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Presidents Message



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I write this message. As most of you now know we lost a precious member, Pete Parkin. He was not able to participate with us

due to health issues for over a year and now I personally grieve the reality of this great loss. Carol and I will miss the patient and kind smile, his sense of humor and stories he loved to share.

As of this writing the Edison work party is complete and we will soon start working on the rancheria trail above Wishon. The Shaver camp was opened on Thursday June 27th. Big Meadows is open and is ready for campers with their horses and mules. The coast trip is filling fast so if you are interested get your reservations in to Gary.

A big thanks to Jan and John Mikkelson for once again taking the helm for the Clovis parade. This is a great event that many riders and spectators look forward to.

Check out our calendar to see the tentative dates for rides and work parties. Some may have to change due to weather.

We are still looking for a historian for our unit. Also if you have a favorite place to ride and would like to host a ride, we would be glad to help with the particulars.

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

Joe Kaminski
President

FRESNO CO SEARCH AND RESCUE

A couple of weeks ago Fresno co SAR put on a trail trial for units from throughout the state. Riders from our unit included Jim Dixon, Rick Pereen and Carol Kaminski. It was a lot of fun as horse and riders challenged obstacles. Some of the obstacles included teeter tator, stacked logs and even a bear. Here are some pictures to give an idea of the day.





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting May 1, 2019

Call to order: 6:40

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary VanSickle
Directors: Muriel Holland, Sue Van Sickle, Jim Knabke, Steve Naylon, Rick Peeren, Debbie McDougald, Paige Stambach,
Past President: Duane Peveril

Minutes review and approved: 1st Rick, 2nd. Sue

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: Muriel to write article for newsletter- stating a new opportunity is available for new mountain riders. She will host rides for people to experience mountain trail riding on day rides.

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due May 20. Jan -Clovis Parade, Jose Basin- Cara or Melanie.

Public lands: Grazing opening dates given. July 15-7,000 ft., Aug.5-8,000 Sept.1- 9,000 ft. , Sept 10- 10,000ft.

Sunshine: Thank you sent to provider of beer for Rendezvous.

Shaver Lake: Ruth checked, maybe open Shaver Camp weekend before Memorial weekend. May 17 (opening day) work party. Must be a member or associate to use.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows- Will be mid June before opening. Still need some camp hosts. Would like to use cement blocks to reinforce ramps for dumping manure.

2. Dave Stamey concert- tickets to be printed. Sales to start Oct. 2019.

3. 2019 Events- Eagle Point Ride to be added Oct. 5. Cara will host. General Meeting- Chris Tuttle-CHP to speak. SB415-trailer licensing to be changed to class C with a trailer test. Updates hopefully will be made.

4. Donations need to be asked for now for Christmas dinner.

5. Grants- RAC and BCHA grants have been submitted. Thank you Gary, Ruth and Debbie.

6. Memorial Page- Tabled for now until state meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Toilets- Repair or replace? Rick makes motion to look into new or used. Paige 2nd. Passed. Joe to check with Shaver and Big Meadows vendors.

2. Business cards- Duane suggests plain and or ICE on backs. Ride hosts need to know closest hospital/emergency responders. Need to have ICE card for each rider with vehicle id and contact information including animal name. Beacons to be looked into? Facebook page new contact- Paige Stambach. Duane 1st, Rick 2nd to move ahead with business cards. Passed.

3. Volunteer hour reports- pass reports to Ruth monthly.

Calendar review: Next meeting June 5, 2019

Adjourn: 7:50 Rick 1st , Paige 2nd

LIQUIDATING

**Liquidating all pack & camping gear,
horse & mule pack saddles, panniers**

Call Dave or Lil 805-937-3811

2019-20 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Wednesday 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

August 2-4	Diana Sorensen Memorial Tamarack Camp Out/Ride Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August 7	Board Meeting
August 20-25	Chamberlain Camp work party and beginning pack trip. Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August	Cancelled General Meeting
Sept 4	Board Meeting
Oct 2	Board Meeting
Oct 5	Eagle Point Ride Shaver Lake (members Only) Cara 559-901-5364. carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net
Oct 10-14	CCMA Poker Ride/Camp out MDO (Non Unit)
Oct 16	Elections/General Meeting
Nov 6	Board Meeting
Dec 4	Board Meeting
Dec 14	Christmas Dinner
Work Parties	TBA

2020

Feb 8, 2020 Ted Fischer Memorial Dave Stamey Dessert Concert.

