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## Presidents Message



Well spring has sprung, and we have the typical warm up cool down days going with this past weekend even dropping more than temperatures on us. Should be good for our work party at the San Joaquin River Gorge, keeping the dust down. If you have not signed up for this one, come join us for the weekend or the day. Articles inside on the Fun Day Trail

Trial at Steve Naylor's and the Rendezvous all last month. There is saw training coming up Crosscut – May 17 & 18 and Chainsaw – May 31 & June 1 up at the FS Kokanee Work Center up by Huntington Lake. Please let me know if you are interested. Bishop Mule Days is also on this month May 20th-25th. I will be attending for my first time this year and hope to see some of you there. I am still waiting to hear how soon we can get into Big Meadows to open camp and our camp at Shaver is opening May 1st. Our annual Raffle Ride is coming up June 14 and now is a good time to collect raffle prizes from your favorite feed store or something no longer needed in the tack room. Our season in the Sierra front and Back Country is starting up and now is a good time to tune up the trailer as well as our stock and our tack. June 21-28 we will be going to the

Edison/High Sierra Pack Station work party. Made a call to the Cunninghams this past week and was informed the FS finally repaved the road and did a nice job of it. I can't wait to see how the drive is this year but they didn't change the width so will still be a challenge. Thank you to all who have and are doing so much to make our unit work for the entire membership. Thanks especially to those who no longer can participate but continue to support us through your membership. Hope to see you soon anywhere and on the trail in the middle of the saddle on top.

Your President, Jim Laber

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# 2025 Calendar

Board Meetings are now on the 3rd. Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm and for now we are meeting at the American Legion Hall, 508 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612.

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed.

Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking [www.bchcsjsu.org](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

## 2025

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 TBD
June 14	Raffle Ride TBD
June 17	Board of Directors/General Meeting
June 21-28	Edison Work Party
Jul 15	Board of Directors
Jul 31 - Aug 4	MDO Camp and Ride
Aug 19	Board of Directors
Aug TBD	Fun Ride
Sept 6	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
Sept 16	Board of Directors
Oct 9-13	Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO
Oct 21	Board of Directors
Oct 25	General/Election Meeting, Trail Trial Fun Day Luck of the Irish Ranch
Nov-Dec	Holiday Dinner TBD

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.bchcalifornia.org](http://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.*

## DUTCH OVEN JAMBALAYA

*Enjoy the bayou classic at your campsite! Shrimp, sausage, chicken, and rice join up with veggies and simmer to perfection in your Dutch oven. This Dutch oven jambalaya is especially great for feeding a crowd.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons oil or bacon grease
- ¼ of a white onion, diced small
- ¼ of a green pepper, diced small
- ½ stalk celery, diced small
- 1 14oz can roasted, crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup rice
- 1 sausage, boudin or andouille, sliced
- 9 raw shrimp, size 16/20, peeled and deveined with tail on
- 2 chicken thighs, skin removed
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- 1 spring of thyme (or ¼ teaspoon dried)
- 1 ⅔ cups chicken stock

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the meats and fish. Make sure the vein has been removed from the shrimp, but you can keep the tail on. The perfect size is 16/20, which will be printed on the bag, but any size will work.
2. Add your oil or grease to the dutch oven over medium high heat. Saute the onion, celery, green bell pepper, chicken and sausage for about 2-3 minutes. If you're cooking over coals, the heat is right when you hear the vegetables sizzling.
3. Add in the rice and stir to keep it from sticking. Then add the garlic, paprika, cumin and thyme, and stir constantly for about 2 minutes.
4. Add in canned tomatoes and chicken stock. Cover with the lid and cook for 10 minutes without opening.
5. At the 10 minute mark, add in the shrimp and cover to cook for 10 more minutes.
6. When done, the mix should be sauced but not overly soupy. Serve hot in a bowl.





