

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA

## Hoof Prints

hello  
*Autumn*

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**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN**



**OF CALIFORNIA**

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## Presidents Message



We are not just fair weather riders as shown by the great turn out for our memorial ride. Rain off and on throughout the weekend did not deter approximately 25 riders from braving the elements to participate in this years ride.

Don't forget the election meeting Oct 18. Must have reservation e-mailed to [kaminskiclan@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiclan@gmail.com) by Mon Oct 17, to insure your pizza. We will also be privledged to have Paul Barile to present a

travelogue on his high country pack trips.

If you would like to sign up to host at Big Meadows in 2023 just let Jim Knabke know. His e-mail is [jjknabke@comcast.net](mailto:jjknabke@comcast.net). Remember as host you are guaranteed two corrals and a camp spot. Thanks to those who continue to support the Big Meadows camp, we could not continue without your support.

It is not to early to start thinking about our Christmas dinner. Once again we will be honored to have the Gilley Girls with their wonderful music. This year the board has decided to have our dinner catered taking the burden off of our unit. As a result of this decision and rising prices we felt it necessary to raise the ticket price to \$35.00. Our hope is this will not deter anyone from participating as this will be a wonderful event.

Reservations to Jim or Debby Dixon see flyer for details.

Our calendar is available both on our website and in our newsletter. Keep an eye on the calendar and hope to see you at one of the events. Thanks to all who continue to participate and those of you who continue to be part of our unit. Don't forget, if you would like to sponsor a ride we would be glad to have your input.

*Remember to stay in the saddle. The ground is hard.*

Joe Kaminski  
President

## 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](mailto:jim@visaliaidea.com)

**Will Get A Free**

**BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Congratulations to Tami Telles**  
**for being the first one to find the**  
**hoof print last issue!**

# 2021-2022 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)

## 2022

June 7	Meeting
June 11	Poker Ride Shaver Lake Click For Information
June 24-30	Edison Work Party
July 5	Meeting
July 21-25	Montana de Oro Campout
Aug 2	Meeting
Aug 19-21	Packing 101 into Chamberlain. Info to follow.
Sept 6	Meeting
Sept 10	Memorial Ride Big Meadows Horse Camp
Oct 4	Meeting
Oct 18	General Meeting/Elections
Oct 6-10	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHCSJSU Event)
Nov 1	Meeting
Dec 6	Meeting
Dec 10	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, [kaminskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiclub@gmail.com). You may call 559.909 0505 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.bhcalifornia.org](http://www.bhcalifornia.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.*

## Easy Vegetable Soup

*This easy vegetable soup recipe is simple and satisfying! It's a veggie-loaded homemade spin on canned soup that's infinitely tastier.*

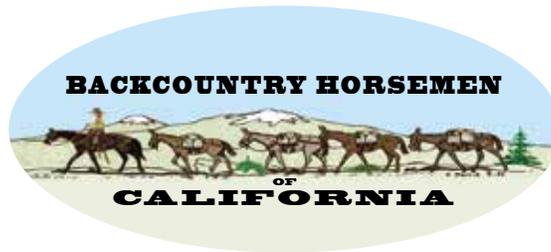
### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium yellow onion
- 1 red bell pepper
- 2 celery ribs
- 3 medium carrots
- 3 garlic cloves
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 teaspoon each dried oregano and dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 8 cups (2 quarts) vegetable broth
- 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons kosher salt, to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 1 ½ cups frozen green beans
- 15-ounce can white beans (cannellini, Great Northern or other), drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups frozen peas
- 5 ounces pasta spirals (about 2 cups dry)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Dice the onion. Dice the bell pepper. Thinly slice the celery. Peel and thinly slice the carrot into rounds. Mince the garlic.
2. In a Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion, bell pepper, celery, carrots, and garlic, and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes until the onion is translucent.
3. Add the garlic powder, dried basil, oregano, thyme, and turmeric and stir. Continue cooking for about 1 minute.
4. Add the vegetable broth, 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, frozen green beans, drained and rinsed white beans, and fresh ground pepper. Bring a simmer.
5. Add the frozen peas and pasta and continue simmering until the pasta is cooked, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for several minutes. Taste and add the additional salt as necessary.





## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Aug 2, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Directors: Doug Laber, Tami Telles, Richard Telles, Jim Laber, Jan Mikkelson, Past President Duane Peverill

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

**Correspondence:** Big Meadows monies

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Estimated cost of Packing 101. Keep records of expenses.

**Membership:** 2 new members

**Newsletter:** Articles due Aug 20.

**Public lands:** Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo still working on 3 year plan.

**Sunshine:**

**Shaver Lake:** In use.

**Big Meadows:** Jan brought up items for Big Meadows.

**OLD BUSINESS.** 1. EVENTS for 2022

August 2 - Board meeting

August 19-21 - Packing 101

Sept. 6 - Board meeting

Sept 10 - Memorial Ride - Big Meadows

Oct. 4 - Board meeting

Oct. 6-10 - Coastal Mounted Unit - (non BCHC-SJSU Event)

Oct.18 - Election meeting

Nov.1 - Board meeting

Dec.6 - Board meeting

Dec. 10 - Christmas dinner

2. Alan Fry is contact for FSU pack team. Voted to fund \$500 for 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Discussion of reimbursement for cancellations for events. 2 week drop dead date for refunds.

2. Elections - Jan Mikkelson and Jim Laber names taken for directors.

**Next meeting:** Sept. 6, 2022

**Adjourn:** 7:40 Doug 1st, Duane 2nd

# Peek A Boo Ride

## Bryce Canyon National Park Utah

Well there are many great trails to ride around Bryce Valley Ranch RV and Horse Park probably one of the most spectacular is the Peek A Boo Trail located in the Bryce Canyon National Park. It is only 30 minute trailer ride from the horse park. You must enter into the park and you just have reservations to do the trail. Due to some problems with private stock and the company that takes people on the trail with their stock. Private stock can only enter on the trail after 5:30 pm. We had one of the last daytime reservations on a Sunday at 12:30 But after some consideration we decided to not use our reservations and made arrangements to ride with the company that takes you on the trail. It was a great decision. Teegan our wrangler was a great guide and very knowledgeable about the canyon. We highly recommend taking their ride. You can always return later and ride your own animal. When visiting this area this is one of the rides that is a must. Due to the scenery I created a video that you can watch. It is located on our web page [bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org). Here is the link. Videos - BCHCSJSU It is fairly long but well worth your time. Hope you enjoy the video.