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 informed 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.

JOSE BASIN MAY CAMP & RIDE



5th Wheel for Sale

Jere and Carol Bartz are selling a 5th Wheel trailer.
Call 559 924-8989 and leave message. \$6500.00

GRILLED SAUSAGE WITH POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS

An old favorite ready for the grill.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 pound fresh green beans, trimmed and halved
- 1/2 pound red potatoes, quartered
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/3 cup water

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat.
2. On a large sheet of foil, place the green beans, red potatoes, onion, and sausage. Season with salt and pepper, sprinkle with oil, and top with butter. Tightly seal foil around the ingredients, leaving only a small opening. Pour water into the opening, and seal.
3. Place foil packet on the prepared grill. Cook 20 to 30 minutes, turning once, until sausage is browned and vegetables are tender.



SUNSHINE CORNER



The Lighter Side

A cowboy buys a horse from the town pastor. The pastor explains, "to make the horse go, you gotta yell, 'Thank God!' And to make it stop, yell, 'Hallelujah.'" The cowboy rides off. He rides all day and starts to nod off in the saddle when he notices he is about to ride straight over a cliff. Searching his memory, he yells to the horse, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" The horse grinds to a stop just at the edge of the cliff. The cowboy wipes the sweat off his forehead. "Phew!" the cowboy sighs. "Thank God!"

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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!!

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Back Country Horsemen of California



San Joaquin Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Oak Group Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

The park's name, "Mountain of Gold," comes from the golden wildflowers that bloom in spring. The Park features over 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills, including 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. No dogs are allowed on trails.

July 18, 19, 20, 21, 2019

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 7/18/19 until noon Sunday 7/21/19.

There are miles of horse trails along the beach and in the foothills for all levels of riding.

Potluck: Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring an item to be shared and your own meat item for our grill.

Cost: Horse and rider for 4 days is \$ 45.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Oak Group Camp has 16 corrals, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

Contact Information: Gary Van Sickle (559) 288-0301

This is a BCHC-SJSU sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.

Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:			
Please make check payable to BCHC-SJSU and mail with completed reservation form to: Gary Van Sickle 31831 Road 132 Visalia, CA 93292	EMAIL:		Amount
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	Additional individuals		@ \$ 3.00 ea. \$
	TOTAL:		\$

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WORK PARTY PARTICIPATION

Please call Joe Kaminski and let him know if you are taking part in any of the work parties on the calendar of events. They are preparing food for all who are participating and need to know as soon as possible so they can shop and cook for the crew.

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BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP UPDATE

Jim Laber

Well it has been a very busy June with work parties which because of work and schedules we missed. You will read in articles in this edition of our Newsletter about the work done at Edison and upcoming in next months edition the Wishon/Rancheria work party. Normally Big Meadows is open Memorial day weekend but this year we waited until June 22nd. My Brother



Doug and I went up June 18th to deliver the 4 totes for potable water your directors approved at the June meeting. Each tote holds 275 gallons of water and with the addition of our Units portable tank we now have a capacity of 1300 gallon in horse camp for water needs. This should help a lot to lessen the impact on the creek next to horse camp. On June 22-23 Doug and I returned to horse camp to complete the work of Camouflaging our new water source, fixing the camp host signs,



repairing broken corrals, and removing the large tree that fell in camp across the furthest camp site in back which blocked the access around the back of camp that is normally an in and out loop to the main road. Jim Knabke joined us that Sunday to check on Horse Camp and the first host of the season. A number of other folks were already enjoying camp as well. We set about our work and were able to get the tree cut and cleared and we used some of the cut pieces as a foundation to get



the totes up and off the ground. Once cut up we rolled two large sections of the tree trunk up against the fence next to the creek access. Monday the 24th Joe and Carol were back from the Edison work party and with the mobile tank hooked up we drove up and delivered it



