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### BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



**Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry**

## Presidents Message



The weather has been extremely hot and I hope all of you are watching out for your four legged friends. The road into Shaver Lake Equine Camp has been fixed and Wanda is standing by for you to make your reservations. It is a great site and close to the trails. A shout out to Peter Parkin for setting up the Montana de Oro camp

out and ride. The weather was great and the food was fantastic. We are over halfway through the year and have had many great events. Big Meadows Horse Camp has a camp host and waiting to greet all the equine campers. The camp is a great place to get out of the valley heat. Many other events are scheduled. Check the web page calendar for information and dates. Please contact me with any concerns you might have and also about any activities you would like to see the club sponsor. Remember....this is your club. ***Get Involved!!!!***

Please check out the web site [bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org) for all updates on the unit and activities. We have a calendar that lets you know about the upcoming activities. Hope to see you on the trail. Remember, He who procrastinates is a murder of time-SADDLE UP!

William Duane Peverill  
President, BCHCSJSU

## Montano de Oro Paradise at the Coast

BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit had its annual outing at the coast on July 6,7,8. Pete Parking made reservations at the large group site. It was a great time and the weather was perfect. Everyone arrived on Friday and left on Sunday. Peter,JC,Pat and Duane stayed until Monday to enjoy one more evening around the campfire. The participants rode on the beach and on some of the mountain trails. Some of us just enjoyed sitting around in camp and socializing. There is nothing better than a morning and evening campfire. All campsites were full. After riding on Saturday everyone gathered around the big fire pit for the joint potluck. Pete BBQ Shrimp and Joe and Carol deep fried shrimp. Everyone brought a dish to share and their own meat to BBQ. As usual there was plenty of food and a wide variety. No one ever goes hungry at our BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Units functions. On Sunday evening a group of us had dinner at the Harbor Hut in Morro Bay. The food was outstanding. If you missed out on this event you can mark your calendar for next July when we will hold the event





### *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting June 6, 2018

Roll Taken: President: William Duane Peverill, Vice President: Ted Fischer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle  
Directors: Jim Knabke, Pat Peverill, Steve Naylor, Debbie McFarren, Jim Laber, Sue Van Sickle, Fredi Chrismman, Joe Kaminski-Past President

**Minutes review and approved:** with correction 1st Ted F, 2nd Fredi C.

**Treasurer Report:** See Treasurer

**Correspondence:** Two donations for Big Meadows

**Committee reports**

**Education:** Ted- Chainsaw training date to be set. Wait until fall for class. National policy will not accept online CPR or 1st aid. Bucksaw class in SNF June 16-17.

**Membership:** Duane sending renewal reminders. New youth membership for youth ages 10-25 is \$10.00. Would like to send letter by snail mail for non e-mail addresses for update. Joe 1st, Ted 2nd.

**Newsletter:** Due June 20. Advertise for new members. Discussion on monthly advertising rates with new monthly newsletter? Article to be written about online selling costs. Monthly info articles to be borrowed for newsletter. Share quotable quotes with Jim L. As a club we are against HR-1349. See link on state page. Need BCHC approval for link for our newsletter. Send articles on to BCHC newsletter to be published. Need to update officer page.

**Public lands.** USFS 3 year plan is way past due. Inyo, Sierra, and Sequoia proposed adding 700,000 acres in wilderness. This would close access roads for our use. Pismo Dunes being attacked for air pollution from vehicles. Any changes from internal combustion engines would change air readings. Could possibly come to mountains next. Comment letter already sent from BCHC.

**Sunshine:** Ted proposes sending \$100 gift card to Carolyn Witt. Steve 2nd. Passed.

**Shaver Lake:** Edison wants us to repair road. Must use Edison approved contractor. Joe asks for \$2,000 to repair road. Fredi makes motion. Discussion followed. Jim L. 2nd. 2 opposed. Passed.

**OLD BUSINESS.** 1. Shaver Camp nothing.

2. President's gift- no new input.

3. Big Meadows-Radio training June 7. Donations- When host leaves lock cash donations in bear box. Camp rules handed out and posted at camp. Rules are a work in progress. Directors to collect monies about every 2 weeks. Motion by Joe to use bear box when needed between hosts for radio and donations transfer. Discussion. Ted 2nd. Passed.

4. Diana Sorenson Memorial Ride- free ride. Insurance to be checked on by Ted. Joe is working on belt buckle and donations.

