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Presidents Message



We just had our Trail Trial fun day at Steve Naylon's and thanks to him and his family for having us out and all the work that was done to challenge our rides with some great trial stations. You have to laugh sometimes at the things we must do over and over like water and bridge crossings that were not an issue last year. The Clovis parade happened this last

weekend with big thanks to Tiffany Beechinor for heading up the group, article & photos inside.

We have the San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out and Work Party happening this weekend May 3-5. It's not too late to join us but make sure you bring water for yourself, long sleeve shirt, and gloves. There is non-potable water on site for the stock. Hopefully we will be able to get into Big Meadows and set up camp May 18-19 but watch for updates as weather will dictate access.

There is upcoming chain saw recert and cross cut saw classes coming up at the Kokanee work center by Huntington lake held by Forest Service. Please contact me if interested in going. May 18-19 for chain saw

recertification, and May 10-11 for crosscut class. Our Raffle ride at Shaver Fish Camp is coming up June 15th and if you could, please be on the lookout for raffle prizes and let me know if we need to pick up. Thanks to all for the many things you do to keep our unit going, it is appreciated. Of course, as always, all members and their guests are welcome to attend 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30pm at The American Legion Hall. Stay safe out there and hope to see you soon on the trail in the middle of the saddle on top.

Your President, Jim Laber

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2024 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

2024

Apr 20	Desensitization Clinic – Steve Naylons
Apr 16	Board of Directors
Apr 27	Clovis Parade
May 3-5	San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out Work Party
May 18-19	Big Meadows Work Party
May 22-27	Bishop Mule Days
May 21	Board of Directors
Jun 15	Raffle Ride Shaver Lake
Jun 18	Board of Directors
Jul 16	Board of Directors
Jul 25-29	Montana De Oro
Aug 20	Board of Directors
Sept 7	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
Sept 17	Board of Directors
Oct 10-14	Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO
Oct 15	Board of Directors
Oct 16	General Meeting/Election Meeting
Oct 19	Board of Directors
Oct 25-27	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party
Nov TBD	Holiday Dinner
Nov 19	Board of Directors
Dec 17	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. 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 for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

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.

ONE POT CHILI MAC

Blending the best of both worlds, chili mac combines the smoky and spicy flavor of chilli with the rich and creamy texture of mac & cheese. It's an all-American camping classic and using this recipe, you can make it using just a single pot!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 onion, diced
- ½ pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons chili powder*
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 oz elbow noodles
- 1 (14.5oz) can kidney beans, drained
- 1 ½ cup broth, beef or vegetable
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

TO SERVE:

- Minced red onion, jalapeno, scallions



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a Dutch oven or other large pot with a lid, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until translucent, 3-5 minutes.
2. Add the ground beef, tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, smoked paprika, and salt. Using your spoon or spatula, break apart the meat and stir to coat with the tomato paste and spices. Once browned, add the garlic and saute for 30-60 seconds.
3. Add the noodles, kidney beans, and broth and stir. Cover with the lid and cook for 5-6 minutes (unless the noodle packaging denotes a different cooking time).
4. Remove the lid and stir in the cheese. Serve with your favorite chili toppings.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting March 19, 2024

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Directors: Doug Laber, Sue VanSickle, Jan Mikkelson, Marcee Hansen, Karen Daughrity, Steve Naylor, Loni Langdon

Past President: Joe Kaminski

Minutes review and approved: 1st Doug, 2nd Karen

Correspondence: Bank letter – name change

Committee reports:

Education: Looking for education person. Loni – Fall is good time for student participation.

Possible election presentation at Reedley College

Membership: 1 new.

Newsletter: Articles due Mar. 20. contact person Doug Laber- looking for articles.

Sunshine: Card sent to Randi Holley

Public lands:

Shaver Lake: On track to open May1. Permits in order for Raffle Ride in June. Blast to go out for raffle items.

Big Meadows: Host openings – 6-2/6-15, 7-14/8-1, 9-16/10-1

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2024

March 15-17 Desert ride – Jim and Doug Laber • 19 Board of Directors • 22-23 Rendezvous Ceres, Ca

April 16 Board of Directors – General meeting with speaker Reedley college • 20 Desentizing clinic • 27 Clovis Parade

May 3-5 San Joaquin River Gorge work party – Marcee Flyer to be blasted. • May TBD Big Meadows work party

May 21 Board of Directors • 22-27 Bishop Mule Days

June 15 Raffle Ride – Shaver open to public Flyer to come • 18 Board of Directors • TBD Edison work party

July 25-29 MDO camp out • TBD Crown Valley Work Party • 16 Board of Directors

Aug 1-5 Chamberlain Work Party • 20 Board of Directors

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

Oct. 3-7 Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO • 15 Board of Directors • 16 General /Election Mee • 25 Gorge Work Party

Nov. TBD Holiday Dinner • 19 Board of Directors

Dec. 17 Board of Directors

2. Rendezvous – Mar. 22-23 \$300 donation from our club.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Debbie McDougald – applying for grant (forest service trails).

