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## Presidents Message



Winter is upon us, and I hope the rainy season starts soon as everything is far too dry. This year your board is in the planning stages for this year's rides and work projects, and we will be meeting Saturday February 15th at the American Legion Hall to get our calendar sorted for the year. Our first ride of the year will be the desert ride March 20-23. Next up is the

Fun Day Ride with obstacles at Steve Naylon's April 5th. The next will be Rendezvous April 11th-13 up in Corning and then Clovis Parade April 26th. May 2-4 is planned for a work party at the San Joaquin River Gorge. May 20-25 is Bishop Mule days. I will be attending this year and look forward to cheering on Reedley and Fresno state teams in this year's packing contests.

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. It would be great to have your input before the 15 of February or join us at the meeting anytime between 9am and Noon. I am grateful to all our members and give thanks for all that you do. We appreciate all

those who no longer ride, pack, or attend work parties but maintain your membership in support of this unit and BCH in general. Thank you for helping in continuing our mission in both the backcountry and front country area that we enjoy.

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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# 2025 Calendar

Board Meetings are now on the 3rd. 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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

## 2025

Feb 15	Board of Directors / Calendar Planning
March 18	Board of Directors / General Meeting
March 20-23	Desert Ride
April 5	Obstacle Course Funday
April 11-13	Rendezvous-Corning Ca Rolling Hills Equestrian
April 15	Board of Directors
April 26	Clovis Parade
May 2-4	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party TBD
May 20	Board of Directors
May 20-25	Bishop Mule Days
June 7	Big Meadows Work Party
June 14	Raffle Ride TBD
June 17	Board of Directors/General Meeting
June 21-28	Edison Work Party TBD
Jul 25-29	MDO Camp and Ride
Jul 15	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](mailto: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](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 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 OVEN BLONDIES

*Crispy on top, soft and chewy in the middle, with delicious caramel dark chocolate chunks, these Dutch Oven Blondies are going to be your new favorite camping dessert.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick butter, (½ cup)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 Endangered Species Caramel Dark Chocolate Bar, chopped



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine the softened butter, brown sugar, and egg and mix until smooth.
2. Add the flour, baking powder, and salt and stir into the wet ingredients until well combined. Chop the dark chocolate and fold into the batter.
3. Spread the batter into an even layer in a lined 10" Dutch oven and cover with the lid.
4. Place the Dutch oven on a bed of 7 prepared coals (see note) and place 14 coals on the lid. If your coals are on the small side or it's cold out, you can increase the number of coals on the lid.
5. Bake for about 20 minutes — exact baking times will depend on the conditions, so check at 15 minutes and then ever 5 minutes after. The blondies are done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
6. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly before cutting into squares. Enjoy!

# SHAVER HORSE CAMP TRAIL WORK AND VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

Have you stayed at Shaver Camp, or ridden the trails around Shaver Lake? You might be surprised to know that San Joaquin Sierra Unit has adopted the Lily Trail to maintain and keep up.

That's right! It's our responsibility to recon and keep that trail in good condition. If you're wondering just where it is, the Lily Trail starts at the Horse Camp and connects with the Perimeter Trail.



And while you're thinking about the recon and trail work rides you're going to take this summer, let me remind you that any work you do can be counted as volunteer service hours, and reported to the state by me at the end of the year.

In fact, I'd like to remind you once again that any trail or administrative hours you spend can be counted. That means planning, meeting with agency folks, committee meetings, researching for projects or events, collecting donations, writing grants or proposals, shopping for events — all the things we do to support our unit can be counted. That is along with any trail clearing you do.

And here is a handy form that you can use:

[go to bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) >

Documents and Forms >

Volunteer Service Hours Reporting >

Forms: Blank Saddle Bag Report Form

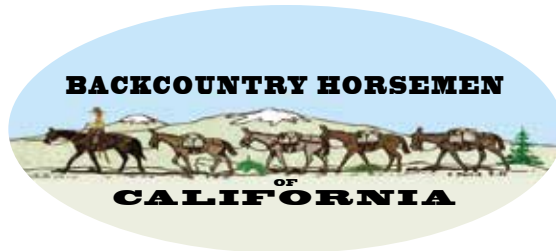
All you need to put is Activity/ Date/ hours/ and mileage, if any. At the end of the year, send the form to me. That's all there is to it. As ever, thanks for all you do.

