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Presidents Message



Winter is upon us and finally good rain on the valley floor and snow on the sierras. Last year a lot was cancelled or delayed because of record rain and snowfall. We finished our work project at the Gorge but not to worry it will be the first work party of the year for some more trail clearing. This year your board is in the planning stages for this year's rides and work projects. Our first ride of the year is MDO, and we still have space for one or two more

riders. The next will be Rendezvous and then the desert ride. We as your board, with your help, will have rides and projects that we hope will have something for all. If you have ideas for more or new rides or projects, please call me or a member of the board and we will try and fit it in our calendar.

I am very thankful for many in our unit, some no longer with us, but all have been instrumental in my joining our unit some 10 years ago. It was the spirit of volunteerism, and the dedication to the goals and mission of BCH. I am thankful but stand in awe of the shoes I fill with taking over this position from Joe. He served 9 of the last 10 years as unit president and I think Carol has at least that many years as secretary. I am glad Carol is still recording our meetings and Joe is still at the table for advice as past president. We are all ambassadors for this unit, and nothing draws new folks in better than a welcoming smile and dedication to action, some of which was displayed

at our memorial ride last year with members jumping in to change tires on a trailer and extricating a Tesla off high center by camp. I hope all of us will find opportunities to talk this unit up, and promote membership as we conduct ourselves in the larger Equine and packing community. As always, we are thankful for many who still support us in membership even if they can't participate.

Now is a good time to get your trailer and tack in order, as well as get out on rides where you can, to prepare your stock for the coming season of rides and work. Stay safe out there and I hope to see you soon on the trail in the middle of your saddle on top.

Your President, Jim Laber

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2024 Calendar

Board Meetings are now on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm and for now we are meeting at the American Legion Hall, 508 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612.

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

2024

Jan 2	Board of Directors
Jan 11-15	Montana De Oro
Jan 23	Board of Directors
Feb 27	Board of Directors
Mar 22-23	Rendezvous Ceres CA
Mar 26	Board of Directors
Mar 29-31	Desert Ride Starlight Ranch Jim& Doug Laber
Apr 20	Desensitization Clinic – Sheriff Posse
Apr 23	Board of Directors
Apr 27	Clovis Parade
May 3-5	San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out Work Party General Meeting
May TBD	Big Meadows Work Party
May 22-27	Bishop Mule Days
May 28	Board of Directors
Jun TBD	Raffle Ride Shaver Lake
Jun TDB	Edison Work Party
Jun 25	Board of Directors
Jul TBD	MDO
Jul TBD	Crown Valley Work Party
Jul 23	Board of Directors

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, jim@visaliaidea.com. You may call 559.250.7906 and I will get back to you.

Jim Laber
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:

www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bhcalifornia.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.

DUTCH BABY PANCAKES

With a custardy interior and butter-fried golden edges, this Dutch Baby pancake (aka German Pancake) is a great camping breakfast.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup whole milk, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, optional
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

OPTIONAL TOPPINGS:

- Syrup, fresh fruit, preserves, confectioners' (powdered) sugar, or cinnamon sugar



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare your coals: Either light charcoals (recommended) or start a campfire for cooking. Coals will take about 20 minutes to light, a campfire will take up to an hour to burn down to embers. For home cooking, see note*.
2. To make the batter, crack the eggs into a large mixing bowl and beat vigorously until smooth. Add the milk, and give a quick stir to incorporate. Then add the flour, sugar, salt, and optional nutmeg. Mix together until smooth.
3. Once the embers or charcoals are ready, set your Dutch oven over the heat to preheat Place the butter in the bottom of the Dutch oven and swirl it around until it melts. Once the butter is completely melted, pour your batter into the Dutch oven.
4. Cover the Dutch oven with the lid. Place on a small bed of coals, and then cover the lid with additional coals.
5. After 10 minutes, take a quick peak to check progress. You're looking for the Dutch baby to be puffed up and golden brown in spots. Cook for a few more minutes if needed, and remove from the heat when it's done.
6. Serve immediately with your toppings of choice.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Nov. 7, 2023

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Richard Telles, Tami Telles, Doug Laber, Sue VanSickle, Jim Laber, Jan Mikkelson, Karen Daugherty, Marcee Hansen

Minutes review and approved: 1st Ruth, 2nd Doug

Correspondence: bills

Committee reports:

Education: See newslettter

Membership: 1 miss you letter, 2 renewals

Newsletter: Articles due Nov. 20. Horse protection act change in regulations. To be scanned and blasted. Open for comment.

