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## Presidents Message



Its so nice to see some weather events bringing much needed rain and snow to the valley, foothills and the Sierras. This past month your Board of Directors met on Saturday for a planning session for the coming season. We have several events we were able to set with confidence like rides, and some like work parties

in the Sierras where they are all dependent on available grant monies that are not available this year, and our ability to recon and assess project size. We will do all we can as in the past but may be limited. We are still hoping to find some saw classes for both chainsaw and crosscut saw this spring and have several members wanting that training so stay tuned on that front and we will email blast and or post in this newsletter if given enough heads up of dates.

Coming up we have our annual Desert Ride next week March 20-23 please RSVP soon. Next up is Funday obstacle course ride at Steve Naylor's Luck of The Irish Ranch April 5th, which if your riding in the Clovis Parade is a good event to get the kinks out. Next up BCHC

Rendezvous held in Corning, Ca. at the Rolling Hills Equestrian Center April 11-13. The Clovis parade is next on April 26th. If you have not notified Jan Mikkelson yet about participating, please email her ([jessecowboy@comcast.net](mailto:jessecowboy@comcast.net)). Next up we have our first work party of the year in the front country at the San Joaquin River Gorge May 2-4. See the calendar of events inside for more dates.

We are confronted this year with 3 board members termed out according to our by-laws, for elections end of 2025. Please reach out to me or any of our board members if you would consider running this fall. Without

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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
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 TBD
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.*

## CHEESEBURGER PASTA

*It's a cheesy pasta made in a skillet that has all of your favorite ingredients mixed in to a delectable sauce, topped and topped with melty cheese. It's what camping pasta dinner dreams are made of!*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 cups uncooked whole wheat penne pasta
- 3/4 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons dill pickle relish
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 teaspoon steak seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- Chopped green onions, optional



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Drain pasta; add to meat mixture.  
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2. Stir in the tomatoes, relish, mustard, ketchup, steak seasoning and seasoned salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes.
3. Sprinkle with cheese. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand until cheese is melted. Garnish with green onions if desired.

# 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.

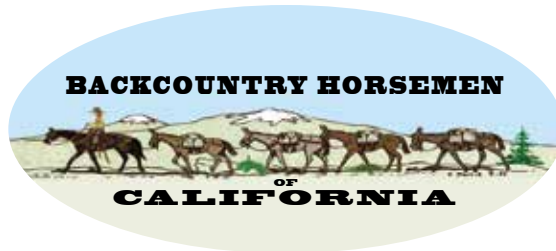
**Directions:** Starlight Ranch is already tagged on google maps if you use that. The map shows traveling on what is called Aqueduct RD but you want to go 30' further on Backus Rd. to what we call Upper Aqueduct RD where you will see a large Rock painted with a Smiley Face. Although the lower road can 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.**



## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Jan. 21, 2025

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: : Jim Laber, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Linda Fitzgerald

Directors: Doug Laber, Lois Patten, Karen Daughtrity, Steve Naylor, Marcee Hansen, Jeannine Jones, Loni Langdon

Absent: Jan Mikkelson

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

**Correspondence:**

**Committee reports:**

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

**Membership:** Lifetime membership due for Katie Horst.

**Newsletter:** Articles due Jan. 20

**Sunshine:** birthdays discussed

**Public lands:** Horses are being eliminated from trails mostly in Bass Lake area. 007 Trail for motorcycles and bicycles only it appears.

**Shaver Lake:** Closed. Opening May 1. We are responsible for Lily Trail and Perimeter Trail. Need \$200 deposit for Raffle Ride.

BLM – work agreement signed. Must wear identifying shirt. Use of chainsaw required saw card.

Note: Administrative hours report needed. Also need bucksaw training possibly in spring.

**Big Meadows:** New contract needed. Jim will work with Kyle. Motion passed to sign contract.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Treasurer, Directors – Marcee Hansen, Jeannine Jones, Jan Mikkelson, Lois Patten. Welcome!

