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Presidents Message



Once again water will be in short supply. If you are planning a trip to the backcountry keep in mind creeks that normally have water may be dry. This may entice you to move your trip to earlier in the season.

Once again we will be participating in the

Clovis rodeo parade. Thanks again to Jan for putting this together.

Many things are on the calendar for this year from beginning packing to trail trials along with many other events.

Thanks to all our unit members who continue to make this such a great unit.

Hope to see you soon 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! 

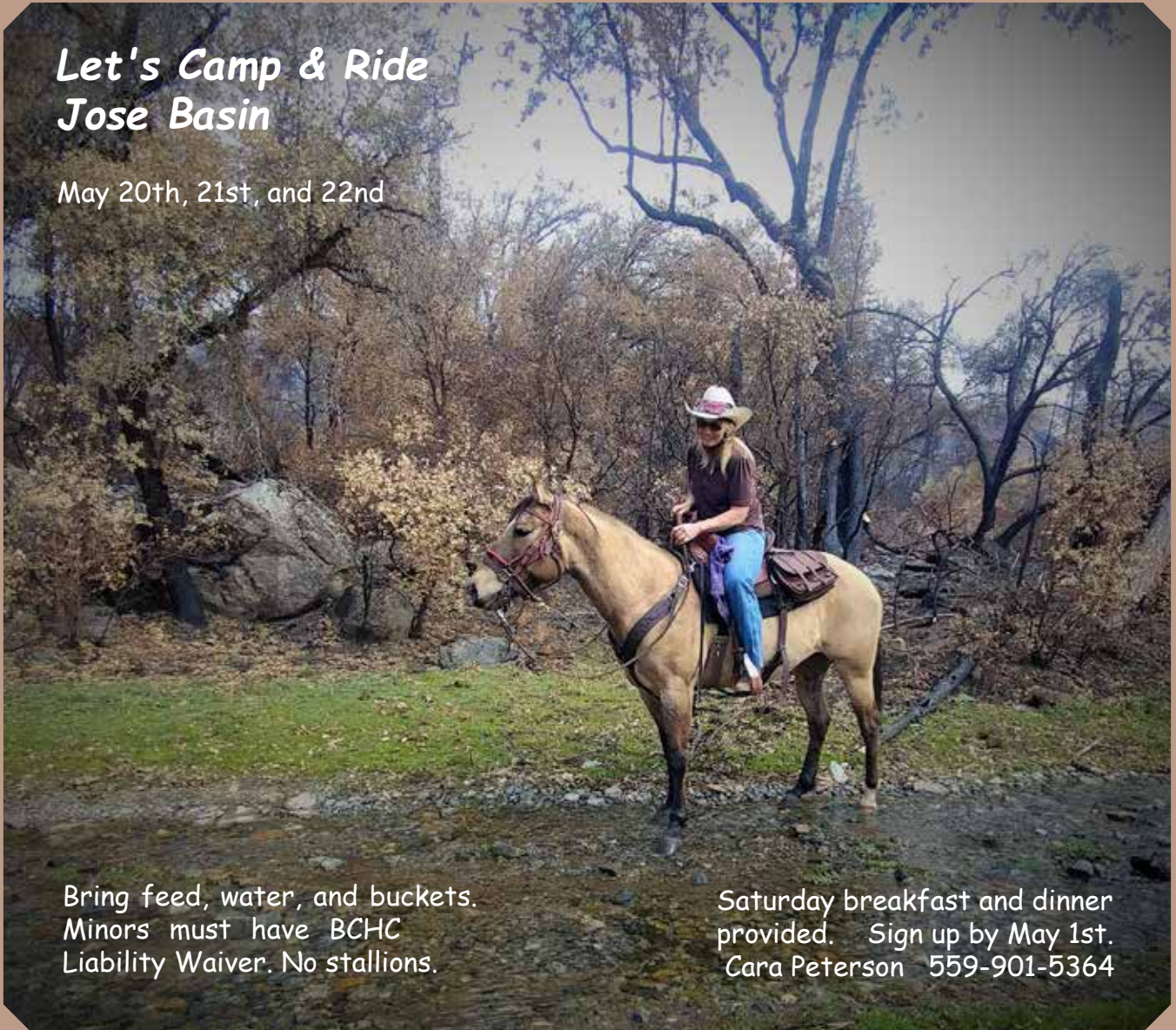
First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ jim@visaliaidea.com

Will Get A Free
BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

GOOD LUCK!