Sunshine:

Public lands: Burning in progress. Cost sharing with USFS and several groups.

Shaver Lake: Camp closed. Post repaired and replaced.

Big Meadows: SJSU out for season.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2023

Gorge work party TBA see Marcee

Dec. 5 - Board Meeting • December Christmas Dinner - to be held in November.

2. Dinner report – Atmosphere lacking. Round tables preferred. Food was good. Ruth suggests a 3 person committee to search for different venue.

3.State report – Rendezvous number shared.

-Policies - assets for each unit need to be listed.

- Officers training to be held in Visalia Jan. 27. Emphasis to be on youth and education.

-Each unit must a youth education person.

-Bylaws change – no memberships accepted if on Megan's list. Meaning level 3 offenses. Chip will decide clearance.

-Youth card

- Bylaws changes need to be reviewed.

- Website still down. (makeover)

4. Meeting center – Doug to look into American Legion.

5. Chamberlain – nails need to be removed. Jim, Joe and Jim to discuss. Bridge at Edison – not included. Other groups needed to help. Discussion.

6. Facebook and webpage discussion.

7. December meeting – Canceled. January next meeting.

8. Election results – President – Jim Laber • Vice President – Ruth Cramer • Treasurer – Gary VanSickle •

Secretary – Carol Kaminski

Next meeting – Jan.2

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting: Jan. 2, 2024

Adjorn: 7:45 1st Doug Laber 2nd Jan Mikkelson



San Joaquin Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Manzanita/Chamise Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

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

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 01/11/2024 until noon Monday 01/15/2024.

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

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

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

Manzanita/Chamise Camp has 9 corrals (5 small 4 Large), pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

NO CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS AFTER JAN 4, 2024

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

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

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

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:			
Please make check payable to BCHC-SJSU and mail with completed reservation form to: Gary Van Sickle 31831 Road 132 Visalia, CA 93292	EMAIL:		Amount
	Number of Horses with rider		@ \$ 45.00 ea. \$
	Additional individuals		@ \$ 3.00 ea. \$
	TOTAL:		\$

SIGNS AT THE GORGE

By Marcee Hansen

It is with great pleasure I get to announce the directional signage for the Pa'san Ridge Trail at the San Joaquin River Gorge Recreational Area has been completed. We are still waiting for BLM to purchase the Yield signs. As soon as we are notified they are available, we can get them put up to help protect all who use the trail.

During the beginning of November, Nathan Bingham (BLM Rec Planner) and I talked about sign types. He decided he would like us to engrave the posts we placed earlier in the year. Then place reflective directional arrows above the engravings so people won't get lost in the dark. Jim Laber and I brainstormed how best to get this accomplished before the week of Thanksgiving. Both of us worked separately with our tools to simulate how we were going to carve letters on upright posts. Neither of us were satisfied with our examples. So, we decided to have planks engraved and then attach them to the posts. My Dad, Ron Hansen, had a CNC Router Table he made a few years back. He agreed to make all our signs. Then I stained them to help the letters stand out.

On November 20, Jim Laber and I rode the Pa'san Trail and attached the signs to the posts. We placed two "Bridge" signs, two "Pa'san Ridge" signs, four "Trail" signs and one "Wuh-Ki'o" sign. The signs also had directional arrows engraved at the bottom just in case the stickers at the top would not hold.

The San Joaquin River Gorge is a special place for me and I think for many others. I have introduced many horseback riders to the trails. I have trained many horses on them. I camped with my Boy Scout and his troop. I have even shared it with families looking for a day outing. Every chance I get, I encourage heavy use of every equestrian I know. Please do the same.

I would like to thank every member that has helped with this project. You are all greatly appreciated for all your help and time. As we all know, trail work in regards of overgrowth and fallen trees, will be ongoing. I look forward to seeing you on the trail at the Gorge.





DESERT RIDE AT STARLIGHT RANCH NW OF ROSAMOND CA



March 29-31, 2024

We normally go into town (Rosamond 1/2 hr away) Friday night for dinner at our favorite Mexican restaurant. There is an Albertsons, convenience stores and gas stations there. A Breakfast to be provided at 9:00am Saturday and Sunday. Potluck Dinner Saturday, we will provide pulled pork or deep pit beef. We need ***RSVP by March 27th.*** Need to bring water for you and your horse and anything else they want to drink. Some beds available but need to secure with us. Bed rolls tents and whatever is needed for general camping. Terrain is simple to difficult depending on trail with all trails being packed to loose desert soils that are easy on the hoofs. Coyotes and Jack rabbits mice and desert rats for local animals. There are snakes but I have never seen one and we have done a lot of cross country out there. Most of the trails/roads are a gradual climb but depends on what you want to do. There is one that goes up to the PCT but would be a long ride. Clean up needs to be done behind horses and distribute outside fence. Take out all other that you bring in. There is a outhouse on the property and a flush toilet in the house. May want to bring your own toiletries to be safe.

