

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA Hoof Prints

Merry Christmas

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**OF CALIFORNIA**

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

## Presidents Message



What a great time of year. There is nothing better than getting together with family and friends at this time of year. We have so much to be thankful for. We are blessed to live in a country with our freedoms to still do the things we love. Every time I ride the magnificent Sierras it is as if God has put this here just for me. I have been privileged to enjoy this beautiful country for most of my life. I hope to see many of you at this year's Christmas dinner. My Christmas wish is that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed new year.

A big thank you to all of you who made it out to the gorge for the work party. Thanks to Ruth and Marcie for putting this together.

It is a quiet time, but busy. What a blessing the rain has been. We are taking advantage of this time to plan projects and try to secure grants for next year's projects that are already being planned.

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.

Our Christmas dinner is fast approaching. 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!**

# 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

## 2023

Jan 3	Meeting
Jan 19-23	MDO Camp Out
Jan 24	General Meeting
Feb 7	Meeting
Feb 17-19	Laber Brothers Desert Ride
March 7	Meeting
April 4	Meeting
April 29	Clovis Parade
May 2	Meeting
May 23	General Meeting
June 6	Meeting
June TBA	Poker Ride Shaver Lake
June 24-30	Edison Work Party
July 5	Meeting
July TBA	Montana de Oro Campout

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, [kaminskiclans@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiclans@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.*

## **DUTCH OVEN FRENCH TOAST BAKE**

*This Dutch Oven French Toast Bake is a great breakfast idea when feeding a crowd. Toasty edges and tender on the inside, it's everything you love about French toast - just a lot more of it!*

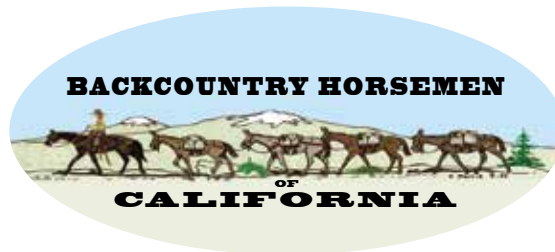
### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 8 slices thick bread
- 1 cup of milk
- 3 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup blueberries

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Start your coals. Cut out a circular piece of parchment paper to serve as a liner inside a 10-inch Dutch oven.
2. Tear the bread into rustic pieces (roughly 2 inches square) and place in the Dutch oven on top of the parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, thoroughly mix the eggs, then stir in salt, sugar, cinnamon, and vanilla extract. Once those ingredients are fully incorporated, stir in the milk.
4. Now slowly drizzle the mixture over the bread. Use a wooden spoon or rubber spatula to lightly toss the bread until each piece is evenly coated. Sprinkle the blueberries on top and mix gently.
5. Cover the Dutch oven and set it over seven evenly spaced briquets, then add 14 briquets to the top of the lid, giving a cooking temperature of about 350 degrees in a 10-inch oven. (Use 16 total coals for an 8-inch oven, or 25 for a 12-incher, placing about one-third of the coals underneath and the rest on top.) Bake for about 30 minutes. Serve with butter and maple syrup.





## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Oct. 4, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle  
Directors: Karen Daughrity, Jan Mikkelson, Sue Van Sickle, Richard Telles, Tami Telles, Doug Laber, Past President Duane Peverill(absent)

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Sue, Richard 2nd.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Expenses sent to state. Asked of state: what is education?

**Membership:** Follow-up on expiring members. E-mail or letter, phone calls

**Newsletter:** Articles due Oct. 20.

**Public lands:** Sequoia and Inyo in massive thinning program. NEPA in process. New beetle in Tamarack trees.

**Sunshine:**

**Shaver Lake:** To be closed Oct. 30. New contact is Patrick Hansen.

**Big Meadows:** Closed

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

Oct. 4 - Board meeting • Oct. 6-10 - Coastal Mounted Unit -(non BCHC-SJSU Event)

Oct.18 - Election meeting-Speaker Paul Barile

Nov.1 - Board meeting

Dec.6 - Board meeting • Dec. 10 - Christmas dinner

2023 EVENTS

Jan 19-23 MDO. \$45 per pen. Drop dead date needed.

Feb. 16-19 Starlight Ranch

Mar. 24-26 Rendezvous Temecula.