5. General meeting-good job.

6. Jim L. new newsletter editor. Now a monthly publication.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Peter Parkin resigns as director. Duane appoints Debbie McDougal. Montana de Oro- Gary is now taking lead.

2. Radio training June 7 at 9:30 at Elks Lodge.

**Calendar:** Review- update. Next meeting maybe John Mickelson? Board meeting July 11, 2018

General meeting Aug. 15, 2018

**Adjourn:** 8:08 Fredi 1st, Jim L. 2nd



# 2018 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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

April 4	Board Meeting
April 7	Desensitizing Clinic CANCELLED
April 13-15	Rendezvous Shirley Rasmussen <a href="mailto:shirleyjas@gmail.com">shirleyjas@gmail.com</a>
April 28	Clovis Parade
April 27-30	Clovis Rodeo (Non Unit)
May 2	Board Meeting
May 4-6	Jose Basin Camp Out ...Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
May 16	General Meeting Guest Speaker Ted Fischer Chainsaw Safety and how to Become certified
June 6	Board Meeting
June 16,17	Buck saw Clinic.....Joe/Carol 559-909-0505
June 25-July2	Edison Work Party .....Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
July 11	Board Meeting
July 6-8	Montana De Oro Camp Out Pete Parkin Click for Flyer/Application
July 16-23	Crown Valley Work Party Contact Joe/Carol 559-733-9170
August 1	Board Meeting
August 10-12	Diana Sorensen Memorial Tamarack Camp Out/Ride, Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August 15	General Meeting
Sept 5	Board Meeting
Oct 1	Board Meeting (Monday)
Oct 6	Eagle Point Ride Shaver Lake (members Only) Cara (559) 901-3936 <a href="mailto:carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net">carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net</a>
Oct 4-8	CCMA Poker Ride/Camp out MDO (Non Unit)
Oct 27	Elections/General Meeting Guest Speaker Kristianne Morrison BCHC Intern Scholarship Winner. Details to follow
Nov 7	Board Meeting
Nov (TBA)	Trail Trial

## 2018 Calendar (continued)

December 5      Board Meeting  
December 8      Christmas Party

## 2019

Jan 12              Dave Stamey Concert   Tickets Go On Sale (TBA) Contact Ted Fischer 559 855-8599  
Work Parties TBA

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.

William Duane Peverill  
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

*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.*

## Dutch Oven Beef Stew

Here is another delicious Dutch oven stew recipe. You could easily take this one and add some variations to make it the perfect stew for you.

Prep time 15 mins    Cook time 2 hours    Total time 2 hours 15 mins

### INGREDIENTS:

2 lb stew meat, 1" cubes	2 tsp salt
1 large onion, sliced	1/3 c water
3 tbs oil	1/2 tsp pepper
1 can (1lb 12oz) tomatoes	1 bay leaf
1/2 c flour	6 carrots, cut into 1" pieces
1 clove garlic, minced	3 medium potatoes, peeled, cubed

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Coat beef cubes with a mixture of flour, salt and pepper.
2. Brown in hot oil in bottom of Dutch oven.
3. While Dutch oven is still hot, pour water in and scrape brown bits from bottom.
4. Place remaining ingredients into oven and cover.
5. Simmer 1 to 2 hours or until meat is tender and potatoes are done.



## Peter Parkin's Pipeline

I observed a possible serious situation while camping at the coast. Someone was going to hook up their goose neck and had their children watching for proper alignment. Problem was that one child had stepped behind the truck between the trailer. Driver continued to back not seeing the child behind the truck. After a lot of screaming and yelling the driver stopped before a potential serious accident. NEVER have anyone stand between the truck and trailer. Before backing to hook up.. Get out..check your surroundings and make sure everyone and every thing is clear. We want to make all our outings a fun and safe adventure. Here are also some things to check.

Before driving, make sure your vehicle maintenance and trailer maintenance are current. This is very important because towing puts additional stress on the tow vehicle.

- Check and correct tire pressure on the tow vehicle and trailer, including the spare tire.
- Make sure the wheel lug nuts/bolts on the tow vehicle and trailer are tightened to the correct torque.
- Be sure the hitch and other equipment that connect the trailer and the tow vehicle are properly secured and adjusted.
- Make sure the safety chains are properly connected, not touching the road but with enough slack to make turns. Sparks can cause a fire.
- Check that the wiring is properly connected; not touching the road, loose enough to make turns without disconnecting or damaging the wires.
- Make sure all lights, brake lights, turn signals and hazard lights are working.