to camp to complete our camp site water supply. Doug and I returned on the 26th in the evening to take a trip up to Weaver lake. We got out early and found the trail along the road to Weaver trail head very wet and mostly blocked with deadfall. Not impassible but for now you will need to find work arounds. When we got to the creek there was more water there than we have seen



good crack in it. With the help of a broken branch for leverage we were able to split the two pieces and get them rolled to the side of the trail. A little further up the trail we started to run into snow 1-2 feet deep which crossing took a while to coax our rides over. After a



in a number of years especially this late in the season. We arrived at the trail head and all was clear until after we crossed into the wilderness. We found an old dead 30-40 inch across the trail and with some old school football training pushing were able to get it to roll off its perch which gave an opening around one end. Further up the trail we found another tree about 15" across the trail. It fell on a rock on the high side that caused a

couple of these they got better with it, but we had to be careful on the deeper crossings as the melt coming down the trail was flowing down the center of the trail and undermining the snow causing fall throughs on the



deeper sections. We wondered whether we would make it all the way to the lake but as the rock increased closer



to the lake the snow was all gone from the trail. The lake was very full with snow still on the granite face on the opposite side of the lake. Most of the open areas around the lake were clear with snow in mostly the shady areas. We again went up July 7th with Joe and completed some more repairs on the corrals and filled the portable water tank, All in all Horse Camp Big Meadows is ready for your visit and it appears water will not be an issue this year But to be on the safe side bringing your own will help to maintain the supply especially later in the season. Please remember pumping from the creek is prohibited. We hope to make a trip still this season to clear some of the trail along the road that leads up to the Jennie lakes trail head.



SHAVER LAKE HORSE CAMP

Camp is Open

BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit again makes the Shaver Lake Horse Camp available for use by members and associate members wishing to enjoy camping and riding at Shaver Lake.

Shaver Lake is situated at elev. 5,300 ft. within the Sierra National Forest on scenic recreational land. There are ample riding destinations, as the camp itself is adjacent to the 12.5 mile Perimeter Trail that surrounds the lake. Also in the vicinity are the Ely Mountain and Balsam Forebay Trails.

The camp is located behind a locked gate, 1 mile East of Highway 168 on Dinkey Creek Road. It is a dry camp, with portable sanitary facilities. There are two tables, a fire pit and 3 stalls. Fire regulations apply; cookstoves can be used on the table top. And, of course, campers must Leave No Trace.

California's Greatest Lakes.com describes Shaver Lake as "one of the most enjoyable vacation lakes in California" with a "balmy, 78-degree average high temperature." This writer has enjoyed many pleasurable hours riding and appreciating a picture-perfect view at every turn. Make your plans and reservations now to enjoy a perfect mountain experience for both you and your horse.

The camp will be open May 24 through October 31, 2019, for SJSU members only.

Cost is per membership—\$10/day for camping, \$5/day for picnic use.

Other units are welcome to use the camp after joining as Associate Members (\$15 additional).

To make reservations, contact:

Ruth Cramer

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INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN RIDING GROUP FORMING

Do you love to ride your horse lots of places but have never ridden in the nearby Sierras. Perhaps you don't know where good trails are? Are unsure of how your horse will react to strange terrain, obstacles and smells? You don't have anyone to mountain ride with? You just need more information to feel safe and have fun in the mountains? As interest dictates small groups of 4 riders and a guide will gather to ride 2 times a month in the areas above Shaver Lake, Huntington Lake and Courtright Lake. Rides will start easy and progress according to groups desires.

Tailgate sessions before each ride will discuss what to expect and general safety tips. If interested please contact Muriel Holland @ 805-440-9289 for more information. I am also looking for an experienced mountain rider to ride along for safety and to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for our beautiful high country.

LOST RIDER PLAN

"If you don't know how to get where you are going, or how to return from where you came; YOU ARE LOST"
"Being lost can be a state of mind; denial and panic are your enemies."