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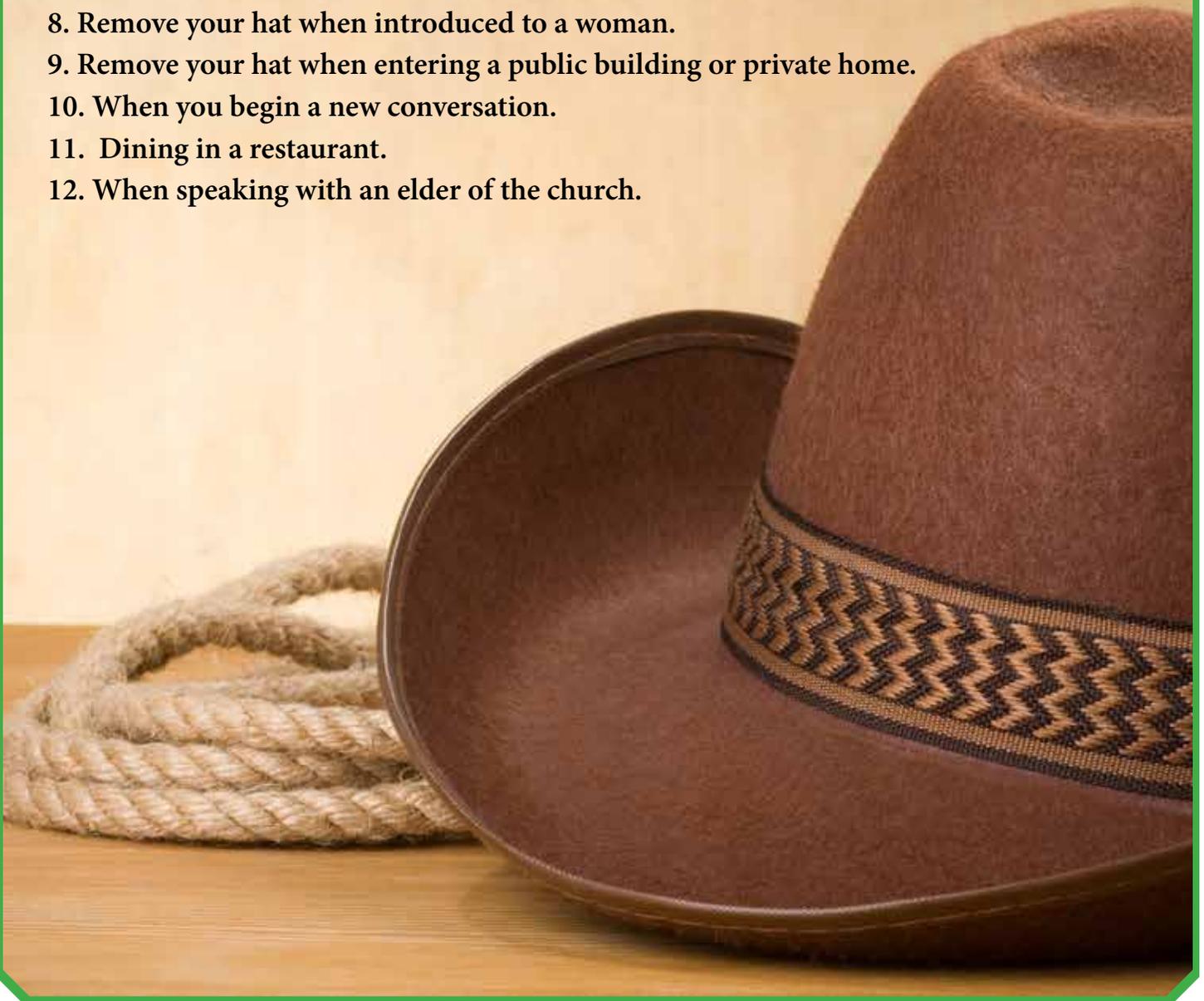
# COWBOY HAT ETIQUETTE

It is time to review. Knowing when to remove your hat.

1. During the National Anthem.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The passing of the flag.
4. Indoor weddings.
5. In church.
6. During prayer.
7. During a funeral procession .

*All require the hat to go. It's a sign of respect.*

8. Remove your hat when introduced to a woman.
9. Remove your hat when entering a public building or private home.
10. When you begin a new conversation.
11. Dining in a restaurant.
12. When speaking with an elder of the church.





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Presents

# The Annual Christmas Bash

Back by popular demand  
Entertainment by the Gilley Girls!  
~ Plus ~

This years dinner will be provided by a local professional caterer!  
Classic Catering from Clovis, CA

## Saturday, December 10, 2022

Cost: \$35 per person (Dinner & Entertainment)

Time: 5:00 PM Social Hour

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Location: Clovis Elks Lodge  
535 Woodworth Avenue, Clovis

R.S.V.P.

Necessary By: December 3, 2022  
Jim or Debby Dixon  
559-906-9334 (call or text)  
[jddixon06@gmail.com](mailto:jddixon06@gmail.com)

**\*\* Auction Donations? Bring any new item to the party and we'll put'em on the table! \*\***

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- Beef Brochette with marsala sauce
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Green beans almandine (with onions, almonds, and bacon)
- Garden green salad with red onions, cucumbers, candied walnuts and dry bleu cheese served with house balsamic vinaigrette
- Assorted gourmet dinner rolls with butter
- Delicious Dessert

Backcountry Horsemen Christmas Party R.S.V.P.  
December 10, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian available upon request.