- Make sure brakes on the tow vehicle and trailer are operating correctly.
- Ensure the breakaway cable is connected to the tow vehicle but not to the safety chains or ball mount.
- All items are securely fastened on and in the trailer.
- Be sure the trailer jack, tongue support and any attached stabilizers are raised and locked in place.
- Check load distribution to make sure the tow vehicle and trailer are properly balanced front to back and side to side.
- Check side- and rear-view mirrors to make sure you have good visibility..
- Make sure you have wheel chocks and jack stands.

Happy Trails

*Check.....*

*Check.....*

*Prepare.....*

*& Check again.*

*Stay hitched and  
safe when towing!!!*

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

Make sure you check out our website for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities.

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

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***All paid Ads include an E-mail Blast to all members with current emails***

## 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  
Past President



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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.

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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# Edison Work Party

June 25 – July 1, 2018

A trail crew from the San Joaquin-Sierra Unit spent a productive and enjoyable week clearing trails surrounding Edison Lake. After the challenging drive from Huntington Lake to Edison over Kaiser Pass, we set up camp at the High Sierra Pack Station. John and Janice Cunningham once again graciously allowed us access to their pack station for our base camp. Fortunately, our travel over Kaiser Pass was fast and uneventful due to our excellent pilot car manned by Muriel Holland and Rick Hunsburger who led the way and encouraged oncoming travelers to wait as our caravan of horse trailers passed. Fredi Chrisman also joined us on Sunday morning to pilot us home. Thanks to all three of you.

Our team was successful in clearing 28 trees ranging from 24-40 inches in diameter with lengths of 8-25 feet while riding 25 miles of different trails. An additional 13 smaller trees ranging from 4-15 inches in diameter, at various lengths, were also removed while riding 29 miles of trails.

Joe and Carol Kaminski, our trail bosses, were instrumental in organizing and directing all the activities of the group. Not only did they lead us effectively and efficiently, they also provided us with fantastic culinary delights throughout the week. It is hard to lose weight with such delicious meals.

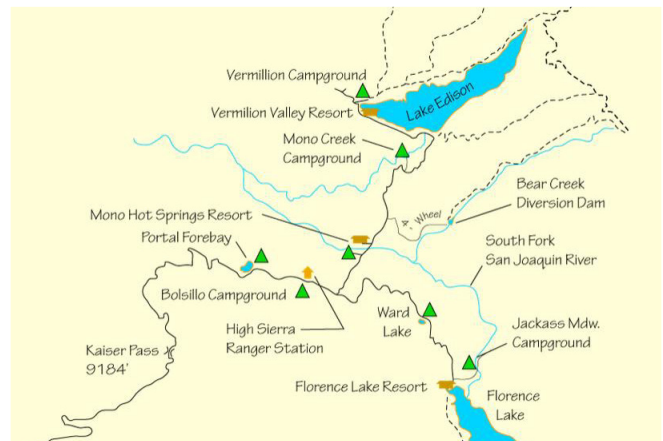
Bob Skinner's expertise in forest management and practical knowledge was invaluable in our productivity and safety. He provided essential information and direction to our crew. It was a pleasure working with him and a great learning experience.

Other members of our crew were Jim Knabke, Jim Harvey, Katie Horst, and Steve Naylor. We were also joined by Laurie and Kelly, wilderness stewards who scouted and helped clear trails as well.

It was a great week of rewarding work, camaraderie, clear skies, warm days, and cool nights. We also had the pleasure of Ron Jefferson's musical talents, an evening of cowboy tunes.

Thanks again to the Cunninghams and the High Sierra staff for their hospitality and support.

A great week!





## It's That Time Again

Elections meeting is coming up on October 27, 2018. We are always need new a fresh Officers and Directors to keep the club moving forward. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month in the evening at 6:30pm. The meetings are held at the Elks Lodge in Clovis, California. Becoming an officer or director is a way you can participate and help the club. You don't even have to ride, but it helps.

The positions up for election:

President	1 year term
Vice President	1 year term
Secretary	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term
(4) Director	2 year term

If you are interested please let us know. You can contact any of the officers or directors to ask about the positions and throw you hat into the ring. Hope to see a lot of you step up. The elections meeting will be held at a restaurant in the evening.

## Leave No Trace

BCHC and Leave No Trace for Outdoor Ethics have joined in partnership for 2011.

From Leave No Trace, "We truly value our partnership with Backcountry Country Horsemen of California.