## **San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out & Work Party**

# **May 2 - 4, 2025**

**BRING A CHAIR, DRINKS, & SNACKS**

**Dinners – Fri & Sat – POTLUCK with  
meats provided by unit**

**Breakfast – Sat & Sun – provided**

**Lunch – provide your own**

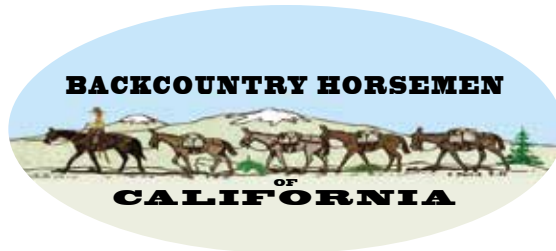


On Google Maps as “San Joaquin River Gorge Special  
Recreation Area”

**MEMBERS ONLY – You can join at the ride**

**RSVP Marcee Hansen – 559-977-9472 or**

**Jim Laber – 559-250-7906**



## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Feb.15, 2025

Call to order: 9:20

Flag salute

Roll Taken: : President: 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, Jan Mikkelsen

Absent: Loni Langdon

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Ruth, 2nd Doug – one correction, passed

**Correspondence:** Donation memorial fund, CRH Trail reimbursement

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Committee of Lois, Jeannine, Marcee, Karen and Ruth

**Membership:**

**Newsletter:** Articles due Feb. 20

**Sunshine:**

**Public lands:** Marcee discussed identifying vests for work parties. To be investigated. Motion made for Marcee to investigate. . Crosscut certs. Needed. Mike Nolan to train. To be pursued.

- SGYTC – (Yosemite Trail Coalition) – Cody will discuss use of multi-use trails. Marcee to attend meeting. Discussed would like to add “Yield to Horses” signage. Would like meeting with all users. Ruth to attend Shaver Trails Committee (volunteer meeting).

- D&F Pack Station – Would like waterlines repaired, cleanup, fencework.

**Shaver Lake:** Closed – Closed. Opening May 1.

**Big Meadows:** Closed. Contract to be signed.

**OLD BUSINESS.** 1.EVENTS for 2025

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 – Raffle items needed • June 17 Board of Directors – Pack team and therapist possibly • June 21-28 Edison Work Party – grant money needed

July 15 Board of Directors • July 25-29 MDO Group - \$60 for weekend. RSVP to Linda Franklin

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

Sept. 6 Memorial Ride Big Meadows • Sept. 17 Board of Directors • Sept. 19-22 Badger Flats Work Party – pack station

Oct. 9-13 Coastal Mounted Assistance/ SJSU MDO • Oct. 25 General Election Meeting- Steve Naylor's ride

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

Dec. 16 Board of Directors

Dick Cochran – Stadham Meadow – Discussed • State Board Meeting Recap – Money available for fire footprint (Edison)

No grant money available 2025. Memorial at Rendezvous.

May 2-4 San Joaquin River Gorge – Friday to Sunday. Potluck. BCHC grant available. Ruth to apply.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.Work Party cook detail – discussed

2. Education Clinics – day rides. Market (blast to go out)

3. Bulk Mailing for membership/networking Target Market – Ruth and Linda move for Jim to pursue marketing program.

4. Expired or expiring membership rolls – discussed

5. Unit Chair positions/responsibilities – need to know where equipment is. List to be created. Discussed parade and education. Volunteer hour reports – Please fill out.

**Next meeting:** March, 2025

**Adjorn:** 2:20 1st Ruth , 2nd Karen



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

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

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## Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter, or website ([bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org)) for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,  
Jim Laber

## CONTEST TIME

*Find the Hidden Hoof Print!* 

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

**Will Get A Free**

BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Congratulations to  
Renee Badefscher  
for being the first one to find the  
hoof print last issue!**

## Upcoming Sierra Forest Saw Training

**Crosscut Saw Training  
May 17 & 18**

**Chainsaw Training  
May 31 & June 1**

**If interested in any of these  
please call Jim Laber  
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Joe Kaminski, Honorary

# TRAIL TRIAL FUN DAY

April 5, 2025

By Jim Laber

Photos: Jim Laber & Jan Mikkelsen



Hats off to our hosts Steve Naylor and family at his Luck of The Irish Ranch. Steve spent quite a bit of time tidying up the obstacle course, arena, and parking area for the trailer's days in advance of our arrival. We got in early Saturday morning as did John and Jan Mikkelsen, to set up lots of spinners and scary items, (human size stuffed bunny rabbit) and parade flags. In the arena we also had the Trail Riding Edition of Spook Less sound conditioning playing over the sound system. We had a good turnout and signed up 3 new members at the event. Everyone took their rides through the obstacle course safely and spent time with the desensitization stations throughout the arena safely and without incidents.