PLANNING

- ◆ Research the area using maps, guidebooks, and various online and computer-based resources, to become familiar with trails, streams, mountains, roads, and other features.
- ◆ Plan your route using US Geological Survey (USGS) topographical maps – especially if you are traveling long distances through wilderness - bring the map with you.
- ◆ Just prior to leaving obtain current locations for livestock water and safe/unsafe water crossings, trails to avoid, and any potential new hazards. Know the hazards in the area you are going into: animals that could be dangerous, edible and poisonous plants, etc.
- ◆ Get a current weather forecast for the area, and wear appropriate clothes and equipment. Bring additional clothing layers for unexpected weather.
- ◆ Leave your trip information, including the time you're planning to return, with a responsible person and/or with the local Ranger Station. Don't change the route without notifying your contacts.
- ◆ It's wise to travel with a friend and sign the register at trailheads.
- ◆ **BE PREPARED!**
- ◆ Communications can save a life. Carry a list of emergency and contact phone numbers for that area. Consider these options:
 - ◇ Bring a cell phone, you might be able to get a signal. Text messages and GPS phone signals can be picked up by satellite.
 - ◇ Consider a satellite phone in the backcountry, where there is often no cell service.
 - ◇ Stay in touch with others in your group using FRS or GMRS 2-way radios.
 - ◇ If venturing into a remote area, consider renting a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon), which allows you to activate a satellite-based distress signal to send help.
- ◆ Accidents, injury, and illness may need to be addressed. Consider, at minimum:
 - ◇ First Aid or Wilderness First Aid training.
 - ◇ Basic survival training, such as building a shelter.
- ◆ Are the **CHILDREN** in the group prepared?
 - ◇ Provide children with camp and trail safety instructions, including what to do if lost. (Lost is an exception where they ARE allowed to talk with a stranger.) Provide appropriate gear, with training on use.
 - ◇ Consider participating in the **Hug-A-Tree** program, providing training for children lost in the wilderness. www.hugatree.com

BASIC SURVIVAL!

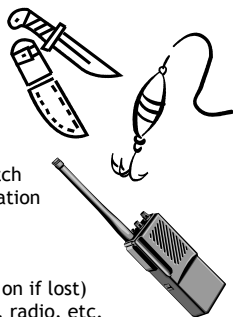
Consider carrying basic survival items on you, not your horse. Lightweight essential items can fit in a small waist pack, be attached to your belt, etc. Don't leave camp without them, even for a short walk!

Child waist pack (minimum):

1. Water
2. Clean, bright color bandana (dust blocker, scarf, bandage or sling, washing, signal flag, etc.)
3. Pack of gum, hard candy, energy bar (replenish as needed)
4. 2 trash bags (use as emergency rain gear or groundsheet)
5. A plastic whistle (three regular repeated tones means help)
6. Pocket size emergency blanket (great for shelter, warmth or light-reflecting signal)
7. Small palm size flash light (with fresh batteries)
8. Chemical light stick(s)
9. 2-way radio (with fresh batteries)

Adult waist pack (add to the above):

1. Compass (and map of the area)
2. Knife
3. Condoms (un-lubricated) for water storage
4. Water proof matches, flint and steel or a metal match
5. Water purification tablets or water bottle with filtration
6. Long strip of folded aluminum foil for cooking
7. Fishing kit (hooks, sinkers, and some line)
8. Small back-packing first aid kit (with instructions)
9. Cell phone and other communications devices (turn on if lost)
10. Spare fresh batteries for GPS, flashlight, cell phone, radio, etc.



REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR BECOMING LOST!

- ◆ Know how to use the topographical map and compass to locate yourself, and to navigate.
- ◆ Carry a GPS and know how to use it.
- ◆ Orient yourself to landmarks when you start your trip, and continue to orient yourself throughout the trip. Turn often to look at your back trail so a return on that trail will look familiar, particularly at trail junctions.
- ◆ Learn some tracking basics so you can follow your own shoe prints or horse's hoof prints on your own back trail.
- ◆ Stay on the trail.

LOST and SEPARATED FROM YOUR HORSE?

