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**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN**



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## Presidents Message



The riding season is officially upon us. What a great ride once again at the Star-lite Ranch put on by our host Doug and Jim Laber. Great weather, great riding, great food and even better was visiting with everyone. Next up is the playday at Steve Naylor's. Once

again Jim Knabke is putting together our host for Big Meadows. If interested let him know right away.

I continue to be so thankful for a fantastic unit and your continued support. We continue to have more and more support. One area we have seen growth is all the sawyers we now have certified, thank you all.

This year should see some great work parties and rides.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our general meeting March 18, at 6:30 scheduled speaker is Troy Ford. Come with your questions.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for Rendevous 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



## **BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP – Open and Still Free Horse Camping**

Open 2020 courtesy of Backcountry Horsemen of California – San Joaquin Sierra Unit

### **BACKGROUND**

Big Meadows Horse camp is located in the Sequoia National Forest at about the 7000 foot elevation. The camp is for horse camping. There are about 16 pipe corrals with campsites with fire rings. This camp has been open to the horse-public for many years on a no reservation, no fee basis. However, the US Forest Service (USFS) was scheduled to have a vendor take over this site and have it run as a fee, reservation only horse campground in 2016. Because of the long association of Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) with this site, the USFS agreed to let BCHC run the site. Our club is volunteering to operate the campsite (there will be a camp host). The camp will be run pretty much as it always has – no fees, first come – first serve.

### **KEEPING THE BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP OPEN**

If you are a horseman and like to ride in the Sierras and have not been to this camp, this is a great venue. If you are a veteran of the camp and have enjoyed staying, you can keep enjoying the camp. Our club unit is a volunteer organization and the camp will stay open if we can afford the expense of maintaining the camp (we have to pay for trash pick-up, lavatory supplies, etc.). **Donations are what will keep the camp open and running as it always been run** – otherwise it could become a very expensive outing with all the reservations gone on January 1. So if you like the camp, help keep it the way it is!

**Donations can be sent to :** **BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit**

**P.O. Box 25693, Fresno, California 93729-5693**

**Mark Donations for Big Meadow Horse Camp**

### **LOCATION**

The camp is in Sequoia National Forest on the edge of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park (you have to enter the park to get here). From Fresno, CA, take highway 180 eastward to The Generals Highway (highway 198) and turn right onto 198; go about 7 miles to forest road 14S11 and turn left. There is a Big Meadows sign there; road 14S11 is paved; the camp is about 4 miles up the road (camp co-ordinates are 36°43'01.76N 118°50'57.71W).

**There is no drinking water at the camp – bring your own.** Early season may have some stock water available, but you should plan on the need to have water for your stock.

There is a good, maintained pit toilet at the site.

Fire rings are at the campsites; weather, drought, and USFS control whether fires are allowed or not.

**Will be open in 2020 starting when weather permits (probably sometime in late May)**



## *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

**Adjorn:** 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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

## 2019

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

## 2020

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](mailto: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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org) for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,  
[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org) for the State Web Site

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## Dutch Oven Pork Chops and Potatoes

This is a throw-it-together, one kettle dish that is delicious and hearty for the campsite.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 Pork Chops
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 cups seasoned bread crumbs
- ¾ cup water, divided
- 3 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1 can Cream Of Mushroom soup
- Salt & Pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat the Dutch oven on the campfire. Add the olive oil.
2. Season your pork chops with salt and pepper.
3. When the oil is hot, lightly brown the pork chops.
4. Melt the butter in a separate pan. In a bowl mix together butter, bread crumbs, and a ¼ cup of water.
5. Spoon that mixture over the pork chops and turn them to coat.
6. Place the cubed potatoes on top of your pork chop mixture.
7. Cover the entire thing with the cream of mushroom soup mixed with the remaining ½ cup water.
8. Assemble coals under and on top of Dutch oven, then bake for 1 hour at around 350 degrees.



# SUNSHINE CORNER



## The Lighter Side

~ FUN QUOTES ~

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another."  
~ Charles Dickens

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."  
~ Albert Pike

"The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident."  
~ Charles Lamb

"Your best teacher is your last mistake."

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If you have any photos send them to Duane at [wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net)

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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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## "Travel Advantage"

Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ [www.ytbtravel.com/bchc](http://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.