Currently, Leave No Trace is releasing a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) by the 2009 Academy Award winning filmmaker, Michael Ramsay. The one-minute PSAs are fun, clever and inspiring, targeted towards all outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy and appreciate our wild and natural places.

As a partner, we would like your help with the PSAs. Please consider:

- Posting them on your Facebook and Twitter accounts or blogs.
- Including one or all of the PSAs on the Support or Partnership page of your website.
- Inserting one of them in slide shows or video presentations conducted by your staff and reps.

The PSA'S are available in DVD format and have also been uploaded onto YouTube.

The following are the links to them:

Leave No Trace Extreme Climbing  
Stewardship <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r859FkSrJ30&feature=relmfu>

Leave No Trace Mad Mountain Biking Skills  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tl2LF\\_LxXk&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tl2LF_LxXk&feature=relmfu)

Leave No Trace Unattended Campfire [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ\\_5ctrL56U&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ_5ctrL56U&feature=relmfu)

Please let me know if you would like me to send them to you on a disk.

Thank you for your help promoting your partnership with Leave No Trace, and raising awareness about the program amongst your members, supporters and constituent."

Sincerely,  
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## **The Lighter Side**

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals had a habit of picking on strangers. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He went back into the bar and with a quick move of his hands, he flipped his guns into the air, caught them above his head without even looking and fired at the ceiling. "Which one of you sidewinders stole my hoss!?" he yelled. No one answered.

"Alright, I'm gonna have anotha beer, and if my hoss ain't back outside by the time I finnish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!"

Some of the locals shifted restlessly. He had another beer, walked outside, and his horse was back! As he swung up into the saddle and started to ride out of town, the bartender ran out of the saloon and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turned back and said, "I walked home."

## **General Meeting**

**August 15, 2018**

You will want to attend this very informative meeting. John Mikkelson will be covering information on why you will need the new ID. It is very important to have one in order to buy firearms, ammo, entering government buildings and traveling. Hope to see you there. Clovis Elks Lodge, August 15, 2018 at 6:30 Email [wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net) to let me know if you will be there!!!!!!

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## **SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale**

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

**Hats** \$15.00

*Khaki with a maroon or forest green bill are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California.*

**Scarf** \$13.00

*Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California*

**Maroon Shirts** \$37.00 (Extra Tall \$40.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

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

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

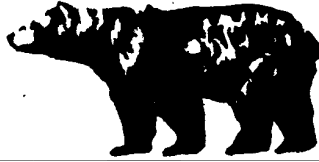


## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

# *Black Bear Sense*

### A COMMON SENSE GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING BEARS

*A leaf fell in the woods.  
The eagle saw it.*



*The deer heard it.  
And the bear smelled it.*

You humans have me figured to be just like Yogi, BooBoo or your cuddly stuffed Teddy Bear. Please remember; I am a wild animal. Statistically, you are quite safe from us bears. We do add a risk to you visiting the backcountry but you take a much greater risk driving to the trailhead. Even if you should die in the wilderness, you are much more likely to fall off a cliff, drown, suffer heart failure or succumb to hypothermia than you are to be attacked by one of us bears.

My eyesight is not perfect but my sense of smell and hearing are very keen. I can smell you humans coming for quite some distance and I'll usually be gone at the first whiff of human intrusion. There are some of us bears you have invited in for milk and cookies. To some of my fellow bears, the smell of humans in the woods works like a dinner bell.

All of us bears remember where our meals come from. We aren't dumb and our stomachs rule. We have a road map sketched in our minds. All the best restaurants (campsites, berry patches, cars, oak groves, etc.) are located on this map and we will visit them again in a couple of days.

We bears are intelligent and opportunistic critters and when we become accustomed to the idea that humans share our space, we readily take advantage of everything that association has to offer — such as helping ourselves to your delicious pork and beans, granola bars, bacon, toothpaste, soap. Some of us have even cultivated a taste for chocolate. We will also eat chapstick and deodorant. With noses like ours, it is impossible to hide the fact that you are keeping all that good stuff in your tent, your car, or your camper! Our noses lead us to the food and our incredible strength gets us past almost any obstacle. We are able to open the side of your trailer as though we had can openers for claws. We will open cans of spaghetti sauce and ravioli. The fact is, when we bears are offered the choice, we will almost always opt for the easiest meal at hand; we have discovered that beef stew with milk and cookies tastes better than grubs!