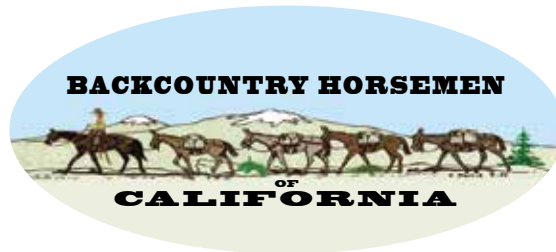
*Let's Camp & Ride
Jose Basin*

May 20th, 21st, and 22nd



Bring feed, water, and buckets.
Minors must have BCHC
Liability Waiver. No stallions.

Saturday breakfast and dinner
provided. Sign up by May 1st.
Cara Peterson 559-901-5364



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Feb. 2, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer (absent) Secretary: Carol Kaminski,

Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Doug Laber, Karen Daugherty, Marcee Hansen, Past President Duane Peverill

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

Correspondence: Sponsorship check received, Big Meadows

Committee reports:

Education: Jim Laber to chair.

Membership: Katie's life membership to be paid

Newsletter: Articles due Feb. 20. Karen to call for MDO article, Loni Langston article needed.

Public lands:

Sunshine: Ruth-hospitalization

Shaver Lake: Closed

Big Meadows: closed - sponsors needed

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2022

Feb. 17-20 Desert ride - bring your own water.

March 1 - Board meeting

March 25-27 San Joaquin Gorge - Marcee and Ruth. Work Fri., Ride Sat. General meeting to be held

April 5 - Board meeting • April 16 - Desensitizing - Steve Naylor • Apr 23 - Parade - Jan Mikkelson

May 3 - Board meeting • May 20-22 - Jose` Basin

June 4-5 - Big Meadows work day and ride • June 7 - Board meeting • June 18 - Poker ride Shaver Lake

June 24-30 - Edison work party

July 5 - Board meeting • July - Montana de Oro

August 2 - Board meeting • August 19-21 - Trail Trials

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. - Election Ride

Nov.1 - Board meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS: 1. MDO - Joe proposes \$500 to Coastal Mounted Assistance. Goodwill donation.

Duane 1st, Karen 2nd - passed

2. Inventory - soon. Equipment location - Duane, Randy, Katie, Joe, Jan

3. Officer training - Feb. 26 in Bakersfield. Joe, Carol, Jim State board meeting - Jim, Ruth, Joe and Carol

4. Grants - needed for work parties. Help needed.

5. Loni Langston - Proposed to pay Loni's membership to thank for clinic. Duane 1st, Karen 2nd passed

6. Jose` Basin - Date May 20-22

7. Shirts - discussion. All shirt sales to go through Gary.

Next meeting: Mar.1, 2021

Adjorn: 7:50 Doug 1st, Duane 2nd

As we start a new year it is time to review BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit Rules on the Trail.

1. Trail discipline is essential to insure safety of all riders and mounts. The Trail Boss has absolute authority. All riders should position behind the Trail Boss and remain there during the ride unless he/she gives permission to do otherwise. If there are several groups, each group must have a designated leader and abide by the rules decided upon for that group.
2. The "Drag" and other ride assistants named by the Trail Boss, also have authority over the riders. All riders must remain in front of the Drag rider.
3. Always keep at least on horse length but not more
4. When the group has stopped, observe the horse length rule with regard to all horse about you.
5. When traveling on a road, all riders must ride on the same side of the road, especially when vehicles are passing.
6. Riding side by side is permissible, if the trail is wide enough, and all trail rules are observed.
7. If you must pass, ask the rider in front of you, come up slowly, and allow plenty of room.
8. When mounting to ride, keep your horse still until everyone is mounted.
9. Never tie up your horse with the reins.
10. Smoke in designated areas.
11. Watering holes: space your horses out for safety. After watering in a stream, wait on the other side, as some horses will not drink if the group is moving ahead.
12. Check your horse shoes and all tack within a week of going o a ride.
13. No person shall ride in a manner that might endanger any other person or mount.
14. Horses known to kick must wear a Red Ribbon on their tail-but remember- any horse can kick.