After the ride most of us gathered for a lunch of shredded beef and sandwiches, chips, salads and the like. After lunch some rode a bit more in the arena and around the orchards. If you missed this one you missed some beautiful weather and some challenges to get out stock ready for the parade and season up in the Sierras we are blessed to have in our backyard.











JUNE 14, 2025

# 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 6th  
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.





# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails

Happy Mothers Day  
to all the moms!



## The Lighter Side

Go horse riding thay said.



It'll be fun they said.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Kaitlen Betchel, Lemoore

Jason & Anne Nikolakakis, Templeton

Morgan Wukodinsvich, Kingburg

Bonnie Pearce, Clovis

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# RENDEZVOUS 2025

April 11-13

By Jim Laber

Photos: Jim Laber

All the way up in Corning CA they said. Ruby and I went Up Friday morning and got in about 2:30 in the afternoon. Attendance was about the same as others I have been to and the equestrian center was next door to the Rolling Hills Casino, we had a room in. The packing demonstrations done by the forest service were excellent and they had 5 mules and packed a different load on each including packing planks and once all were packed led them in the large round pen. The pack clinics were hands on, and we were able to learn the Fish Can Hitch, practice the box hitch, and even helped pack planks all on live stock. The college teams did not show for the packing competition, but we did have some high school teams, which are always a treat to watch. Dave Rossier and others were there for crosscut demonstrations, Sharpening, and saw sales. There were trail trials in another indoor arena which also had good participation. There were demonstrations going on all day Friday and Saturday including Saddle Fitting

Memorials from the units were displayed and mentioned at Friday night's dinner event including Peggy Riddle, and Joe Kaminski. Saturday night we had a good dinner and auction and got to listen to some cowboy poetry. The silent auctions did well, and I picked up a few items for gifting and our own Raffle Ride in June. All the top hands in the state were awarded their coffee mug and I brought one back for our Top Hand for 2024, Marcee Hansen. All in all a good event, albeit a long drive.









## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

# Hellooo Camp!

## A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR SELECTING A CAMPSITE AND USE OF FIRE

It's been a long day and you've been in the saddle for most of it.  
Now it's time to find a good campsite, take care of your animals, and make camp for the night.  
What kind of place will suit your needs and the needs of your livestock?

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD CAMPSITE ?

When camping with livestock, one of your primary considerations in selecting a place to camp should naturally be the well-being of your animals. Before leaving on your trip, it is a good idea to make inquiries about the availability of feed, accessibility to water, and potential impact on the resources. You should select an area where your impact will be minimal. All of these things require awareness on your part and prior planning before your trip.

### EXISTING CAMPSITES

Many times on public lands, campsites are already established. These sites have been used traditionally many times over the years and should be utilized whenever available. All campsites should be 100 feet from water. Of course, before deciding whether or not to use a particular campsite, you should consider several things — how much use is the area already receiving? What kind of impact will your group have on the area? How fragile is the soil and surrounding vegetation? You also need to consider the impact your livestock will have on the availability of winter feed for local wildlife.

Choose an area that is large enough to comfortably accommodate the number of animals in your party without compromising the resources. In order to recover from grazing pressures, meadows should be left in the best possible condition. The rule of thumb is, when plant height has been removed by 50 percent, it's time to relocate.

Processed and pelletized feed can be used not only to supplement feeding but also to decrease the impact on grazing. Animals should become accustomed to pelletized feed a few days before going into the backcountry, to minimize the possibility of colic.

### NEW CAMPSITES

In camping in a pristine area, it is essential that you not only allow adequate time to select an appropriate camping spot, but also try to avoid previously used campsites in order for them to have sufficient time to recover. You should locate your camp at least 100 feet from water. Consider this a minimal guideline, but check for any local regulations in your planned destination for the best information.