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## BCHCALIFORNIA YOUTH BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

The new Youth Background Check Policy, and all the supporting forms and documents, are posted on the BCHC.org website under the YOUTH tab.

You may be wondering why this change? Well, there are new laws and regulations at the State and Federal level that govern how child safety is ensured when children are not under the direct supervision of their parents. Our organization welcomes young members, so it becomes our collective responsibility to see that we comply with the new rules.

A background check includes you completing a BCHC BIA 8016 Form and getting fingerprinted. The form, the Youth Background Check form (BIA 8016, and the instructions for completing it, as well as a copy of the new policy and the California Penal Code Definitions of convictions that restrict eligibility for the card are all posted on the web site. Then you take the form to a business that offers Live Scan fingerprinting services. (The directions include a website where you can search for the nearest location. Remember, there are many groups that require fingerprinting; not all the instructions on the site apply to BCHC members. We follow the instructions on the BCHC Youth Background Check Instructions). Each unit will determine their policy for handling the fee for a background check.

The instructions clearly identify who needs to complete a background check and have a Youth Volunteer Program Card:

“If you are the responsible party (trail boss or temporary guardian) of a Minor Member attending a BCHC event/activity, you must apply.” Sample events: Work project, Trail Ride, Parade, Trail trials. One side note: The directions include camp counselor and youth camps as examples; SJSU does not sponsor those events but other units may.



## BCHCalifornia YOUTH POLICY

Have you read the new Youth Policy that came in to effect with the new year?

Behind the "YOUTH" tab on the member web site is a wealth of information to help guide you when including minors in unit events. The changes are summarized below; I encourage everyone to read the material and become familiar with the youth policy.

First, there is a new category of membership called "Minor Membership" that includes young people who are friends or family members NOT included in a family membership.

Second, there are forms online are two release forms online that need to be completed.

For example:

BCHC Youth Membership Release Form:

A young person has their parent's permission to join a BCHC unit; the application must include a "BCHC Youth Membership Release" that is signed by the parent or guardian. This allows the young person to become a member of the unit.

Parent Permission Form for Individual Activities:

A youth member participating in a unit event must have a Parent Permission Form that designates a family member or a guardian to be responsible for the youth. This form also includes a medical release that allows the trail boss to seek medical attention in the event it becomes necessary.

At this point another policy comes into effect, one that is also new: the BCHC Youth Background Check Policy. This will be covered in more detail in another article included this month; it basically ensures that all unit members are in compliance with the DOJ laws and regulation regarding youth activities. It's pretty simple: If you are the responsible party (trail boss or temporary guardian) of a Minor Member attending a BCHC event/activity you must have a BCHC Youth Volunteer Program Card.

In summary, there are three points that determine when a card is required in order for a minor member to participate in an event:

1. Responsible party is the parent.  
No Card required
2. Guardian/Responsible party is a family member: (grandparents, for example):  
No Card is required
3. Guardian/Responsible party is NOT a family member: (neighbor, friend, for example).  
A BCHC Youth Volunteer Program Card is required.

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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**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 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Lemoore CA 93245  
(see map)