Can be shared with others (bikes, 4WD,etc.) Could be used for food, mileage, tools,supplies. Badger Flats, Edison to be included. Joe and Gary to acquire cost estimate. Anything salvageable at Courtwright? Lumber still available from previous project. Group from back east coming in to work on project. Debbie agreed that we are limited with our manpower.

2. Additional Insured – Elks/American Legion – All set

Next meeting: April 16, 2024

Adjorn: 7:40 1st Ruth, 2nd Loni

LUCK OF THE IRISH RANCH TRAIL TRIALS

By: Doug Laber

A big thank you to Steve Naylon and the use of his ranch for the Trail Trials. Saturday morning participants started arriving around 9 am and checking in for the days' training. Steve had set up all kinds of different obstacles. He had water crossing, bridge crossing, large log crossing, narrow wooden causeway, small log obstacles, a large log pull, gate opening and closing, round pen work if needed, and arena obstacles that included walking over wooden rounds on the ground, walking around small flag poles and trying to step over a 24 inch off the ground pole with out knocking it off the holder. I don't think any of us had much luck with that obstacle. We even had the tarp on the ground that every horse just knows at any moment when they step on it, it's going to eat them. LOL.

Want to thank all of you that came out for a really fun day of riding and fellowship. I think we all got to see what our horses are lacking in training and or what we are lacking in our training. Everyone stayed safe and had a wonderful time. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch put on by Jim & Doug. Special thanks to Gary and Sue for coming out and getting all the waivers signed.



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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 Jim at jim@visaliaidea.com or upload them through the website: 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) for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,
Jim Laber

San Joaquin River Gorge Camp Out & Work Party



May 3 - 5, 2024

**Dinner provided Friday
Breakfast & Dinner provided Saturday
Bring your lunch, snacks & water.**

**RSVP By April 25th
to Jim Laber 559-250-7906**

***On Google Maps as:
"San Joaquin River Gorge
Special Recreation Area"***

**Bring a Chair.
Corrals & Highline Areas Available.
Potable water on-site**



CLOVIS RODEO PARADE

By: *Tiffany Beechinor*

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of riding with 5 wonderful riders from our unit San Joaquin Sierra Unit. The weather was perfect, and the crowds were great for the 110th Clovis Rodeo Parade. The parade theme was "Heroes Among Us." Our numbers were small, but we represented in a mighty way. As #403, being at the end of the parade, we had plenty of time to get ready. On the parade route it was all smiles and smooth riding through the parade. All the horses did well, and we had no problems. I rode the unit flag along with Patty Peeren who rode the American flag. We were even behind a High School Marching band. They played some pretty good music, although it was a little loud for the horses. Bob Herrick brought his pack string of four cute mini mules. He has been training them for the parade over the past year. Those mini mules were so cute with the little packs covered in red to match our burgundy shirts and unit pad. That adorable mini pack string stole the show throughout the parade. It was so nice to get out into the community and engage with people during the parade and have them learn about what we do for the trails. I was honored to help Jan Mikkelson this year and take the reins at the parade as Jan could not be there. Big thanks to Patty Peeren, Renee Badertscher and Bob Herrick for riding this year. We all had fun, and it was an honor riding with you. Also, a big thank you to Jan Mikkelson, I know you could not be there, but we appreciated all your hard work on entering our unit into the parade this year. I cannot wait until next year's parade!



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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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San Joaquin Sierra Unit

JUNE 15, 2024

BBQ RAFFLE RIDE

- OPEN TO EVERYONE
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
- \$25 members
- \$35 non-members

• \$10 youth

Includes:

- Coffee
- Doughnuts
- BBQ
- 5 Raffle Tickets

Best Find Takes the Prize!

(Additional Raffle tickets
can be purchased)

- Donation items are Welcome
- Bring drinks for you
- 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.

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

R.S.V.P. by June 7th
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.





Combined Ride - San Joaquin Sierra Unit & High Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Group Oak/Lupine Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

The park's name, "Mountain of Gold," comes from the golden wildflowers that bloom in spring. The Park features over 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills, including 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. No dogs are allowed on trails.

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 07/25/2024 until noon Monday 07/29/2024.

There are miles of horse trails along the beach and in the foothills for all levels of riding.

Potluck: Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring an item to be shared and your own meat item for our grill.

Cost: Horse and rider for 4 days is \$ 50.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Group Oak Campground Camp **has 16 corrals** (6 small 10 Large), pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups. We have also reserved the Lupine site with 4 Large corrals if needed.

NO CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15, 2024

Contact Information: Gary Van Sickle (559) 288-0301

This is a BCHC-SJSU/High Sierra sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.

Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:			
Please make check payable to BCHC-SJSU and mail with completed reservation form to: Gary Van Sickle 31831 Road 132 Visalia, CA 93292	EMAIL:		Amount
	Number of Horses with rider	@ \$ 50.00 ea.	\$
	Additional individuals	@ \$ 3.00 ea.	\$
	TOTAL:		\$

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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.