- ◆ **STOP!** (Stop, Think, Observe, Plan.)
- ◆ If injured, apply first aid. Clean off blood as much as possible. Bury anything with blood on it, away from your location.
- ◆ Don't go looking for your horse. **STAY** where you are!
- ◆ Take inventory of what you have for food, water, etc.
- ◆ Try to get your bearings using map and compass, GPS.
- ◆ Try to backtrack yourself to a familiar location. **STOP** if you lose your back trail or not sure of your route.
- ◆ Your biggest threats are probably dehydration and hypothermia. Find water (be prepared to purify/filter), and stay warm and dry.
- ◆ Water is a priority— you can go a longer time without food. Do not eat anything you are unsure of. Wild berries, fruit, mushrooms, etc., may make you sick.
- ◆ Try to stay as clean as you can. (Dirty clothing loses insulating properties. Good sanitary conditions will assist your body in fighting infections from cuts.)
- ◆ **Help rescuers find you!**
 - ◇ **Stay put** after you find water and shelter. If you keep moving, you will be harder to find.
 - ◇ Gather wood and start a small fire (use extreme caution in the dry season.)
 - ◇ **Be visible.** Find an open space, make a sign of wood 'SOS' or 'HELP'. Spread out the reflective emergency blanket and secure the corners.
 - ◇ If circumstances *force* you to move, leave obvious **CLUES** such as frequent clear footprints, directional arrow made of rock or sticks, a message with name, date and time, break some branches along the trail (particularly at an intersection), etc.
 - ◇ **Stay on the trail**, since searchers will usually search trails first, or others may be traveling that trail who can provide help.
 - ◇ **Make noise**—use your whistle (3 long blows) —to help rescuers locate you. Listen for voices calling, helicopters, vehicles, etc.

LOST and YOUR HORSE IS STILL WITH YOU? (Do all of the above, plus):

- ◆ Stay calm. Your panic can panic your horse.
- ◆ Injured horse? Apply equine first aid.
- ◆ If you turn your horse and start on your back trail, the horse may instinctively return to the camp or trailer area. Mark the trail as you go. While riding, look ahead 20-40 feet to try and spot your own back trail. If the route doesn't look familiar soon, **STOP**.
- ◆ Secure your horse.
- ◆ Find food and water for your horse, after you have taken care of yourself.
- ◆ Pay attention to your horse. His behavior may tell you if someone is nearby before you hear or see them, or locate a water source.

A Rider is Overdue?

STOP! THINK!

Be part of the SOLUTION, not part of the Problem!

- ◆ **Stay calm, get organized, and HAVE A PLAN before you act!** Someone needs to take charge. Perhaps the Trail Boss? Does anyone there have training as a Search Manager? Your objective is to help, not inadvertently cause problems. Do NOT simply dash off to start searching. Assess the situation. Plan!
- ◆ **Attempt to Communicate!** Can you reach that overdue person by cell phone, 2-way radio, etc., to determine status? If you yell, blow a whistle, and try to draw attention to your location, is there a response? If at a vehicle, try honking the horn periodically to act as an audible guide back to that location.
- ◆ **Assess the Situation!** If communications efforts fail, information must be gathered and assessed before any search is planned or performed by the riding group or by Search and Rescue (SAR) professionals.
 - ◇ **Who, What, When, Where?** When and where was the person last seen, and what was the direction of travel? What was the destination, by what route? When was this person due back? How long would it take this person to ride ... or hike if dismounted ... to the most likely destination if there are problems? How prepared and experienced is this person, and what survival gear is carried? Are horse and rider experienced in this terrain? What else might be pertinent?
 - ◇ Is there anything to suggest a *life threatening situation* to create a high level of urgency? Are there any known major health issues that require medicine ... and where is the medicine? Are there potential problems based on the *current* weather forecast, or new hazards in the vicinity?
 - ◇ Document known information for easy reference when reporting to local authorities, including name, age, description, and any available emergency contact information. It may also be advantageous to describe the missing rider's vehicle and location, or describe the horse and other livestock.
- ◆ **Protect Clues!** Trained searchers look for **CLUES**. **Stay away** from all areas where experienced trackers might find that person's shoe print, the horse's hoof print, etc. If a search dog is available, is there an item (clothing, sleeping bag, etc.) that would carry that specific person's scent? **DO NOT TOUCH**, simply know where it is for SAR personnel to collect.
- ◆ **Report the Incident!** *This is a great time to have emergency communication capabilities, like a satellite phone.* If necessary, travel to call the county Sheriff's department and report the overdue person. (Better to alert the authorities now, and cancel response later if the person is found safe!) Provide concise information. Use USGS map location names and latitude-longitude when available. Provide your call-back number. Be prepared to meet responding agency or SAR personnel at a designated location.

