

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA Hoof Prints



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## Presidents Message



Wow what a work crew that showed up at the gorge. Enduring unseasonably warm weather two crews set out to accomplish much needed maintenance. Thanks to Marcie and Ruth for heading up this project.

Jose basin is coming up with riding and packing if interested. Please notify Cara Peterson if planning to attend.

Keep an eye on the calendar and hope to see you at one of the 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!* 

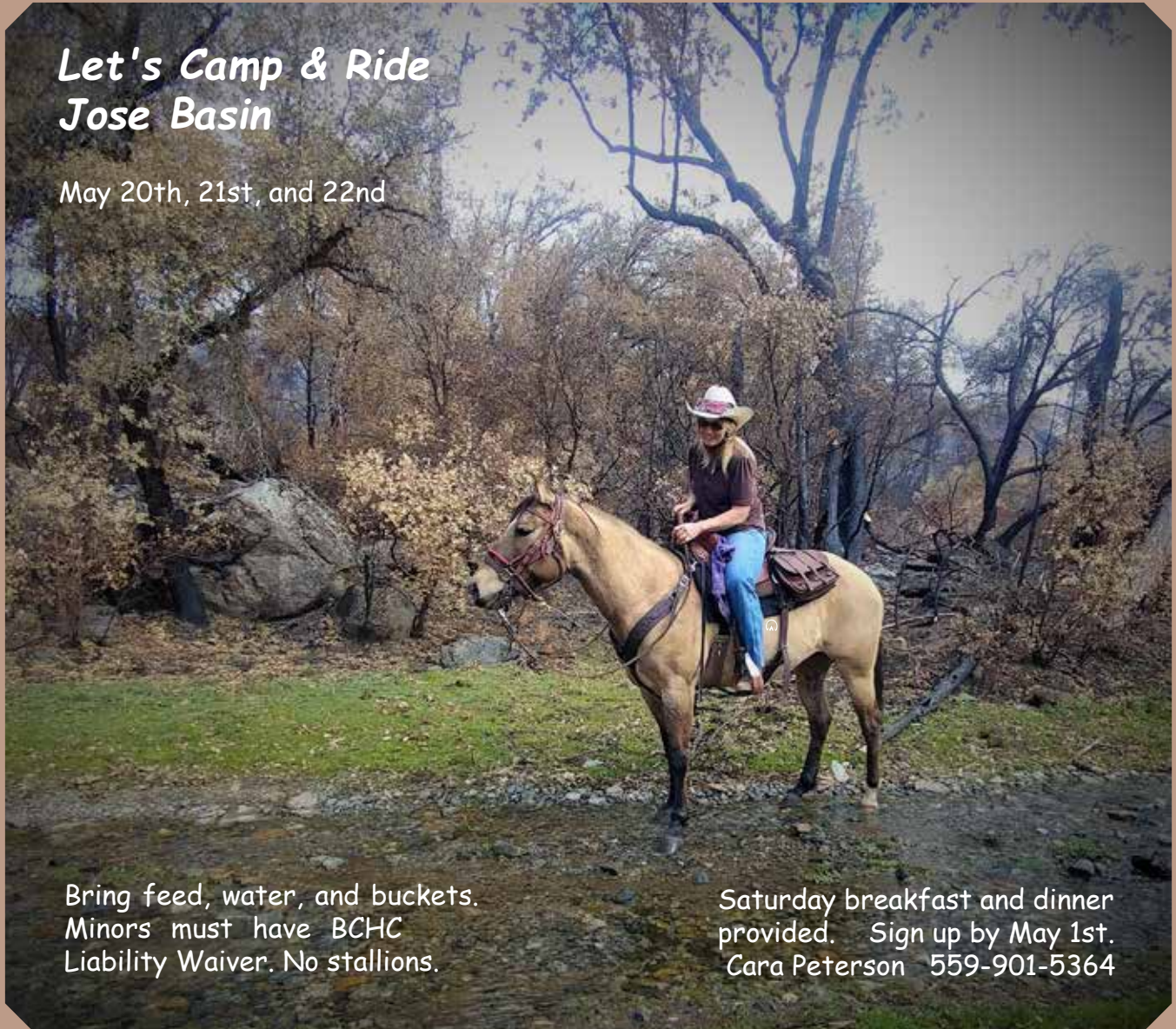
First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ [jim@visaliaidea.com](mailto:jim@visaliaidea.com)

**Will Get A Free**  
BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

**GOOD LUCK!**

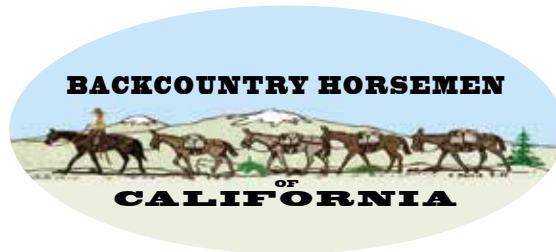
*Let's Camp & Ride  
Jose Basin*

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 Mar. 1, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

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

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

**Correspondence:**

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Webinar to come.