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**

# Backcountry Horsemen of California San Joaquin Sierra Unit

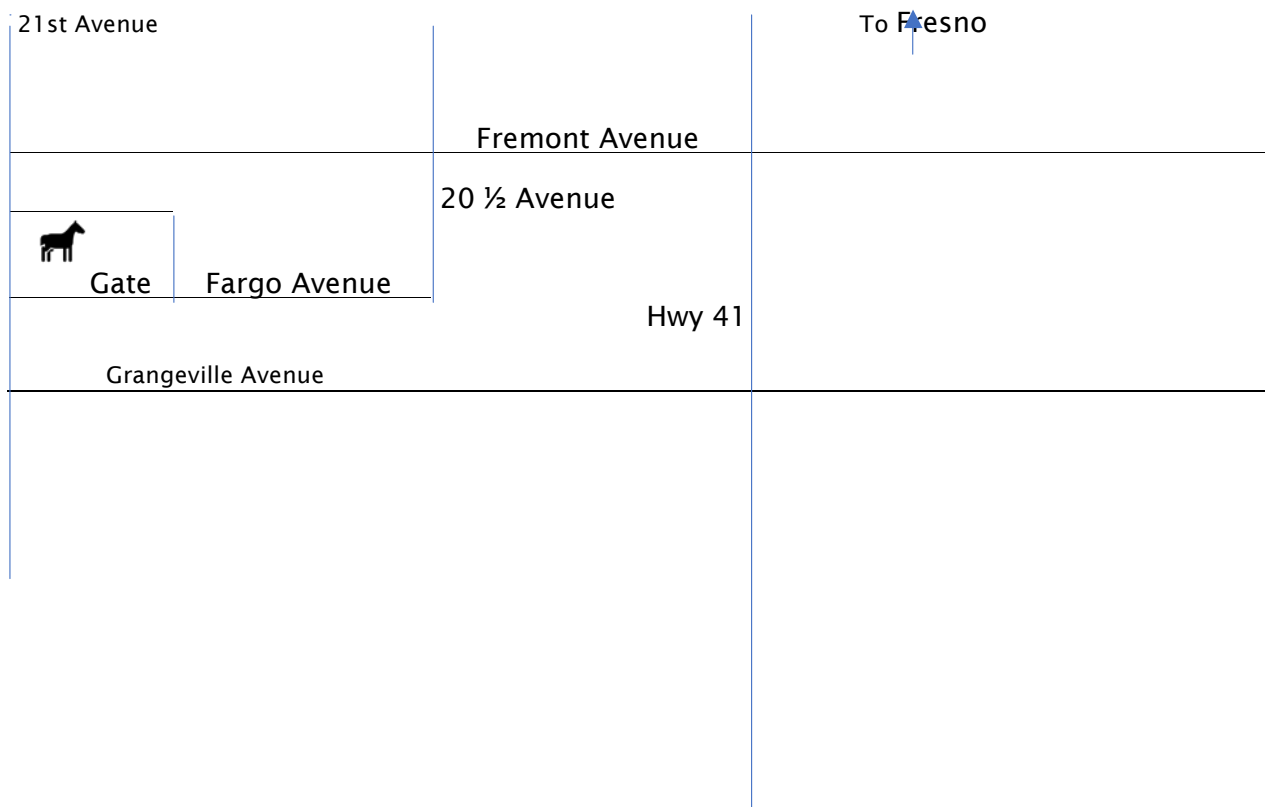
## Trail Trials Fun Day Directions to Venue

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



# 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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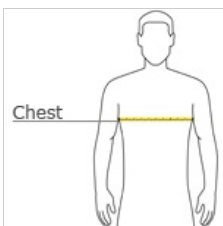
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**CHEST**  
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### SIZE CHART

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Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

## Starlight Ranch Ride



We were blessed with good weather and turnout this year. We left Visalia Friday morning at 6 am with Cara following. Our first stop on the way was breakfast at Keene on Hwy 58 on the way up to Tehachapi. After filling our tanks with good grub we headed up the hill and over Willow Springs to the ranch. We opened the gates at about 10 am and proceeded to prepare the place and our stock for the stay. Steve Naylon was the next to show and then Joe & Carol showed up. Later in the afternoon we tacked up the stock and 5 of us went out for a short ride before dinner. Unfortunately when we returned and were prepping the evening meal we heard from Marcee that she had vehicle issues in Bakersfield and may not make the trip. Behtany showed up with Raeann and we were updated on Marcee as they were all traveling together. With the help of some road angels and folks in the equine community Marcee was able to put her stock up in Bakersfield and find a mechanic to fix the truck. Marcee showed up Saturday morning to join us and it was great to hear how a number of folks stepped up to get her rig repaired, overnight her and her stock and get her safely on the road again. Marcee showed up in camp just as we were finishing breakfast and we all cleaned up and set about getting the stock ready for the first big ride.

We had 9 riders set to go and we made our way out the gate mid-morning and headed up into the hills to Bean Canyon. The girls headed up the group and kept us going at a fast pace most of the way out with awesome weather and a light breeze. We took a break up in the canyon at one of the large Junipers dotting the landscape at that elevation. Joe & Carol rode out of the canyon with us and split off back to the

camp and 7 of us continued to work west toward a large field of windmills. The terrain was good riding with plenty of challenges and few surprise jumps including one where Bethany actually was launched and landed on her feet. Glad that she was safe she remounted and we continued on making good time to our intended destination. About a mile out my ride started acting tied up and after dismounting I walked him a few miles as we headed back to the ranch.