The gate at the ranch will be open at noon on the 29th and property will be cleared and gate closed by 2pm Sunday the 31st.

Directions: Starlight Ranch is already tagged on google maps if you use that. The map shows traveling on what is called Aqueduct RD but you want to go 30' further on Backus

Rd to what we call Upper Aqueduct RD where you will see a large Rock painted with a Smiley Face. Although the lower road can be used to get there, there are more obstacles and a large dip that larger trailers may have issues with.

Take CA Hwy 99 south to CA Hwy 58 East out of Bakersfield to Tehachapi about 43 miles. Exit at Tehachapi Blvd and go Right on Tehachapi Blvd. Loves Truck Stop will be on your Right. Continue on Tehachapi Blvd for 1 mile and go Right on Willow Springs Road and follow for 16.0 miles where you will turn Right on Backus RD. Backus RD is paved for about 1.2 miles When you come to the end of the pavement you will see a dirt road to the right that you will proceed on. The rest of the trip is on dirt roads. You will continue on Dirt Backus RD over a short bridge and on to Upper Aqueduct RD. You will see a large rock painted with a Smiley Face. Turn left and continue on Upper Aqueduct RD for 3.6 miles to 140th St. There will be a curved dirt road leading to the right onto 140th St and most will want to take that. You will see a sign on your left that says Starlight Ranch. Go left before the sign and drive straight back about 100 feet and through the gate to the ranch. You will need to bring water for overnight stays. The ranch is cyclone fenced but horses/stock will need to be tied up. There are just 3-4 highline areas first come first serve. There are some bed opportunities in the house and out buildings on the property but please call to claim. Jim and Doug Laber will be hosting the ride at the Starlight Ranch which is owned by Family. We will have a generator there that gives us lights in the house in the evenings. There is a large patio and fire pit for gatherings. Firewood if you have it will help and we will be bringing some out with us. It can get very cold and or very windy at the ranch so be prepared for that. Hope to see you there!

Jim Laber, Cell: 559-250-7906,
Doug laber, Cell 559-786-6634

LAT: 34.92479 LON: 118.382792

Note: Google tries to get you to turn prior to Rd 140. Do not take that turn. That's the hard way.

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

HIGHLINES IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

A VERSATILE SYSTEM THAT
PROTECTS THE RESOURCES, YOUR
STOCK AND YOUR GEAR!



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THE HIGHLINE:

- A. Tree Considerations:**
1. Use tree saver straps.
 2. Use on trees 8" diameter or larger.
 3. Tie stock away from tree trunk to avoid root damage.
- B. Turf Considerations:**
1. Use on durable surfaces.
 2. Rake area free of pine cones and debris before stock use. Rake back into place afterwards.
 3. Move stock at first sign of over-use or damage.
- C. Easy to Tie, Adjust and Untie:**
1. Basic Prussic loops.
 2. Coupling loops with carabiners and pulleys: mechanical advantage.
- D. Animal Considerations:**
1. Secure system: All components are strong.
 2. Easily adjust distance between animals after the highline is tightened.
 3. In an Emergency simply cut loops to free animals.
- E. Versatile Uses of Components:**
1. Highline used as lash rope.
 2. Loops can be used for rope extenders, etc.
 3. Carabiners can be used to hang lanterns to a dining fly, etc.
 4. Safety and rescue applications. Use loops on vertical rope for foot and hand holds.
 5. Carabiners can be used for pack hitches.

THE HIGHLINE RULE OF SEVENS:

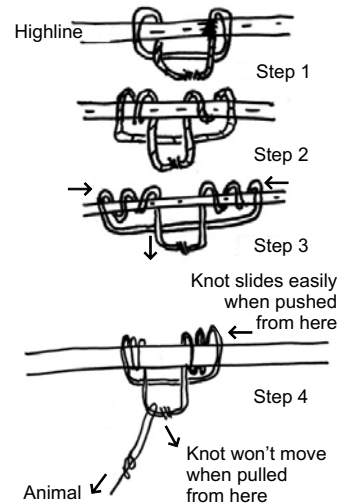
1. The highline should be about seven feet high.
2. The animals should be at least seven feet from any tree trunk.
3. The animals should be at least seven feet apart.
4. The length of leadrope from highline to halter should be about seventeen inches.