**Membership:** 1 new member

**Newsletter:** Articles due Mar. 20.

**Public lands:**

**Sunshine:** Alan Fry, Jim Dixon

**Shaver Lake:** Closed, opening May 1

**Big Meadows:** closed - sponsors needed

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

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 21-25 - 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

2. Gorge Ride - posts to be packed in. Posthole digger needed. Ruth to blast for needs. Memorandum to be signed.

3. Parade - insurance to be in place. Mules needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. 2022 budget - next meeting

2. 2021 Audit - Gary, Jim, Ruth

3. Training - Insurance - more coverage

4. Grants - Ruth needs assistance in writing/funding. Education money available.

5. Inventory - Duane to supply serial numbers for equipment.

6. Sawyer training - needed

**Next meeting:** Apr 5, 2022

**Adjorn:** 7:00 Doug 1st, Duane 2nd



## SHAVER LAKE HORSE CAMP IS OPEN!



Camp is open and ready for action. Cara Peterson, and Richard and Tammy Telles spent Saturday, April 30, cleaning the camp area, prepping the corral fences and gates, and clearing trails to make everything ready for the summer season.

The camp, pictured below, is located on Shaver Lake at 5,627 ft. elevation, making it an enjoyable location for riding in the summer. The camp features three sites, with corrals, and a central gathering area with a fire pit and tables. It is a dry camp, so campers bring water and feed. There are several riding trails to choose, each one with access to the lakeshore.

The camp is open to members and associate members of San Joaquin Sierra Unit. Cost is \$10/night: reservations can be made by contacting Ruth Cramer at [racramer@outlook.com](mailto:racramer@outlook.com) or 559-417-3878.

Make your reservations now for the June 11 Poker Ride.



# 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

May 3	Board Meeting
May 20-22	<b>General Meeting Ride Jose Basin</b>
June 4-5	<b>Big Meadows Work Party and Day Ride</b>
June 7	Board Meeting
June 18	<b>Poker Ride Shaver Lake</b>
June 24-30	<b>Edison Work Party</b>
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](mailto: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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org) for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.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 Vegetable Beef Soup

*This vegetable beef soup is hearty with a kick of flavor. Made with top sirloin and fresh and frozen vegetables, it's super easy to prepare and ready in just under two hours. There is nothing better than soup prepared in a Dutch oven!*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 ½ pounds beef top sirloin, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 cups water
- 2 (14 ounce) cans beef broth
- 1 (14 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 10 baby carrots, chopped
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 small bay leaves
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 cup frozen green beans
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce (such as Tabasco®)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Saute beef in hot oil until completely browned, about 5 minutes. Remove browned beef with a slotted spoon to a plate, retaining beef drippings in the Dutch oven.
2. Saute celery and onion in the beef drippings until tender, about 5 minutes. Return beef to the Dutch oven; add water, beef broth, petite diced tomatoes, diced tomatoes, potatoes, baby carrots, garlic powder, and bay leaves.
3. Place a cover on the Dutch oven, bring the mixture to a boil, reduce heat to low, remove cover from the pot, and simmer the mixture until thick, about 45 minutes.
4. Stir frozen corn, frozen green beans, and hot pepper sauce into the mixture in the pot. Place cover on the pot and cook at a simmer until the corn and green beans are just cooked through, about 30 minutes.



Presented by

# BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

JUNE 11, 2022

## POKER RIDE

- OPEN TO EVERYONE
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
- PLENTY OF PARKING
- \$25 members
- \$35 non-members
- \$10 youth (no poker hands)

**Includes:** Coffee • Doughnuts  
• Lunch • Poker Hand  
• 1 Raffle Ticket

Gate opens at 8:00 am, saddle up at 9:00 am, on the trail by 10:30 am

(Additional Poker Hands can be purchased)

### BEST HAND TAKES THE PRIZE

- Raffle (If you would like to donate an item, bring it along.)
- Bring water for your Horse
- Bring a chair
- Directions to Event:

Highway 168 to Shaver Lake, CA. Turn East on Dinkey Creek Road. Follow the signs to Fishing Camp 4.3 miles on the left. Follow dirt road on the left to the parking area at the Trail Head.