To Search, or Not to Search? Every situation is different!

A critical concern is the potential destruction of **CLUES**. If valuable clues are destroyed by untrained searchers, this can seriously handicap the SAR professionals later. If the decision is to search anyway, understanding the problems this action is likely to create, minimize the damage by minimizing the number of untrained searchers involved.

Limit to people with some tracking experience. Do NOT allow uncontrolled or mass searching!

- ◆ **Assess available resources.** How many people are there, available to search, appropriately equipped and physically capable? Does anyone there have SAR training, or substantial tracking experience, or training in protecting **CLUES**? In case of injury, what medical supplies are available? What is the highest level of medical training present? Is anyone there trained to perform mounted rescue or evacuation using a saddled horse or mule? What survival supplies, food, water, etc., are available if people from the group go search? What methods of communication are available within the group, and with outside resources? What other issues should be addressed?
- ◆ **Would it make more sense to wait for trained searchers, or quickly perform your own untrained search?** Reach logical, safe, and common sense decisions regarding performing any initial search. Consider the known degree of urgency (injury not assumed), capabilities and preparedness of the overdue person, available resources, safety issues for searchers, weather, **time** estimated to follow the most likely trail to the known destination, etc. If you don't have a known destination, or if a loose horse returned, do you have at least one experienced tracker available to track or back track the horse?
- ◆ **PLAN the search** based on available resources. If circumstances appear to require an immediate preliminary search, key locations to quickly check are the known destination using the most obvious route (stay on the trail!), and to monitor the most likely destinations in case the loose horse and/or rider go there.
 - ◇ Can you **safely** send a team of people out (minimum 2), or should the search wait until daylight? Should the searchers go on foot, by vehicle, or riding? Do you have riders and livestock experienced traveling in that terrain after dark, or in inclement weather, with appropriate gear and equipment to *also* perform a search? What extra gear or supplies should you send with them? Should you send along an extra saddled mount? A pack animal? **Remember the more new hoof prints there are on that trail, the harder it will be to track the overdue rider later!**
 - ◇ **Prioritize search missions.** Everyone deployed—even to monitor elsewhere—is considered a searcher. Are all aware of the critical importance of spotting and protecting possible **CLUES** found on the trail and at monitoring locations? (On the trail, flag and protect any found clue, note the latitude and longitude or triangulate an approximate location to report to SAR management.)
 - ◇ **Coordinate** communications and rendezvous plans **before** deployment. Keep a record of what searchers are assigned where, and other pertinent information to share with SAR management. Leave at least 2 people (buddy system) at the initial rendezvous point, or an obvious note for the overdue person to stay there until you return. Can you safely leave a method of communication and some basic supplies?

LOST PERSON or LOST RIDER?

- ◆ Did the horse come back without the rider?
 - ◇ If so, the rider may be injured.
 - ◇ Definitely he/she is on foot.
 - ◇ Any **CLUES** from the horse's direction of travel, or condition of the horse or tack?
 - ◇ Where is the closest "help" destination for the overdue rider?
- ◆ Are horse and rider **both** missing?
 - ◇ The horse might still bring the lost rider back to ... where?
 - ◇ The rider, horse, or both could be injured.
 - ◇ The horse may have a problem resulting in the rider hiking to ... where?
 - ◇ Horse and rider may be separated.
 - ◇ The rider may be looking for his/her horse.
 - ◇ A loose horse may return to ... where?



The horse is a search partner. The horse is indicating someone or something is straight ahead. Pay attention!

Searchers look for **CLUES**! Hoof prints, boot prints, small or large items that may/may not belong to the overdue person, etc. A *trained professional can see what the untrained eye won't see.* **Don't trample those clues!**

NEVER put others in jeopardy! Search team of up to 4 people. For safety, all searchers must be appropriately skilled, equipped, and experienced in that terrain. **You don't want any missing searchers!**

When searching, be alert for **CLUES**. Continue to try to contact that person using communications devices, shouting his/her name, blowing a whistle, etc. **Make NOISE**, then **LISTEN** and **LOOK!**



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Does SAR interest you? Ask your Sheriff's department about joining local volunteer Mounted SAR, or assisting SAR as Packers.