April - Clovis Rodeo Parade

2.Election meeting - Speaker Paul Barile. Pizza to be served. RSVP needed. ALL need to RSVP.

3. Christmas Dinner -\$35.00 per person. Dessert to be decided. Muriel and Susan Hamar to decorate

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Gorge W/P - See Marcee. Signs need to be finished. More thinning and pruning needed.

2. Trails Program - Ruth per Debbie - work needed on backlog of trail work.

3. Saw Classes - 2 opportunities for saw class. Mike Nolan to instruct 1st Aide and Saw Certs. Per Debbie grant monies available for training expenses.

4. State Meeting - Oct 8. E-bike webinar coming.

**Next meeting:** Nov. 1, 2022

**Adjourn:** 7:15 Ruth 1st, Jan 2nd



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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Buffet Style Dinner with two entrées

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian available upon request.

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

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

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

## THE GORGE WORK PARTY

It was a subfreezing 24 degrees at 6a with 16" of snowfall in last 2 days, which was melting and this morning the roads were SUPER ICY as I made my way down. But the lake view at 6:30a was so beautiful.

There was a small but mighty group for the BCHC SJSU work party at San Joaquin River Gorge yesterday. Lucky for me temps were now in low forties.

4 single riders, 2 stock handlers (1 horse; 1 pack animal) and of course our base camp captain who monitors radio and holds the fort down.

We were out for roughly 5 hours clearing trail in the north side of the preserve. So much overhang and overgrowth that we only were able to clear about 1/3 of the trail.

I believe there will be another planned work party in spring 2023...stay tuned and hope to see more folks at this one! My mom always said "Many hands make light work"...how wise she was.

One of the challenges of the day was a 60' dead tree that overhung over the trail so much so riders had to duck passing under. So, the brothers took this task on. At one point our pole saw could not reach high enough to finish the job...so, Doug and Jim engineered to throw a weighted rope over and pull the partially cut large limb down. SUCCESS! It was quite a large task and the brothers (after some good natured sibling bantering) got the job done brilliantly. Thank you guys! Not to be left out - the rest of us gals did a lot of limb and branch trimming all through the day!

It was great riding with the hardworking brothers Doug and Jim, Cara, Hicks Hansen Marcee and her trooper of an aunt Lois as well as of course our base camp captain Ruth! See y'all again real soon.





Back Country Horsemen of California



**San Joaquin Sierra Unit**



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Madrone Group 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.*

**Jan 19,20,21,22,23, 2023**

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday Jan 19,2023 until noon Monday Jan 23,2023

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

Madrone Group Camp has 18 corrals, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

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 <b>BCHC-SJSU</b> 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. \$
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$



## CHAINSAW SAWYER CLASS NOVEMBER 4-6



Joe & Carol Kaminski and Doug and Jim Laber attended First Aid and Chainsaw class with the Sierra Forest Service with Mike Nolan Instructing. We went up the hill to the Prather station on the first day for first aid and spent the day in class for first aid and CPR with about 24 others from various 4-wheel drive clubs. After class on Friday, we met Katie and Fred at Velasco's in Prather for dinner and then headed down Tollhouse to stay overnight at Katies in our trailers. We all went up to Katies after we got settled and had great conversations on Katie and Fred's time spent at the Thomas A Edison Lake resort When Katie and family ran it. Of course, we had to ask about the large stuffed trout Katie had in her home and heard about records caught at the lake. Wonderful conversations and a thanks to Katie and Fred for having us while we attended classes over the weekend. Saturday morning, we headed up to the FS workstation at Huntington Lake and spent the day there in class and on the grounds cutting and learning all the safety precautions for bucking on the trails. We met Katie and Fred again that evening for dinner at the Pizza Factory and stayed at Katies overnight Saturday. Joe and Carol went down the hill that evening and Doug and I got to visit again and get showers, thanks to the hospitality of Katie and Fred. Sunday because Doug was new to certification, we had to go back up to the workstation again and spent another day in class and on the grounds cutting again. We learned a lot over the course of the weekend and hope to put this knowledge to work again this next season on trail clearing projects.



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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.

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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!!