If we gain access to your food, we become habituated. That means we become dependent on human food sources and are less afraid of humans. Therefore, it is critical that we never gain access to human food. You humans need to mind your manners while you are visiting the forests and parks. Take time to store your food properly at the campground and in the backcountry. It is your moral and legal responsibility. Proper food storage makes the difference between a wild bear and a dead bear because problem bears are often destroyed. The following suggestions may make the difference of having a good time during your visit or going home angry and upset. Please help us both stay alive.

# ***Black Bear Essentials to Remember***

The following are what we bears would like you humans to remember.

**You Must Be Alert**

**Please Do Not Surprise Me**

**You Are Being Aggressive If You:**

Get between me and my cub  
Are anywhere near a carcass ....

It's my food!

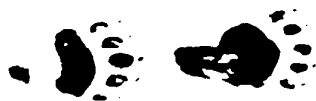
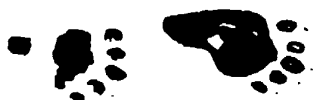
Walk directly towards me

Circle or crowd me .....

I need an escape route!

Try to take "your" food away from me .....

It's mine!



The following are some helpful hints to remember while visiting the forests and parks.

**Avoid a Confrontation**

Separate cooking and sleeping areas

Store food and garbage properly

Keep a clean camp site

**Avoid a Confrontation: Watch for these Signs**

Large areas of torn up ground

Rocks or boulders turned over

Logs or stumps torn apart

Fish or dead animals

Berries

Claw marks on trees

Bear scat

**Remember: Wild Animals Can Be Dangerous**

Bears habituated to food are dangerous

Do not run

Try to look larger than you are

Do not bend down

Each situation is different

## **REMEMBER**

Bears have an extraordinary sense of smell. Bears are attracted to and will eat anything with an odor. While not normally aggressive towards humans, bears are possessive of their food and will defend it. They are very quick and powerful. **DO NOT TRY TO RETRIEVE YOUR FOOD FROM A BEAR.** If a bear gets into your food, stay a safe distance away and then be sure to clean up the mess afterwards. Report incidents to a ranger. You can keep bears wild and alive by storing your food properly. Just use some thought and preparation.

## **PROPER FOOD STORAGE FOR BACKCOUNTRY USERS**

On some trails you may be visited by bears every night. On others, you may not see bears your entire trip; however, that does not mean that bears do not live in that area. In all cases, the best way to store your food properly is in a portable, BEAR-RESISTANT CANISTER OR PANNIER. Safe food storage is as simple as placing the locked canister or pannier on the ground 50 feet from your camp. **THIS METHOD OF FOOD STORAGE IS THE ONLY PROVEN, EFFECTIVE WAY TO STORE YOUR FOOD.** It is required in some areas of the backcountry that you store your food in bear-resistant containers. Please check with the agencies about requirements before starting your trip. Canisters are for sale and rent at sporting goods stores and some ranger stations. Panniers are available through some saddle shops. Using a bear-resistant container allows for maximum freedom and safety while traveling and when choosing a camp location. The counter-balance method should be your last resort. This method is hard to do well, requires trees and rope, and bears often thwart it. In fact, bears will probably get your food if you do not get out of your warm bed and make some mighty loud noise and keep a sentinel on watch after the first visit.

## **PROPER FOOD STORAGE AT CAMPGROUNDS AND TRAILHEADS**

Food storage is just as important at campgrounds and trailheads. Having more people and vehicles around doesn't mean there is less danger of losing your food. To a bear, more people means more food. **STORE ALL FOOD IN FOOD STORAGE LOCKERS IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.** If there are no lockers, then store the food and ice chest in your vehicle (better in the trunk), keep them covered and out of sight. Leaving food in your vehicle at the trailhead while you are in the



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**Backcountry Horsemen  
of California**



**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)

<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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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



# DIANA SORENSEN 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL



## MEMORIAL RIDE

TAMARACK SNOW PARK AREA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**FREE**

*Saturday, August 11, 2018*



## BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

*Saturday, August 11, 2018*

*Breakfast and Lunch served*

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

**RSVP By August 4, 2018 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.

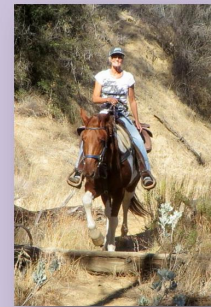
Two separate Trails will be available to ride. Your choice.

**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 of 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](http://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*

P.O. Box 25693  
Fresno, CA 93729-5693

## **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.