2. Holiday Dinner recap – Successful. Needs work.

3. EVENTS for 2025

January 21 Board of directors

February 15 Board of directors and planning meeting

March 18 Board of directors/ General meeting • March 20-23 Desert Ride

April 5 Desentizing Clinic • 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 • May 20 Board of Directors • May 20-25 Bishop Mule Days

June 7 Big Meadows Work Party • June 14 Raffle Ride • June 17 Board of Directors • June 21-28 Edison Work Party

July 15 Board of Directors • July 25-29 MDO Group site with High Sierra

Aug. TBD Badger Flats/ Sample Meadow/Twin Lakes Work Party • Aug. 19 Board of Directors

Sept. 7 Memorial Ride Big Meadows • Sept. 17 Board of Directors • Sept. 19-22 Badger Flats Work Party

Oct. 9-13 Coastal Mounted Assistance/ SJSU MDO • Oct. 21 General Election Meeting

Nov. TBD Holiday Dinner • Nov. 18 Board of Directors

Dec. 16 Board of Directors

4. Fun Day Obstacles – Steve Naylor's – April 5

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. May 2-4 San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party/ Possible Bridge Project – Lisa Sanli willing to pursue – permits, costs, materials. Will contact Nathan for possibilities

2. Dick Cochran – Satham Meadows – Looking for trail work in trade for donation.

3. State Board Meeting – Feb. 8. Rancho Rio Equestrian Center. Board voted “no” on state motions. Passed

4. State Rendezvous Raffle tickets – Discussed

5. Bishop Mule Days – discussed

6. Pack Team Sponsorships – Motion for sponsor to both Reedley and FSU pack teams. Lois 1st, Doug 2nd , passed.

7. Website Management – Duane Peveril is website manager.

**Next meeting:** Feb 15, 2025

**Adjorn:** 8:30 1st Doug , 2nd Karen

volunteers for these positions, we will have to run with a smaller board or change our bylaws to allow more than 2 consecutive terms of service. We as a unit have added to our numbers this past year but are declining in membership at a faster rate for various reasons including moving out of the area and or moving out of state. If you know any fellow equestrians that are not part of a group, it is time for all of us to be ambassadors for ours.

Without numbers many of the things we have done in the past will become limited in size, scope, and frequency which limits our ability to act on our core mission of caring for and advocating for our backcountry trails, campsites, streams, and meadows. That is where we come in. Manpower and money, which comes from our dues, grants, and donations to keep us going. Every year we lose more and more access of our public lands. Even if you are not an active member or no longer have a trail animal, your valued membership is still extremely important. Our voice is always stronger with numbers.

Our group has had and still has such fabulous, involved members who have aged where they no longer can be as productive or passed the torch. We are a volunteer group that gives what we can, and we certainly do not expect anyone to do something they do not or cannot do. However, possibly now there is more time in some of your lives where you may have become more interested in our cause and could come along to see what great things we do and take part. We are not a unit that is all work and no play, we like to keep it balanced. San Joaquin Sierra unit needs as many members as possible to participate in our events, sponsorships for the several groups we support, and work parties so we can continue to take on projects that we have done in the past.

Some of Our continuing needs and projects for participation. If any of this interest you please contact me or one of the directors

- Base Camp Radio Monitor (to keep communications with our workers on the trail)
- Ride Event Host and coordinator
- Grant writer, to help us go after funds for the trail work and projects we do.
- Equipment director
- Web Wrangler
- Sunshine Corner
- Board of Directors

- Trail Work
- Ticket sales
- Food Preparation (cooks) during special rides and events (we have a cook trailer)
- Committees
- Shaver Camp Host coordinator
- Education
- Newsletter
- Membership
- Pilot Car and Driver for Edison work parties

If any of our members have questions or are interested in any of the following, please call me or any of our unit directors listed in our newsletters.