MAKING A PRUSSIC LOOP

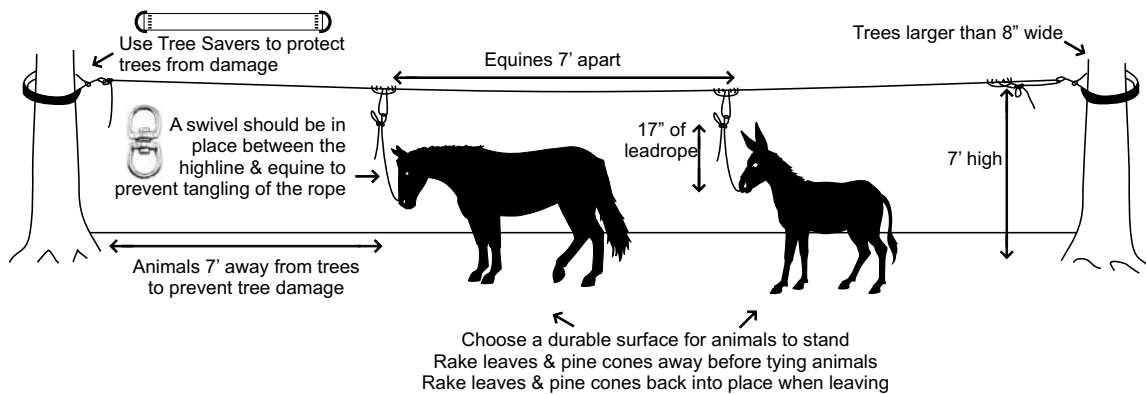
Loop is about 40" long
1/4" climbing cord
Must be smaller diameter than highline
Knots: Prussic Knot or Double Overhand



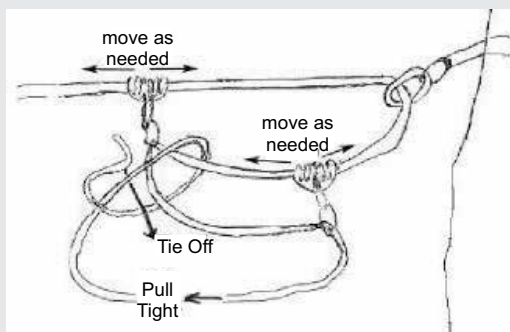
USING A PRUSSIC LOOP



SETTING UP A HIGHLINE



TYING OFF THE LAST PART OF A HIGHLINE



- Step 1**
- A. Tree savers on both trees
 - B. Click carabiners (or loop rope) through tree savers
 - C. Place 1st Prussic Loop on highline (with carabiner & pulley optional)
- Step 2**
- D. Attach 2nd Prussic Loop on highline (with carabiner & pulley optional)
 - E. Pull tight
 - F. Tie Off between loops with quick release knot, lock with 2 half hitches, and daisy chain any excess

THE MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE



Using carabiners and pulleys can give you a mechanical advantage. Pulleys can exponentially reduce the amount of force needed to tighten the highline when used in multiples. Carabiners also can make attaching the highline components together fast and easy, and are handy in a pinch!

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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,
Jim Laber

CONTEST TIME

Find the Hidden Hoof Print! 

First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ jim@visaliaidea.com

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GOOD LUCK!

*Congratulations to
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Helloo Camp!

A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR SELECTING
A CAMPSITE AND USE OF FIRE

It's been a long day and you've been in the saddle for most of it. Now it's time to find a good campsite, take care of your animals, and make camp for the night.

What kind of place will suit your needs and the needs of your livestock?

WHAT MAKES A GOOD CAMPSITE ?

When camping with livestock, one of your primary considerations in selecting a place to camp should naturally be the well-being of your animals. Before leaving on your trip, it is a good idea to make inquiries about the availability of feed, accessibility to water, and potential impact on the resources. You should select an area where your impact will be minimal. All of these things require awareness on your part and prior planning before your trip.

EXISTING CAMPSITES

Many times on public lands, campsites are already established. These sites have been used traditionally many times over the years and should be utilized whenever available. All campsites should be 100 feet from water. Of course, before deciding whether or not to use a particular campsite, you should consider several things — how much use is the area already receiving? What kind of impact will your group have on the area? How fragile is the soil and surrounding vegetation? You also need to consider the impact your livestock will have on the availability of winter feed for local wildlife.

