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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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Presidents Message



Thank you for being patient as we have to cancel rides due to the weather. Thanks to Jan Mikkelson we will again be entered in the Clovis parade. In the next couple of weeks we hope to have some dates firmed up for our calendar.

Some of the dates will include work parties, rides, and a beginning pack trip. We also have the coast scheduled for July.

We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of tracking hours. If interested please let me or another board member know.

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.

Joe Kaminski
President



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PACK CLINIC or HOW TO TIE BOX AND DIAMOND HITCH

On Sunday March 24th 14 people showed up for a hands on and pack demo by Kathy Rhode and Debbie Mc Dougald. This gave us a total of 16 participants. Although not a BCHC sponsored event, most were members. After questions and a demo by Kathy and Debbie, it was time for hands on as everyone paired up and began practice on the extremely patient mules [actually 55 gallon drums on legs].

How good it was to take your time and be observed while tying the hitch. Loads were changed up and then tied again all the while under the watchful and helpful eyes of the instructors. Time was also given to tie the bolan knot, which is a very common knot for packing. Thanks also to Bob Herrick who lended a hand on the box hitch. Participants ranged in age from 11 to Weather was perfect and an extremely fun event was enjoyed by all.





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Feb. 6, 2019

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary VanSickle

Directors: Muriel Holland, Sue Van Sickle, Debbie McDougald, Paige Stambach, Duane Peverill -Past President, Guest: Cindy Golarte, Rick Pereen, Fredi Chrisman, Jan Mickelson

Minutes review and approved: 1st Carol, 2nd. Debbie McDougald

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: Muriel Holland has stepped up as coordinator. Discussion on how to move forward. Possible clinics, demos, 4-H, sheriffs posse, vet groups.

Membership: One new member. Process: new member names are sent to Jan so a welcome letter can be sent. Expired memberships are also sent to Jan by state. Renewal reminders are sent out by state. Jan will send a note or call to encourage renewals. Fredi volunteered to send with paper mail or call to also encourage renewals.

Newsletter: Articles due Feb. 20. Will ask Jim or Doug Laber for article on desert ride.

Public lands.

Sunshine: Katie Horst had surgery. Card to be sent.

Shaver Lake: Edison to repair bridge. Opening to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows- Work Party scheduled for May 19-21.

2. Stamey concert- Ticket sales to start earlier next year. Scheduled for Feb. 8, 2020.

3. 2019 Events- Troy Ford to speak at Mar. 20 general meeting. Muriel to look in to Muir Trail Ranch for May 15 general meeting speaker.

4. Rendezvous- Muriel and Paige to consider table decorations for dinner. \$250 donation approved for our club donation to Rendezvous. Sue 1st., Muriel 2nd. Passed.

5. By-law- 2 signatures needed for checks over \$100. Discussion. Now to be enforced. Alan Fry to look into \$200 deposit for Elks

6. Hours reports- Still looking for person to take job.

7. Christmas dinner wrap-up- 2020 BCHC dinner scheduled for Dec. 14, 2020. Pemberton to provide entertainment. Start now asking for donations.

8. Grants- 2019 3 silky saws were purchased. One sharpened. Leftover monies to be rolled over to 2019. This was a Wilderness specific grant. In 2018 five organizations worked together to clear trail. Successful grant use. Internship in 2018 successful. Will be used again in 2019. Looking for intern for 2019. Strong rider a plus, age 18-26, BCHC membership a plus. RAC- monies from rural schools to be redispursed to schools. County accepts grant proposals. Needs to be from same county. This is opportunity to compete with others for forest monies.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Paige Stambach offered to be club Instagram person for club.

Calendar review: Board meeting Mar.6, 2019

Adjourn: 8:05 Duane 1st , Sue 2nd

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

January 19	Cancelled San Joaquin River Gorge Ride Ruth Click for Flyer
January 23	General Meeting Guest Speaker.....Joe Kaminski Packing demo
February 6	Board Meeting
February 9	State Meeting
Feb 15-18	Desert Ride Starlite Ranch
February 23	CANCELLED....Obstacle Ride Fun Day. Contact Steve Naylon
March 2	CANCELLED Obstacle Ride Fun Day. Contact Steve Naylon If weather permits.
March 6	Board Meeting
March 9	CANCELLED San Joaquin River Gorge Clean up
March 20	General Meeting Guest Speaker Dr. Troy Ford DVM
March 23	San Joaquin River Gorge Ride Ruth
March 29-31	Rendezvous
April 3	Board Meeting
April 6-7	Mule Clinic (Non Club)
April 27	Clovis Parade
April 26-28	Clovis Rodeo (Non Unit)
May 1	Board Meeting
May 3-5	Jose Basin Camp Out ...Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
May 10-12	Western States Horse Expo Sac (Non-Club)
May 15	General Meeting
May 19-21	Big meadow Work Party
June 5	Board Meeting
June 17-23	Edison Work Party Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
July 3	Board Meeting
July 18-21	Montana De Oro Camp Out Gary Van Sickle
August 7	Board Meeting
August (TBA)	Diana Sorensen Memorial Tamarack Camp Out/Ride Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August	Cancelled General Meeting
Sept 4	Board Meeting
Oct 2	Board Meeting
Oct(TBA)	Eagle Point Ride Shaver Lake (members Only) Cara (559) 901-3936 carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net

2019-20 Calendar (continued)

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 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.