Ribbon Color Meanings

Red . Adding a literal "red flag" to your horse's tail is a useful method to warn others that your horse is known to kick. . Don't get too near the working end of a beast wearing red.

Green, is used to signify a lack of experience. Green ribbons are appropriate for not only young horses, but also those that have too few trail miles under their hooves.

Yellow, Yellow is also the cautionary color of the roadways. Stallions are often asked to wear ribbons of yellow

Blue is strong and steadfast. The color of freedom and open spaces is also sometimes used to let others know that you're riding a stallion.

White is pure and clean. Ribbons of white mean that the horse is for sale.

Pink is the delicate color of femininity, cotton candy, and mares in heat. Horses wearing pink may be cranky, easily distracted and a distraction to stallions in the area.

15. When riding beside a paved road, ride the dirt shoulder with the traffic.
16. Hauls your trash out from lunch stops and campsites.
17. "Take only pictures, Leave only hoof prints."
18. Never run your horses on trails.
19. Dogs are prohibited on trail,for safety riders. BCHC-SJSU Rules
20. No alcohol on trail.

Until we meet again. Happy Trails and lets make this a banner year.

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

2022

Feb 17-20	Laber Brothers Desert Ride
March 1	Board Meeting
March 25-27	Work Party Membership Ride San Joaquin River Gorge
April 5	Board Meeting
April 16	Desenitizing Luck of the Irish Ranch
April 23	Clovis Parade
May 3	Board Meeting
May 20-22	General Meeting Ride Jose Basin.
June 7	Board Meeting
June 18	Poker Ride Shaver Lake
June 24-30	Edison Work Party
July 5	Board Meeting
July 21-25	Montana de Oro Campout
Aug 2	Board Meeting
Aug 20-21	Trail Trial Info to follow
Sept 6	Board Meeting
Sept 10	Memorial Ride Big Meadows Horse Camp
Oct 4	Board Meeting
Oct	General Meeting/Elections and Ride
Oct 6-10	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHCSJSU Event)
Nov 1	Board Meeting
Dec 6	Board 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, kaminskiclan@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 for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bchcalifornia.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.

BBQ Dutch Oven Chicken and Potatoes

If you are looking for the best camping food recipe, look no further! This BBQ Dutch Oven Chicken and Potatoes recipe couldn't be easier, and it will absolutely be a big hit on your next camping trip

INGREDIENTS:

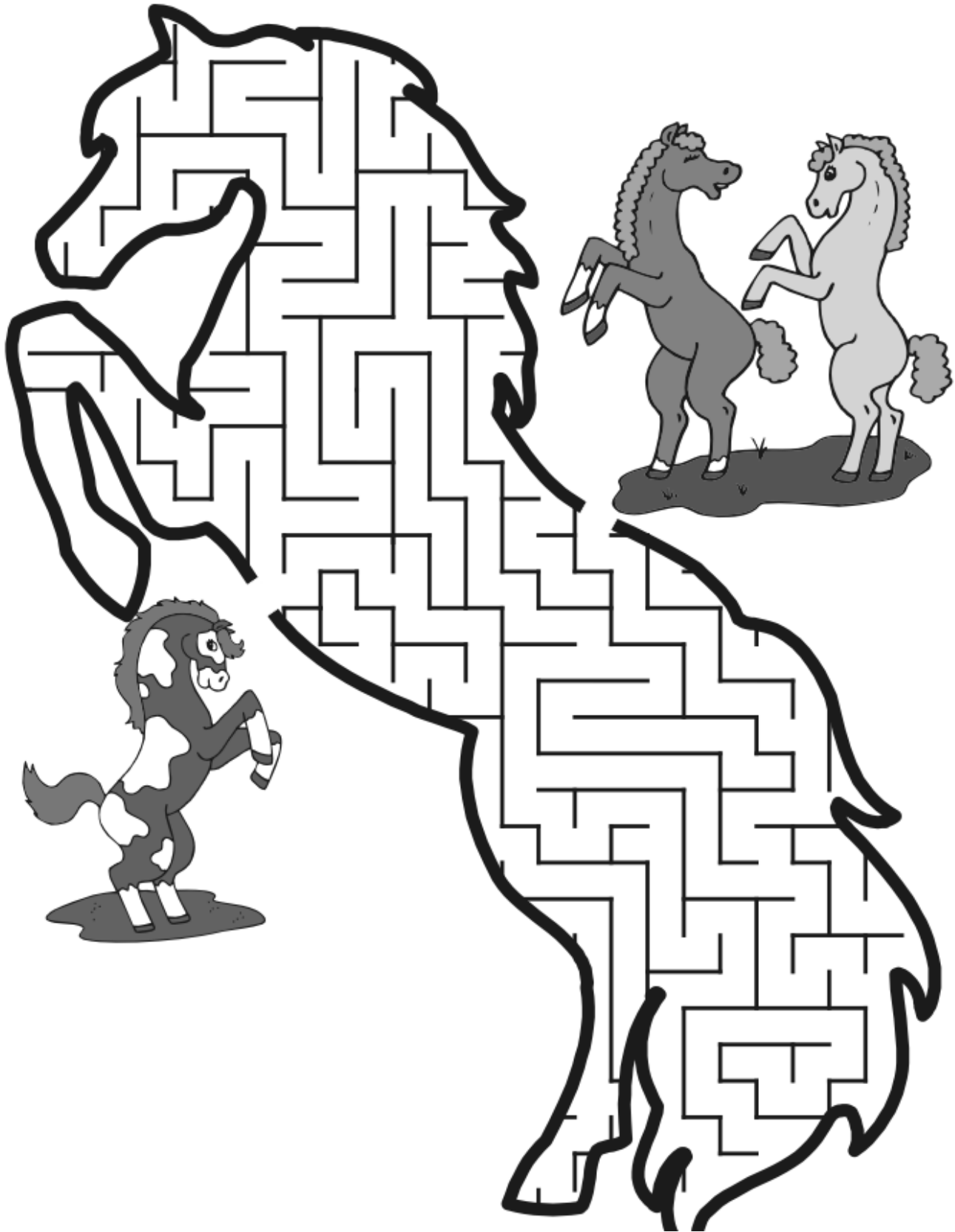
- 3-4 large chicken breasts
- 1 package of bacon
- 5 small potatoes, sliced into 1/4 – 1/2 inch slices
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 lb butter, optional
- 1 bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce
- 26 coals



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make sure your coals are burning nicely. Place dutch oven on top and put bacon in dutch oven.
2. Cook bacon until cooked. Drain most of the excess grease (you want to keep probably 1/4 cup in the dutch oven)
3. Add onions, potatoes, chicken breasts, onion, butter, and BBQ sauce into the dutch oven.
4. Cover with lid and make sure there are 14 coals underneath the the dutch oven and 12 on top.
5. Cook about 35-50 minutes, or until the chicken is done.

KIDS CORNER



THEY'RE HERE



No, I am not talking about Poltergeist. I am talking about Rattlesnakes. They can be almost anywhere. We should learn about these snakes and how to avoid being bitten when having fun in the outdoors. Below is some information that I got off the internet.

When in Snake Country.

What to Do and NOT to DO.

Rattlesnakes are not confined to rural areas. They have been found in urban areas, on riverbanks and lakeside parks and at golf courses. The following safety precautions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of an encounter with a rattlesnake.