R.S.V.P. before June 4 to reserve your spot:

Marcee Hansen: 559-977-9472  
or Ruth Cramer: 559-417-3878

Please be advised: no Stallions, no Dogs, & no Alcohol on trail.





# THE GORGE

By Marcee Hansen,



Our first work party of the year was at my favorite place to ride during the cooler months, the San Joaquin River Gorge Recreation Area, also known simply as The Gorge. These very popular trails are used by hikers, equestrians, runners, and cyclists. It would be a very odd outing if you were not to encounter a handful of outdoor enthusiast while riding any one of the 3 main trails.

Early in the month of February, Ruth Cramer set up a meeting with Brian Ludt, the Interim Manager for BLM's San Joaquin River Gorge Recreation Area. Ruth and I met with him and discussed BCHC-SJSU's previous agreement with BLM. Bryan asked us many questions about safety, cyclists, hikers, and about horses on the trail. He told us of his vision for The Gorge and the things he would like our unit help with.

Later in February, Bethany Smith, Brian, and I met to ride the trail he wanted us to start work on first. While we were tacking he mentioned work needed to be done on the corrals. Some of the welds had broken, a gate needed to be hung and he suggested plumbing to all the corrals would be nice. Shortly after we tacked up we headed to the Pas'an Trail, Brian noted all of the signage he wanted to have placed and which old sign posts needed to be remove and packed out. He showed us a snag (a leaning dead tree) that needed to be removed. Then we came upon "The Canopy", which is a very over

grown bush and a few trees that is usually difficult to ride under. Often times during my rides on the Pas'an, someone has difficulty getting through the canopy without getting scratched up badly by the low hanging branches. It's the toughest natural cowboy curtain I have seen so far. We discussed this for a while and came to the conclusion that removing a few large limbs at the base would hold the growth for a few years this time. That was going to be a big job all in itself. In addition, we realized that most of the trail did not have the head clearance for equestrians. With the trail being 6 miles long, that would require a fair amount of time also.

While we rode the last few miles back to the trailers, we talked about how all of this was going to get accomplished. With all that we discovered on this trip, it appears we will need to split the work up into two or possibly three phases.

On March 15th, Karen Daughrity and I headed back out to the Pas'an Trail to take pictures of where Brian requested the new posts, which old posts needed to be removed, a few pictures of the leaning snag, along with some of the canopy. These pictures help our committee become familiar with the work that needs to be accomplished. They allows us to figure out which tools will be needed and how many stock animals are required to carry all the materials for the jobs.

Friday March 25 came very fast from the first meet with Brian. Our members started arriving for our weekend work party. When I arrived to touch base with Ruth and Brian, William and Pat Peverill had already arrived. They set up camp with plenty of room for the other rigs we were expecting. Tom Smith and his wife Carol had also made camp tucked to the side of one site. I hung the gate and Ruth brough a chain latch to keep it closed. Soon after Joe and Carol Kaminski showed up with the food trailer. They had agreed to keep us fed with some very much needed and appreciated meals throughout the weekend. Shortly after Jim and Doug Labor pulled





in. Later that afternoon Cara Peterson and Josh Mahan joined our group. As we all visited that evening, we ran through a tentative plan for the next day. The sun set. I left for home as the others enjoyed the campfire with friends under a clear star filled sky.



Saturday morning came quick for me. As we were tacking up our horses and packing up others, more members rolled in. Karen Daughrity, Jani Goins, Mary Bogdanovich, and Lisa Sanli came for the day to help out. We split off into two groups. Cara Peterson headed out with Josh, Karen, Lisa, Jani, and Mary to tackle “The Canopy” and the snag. The second group consisted of Doug, Jim, TJ (Tom Smith), Carol Smith, William, and I to place new sign posts, remove the old and haul them out. We had decided to ride to the end of our work area and drop posts as we went to make room for the ones we had to haul out. The day grew long for a warm spring day. We came upon the snag that the other team was going to clean up. We reached them on the radio and asked how they were doing and if we should take care of it while we were there. They said they were still working on the canopy and would be for some time. As the guys were cleaning the snag I found a snake. It was an adult garter snake with pretty little red squares on its sides. We continued to work until it was after 4pm. Shortly after 4:30 pm we called it a day with intentions of finishing up the next day. As we were finishing up for the day, the other team came through. They were tired also. The mild heat was taking toll on all of us. When we got back to camp Joe and Carol already had dinner going. We took care of our stock. Most of them got rinsed off with cool water. By the time we were finished, our dinner was ready. Cool drinks and good food hit the spot. We all relaxed and talked about the day.