C.J. Hargreaves  
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## Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,  
Joe Kaminski

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## DESERT RIDE AT STARLIGHT RANCH NW OF ROSAMOND CA



**February 17-19, 2023**

We were made aware and found Indian Petroglyphs in this area last year and will be taking a ride to them on Saturday. A Breakfast to be provided by 9:00am Saturday and Sunday. Potluck Dinner Saturday, we will provide the main course and please bring an item to share. We need **RSVP by February 13th**. Need to bring water for you and your horse and anything else you want to drink. Some beds available but need to secure with us. Terrain is simple to difficult depending on trail, with all trails being packed to loose desert soils that are easy on the hoofs. Most of the trails/roads are a gradual climb but depends on what you want to do. Clean up needs to be done behind horses/stock and distributed outside fence. Take out all other that you bring in. There is an 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 17th and property will be cleared and gate closed by 2pm Sunday the 20th.

**Directions:** LAT: 34.924709 LON: 118.382792 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. (**Note: Google tries to get you to turn prior to Rd 140. Do not take that turn. That's the hard way. We will have the way marked with BCHCSJSU Directional signs along the dirt road**). There will be a curved dirt road leading to the right onto 140th St and most will want to take that. You will then 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



# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

2022

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# **WILDERNESS RIDER PROGRAM** (Continued)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE WILDERNESS RIDER PROGRAM**

### ***What is the Wilderness Rider Program?***

The Wilderness Rider program is a partnership between Backcountry Horsemen of California, the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Wilderness Riders are trained stock users who have made a commitment to educating others about the value of wild lands and the importance of Gentle Use / Leave No Trace Skills.

### ***What is the Wilderness Rider Job Description?***

Wilderness Riders represent the BCHC, the Park Service, Forest Service and BLM. Their duties are weighted equally between work in the field and workshop presentations.

The Wilderness Riders are mounted volunteers who ride high use areas educating stock users and others about the value of wilderness and the importance of GU/LNT Skills. They may also be called upon to monitor trail maintenance needs, maintain trails, conduct on site restoration, trailhead education, field based GU/LNT instruction and other duties as requested by the agency contact.

Wilderness Riders schedule and deliver educational sessions on how to practice GG/LNT Skills in or out of doors, and could involve hands on demonstrations, skits, slides, videos, and other multi-media presentation tools.

The Wilderness Rider must be able to maintain relationships with the agency partners and community members, schedule their own trips and educational sessions.

### ***What are the Wilderness Rider Job Requirements?***

- Must be committed to practicing and teaching GU/LNT techniques.
- Must possess demonstrated skills in public speaking; including the ability to interact with individuals, groups, and diverse audiences.
- Must possess demonstrated skills in riding and stock management and within two years of completing course demonstrate packing abilities.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must provide own stock.
- Must be accepted into and successfully complete a five day Wilderness Rider training course.
- Must annually submit project report forms
- Must perform two mounted field sessions, trailhead education, or backcountry GU/LNT training.
- Must fulfill two GU/LNT speaking/teaching workshops per year.
- Must be able to schedule and deliver workshops on GU/LNT Skills.
- Must be able to establish and maintain a working relationship with contacts from the agency partners.
- Must attend a refresher course, once every two years.

### ***What is the Wilderness Rider Selection Process?***

- Submit a Wilderness Rider application at the BCHC Rendezvous, or by April 20 of the course year.
- You must be interviewed by the selection committee, preferably at the Rendezvous.
- The selection committee reviews applications and calls references.
- Wilderness Rider selection committee chooses successful applicants.
- Successful applicants are notified by the selection committee by June 1 of the course year.
- If selected the participants must join Backcountry Horsemen of California.
- Participant must complete Wilderness Rider Training Course
- Participant must be accepted into the Wilderness Rider program by the training course instructors.

***Other questions concerning selection process:***

- You do not need to be a member of BCHC to apply, but if selected you must join BCHC for insurance purposes.
- The selection committee is decided by both the Wilderness Rider Steering Committee for each course year.
- You must be interviewed by the selection committee, preferably at the Rendezvous.
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***What are the questions on the application form?***

- Please describe your riding experience, packing and stock management skills.
- Please describe your public speaking experience with individuals and groups.
- Why do you want to be a Wilderness Rider?
- Name three references, their phone number and affiliation, who can verify your qualifications for the Wilderness Rider program.
- What wilderness area(s) do you usually ride in?

