through town,
I think that he should wear a crown.
One day in heaven because of grace,
A horse named Luke will have a place.

A woman wearing a black cowboy hat and a light-colored, long-sleeved button-down shirt is riding a white horse. She is looking off to the side. The background is a blurred, hilly landscape under a clear sky. The entire image is framed by a green border with rounded corners.

Samantha Salomon Horsemanship

Spring 2020 Clinic Schedule

2/22 Clovis, Ca.

3/14 O'neals, Ca.

4/4 Clovis, Ca

4/18 Squaw Valley, Ca

4/19 Squaw Valley, Ca

5/30 Clovis, Ca.

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Happy New Year from Back Country Horsemen of America!

The year 2020 holds much promise for BCHA, its volunteers and the continued fulfillment of our mission of "Keeping Trails Open for All." We want to start the year by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible volunteers who, time and again, offer both financial and sweat-equity in furtherance of BCHA's mission. For example, BCHA members and supporters responded with their hearts by helping us raise more than \$50,000 since April 2019.

BCHA members continue to build upon their legacy of stewardship for our nation's public lands and trails and in furthering the equestrian lifestyle. Accordingly, we would like to extend a special thank you to:

- Our generous donors and corporate partners;
- Our advocacy partners;
- Our loyal officers, at the chapter, state and national level; and
- Our unparalleled volunteers.

As a result of the generosity of these supporters, BCHA chalked up several accomplishments in 2019 in order to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. What we've learned is that our biggest gains come when BCHA works in close coordination with its state and local chapters. In other words, we are most effective when chapter members, state leadership and BCHA (national) are all pulling together in the same direction.

Thank you for being a BCHA supporter. This year promises to serve as another banner year for elevating the voice of BCHA and further empower our membership to be stewards of the nation's trail system.

Here's a look back at our biggest moments in 2019 in keeping pack and saddle stock trails open and enjoyable for all.

Keeping Motorized Uses on Motorized Trails

With your support in 2019, BCHA became a national leader in the effort to prevent the authorization of electric bikes (e-Bikes) on non-motorized trails. In October, BCHA assumed the role as lead plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the Tahoe National Forest for its illegal authorization of e-Bike use on over 130 miles of non-motorized trails.



Supporting Permanent Authorization of the LWCF

In March, you cheered on Congress when they acted to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Since 1964, the LWCF has been used to support local parks and trails and to fund strategic federal land acquisition that served, among other things, to fill in gaps in both the Pacific Crest and Continental Divide national scenic trails.



Ensuring Forest Service Trails Budget Remains Intact

Throughout 2019, BCHAs Director for Public Lands & Recreation worked closely with leaders of national hiking, bicycling, motorcycling and other organizations to develop and demonstrate widespread public support for our joint request to Congress to enhance recreation- and trails-related budgets of the federal land management agencies. It paid off! We learned last month that in 2020 the U.S. Forest Service will see an increase of at least \$1 million to their trails budget. In fact, 2020 represents the third year in a row when the efforts of our national trails coalition resulted in minor increases (not decreases) in the Forest Service trails budget.



Supporting Solutions that Augment Forest Service Trails Budget

As a result of BCHA members' efforts to secure the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act (Public Land 114-245, Nov. 2016), 2020 will represent the third year in which the Forest Service will offer matching grants to partners solely for the purpose of reducing the trail maintenance backlog. Since 2017, a total of \$850,000 has been made available, which several of our BCH states and chapters have benefited from.



BCHA's First Ever Officer Training Webinar Series

For the first time in its 40-plus year history BCHA's Education Committee was charged with and completed a curriculum of information and teaching resources which can be accessed by all members of BCHA for the distribution of standardized knowledge, processes, policies and practices throughout all levels of the organization across the nation. The Education Committee created webinars and offered them nationwide to anyone wanting to participate free of charge!



Grant Committee

The newly created BCHA Grant Committee is a standing committee that disseminates grants to states and chapters. The most recent grant cycle yielded more than \$7,000 awarded to 13 states and chapters nationwide, east and west of the Mississippi River! All funds assisted our organization in carrying out our mission related activities.



Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund was established to support the long-term financial stability of BCHA and to become an endowment fund in the future. It enables members and non-members alike to bequest a gift through

a will or annuity to help BCHA fulfill its mission of truly Keeping America's Trails Open Forever. More than \$80,000 has been raised by more than 70 supporters. Along with providing a means to give to BCHA, we can educate you on how best to leave a legacy for your family.



Back Country Horsemen of America works to keep trails open for you.

Trails and Wilderness Rendezvous

Hosted by Backcountry Horsemen of California BCHC Education Fund - a 501c3 Corporation

**Tehama County
Fairgrounds
Red Bluff, CA
March 27-29, 2020**



Friday

Fund Raising Dinner 6-8pm
Chad Bushnell in Concert 8pm
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Saturday

Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting 5-7pm
Dinner, Raffle & Auction 7pm



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Participants:

- USFS, BLM, Coleman Fish Hatchery
- CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife
- Calif. State Horsemen's Association

For more information, visit:
<http://bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm>
Contact Larry Shuman @ 530-526-0590
Email: Lshuman62@gmail.com



BCHCSJSU SHIRTS

On the trails we work and ride we share the trail with others, that at times have trouble seeing us because of shadows and various modes of transportation used, especially in non wilderness designated areas.