Mail to: Jim & Debby Dixon  
P.O. Box 319  
Shaver Lake, CA 93664

Paid Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2022 Annual Memorial Ride



September 10th was our annual ride in memoriam of all our backcountry horsemen members who we have lost since the establishment of the SJSU unit. Many were strong contributors by working on trails, helping put together rides and gatherings, cooking up delicious meals, representing our unit in meetings as board members, organizers for special events and the list goes on. Initially the ride started in memoriam of Diana Sorenson who loved our unit and our rides and had a joy for the outdoors and equine life. However, all members who supported us by being actively involved or by continued financial support with their dedicated membership have been greatly appreciated and we hold these members dear to our hearts and memories.

This year the ride was held at our Big Meadows Horse Camp in Sequoia National Forest. Joe and Carol cooked up a great lunch and because it was a chilly, drizzly day, there was nice a fire in the pit to cozy up to. It was especially inviting since the shock of leaving 110 degree weather for the mountains left our cold bodies shivering!

Some of us started to ride out on the trail with a heavy mist, only to return rather drenched from a thunder storm halfway through. It was, however, exhilarating since there is nothing like a mountain storm to excite the senses! All the equines seemed to endure it as well.

We had about 25+ people riding and/or visiting, and several had been camping for a few days. Two

members had to leave early due to a horse injury but fortunately the horse will be fine after rest, meds and TLC.

The grand finale was our longtime member Linda Fitzgerald winning the SJSU memorial buckle for 2022! Congratulations Linda!!!

Until next year, remember, Big Meadows is a treasured gem. It is an awesome place to ride with a great variety of trails for all comfort and skill levels. It's a fun place to camp with sturdy pipe corrals and our unit maintains the cleanest bathroom this side of the Mississippi! This camp was built by the San Joaquin-Sierra unit with help of the High Sierra Backcountry unit years ago, and, with financial donations, these funds keep this camp open and available for all equestrians to enjoy year after year through our agreement with the US Forest Service.

Hope to see you there next year!

Jan





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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@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

## "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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## In Memoriam: Mark Nelson



A few days ago I accidentally used an old email list to send out information regarding riding in the Caruthers Fair parade. Because of that mistake, I heard from a friend whom many of you long time members have known for years. Alice Nelson contacted me with some very sad news. Back in 2018 Mark and Alice Nelson and John and Veronica

Lewis, John and I had dinner to celebrate Mark's retirement from Sun-Maid after 40 dedicated years of service. He and Alice were thrilled to have purchased a brand new home in Chino Valley, Arizona to start their new life. As many of you know, Mark was instrumental in building and maintaining the pipe corals in Big Meadows. Every year he would arrive with helpers and lots of equipment to repair corrals from winter damage.

Mark had the most youthful, joyful smile and touched many lives. John and I were shocked and saddened to receive this tragic news. He will be greatly missed. Jan Mikkelson (you may email me if you are wanting Alice's contact information).

Mark Steven Nelson, 62, passed away September 14, 2021 in Prescott, AZ. He was born January 24, 1959 in Bellflower, CA and raised on the family farm in Selma, CA, and graduated from Selma High in 1977. He proudly served in the US Army at Ft. Hood, Tx. He worked at Sun-Maid Growers in Kingsburg, CA for 40 years with the final 30 as an IAM union machinist. He retired in 2018 and moved to Chino Valley, AZ with his wife Alice.

He loved riding and training horses. He took pride in constantly learning new horsemanship skills. He loved pack trips into the Sierra backcountry with friends, including many trail cleaning work trips with the Backcountry Horsemen of California. Mark was always busy with household improvement projects and trying to make things better for others. He enjoyed creating metalwork projects that he shared with many. He loved spending time with close family and friends, and when out and about in the community he never met a stranger. He loved traveling throughout the United States and Canada in recent years.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gary. He is survived by his wife Alice, brother Les, numerous beloved family and friends, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