Stay safe out there and hope to see you on the trail in the middle of the saddle on top,

Your President, Jim Laber  
559-250-7906

## 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  
Cara Peterson  
for being the first one to find the  
hoof print last issue!**

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## Widening Wuh-ki'o

February 21, 2025

By Marcee Hansen



*"Heading downstream from the footbridge, the Wuh-ki'o, winds through four miles of oak and pine woodlands on the northern side of the river. Wuh-ki'o is the Dumna/Kechayi tribal name for the San Joaquin River. Along the trail, one encounters spectacular views of the river gorge, the table mountains, and surrounding oak woodlands." -BLM*

The Wuh-ki'o Trail at the San Joaquin River Gorge is one of three trails which is used by Equestrians, Mountain Bikers, and Hikers. Although this trail ends on Millerton Lake State Recreation Area 9 miles from the start, only about 3 miles from the Pas'an Trail takes you to the boundary of BLM. It is an "Out & Back" ride that nears 10 miles from the trailhead and back to the trailer. The Wuh-ki'o tends to be the least traveled and the last on the priority list for most of the volunteer trail work groups. So BCHC-SJSU decided to get busy.

Our recon ride took place on January 11th. Doug Laber, Jim Laber, new member Christee Hansen and I met at the Equestrian Camp at 9 am. We headed out after a quick discussion of our goals for the day. As we rode, we found the head clearance was not too bad. The work that would be required to clear the requested height and width would take two days maximum for the entire trail. The area of the trail that needs immediate attention is the narrow edge

which overlooks the river. That part of the trail has been steep and solid for many years. Widening may take a full day, since it is on a sharp grade and about a tenth of a mile long. Yet, with many hands it could go very fast. Before we came to the narrow part of the trail, we met with 3 mountain bikers. We found a spot to let them by and exchanged a little conversation. They warned us about the narrow passing and some of the overhead growth. They were very happy to hear we were there to look at what needed to be accomplished for our multi-use trails to be safe and fun for all.

On Wednesday, February 12th, Lois Patten, Karen Daugherty, and I tacked and packed to get started on the trail by 11 am. The first project was to start widening the trail where there is only about two feet of single track very close to the edge of the San Joaquin River. The trail is solid and has not changed for well over 10 years. Yet, there is always a chance. Right?! We took our tools and got to work. As Karen cleared areas of overgrowth, Lois started at the far end, widening part of the trail and cleared more brush farther up the trail. I started at the beginning. With help from Karen and Lois the section I started was extended to a width of 3 plus feet to approximately 15 yards. Not much, but it was a start. We called it a day after 2 hours and got back to the trailer at 5pm. Now to plan the next outing.

Our Work Party Weekend for the Gorge is set for May 2nd to the 4th. We will be camping at the Equestrian Camp. Corrals are limited. Yet, you are welcome to bring travel corrals, Highlines, Hyties, or tie to your trailer (only if this is something your equine is accustomed to). If you are interested in helping us succeed in keeping our trails safe and fun, please contact any of the members in our newsletter. Non-potable water is available. Restrooms have vault toilets and are available. Fires are welcome in firepits only, unless otherwise noted on the camp board.

Come enjoy friendships, ideas, trail kinship, and lots of laughs. And of course, meet new horses and mules.



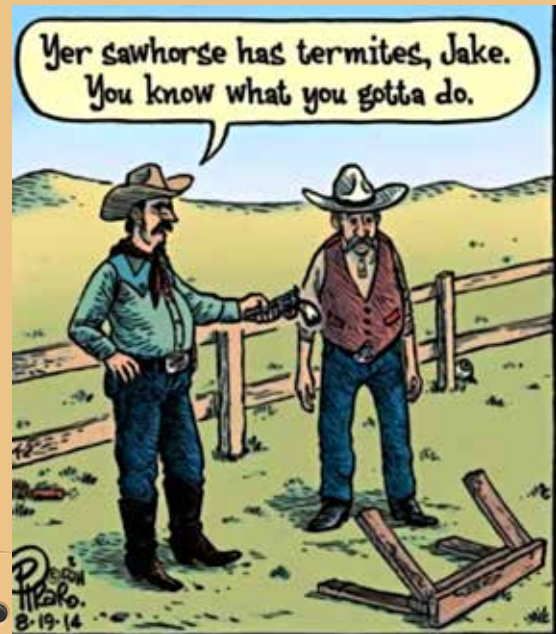


# SUNSHINE CORNER

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

Bonnie Pearce, Clovis

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**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

**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](mailto: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**

*Visit the website  
[bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org)  
for Map and  
Directions*

# 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.

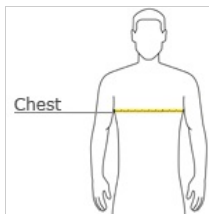
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Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

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

## Markings

### Word Scramble

Unscramble each word to reveal the name of a horse marking.