Choose an area that is large enough to comfortably accommodate the number of animals in your party without compromising the resources. In order to recover from grazing pressures, meadows should be left in the best possible condition. The rule of thumb is, when plant height has been removed by 50 percent, it's time to relocate.

Processed and pelletized feed can be used not only to supplement feeding but also to decrease the impact on grazing. Animals should become accustomed to pelletized feed a few days before going into the backcountry, to minimize the possibility of colic.

NEW CAMPSITES

In camping in a pristine area, it is essential that you not only allow adequate time to select an appropriate camping spot, but also try to avoid previously used campsites in order for them to have sufficient time to recover. You should locate your camp at least 100 feet from water. Consider this a minimal guideline, but check for any local regulations in your planned destination for the best information.

As with existing campsites, you should locate areas that will provide feed for your livestock and which is still well-suited for low impact camping. Look for a durable surface when selecting areas to place kitchen and tents. Such areas include exposed bedrock or dry grassy areas. In high desert locations, gravelly areas with minimum vegetation are ideal.

When using a campsite in a pristine area, vary the routes you take to water or to use the bathroom in order to prevent formation of permanent trails. Be aware of any activity that might endanger or harm the existing natural features of the site, especially those that regenerate slowly, such as trees, mosses, or lichens. Impact on the area can many times be avoided if you limit your stay to only one night.

Water for your livestock is another key factor in choosing a good campsite. The banks of small streams and vegetated lakeshores can be relatively fragile, so care should be taken in selecting stock watering areas preferably located at fords or even low gravel banks where damage will be minimal if any.

CAMPFIRES

At one time, campfires in the backcountry were not only nice, but a basic necessity for cooking and warmth. With the advent of modern efficient camp stoves, campfires, in some instances, may not be necessary. Campfires may not be possible in high elevations or high use areas where no or very limited fuel is available. Granted, huddling around a fluorescent lantern at night may not be an image that most people think of when dreaming about a trip to the mountains, but a modern camp stove minimizes the impact you and your party will have on the backcountry.

In established campsites, there are often rock campfire rings that have been used for years. If you feel a campfire is important and there are no restrictions prohibiting a fire, make sure there is plenty of dead, downed wood available and the risk of fire danger is minimal. Use the established campfire ring instead of constructing a new one. Always check with the administrating agency beforehand in order to obtain a campfire permit if necessary.

In a pristine area, it is possible to have a campfire and still have a minimal impact on the area. As always, select a durable site for your fire. Fires can be made utilizing either the mound fire with a fire blanket, or by using fire pans, metal oil pans or roasting pans lined with a few inches of inorganic soil and elevated with rocks. You may consider packing out ashes and disposing of them properly and safely.

By using these simple guidelines and common sense in selecting a campsite, your impact will be minimal and that ideal camping spot will remain a favorite for you and others for years to come.



MY CAMP YOUR CAMP

- ✓ Recognize durable surfaces.
- ✓ Concentrate use in popular areas.
- ✓ Use established campsites if possible.
- ✓ Camp away from trails and water sources.
- ✓ Leave a site cleaner than you found it.
- ✓ Disperse use in new areas.
- ✓ Avoid areas where impact is just beginning.



RESPONSIBLE CAMPFIRES

- ✓ Know the regulations and management techniques.
- ✓ Judge the wind, weather, location and wood availability. Decide if it is safe.
- ✓ Use an established fire ring if possible.
- ✓ Where there is no fire ring, bring a fire pan or make a mound fire.
- ✓ Use dead and downed wood.
- ✓ An unattended fire is dangerous.
- ✓ Always have a shovel and bucket for saturating the ashes with water.
- ✓ Restore the appearance of the fire site.



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**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA
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MARCH 22nd - 23rd 2024

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Classes, and BLM Adopt a Horse or Burro!**

SEE YOU THERE !

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy New Year!

Stay Safe Everyone
and Happy Trails



The Lighter Side

A race horse who has never won is told by his jockey that if he doesn't win that day, he's going to have to start pulling the milk wagon early next morning. When the race begins, the horse is asleep! "Why are you sleeping?" asks the jockey, to which the horse replies, "because I'm going to have to get up early in the morning."

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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.

Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

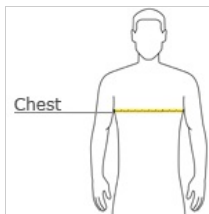
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HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

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**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)

<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 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



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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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.