For that reason your unit board of directors has made this shirt available for safety on trail rides and work parties as well as a way to promote our unit and its activities.

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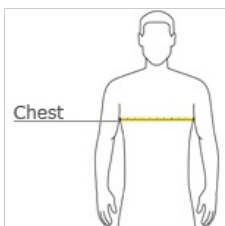
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Back Country Horsemen of California Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) Crosscut Saw & Chainsaw Operations

Objective: Overview of JHA for Back Country Horsemen of California for crosscut saw and chainsaw operations for Tailgate Safety Briefing.

Reference: USDA FOREST SERVICE SAW OPERATIONS GUIDE 2014 Electronic Edition v 1.3
21 November 2014

Communication: Conduct a tailgate briefing session at the beginning of each project. Review scope of project work. Review proper tool usage. Review worksite specific Emergency Evacuation Procedures (EEP). Review communication plan tailored to the scope of the project. Complete land management agency's administrative process in accordance with their required provisions. Complete land management agency's required communication process in accordance with required provisions.

Personnel Protection: Consider one's physical capabilities for doing the job one is asked to do. Have experienced workers do the job one is asked to do. Be prepared for the work project with proper clothing, rain gear, and adequate food and water. Use Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) as required by the reference. Use eye protection, hearing protection with chainsaws, gloves, long sleeved shirts, hard hats, leather boots, and chainsaw chaps (optional for crosscut sawing). Have a first aid kit for the workforce. No one works alone; always have two people working together.

Equipment: Follow manufacture's safety, operation, and maintenance recommendations for specific saws. Chain saws must have a functional chain brake. Have an axe, wedges, maul or single bit axe, spare chainsaw chain, chainsaw wrench, and WD-40 appropriate for the project available. Have approved leak proof containers for chainsaw fuel and oil.

Travel to worksite: Use covering sheath for saws and tool guards for trail tools. Use proper transport for saws and trail tools carried on trail stock. Foot traffic travel 10 feet apart and carry tools properly. Carry saws on downhill side pointing toward the ground and away from your body. Carry crosscut saw with teeth facing outward and remove rear handle when walking to worksites.

Worksite: A worksite hazard assessment shall be conducted prior to all sawing and reassessed as the project progresses. Survey the worksite and check for overhead hazards. Never work under overhead hazards. Determine and communicate escape route. Work uphill of log, unless you can work safely otherwise. Post lookouts to alert trail users moving through the area. Clear area where working and pay attention to your footing.

Worksite Safety: Space workforce so the activities of one will not create a hazard for another, especially when leap-frogging. Workers not essential for the mission must keep outside a safety circle. Have workers and cutting crew work on the same contour rather than some working above others. Do not saw in the dark or under hazardous weather condition.

Sawing Safety: When starting a chainsaw make sure the bar is clear of all obstructions. Engage the chain brake before starting a chainsaw. Start the chain saw with one of the following procedures:

1. Place chainsaw on the ground and hold firmly with one hand and a foot in the handle while pulling the starter rope with the other hand.
2. Place the handle of the chainsaw between your legs above your knees, hold firmly with your legs and one hand while pulling the starter rope with your other hand.
3. Place the chainsaw chain bar over a stump or log while holding the handle with one hand and pulling the starter rope with the other hand.

Unsupported air drop or throw starts when the chainsaw is supported by only one hand are not allowed.

Sawing Procedures: Anticipate log tensions and compressions and plan mitigation. Use caution when cutting limbs supporting logs off the ground. Do not saw from the downhill side. Do not buck logs on steep slopes with people below. Carefully relieve tension on saplings and limbs before cutting.

Chainsaw Safety: Have your thumb wrapped around the chainsaw handle bar at all times during cutting. Never raise the body of the chain saw above your head. Keep your head away from the path of the chainsaw bar if a kickback occurs. When not cutting always have the chain break on. Shut down the chainsaw when carrying from worksite to worksite. Let the chainsaw cool before carrying between worksites.

Fueling Safety: Allow chainsaw to cool at least 5 minutes before refueling. Fill tank on bare ground or other noncombustible surface. Fill the tank at least 200 feet from water sources. Fill tank outdoors and at least 20 feet from open flame or other source of ignition. Start the chainsaw at least 10 feet from the fueling area.

Work supervisors and crew members are responsible for participating in a Tailgate Safety Briefing before each worksite project and acknowledge participation in the discussion of this JHA (as applicable). They are also responsible for completing the land management agency's administrative process in accordance with their required provisions.

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**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

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DCTR (your Membership)

MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

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Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

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Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

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Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (8) in total that will be exclusive to the Business/Industry type. Sponsorships are \$500 each per calendar year. Sponsors will be advertised on our web page, our facebook page, at the camp, and in our monthly newsletter. Please show your support to these sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please contact Joe Kaminski at (559) 909-0505. If interested in being a camp host for this season, contact Jim Knabke at (559) 779-4715.




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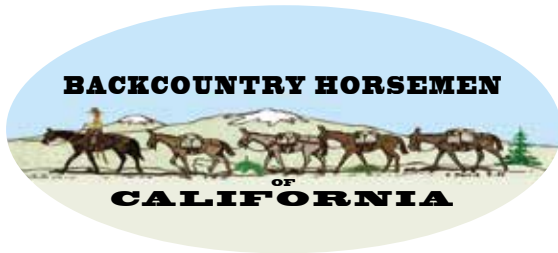
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

From the BCHC Bylaws

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legis-lation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the back-country and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.