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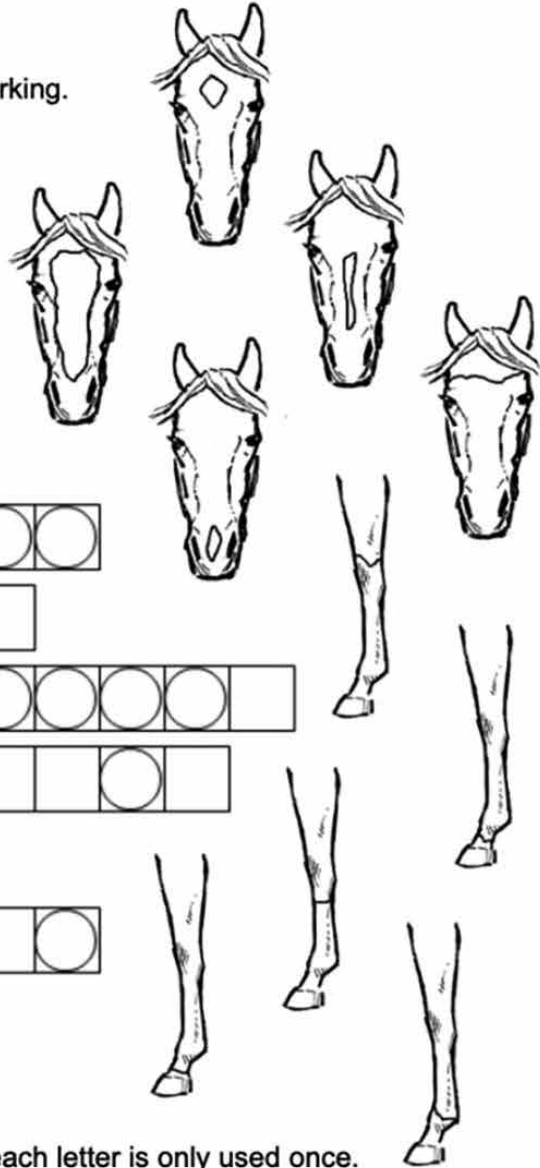
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### Mystery Message

Use the circled letters to figure out the secret message, each letter is only used once.

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# Backcountry Horsemen of California



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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A Family & Youth Oriented Organization

Release 4 2025 (11 Feb 25)

New     Change  
 Renewal

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Manzanita Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Redwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Joaquín Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State
<input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra		<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity	

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 \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$140	Include Date of Birth / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$160	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$205		<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney \$500

### Associate Membership: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Membership 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)

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**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 with a single Local Unit.

\*\*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.

**Youth Memberships** MUST include date of birth on application. The year you turn 24 is the last year you may renew under this membership.

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

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I submitted an Application Form for a -

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<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$205
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> On that form, I also requested:	

Associate Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### Verifying BCHC Membership by


- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
- 2) BCHC Membership VP 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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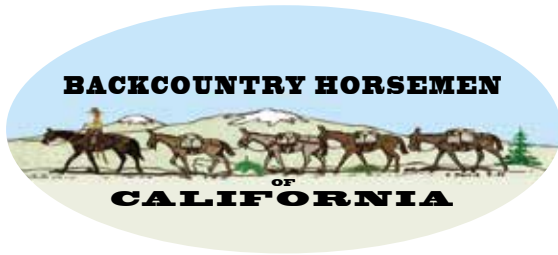
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## **Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California**

*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.