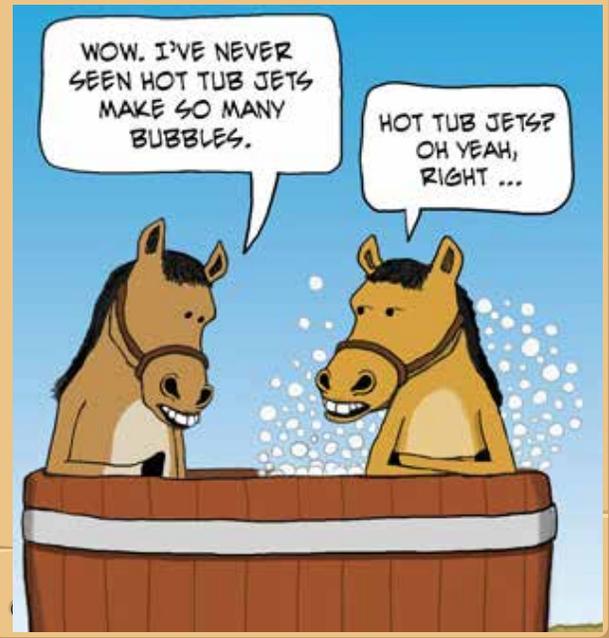


# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

May, 2022

Brandy, Josiah and Brayden Robison, Toll House

June, 2022

Robert & Ashley Goodman, Fresno

Sara Quinn, Sanger

Lisa Sanli, Bakersfield

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## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

# HIGH COUNTRY MANNERS

## A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR GENTLE USE OF THE BACKCOUNTRY

### TRAILHEAD MANNERS

- Leave your vehicle parked with other visitors able to exit, park, load and unload around you.
- Be sure to lock your vehicle doors, camper shells and tool boxes.
- Clean up all food scraps. Bears will break into your vehicle, if they suspect it contains food.
- Do your part in keeping the trailhead clean and accessible to others. Bring a rake and shovel.
- Use proper sanitary facilities at the trailhead.



### TRAIL MANNERS

- Be polite and helpful when meeting livestock, backpackers, hikers, and other users of the wilderness.
- Always yield the trail to faster hikers or riders. Move aside as soon as you can and let them go on ahead.
- Common sense and courtesy should prevail in matters of right-of-way on the trail. In most cases, riders and pack animals do have the right-of-way. Those traveling uphill have the right-of-way over those going downhill.
- To ease possible congestion, avoid stopping in the trail at a creek or trail junction. Move to the next available place to pull out and get completely off the trail.
- Loose herded livestock are difficult to control and, in many places, illegal. It is wise to lead all your animals to minimize the chance for trail conflicts.
- Remove obstacles from trails whenever possible rather than riding around them, as this creates a secondary trail.
- Stay on the trail. Cutting switchbacks creates erosion.
- Explain to those not accustomed to stock that a hiker can control his/her movements on and off the trail easier than a rider can control the movements of a string of pack animals.
- Some horses and mules can be skittish while on the trail, therefore, it is wise to give them some room.
- Explain to those not accustomed to stock, that it is safer for you, them and the resource, to step to the downhill side of the trail and to stay in sight. Be sure the person feels safe before you start to pass.

- Explain to hikers that it would be helpful to speak in a calm voice to the animals as they pass, thus assuring the stock that the colorful hiker is not a bear. Remind them not to touch the animals as they go by and to please wait a few seconds before starting along the trail.
- Leaving any equipment in the middle of the trail, near a water crossing or bridge is like leaving your suitcase in the middle of the highway. Your equipment may get run over.
- Dogs can be good companions where permitted on the trail. Dogs not familiar with livestock can be intimidated and scare the stock. Remember to keep dogs under control at all times so they are not a threat to the safety of other visitors or to wildlife.
- An "encounter" session with local llamas and their handlers before you enter the backcountry might be worthwhile.



### CAMP MANNERS

- Set up camp on hard ground away from grass and marsh areas where you and your stock will appreciate being away from mosquitoes. Be sure the location is at least 100 feet from any water source.
- Proper sanitation practices are very important. Choose a site at least 100 feet away from any water source or campsite. Use a shovel or trowel to bury human waste.
- Choose a campsite that has plenty of feed or pack in pellets and grain.
- If you need to restrain the stock, tie to a high line located on durable ground, 100 feet away from any water source, and out of sight of other camps and trails.
- The use of a portable electric fence is encouraged as it is an excellent way to control grazing pack and saddle stock. It is important to train them to respect the wire or tape prior to setting up in the backcountry. Move the fence often to avoid excessive impact on the meadow.
- Use only dead and downed firewood for fuel. Conserve wood by using a propane or gas stove for cooking.
- Pack out all garbage and trash. This means food scraps too. Remember foil does not burn.
- Remove, scatter or bury all manure in the campsite and at the trailhead.