Backcountry Horsemen of California													Project Location & Description					
Project Leader _____											Project Name _____		Project Description _____					
Agency Contact Person _____											Unit name _____		Project Location & Description _____					
Year _____											Reported 2023		Project Location & Description _____					
Volunteer Name or Saddle Bag Project Location	Project Information (Month, Date)	Work Hours			Work Mile			Community Service			Travel Time/Mile		Equipment		Stock Use		Duration	
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Totals																		

Agency Codes:  
 A. USFS      B. National Parks      C. Other      D. US Fish & Wildlife      E. Tulear Parks      Duration: Total of saddlebag increments (during project)  
 F. State Parks      G. Recreation      H. USFS      I. USFS (USFS)      J. County      K. County      L. County      M. County      N. County      O. County      P. County      Q. County      R. County      S. County      T. County      U. County      V. County      W. County      X. County      Y. County      Z. County  
 Note: County codes are not included in the per-mile rate.  
 Mileage - inventory other  
 Mile rate of donation form

Enter all time in 1-hour increments

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## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Sept 20, 2024

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: : President: Jim Laber, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Doug Laber, Karen Daughtrity, Sue Van Sickle, Loni Langdon, Steve Naylor • Absent: Carol Kaminski

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Doug, 2nd Sue, passed unanimously

**Correspondence:** The treasurer noted a donation was received from Jan and John Mikkelson for Big Meadows.

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Highlining article will be in the next newsletter. Still need a person for this committee

**Membership:** At the Memorial ride picked up a few new members from the Tehachapi group. Also, several associate members.

**Newsletter:** Articles due September 20. Would like to get some ride articles from the members.

**Sunshine:** Card sent to the family of Bobby Tanner who passed away in Bishop.

**Public lands:** Last work party at Badger Flats. Might consider Sample Meadows next year. Will work with the Forest Service on this. Discussion on saw training. First Aid class on Oct 5.

**Shaver Lake:** Camp to remain open until Oct. 1. Will need some volunteers to help on trail maintenance in the Camp area next year. Ruth will follow up with Jim Dixon on this.

**Big Meadows:** Camp will close at the end of Sept. Jim will arrange for closing camp.

Jim noted the possibility of getting water from one of the fire units at Hume. The Forest Service doesn't want horses drinking from the creek. Jim suggested moving the water to the host camp site next year. Will reinforce the need for campers to bring water for their stock. Concern was also expressed for nearby restrooms being locked and the additional use of the camp's restroom. Consensus for Jim to follow up with the Forest Service about this.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Events for 2024: Jim reported the Memorial ride was very good – good attendance. Regarding the Gorge, he reported another 3 miles needs to be maintained. Will set Oct. 26 for a work party. No meals will be served by the Unit. Regarding the Holiday Party – This will be held on Saturday Nov 9 at El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant in Clovis. There will be 3 menu selections. After dinner will be a dessert auction. Doors will open at 5 pm, with dinner at 6 pm. A flyer has been sent out to the members.

Regarding the CMA-MDO Event: The Unit has committed to help with the dinner. Jim will coordinate the meat – tri tip and chicken.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election Meeting: Will be held at Loni Langton's on Saturday October 19 at 2 pm. Located at 33390 Antelope Lane, Yokuts Valley (Squaw Valley). Bring your own chair. Dutch oven cobbler and ice cream will be provided. Election of officers for 2025 will be held. If you know of someone who would be interested in being an officer or director, please notify Jim.

2025 Events: Ruth reported a possible obstacle ride near Prather for spring – Rusty Spur. She will check on this.

Jim discussed the desert ride and some of the activities available during the ride.

**Next meeting:** November 19, 2024

**Adjourn:** 7:25 pm. 1st Ruth, 2nd Doug.

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

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

If you have any photos send them to Jim at [jim@visaliaidea.com](mailto:jim@visaliaidea.com) or upload them through the website: [www.visaliaidea.com](http://www.visaliaidea.com)

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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, or website ([bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org)) 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](mailto:jim@visaliaidea.com)

**Will Get A Free**

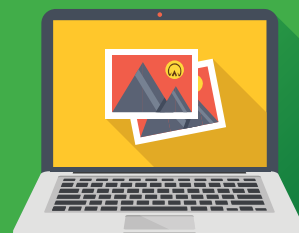
BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

**GOOD LUCK!**

## HOWDY

If you have attended any BCHC San Joaquine Sierra Unit events and have pictures, it would be deeply appreciated if you would send them to [wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net). As the webmaster, I like to keep the webpage up to date with photos of our events. Since I am not at the event, this is the only way to keep page current. You may also text via my phone number located on the webpage under webwrangler. Thanks in advance. Visit the webpage at [bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org) Happy Trails.