- Be alert. Like all reptiles, rattlesnakes are sensitive to the ambient temperature and will adjust their behavior accordingly. After a cold or cool night, they will attempt to raise their body temperature by basking in the sun mid-morning. To prevent overheating during hot days of spring and summer, they will become more active at dawn, dusk or night.
- Wear sturdy boots and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through brush, wild areas.
- Children or adults should not wear flip-flops while playing outdoors in snake country.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them,

and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

- Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Be careful when stepping over doorsteps as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, as it can still inject venom.
- Teach children early to respect snakes and to leave them alone.
- Leash your dog when hiking in snake country. Dogs are at increased risk of being bitten due to holding their nose to the ground while investigating the outdoors. Ask your veterinarian about canine rattlesnake vaccines and what to do if your pet is bitten.

What to do in the event of a snake bite

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a cell phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in. In the event of a bite:

- Stay calm but act quickly.
- Remove watches, rings, etc., which may constrict swelling.
- Transport the victim to the nearest medical facility.
- For more first aid information, please call the California Poison Control System at (800) 222-1222.

What you should NOT do after a rattlesnake bite

- DON'T apply a tourniquet.
- DON'T pack the bite area in ice.
- DON'T cut the wound .
- DON'T use your mouth to suck out the venom.
- DON'T let the victim drink alcohol.

It would be advisable for you to check out different websites and to some research on Rattlesnakes. Lets all have a great riding season and BE SAFE. Until next time. HAPPY TRAILS.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Speedy recovery

Alan Fry on Surgery.



The Lighter Side



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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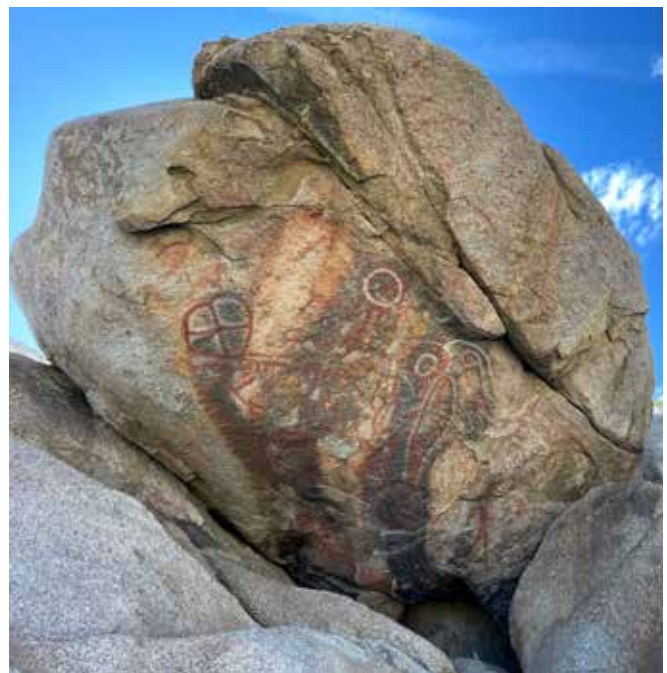
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STARLIGHT RANCH RIDE

-Jim & Doug Laber

Doug and I went and rode out of the ranch as when we were out for the club ride we heard about some Indian pictographs on some large rocks in Burham Canyon. We had never rode that canyon and set out to find the rock. It was a great ride with plenty of challenging terrain and as we were about to give up on finding them we came upon some ruins further up in the canyon. We took a break there and started heading back when we saw a large group of rocks about half way up the canyon wall. We were told we would have to hike to the rocks so we set off and sure enough found the pictographs. Below the paintings was a grinding rock as well. We have now heard this is another one somewhere in the same area and hope to find it next time out. All in all a great ride and great find we hope to share on future club rides.



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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

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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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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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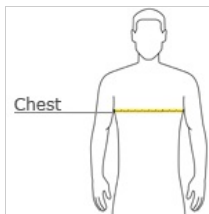
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SIZE CHART

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

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		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State

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Unit Name (from above list)

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	\$500.00

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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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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.