As with existing campsites, you should locate areas that will provide feed for your livestock and which is still well-suited for low impact camping. Look for a durable surface when selecting areas to place kitchen and tents. Such areas include exposed bedrock or dry grassy areas. In high desert locations, gravelly areas with minimum vegetation are ideal.

When using a campsite in a pristine area, vary the routes you take to water or to use the bathroom in order to prevent formation of permanent trails. Be aware of any activity that might endanger or harm the existing natural features of the site, especially those that regenerate slowly, such as trees, mosses, or lichens. Impact on the area can many times be avoided if you limit your stay to only one night.

Water for your livestock is another key factor in choosing a good campsite. The banks of small streams and vegetated lakeshores can be relatively fragile, so care should be taken in selecting stock watering areas preferably located at fords or even low gravel banks where damage will be minimal if any.

## CAMPFIRES

At one time, campfires in the backcountry were not only nice, but a basic necessity for cooking and warmth. With the advent of modern efficient camp stoves, campfires, in some instances, may not be necessary. Campfires may not be possible in high elevations or high use areas where no or very limited fuel is available. Granted, huddling around a fluorescent lantern at night may not be an image that most people think of when dreaming about a trip to the mountains, but a modern camp stove minimizes the impact you and your party will have on the backcountry.

In established campsites, there are often rock campfire rings that have been used for years. If you feel a campfire is important and there are no restrictions prohibiting a fire, make sure there is plenty of dead, downed wood available and the risk of fire danger is minimal. Use the established campfire ring instead of constructing a new one. Always check with the administrating agency beforehand in order to obtain a campfire permit if necessary.

In a pristine area, it is possible to have a campfire and still have a minimal impact on the area. As always, select a durable site for your fire. Fires can be made utilizing either the mound fire with a fire blanket, or by using fire pans, metal oil pans or roasting pans lined with a few inches of inorganic soil and elevated with rocks. You may consider packing out ashes and disposing of them properly and safely.

By using these simple guidelines and common sense in selecting a campsite, your impact will be minimal and that ideal camping spot will remain a favorite for you and others for years to come.



### MY CAMP .... YOUR CAMP

- ✓ Recognize durable surfaces.
- ✓ Concentrate use in popular areas.
- ✓ Use established campsites if possible.
- ✓ Camp away from trails and water sources.
- ✓ Leave a site cleaner than you found it.
- ✓ Disperse use in new areas.
- ✓ Avoid areas where impact is just beginning.



### RESPONSIBLE CAMPFIRES

- ✓ Know the regulations and management techniques.
- ✓ Judge the wind, weather, location and wood availability. Decide if it is safe.
- ✓ Use an established fire ring if possible.
- ✓ Where there is no fire ring, bring a fire pan or make a mound fire.
- ✓ Use dead and downed wood.
- ✓ An unattended fire is dangerous.
- ✓ Always have a shovel and bucket for saturating the ashes with water.
- ✓ Restore the appearance of the fire site.



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## San Joaquin 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 2:00 pm Thursday 07/31/2025 until noon Monday 08/04/2025.**

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

Manznita & Chamise Camps have 4 large stalls and 5 small stalls, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