William Duane Peverill  
*Web Wrangler and Past President*



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Joe Kaminski, Honorary

## DESERT RIDE AT STARLIGHT RANCH NW OF ROSAMOND CA



**March 20-23, 2025**

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 13th.*** 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 20th and property will be cleared and gate closed by 2pm Sunday the 23rd. Any wood you may have for the fire

would be helpful.

**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  
San Joaquin Sierra Unit**



**TRAIL TRIALS FUN DAY**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(You may sign up as a new member on site)

**Location**

✿ *Luck of the Irish Ranch* ✿

7939 21st Avenue, Lemoore CA 93245

*Visit the website  
bchcsjsu.org  
for Map and  
Directions*

**Time**

Saddle up and ready to ride by 10:00 a.m.

**Lunch**

BBQ provided - bring your own beverage of choice

**Contact**

Steve Naylor

559 284-7478 • scnaylor@hotmail.com

**RSVP**

to Steve by Wednesday, March 26, 2025 so we can plan the food.

*This event is meant to provide a fun opportunity  
to familiarize you and your mount  
with different obstacles and encounters  
that may be found on a trail or ranch.*

***Come and Practice and Join the Fun!  
Don't Forget Your Chair***

***No dogs***

***No stallions***

***Helmets required if under 18***

# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Patricia Achilly, Downey

Sheila Emery, Tehachapi

Pat Plume, Sanger

Kaitlen Betchel, Lemoore

Jason & Anne Nikolakakis, Templeton

Morgan Wukodinsvich, Kingburg

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*San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

We greatly appreciate your membership regardless of involvement. Although if willing, we would love to help you get more involved. Our unit needs more members to participate in our events, sponsorships, and work parties for us to continue to take on projects as we have in the past. Our group, like many other groups, has been ageing out in the last few years and some are passing the torch to the next generation.

We are a volunteer group that gives when we can, and no one is expected to do anything they can't, or have no desire to. Maybe now is your time to get a little more involved. We would love to hear from you if you do.

- Event Organizer
- Writer
- Equipment Manager
- Trail Recon
- Public Lands Liaison
- Education
- Newsletter
- Sign Up Tables
- Directors
- Officers
- Trail Work
- Ticket Sales
- Food Prep & Service
- Committees
- Shaver Camp Host
- Membership
- Base Camp Radio Monitor
- Ride Coordinator
- Grant Proposals
- Decorator
- Sun Shine
- Web Wrangler
- Much Much More

**If you might be interested, feel free to ask any of us. Jim Laber 559-250-7906**

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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

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

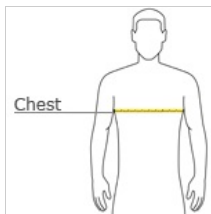
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.65 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Qty) (Total)

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

## Horse Care

### Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

BIT  
BLANKET  
BODY BRUSH  
BOOTS  
BRIDLE  
BUCKET  
CINCH  
CURRY COMB  
FIELD  
FLY REPELLENT  
GLOVES  
HALTER  
HARNESS  
HAY  
HELMET  
HOOF PICK  
LEAD ROPE  
MANE COMB  
MANURE FORK  
PASTURE

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TROUGH  
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# Backcountry Horsemen of California



**MAIL TO:** BCHC  
MEMBERSHIP  
1280 State Rt. 208  
Yerington, NV 89447

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

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- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra    | <input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres       | <input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Country      | <input type="checkbox"/> Manzanita Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Motherlode       | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra       | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia                       |   |

DCTR (Your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$60  | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$90  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$110 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old) \$15*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$125 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$150 | *Youth members MUST fill out BOTH Youth Membership forms (available online) |  |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/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 if 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.

### Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms.

**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"/> 1 Year Individual             | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual             | \$90  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual             | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family                 | \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family                 | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family                 | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$15  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old)       | \$15* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor                    | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                        | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney                   | \$500 |

On that form, I also requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verification of BCHC Membership

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
- 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 (10) 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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*San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

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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.