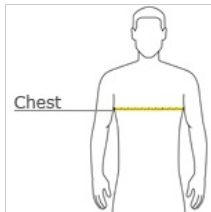
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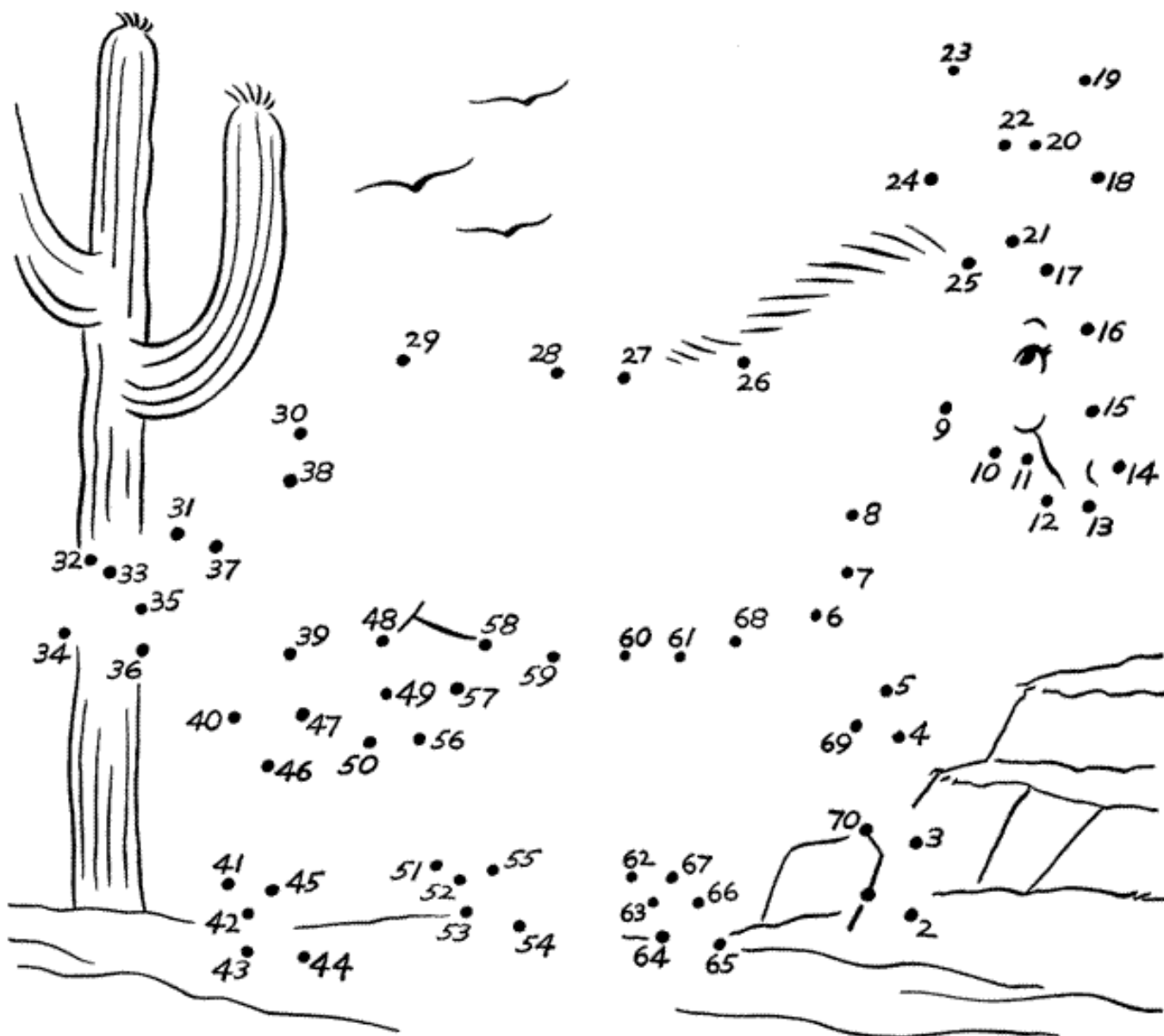


CHEST
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

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



Backcountry Horsemen of California



MAIL TO: BCHC
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

A Family & Youth Oriented organization

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 Change

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <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 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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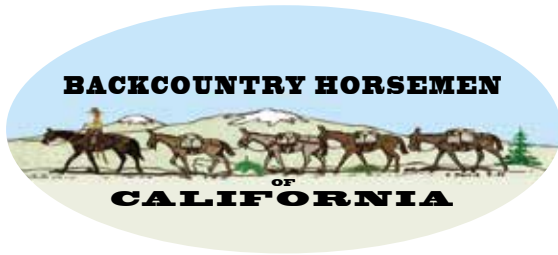
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

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.