Sunday morning arrived very fast. Jim, Doug, TJ, and I headed back out to finish our job. It was a quick day. We got back and broke down camp. It was a tough work weekend, but I think it was well worth it. Cara

and her group did a great job clearing the canopy. I rode the trail a few days later and you would never know it was a problem if you had not seen it before. I can hardly wait to see the signs on the posts. I also look forward to getting back out there to clear head room for equestrians. Also, my guy just bought a welder, so I may be back soon to fix the welds.

Ruth talked with Bryan and he seemed very pleased with our work. On behalf of BCHC SJSU, I will say we are very pleased to be working with BLM’s current Interim Manager Bryan Ludt. In addition, a great big Thank You to all of the members that helped with this work party.



# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side

My horse invited me to church. I was nervous at first, but she promised me it wasn't a colt.

A bunch of ponies were foaling around in a classroom. The stubborn teacher snorted and said, "It would be-hoof you to pay attention."

My boss got fired today.  
He got knocked off his high horse.

Why did the foal have to go to sleep?  
It was pasture bedtime!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

March, 2022  
Sue Buckley

April, 2022  
Jani & Boyd Goins, Auberry

Charity Doherty, Creston

Melinda Fierro, Clovis

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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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# SHARING OUR TRAILS

## A GUIDE TO TRAIL ETIQUETTE



### Guidelines for all trail enthusiasts:

#### *Common Courtesy*

- Respect all trail restrictions and use only trails open to your mode of transportation.
- Be considerate of others on the road or trail.
- When traveling on shared-use trails, continually watch for other types of recreationists.
- Slow down when sight lines are poor.
- Keep speeds low around other recreationists.
- Keep noise and dust down.
- Keep your ears open – no ear buds for an MP3. Listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other recreationists. In some areas, it is illegal to operate vehicles or bikes with both ears covered.
- Keep pets under control. Some trails require dogs to be leashed. Be familiar with local rules.

#### *Yielding*

- Yield the right of way to those passing you from behind or traveling uphill.
- Motorized vehicles yield to mountain bikes, runners, hikers, and horses.
- Mountain bikes yield to runners, hikers and horses.
- Runners and hikers yield to horses.

### Guidelines for Equestrians on shared trails:

- Be sure you can control your horse and it has been exposed to other trail recreational uses before riding on shared-use trails.
- Cooperate with local OHV and bicycle riders to expose your horse to vehicles in a gradual manner, in a safe environment.
- Be alert and aware of the presence of other trail enthusiasts. If possible, pull to the side of the trail when you hear OHVs or bicycles.

- At trailheads or staging areas, park vehicles and secure horses in a manner that provides a safe distance between the horses and passing traffic.
- Be prepared to let other trail enthusiasts know what needs to be done to keep you, the horse, and other trail enthusiasts safe when you meet on the trail.
- Less experienced horses and riders should ride behind more “trail-wise” horses and riders.
- If you are “ponying” a horse, go slow and never take a loose horse on the trail.

### Guidelines for OHV riders when encountering horses on the trail:

- Pull to the side of the trail far enough for horses to pass safely as soon as you see them.
- Pull to the downhill side of the trail if possible since horses tend to perceive unknown threats on the uphill side as predators.
- Shut off your motor as soon as possible and remove your helmet. The horse will be more likely to recognize you as a human.
- Speak to the rider and horse in a friendly, relaxed tone.
- When approaching horses from behind, stop, call ahead and make yourself known to the rider. Ask them if it is OK to pass and the best way to do so.
- Horsemen may pull to the side of the trail a safe distance if they hear an OHV approaching, but this does not necessarily mean it is safe for you to ride by. Stop and wait for instructions from the horseman.
- Ask the horseman how he/she would like to proceed.
- The horseman will know his/her horse and how the horse reacts to other trail enthusiasts.
- The horseman may ask you to stay put and ride past you.
- The horseman may ride to the side of the trail and ask you to ride or push past them.
- If you ride by a horse, keep your rpm's low and steady and your sound as low as possible. Sudden movements or sounds can startle horses.
- Be alert – be aware and on guard for oncoming traffic.

### Guidelines for bicyclists when encountering horses on the trail:

- Pull to the side of the trail far enough for horses to pass safely as soon as you see them.
- Pull to the downhill side of the trail if possible since horses tend to perceive unknown threats on the uphill side as predators.
- Speak to the rider and horse in a friendly,



relaxed tone. Remove your helmet if it conceals part of your face. The horse will be more likely to recognize you as a human.