## PROPER PREPARATION

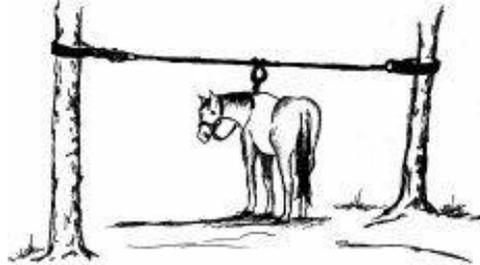
One of the most important aspects to consider when planning any trip is proper planning and preparation. This is especially true of backcountry trips. Try to be prepared for any eventuality.

- Consider the goals and needs of the group: scenery, lakes, fishing, moving camp, ages and experiences, etc.
- Know where you are going. Ask those who have been there before. Know how long it will take you to get to your destination each day of your trip.
- Know what maps you will need, study them and know how to use them. Have a compass along.
- Find out if you need to have a wilderness and/or campfire permit. Ask if there are any restricted areas you will be going through.
- Find out if you stay overnight at the trailhead. Learn what facilities are available: corrals, water, one night stay limit, manure dumps, etc.
- Know how many people are in your group and what kind of appetites/restrictions they may have.
- Determine if there is enough feed, water and proper campsite for each day's destination.
- Have first-aid kits for both people and animals, directions for use and a flashlight.
- Have at least one emergency light-weight meal along for the group.
- Be sure to have the appropriate clothing and equipment for the season.
- Have "strike anywhere matches" or a lighter in water-proof containers.

## A MESSAGE TO HORSEMEN FROM YOUR FOREST SERVICE



Horses, Mules, Burros and Llamas too!



- Take only the minimum number of animals needed.
- During short stops, you may tie horses to trees which are at least eight inches in diameter.
- For long periods, tie horses to a high-line stretched between two sturdy trees. A good rule of thumb is 7 feet away from tree and 7 feet high.
- If you picket horses, move them often.
- Keep tied, picketed, and hobbled horses well away from camp, lakes and streams.
- Tie, picket, or hobble horses only in dry areas to minimize trampling.

## WHO ARE THE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA?

Backcountry Horsemen of California is a group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock. They perform public service activities for numerous land management agencies and they are continually working to educate their members on how to be "Gentle Users."

The use of livestock has played an important role in the American culture. California and the western states have particularly had a long tradition of using pack and saddle stock in the backcountry. The Backcountry Horsemen of California carry on this tradition in modern times. With this use comes the responsibility and obligation to care for our public lands and to ensure their use for generations.

Backcountry Horsemen of California works in cooperation with government agencies to help clear trails, maintain historic sites, construct new facilities, sponsor educational seminars and clinics, and assist with service projects as requested. They also strive to stay current on relevant issues and to provide input on management plans and activities that pertain to backcountry trails on public lands.

Backcountry Horsemen of California focuses its efforts in three key areas:

- Service Projects
- Education
- Public Lands Issues.



Approved for distribution by

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# 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.

## Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

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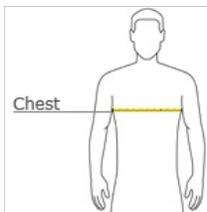
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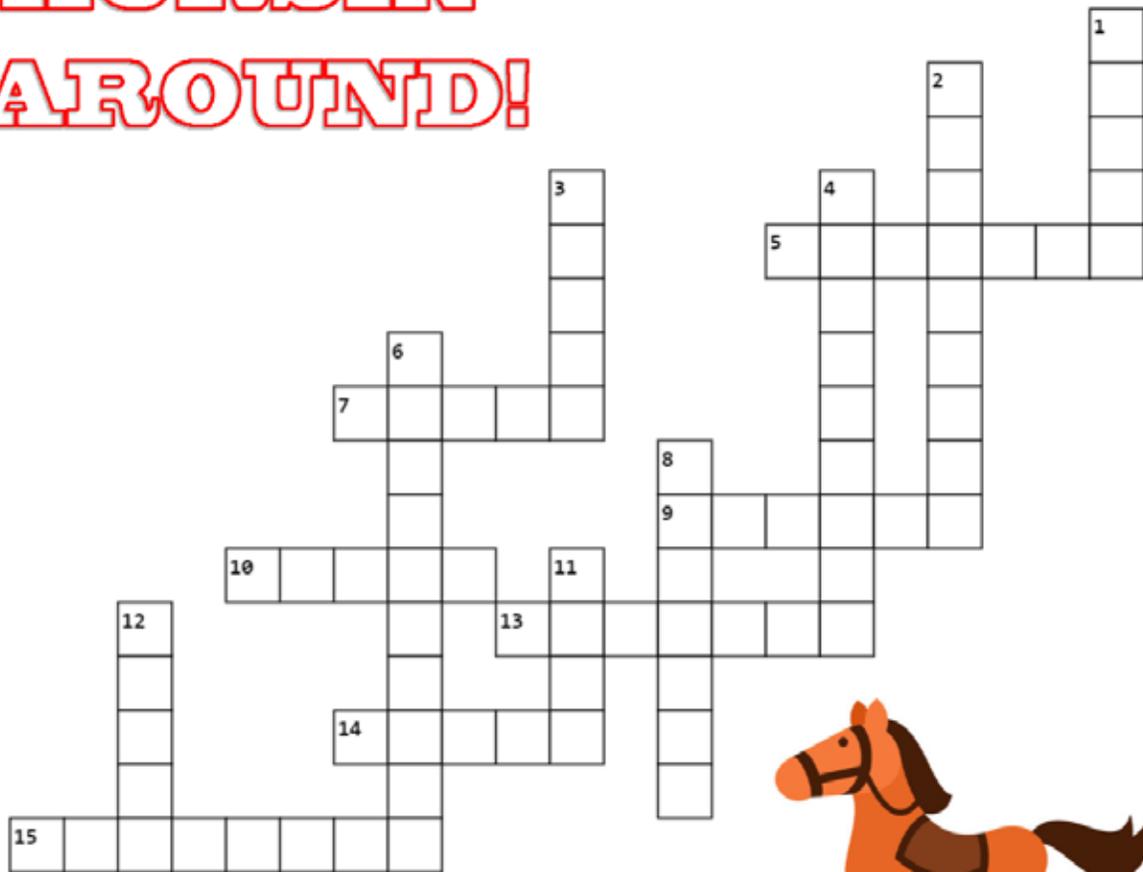
**CHEST**  
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

### SIZE CHART

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

## KIDS CORNER

# HORSIN' AROUND!



### Across

5. The fastest pace of a horse, with all the feet off the ground together in each stride
7. A mature horse less than 14 hands tall
9. Long straps attached at each end of a horse's bit to guide a horse while riding
10. A mature female horse
13. A seat fastened on the back of a horse
14. A young horse less than one year old
15. The ridge between the horse's shoulders where their height is measured in hands.

### Down

1. The muscle under a horse's tail that controls the tail's movements
2. A mature male horse
3. A pace faster than a walk, lifting each diagonal pair of legs alternately
4. A gold-coated horse with a white mane
6. Worn by horses on their hooves - believed to be lucky!
8. The headgear used to control a horse
11. A dark brown horse with black hair
12. Called Skewbald or Piebald - a horse color with big patches of white mixed with brown or black





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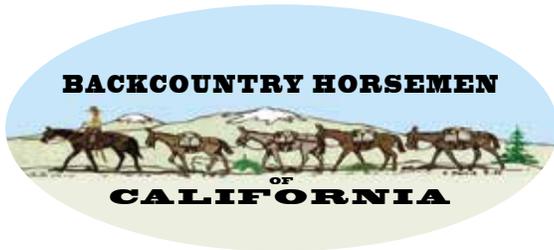
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## **Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California**

*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.