EDISON WORK PARTY

June 17 – 23, 2019

Once again the BCHC SJS Unit Trail Crew had a productive and enjoyable week clearing trails around Edison Lake. The weather was beautiful with only one afternoon thunderstorm. The days were sunny and warm and the nights were cool and refreshing.

It has been awhile since we have seen the lakes full to the brim and the creeks rushing over their usual banks. We encountered 6 foot high snow banks along the roadsides over Kaiser Pass as our caravan of horse trailers traveled to Edison. The trip was uneventful due to our excellent pilot car manned by Muriel Holland leading the way.

Just as we finished setting up camp at the High Sierra Pack Station we were greeted by an energetic mountain thunderstorm which cooled the afternoon. Jon and Janice Cunningham graciously allowed us to set up our base camp at their facility. It is great to have a hot shower after clearing trails all day! Upon our arrival we found John and Allen Parenti, the station's senior packer, busy clearing many fallen trees around the station.

Our team was comprised of our trail bosses, Joe and Carol Kaminski, who organized and coordinated our efforts, as well as fed us great wholesome meals every day. The other members were Bob Skinner, TJ Smith, and Steve Naylor. We were also joined for a few days by Lori, Kelley, and Todd of the Wilderness Corps who provided recon for the work party. Ron Jefferson returned one night to serenade us with western music, which was appreciated by all. Fredi Chrisman joined us on our last night to pilot us back to Huntington Lake Sunday morning.

We were very successful in clearing multiple trees and debris from the trails which provide access to the wilderness. The trees ranged from 18 to 42 inches in diameter with lengths from 8 to 30 feet. It was a terrific week of rewarding work and the pure enjoyment of being in the mountains.

Thanks to the Cunninghams and their staff for their continued support of our mission.

Steve Naylor





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Yerington NV 89447**

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

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

New **Renewal**
 Change

(indicate change)

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity
<input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Redwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers
<input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes
		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership)

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

Street Address/PO Box

City _____ State _____ Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) _____ Area Code _____ Phone number _____

Email Address: _____ (please print legibly)

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

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

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

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

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Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bchcalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 60.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	\$500.00

On that form, I also requested:
 _____ Associate Memberships \$ _____
 My Total Remittance: \$ _____
 My Check Number: _____
 Date Mailed: _____

Verification of BCHC membership

is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address

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MEMORIAL RIDE

TAMARACK SNOW PARK AREA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE

Saturday, August 3, 2019



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Breakfast and Lunch served

In the saddle and riding out by 10:00 a.m.

RSVP By July 28, 2019 To confirm attendance & direction or Information. Contact:

Joe/ Carol Kaminski

559 909 0505

Dry Camping available. NO POTABLE WATER. May be creek water available for horses/mules.

Riders Meeting 9:00 A.M. All riders out on ride no later than 10:00.

Two separate Trails will be available to ride. Your choice.

No Dogs. No Stallions. No ponying allowed on this ride and under 18 must wear helmet

Coffee, Pastries and Biscuits and Gravy will be served prior to ride.

Deep Pit Lunch -Awards-Raffle after ride.

ALL NAMES will go into drawing for Memorial Buckle.



COME EARLY AND CAMP

Open to The PUBLIC-Bring Chair-Water for your horse. Sign up EARLY!!

Web page bchcsjsu.org

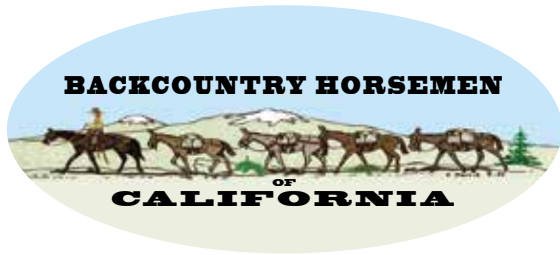


Directions:

Hwy 168 east above Shaver Lake. Turn right at Tamarack Snow Park.



Stay on Rock Creek dirt road to the right (heading south). Camp Site 9S45 is 2.1 miles in. Turn right.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

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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 legislation 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 backcountry 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.