***Questions concerning fieldwork:***

- For the most part, WRs should ride to fulfill the field commitment. The program is based upon the concept of mounted stock users talking and visiting with other backcountry users.
- WRs are encouraged to work in pairs. Ideally this would be a WR and a companion. It is acceptable for WRs to ride together.
- Safety gear and helmets are a participant's personal preference.

***Graduation Requirements:***

- A participant may choose not to become a WR.
- At the discretion of the instructors a participant may not be in the program. Reasons are based on the participant's ability to fulfill the basic job requirements.
- All participants of the WR program will receive a certificate of completion and 100 points towards the Gentle Use Program.

***What is the Refresher/Update Course?***

- WR must attend a weekend course once every two years. This course will include any topic which the WRs feel will improve their skills and any update from National Outdoor Leadership School. Classes specifically pertaining to packing skills have been requested and given along with many other topics. Members of the WR Steering Committee and Education Steering Committee organize this course.

***Can a WR be put on probation?***

- A Wilderness Rider may be put on probation by not fulfilling the minimum field/educational workshops, by not following the guidelines established by the WR Steering Committee called the Code of Conduct and Uniform Code, by not meeting the agency expectations, or by not filing their yearly project reports. After one-year probation without improvement, the WR will be requested to step down and return their badge and name plate.

*To be continued in the next edition.*

# 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

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

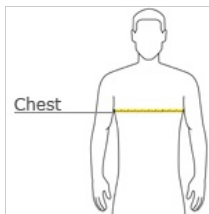
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.65 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Qty) (Total)

Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

Attn: Gary Van Sickle  
 BCHCSJSU  
 P.O. Box 25693  
 Fresno, CA 93729-5693



### HOW TO MEASURE



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

### SIZE CHART

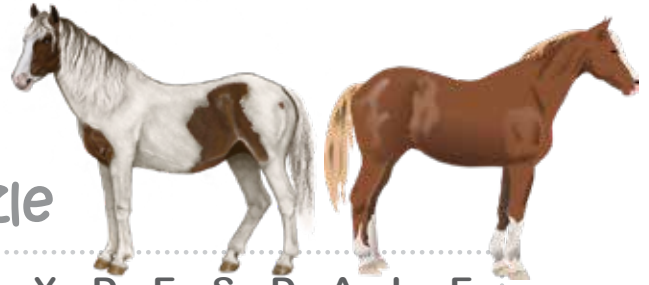
	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64



## KIDS CORNER

# HORSES

## Word Search Puzzle



H N E I G H C C L Y D E S D A L E  
O J Q J K Z Z P Z X Z M T Z R V S  
R L U L D Y O Z P G C G A Z A P T  
S V I R Q L K D N C T O B T B S I  
E U N M L E P I R N C S L C I R R  
S B E A H Y C R C L R J E R A Q R  
H A G T A A P V A E X W I S N U U  
O R H V R L B D H N M U Z Z L E P  
E E N G N O X T K C C Z Q Q Y O Y  
C B Y K E F I K G O K E E A T L O  
E A X M S W F N O R S F V N L X R  
M C Y R S D I S G Y A C I I P E H  
W K P A D D O C K S D P F J I J E  
S T A L L I O N A J D Y W R U H B  
K N G E V N D V G V L B R I D L E  
N O G M U S T A N G E A K K K E S  
R O U G H S H O D I F W H M A K D



ARABIAN	GELDING	PRANCE
BAREBACK	HARNESS	RACING
BRIDLE	HORSESHOE	ROUGHSHOD
CLYDESDALE	MUSTANG	SADDLE
EQUINE	MUZZLE	STABLE
FARRIER	NEIGH	STALLION
FILLY	PADDOCK	STIRRUP
GALLOP	PINTO	WITHERS

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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)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Add additional choices here

**Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records**

**Parent BCHC Membership Types**

Individual, Family, (Shared\*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit.  
BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

\*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

**Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at [bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634**

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

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

On that form, I also requested:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
My Total Remittance:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification of BCHC membership**

is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address



# Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (8) in total that will be exclusive to the Business/Industry type. Sponsorships are \$500 each per calendar year. Sponsors will be advertised on our web page, our facebook page, at the camp, and in our monthly newsletter. Please show your support to these sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please contact Joe Kaminski at (559) 909-0505. If interested in being a camp host for this season, contact Jim Knabke at (559) 779-4715.



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## **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.