Pork Chop Skillet Dinner

This pork chop skillet dinner is ready to serve in under an hour, it couldn't be easier to make! Pork chops, onions, carrots and potatoes come together in a skillet with just a dash of salt and pepper for the perfect pork chop dinner.

INGREDIENTS:

4 pork loin or rib chops, 1 inch thick (1 1/2 lb)	4 small carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
1/4 cup Progresso™ beef flavored broth or chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)	4 medium onions, cut into fourths
4 medium potatoes, cut into fourths	3/4 teaspoon salt
	1/4 teaspoon pepper
	Chopped fresh parsley, if desired



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove fat from pork. Spray 12-inch nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Cook pork in skillet about 5 minutes, turning once, until brown.
 2. Add broth, potatoes, carrots and onions to skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender and pork is slightly pink when cut near bone. Sprinkle with parsley.
- Cook for 20 minutes or until potatoes are soft.

SUNSHINE CORNER

A Big HOWDY and WELCOME
Brent Patton a new member from Prather,
California.

Janet Hamilton Associate member,
Josh Mahan and Chloe' Mahan.
Hope to see you on the trail and at other
events.

A get Well to Katie Horst. Wishing a
speedy recovery from surgery.



The Lighter Side

The cowboy was trying to buy
a health insurance policy. The
insurance agent was going down
the list of standard questions. "Ever
have an accident?" "Nope, nary
a one." "None? You've never had
any accidents." "Nope. Ain't never
had one. Never." "Well, you said on
this form you were bit by a snake
once. Wouldn't you consider that
an accident?" "Heck, no. That dang
varmint bit me on purpose."

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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

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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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CHAIN SAW CERTIFICATION CLASS

3-30-19

The class was held at the Sequoia National Forest Station in Dunlap, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. About half the time was spent in the meeting room, and half in the field. After the lecture on everything from safety measures to chain saw maintenance, we piled into work vehicles and were driven to above 4,000 feet. The area was a previous fire burn, down trees everywhere. They provide the saws, helmets, etc. that are needed. Some of us brought our own chain saws. They broke us into groups with the 1,2,3,4 count system. Then we went with our group leader. The logs we cut were 12" and we were free of anything too gnarly. I don't know about the other groups. We were not asked to cut anything risky, and we were advised to pass if we had that gut feeling. The training was staged by fire hot shots. They kept referring to clearing the road instead of clearing the trail. Five members of BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit attended. Jim Laber, Jim Dixon, Ruth Cramer, Josh Mahan, and Cara Peterson. Others in attendance, a logger, a feller, a Cal Trans employee, 2 forest service workers, and 2 locals that were asked to get certified because they had been clearing trees off the road in the snow. Jeremy told us that he has only been asked to train once a year, and not every year, and this was his largest class. Hopefully more BCHC members will attend when the opportunity arises. I liked the class. I learned a lot of safety tips. The best part is we can now hit the trails with our chain saws! Think about the value in that. Consider being certified next time. It's well worth it. The CPR and Basic First Aid training can be done quickly on line, good for 2 years, and the Chain Saw Certificate is good for 3 years.

Happy Cleared Trails!



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"There's a Mule Under My Saddle Cookbook" by Jean Brown of Idaho \$10.00

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Horse First Aid.....great, informative quick reference \$25.00

Contact: Pete Parkin 559-871-4500 ktzpaw@yahoo.com &/or look for items at our rides and meetings.

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!

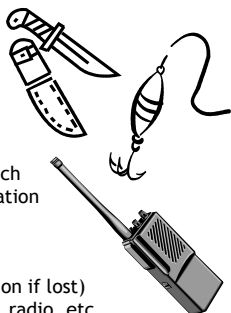
Consider carrying basic survival items on you, not your horse. Lightweight essential items can fit in a small waist pack, be attached to your belt, etc. Don't leave camp without them, even for a short walk!

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.

**Backcountry Horsemen
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**MAIL TO: BCHC
MEMBERSHIP
1280 State Rt. 208
Yerington NV 89447**

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

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

☐ **New** ☐ **Renewal**
☐ **Change**

(indicate change)

☐ Antelope Valley
☐ Eastern Sierra
☐ High Country
☐ High Sierra
☐ Kern River Valley

☐ Kern Sierra
☐ Lake-Mendo
☐ Los Padres
☐ Mid Valley
☐ Mother Lode

☐ North Bay
☐ Pacific Crest
☐ Redshank Riders
☐ Redwood
☐ San Diego
☐ San Joaquin Sierra

☐ Santa Ana River
☐ Sequoia
☐ Shasta Trinity
☐ Sierra Freepackers
☐ Sutter Buttes
☐ 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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Add additional choices here

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110.00
<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: \$

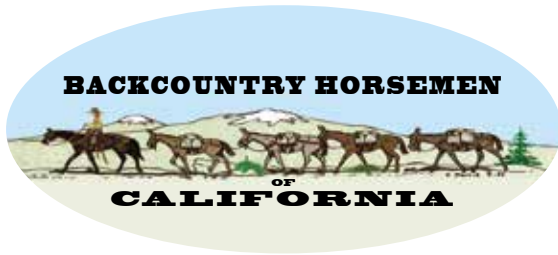
My Check Number: _____

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





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 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.