- When approaching horses from behind, stop, call ahead and make yourself known to the rider. Ask them if it is OK to pass and the best way to do so.
- Horsemen may pull to the side of the trail a safe distance if they hear a bicycle approaching but this does not necessarily mean it is safe for you to ride by. Stop and wait for instructions from the horseman.
- Ask the horseman how he/she would like to proceed.
- The horseman will know his/her horse and how the horse reacts to other trail enthusiasts.
- The horseman may ask you to stay put and ride past you.
- The horseman may ride to the side of the trail and ask you to ride or push past them.
- If you ride by a horse, do so at a slow, steady pace and avoid making any sudden movements or sounds that might startle the horse.
- Be alert – be aware and on guard for oncoming traffic.



#### **Guidelines for other non-motorized recreationists when encountering horses on the trail:**

- Hikers and trail runners should always stop and step to the side of the trail when they meet horses on the trail.
- Step to the down-hill side of the trail.
- Speak to the rider and horse in a friendly, relaxed tone.
- Keep pets under control.

#### **Why Sharing Trails Is Important**

In many parts of the country, trails are open to and shared by equestrians, OHV riders, bicycle riders, runners and hikers. Trail sharing can and does

work when people respect each other and work cooperatively to keep each other safe.

While it is important for people to respect each other on the trail, it is important to remember that equestrians are dealing not only with other trail enthusiasts' personalities, they also are working with horses whose temperaments are as individual as our own. Horses' natural instincts can influence their behaviors and affect the way they react to circumstances encountered on the trail.

For these reasons, it is important that equestrians know their horses well enough that they are confident they will be able to control them when they encounter other trail enthusiasts who are allowed on the trail.

Conversely, OHV riders, bicycle riders, runners and hikers must understand that "equestrian only" trails must be respected for the safety of both the horse and rider. These trails offer the opportunity for horsemen to acclimate their horses to basic trail conditions without encountering "unknown threats" that can trigger the horse's natural instinct of flight.

When young or inexperienced horses encounter new conditions on the trail like OHVs, bicycles, runners and hikers, and even certain scents, the flight response can end with disastrous results for the horse and/or rider.

When equestrians on well-trained horses and other responsible trail enthusiasts meet each other on the trail, the encounters can be enjoyable social exchanges if the groups understand how to work together to keep the encounters safe.



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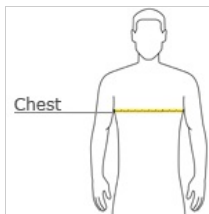
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Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

# CLOVIS RODEO PARADE 2022

Wow! What a perfect group of parade riders who made our unit a great success! It's been three years since our last Clovis Rodeo parade ride due to Covid canceling years 2020 and 2021. Our group just picked up where they left off and fell in to place as though no time had been lost. We were number 407 and had plenty of time to get saddled and to our staging area by 9:30. This year's parade theme was "Happy Days are Here Again" and was timely, smooth and over by 11:30 am.

Although there was no desensitization clinic this year, most horses felt at ease. I was so proud of my mare who I rode for the first time in the parade and she didn't bat an eye.

Thank you so much to my helper John Mikkelson, flag bearers Abigail LaSpada and Tiffany Beechinor, riders Barbara Calkins-Faggart, John Wagoner, Sandy LaSpada, Patti Preen, and Tracy Knepper. To Renee Badertscher, Melinda Fierro, Dan Baumgardner, and 9 year old Penelope Colvard (John Wagner's great niece) you all were awesome riding in the parade for the first time! And...SPECIAL kudos and appreciation to Bob Herrick for bringing your pack mules. You bring true authenticity to our Backcountry Horsemen organization.

Looking forward to next year's parade!  
Jan Mikkelson





# KIDS CORNER

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



## Horse Word Search



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**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**

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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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
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<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>

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**Verification of BCHC membership**

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# Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



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



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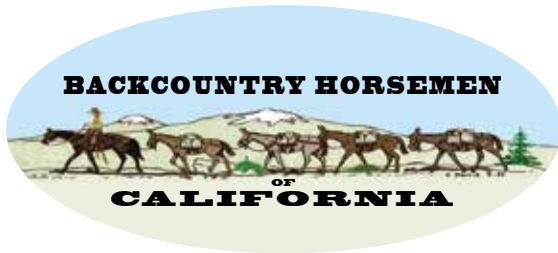
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*From the BCHC Bylaws*

- 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.