After enjoying such a beautiful day on the trail, it was good to relax and we all gathered around the ranch house telling of our trip and sharing memories around the camp fire. We had a meal together of Chile Verde with all the fixings and got a fire going to bring a little warmth to the desert evening and an awesome starlit sky. Weather can be an issue in the desert but we were not to be froze or blown out this year and woke Sunday to another beautiful day. After breakfast we again tacked the stock up for another ride and said our good byes to Joe & Carol who had to leave. Again we had a great day of riding but us guys were glad when we returned to camp as the girls and their rides were taking a toll. Those Arabians and Raeanns ride Definitely are pace setters. Everyone except Steve Doug and I left that afternoon and after a bit of a rest the 3 of us went out for a slow paced evening ride to finish the day. Monday morning we cleaned up camp and cleared out. Thanks to all who made the trip and hope to see you soon on the trail.



# Starlight Ranch Ride





## Starlight Ranch Ride



### Starligh Ranch - Broke Down

By: Marcee Hansen

We all have those times when we are excited to head to our next "Horse Adventure". We have planned all week. Checked to make sure the horses we are taking are healthy and sound. We look over our tack as we pack the trailer. Our rigs get a quick once, sometimes twice over, before we hit the road. Still, it doesn't guarantee we will get to our destination as intended.

I had that time. As Raeann James and I are head banging to one of my favorite Heavy Metal bands, my truck sputters. It sputters again and dies. What a bummer! I went from head wheeling at hundred & sixty to flat lining with a boom. I know what happened, my fuel pump just took its last suck. Things are talked about. Possibilities are visited and a tow truck is called. As time goes by, the decision is made to send Raeann and Bethany Bush to camp and I will stay in town until my truck is fixed. YAY! I get to stay in Bakersfield! Now, to get my rig off the freeway to a safe location to switch out stock and gear. Guess what?! Since we are going on a Desert Ride we naturally choose to bring Arabians! Unexpected Encounters are never pleasant when it comes to Arabians. Luckily, our Arabians really don't have this problem. Yet, it's always exciting to have an opportunity to see how brave our Beautiful Mounts are. Why else ride a Majestic Creature?

Some great Equine People come to my rescue. An elderly Farmer, whom waived as he departed, covered my back end as I coaxed my rig off the freeway. When I got stuck again at a light, a very helpful Construction Owner/Ranch Owner towed me to a dirt lot at the corner of the intersection. He offered his ranch for the horses and I

until I got back on the road. He also gave me the number of a wonderful Mechanic right down the street. The tow truck was already on its way and the horses are doing spectacular tied to the trailers. Meanwhile, Bethany was on the phone with a friend of a friend who has a friend whom lives in Oildale. Our Oildale friend, Kelly, came and picked me and my horses up. We would stay at her place for the time being. Plans were in motion. All of these wonderful people put their Equine Hats on and got me out of a really tight situation. I just got "Paid Forward".

My truck got fixed by 10pm. The horses were happily visiting show ponies, and I was ready for bed. I'll be on the road as soon as the sun comes up. The plan was to go home. That did not happen. Thankfully.

The Starlight Ranch was about an hour away. Located NW outside of Rosamond. I was not disappointed. The desert floor was blanketed with native plants and Joshua trees. The sky was clear and the days were warm. Everywhere you looked there was a trail that led in every direction. I, of course, could barely wait to head to the highest mountain.



**Backcountry Horsemen  
of California**



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<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)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634**

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	<b>\$110.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	<b>\$125.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	<b>\$150.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	<b>\$100.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	<b>\$250.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	<b>\$500.00</b>

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



# Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



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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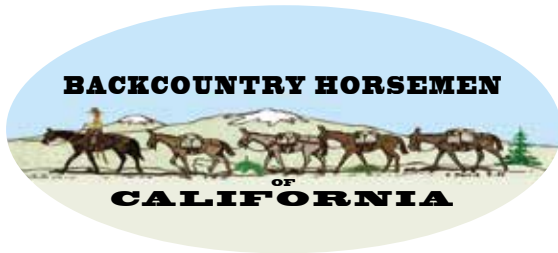
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## **Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California**

*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.