Contact Information: Linda Fitzgerald (559) 289-8322

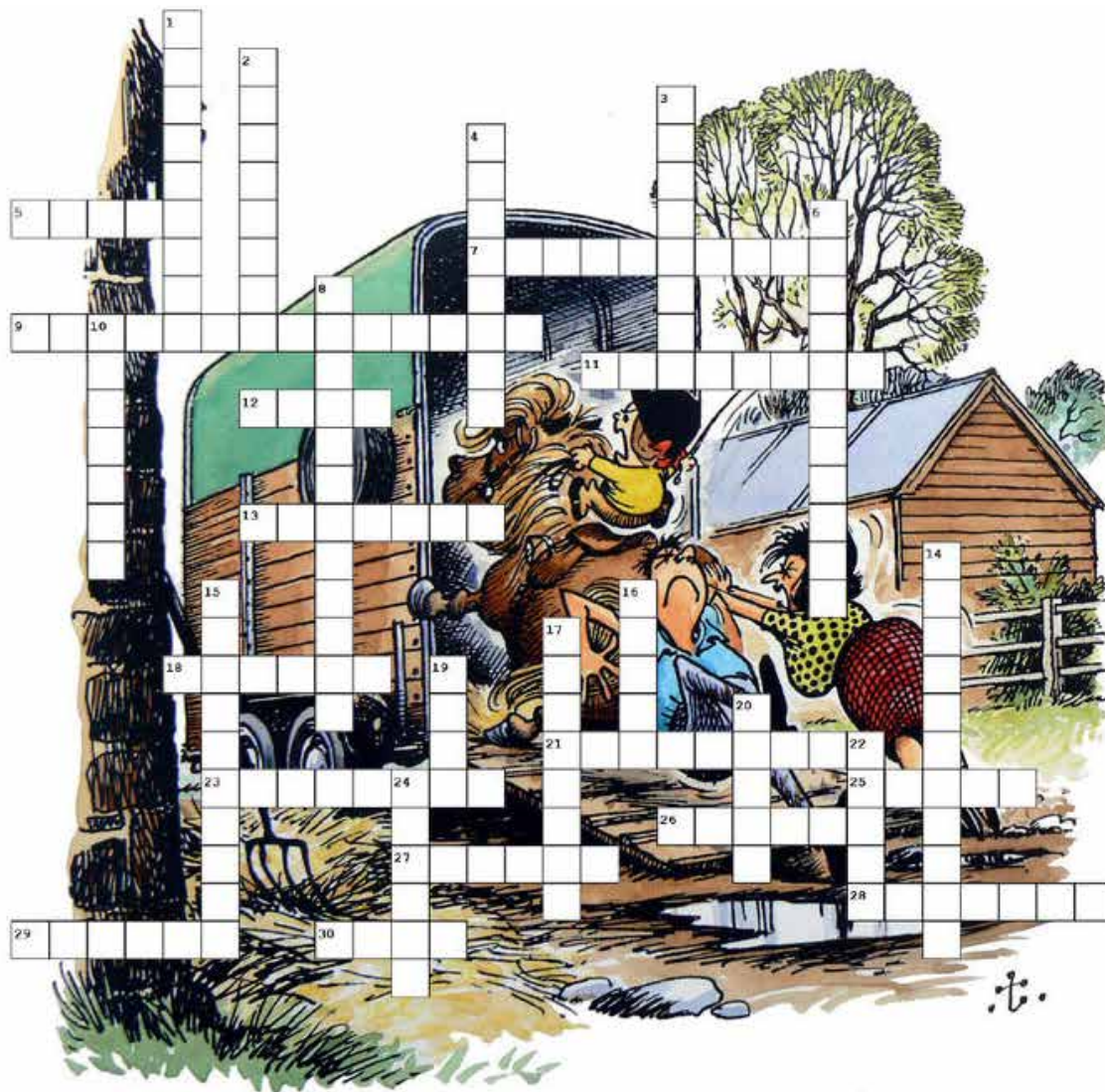
This is a BCHC-SJSU sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.

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 <b>BCHC-SJSU</b> and mail with completed reservation form to:  Linda Fitzgerald 327 Moody Ave. Clovis, CA 93919	EMAIL:		Amount
	Number of Horses with rider		@ \$ 50.00 ea. \$
	Additional individuals		@ \$ 3.00 ea. \$
	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$		



# KIDS CORNER



"I'll be glad when she gets interested in boys!"

## Across

- 5. Enclosed space to ride your horse (5)
- 7. Smallest breed of pony (10)
- 9. Jumping competition at a horse & pony show (5,2,7)
- 11. Riding trousers (8)
- 12. A group of horses (4)
- 13. A yellow plant poisonous to horses (7)
- 18. Gait between trot and gallop (6)
- 21. May get this during springtime if they have eaten too much (9)
- 23. Brown and white horse (8)
- 25. You might look at these to determine a horse's age (5)
- 26. Head collar (6)
- 27. Type of bit usually with a chain (6)
- 28. Point from where you measure a horse (7)
- 29. Cloth that sits under the saddle (6)
- 30. A term used for white horses (4)

## Down

- 1. Long distance riding (9)
- 2. First part of eventing (8)
- 3. Part of the bridle that fits across the forehead (8)
- 4. Tool used to clean horses feet (8)
- 6. Some horses may drink out of one of these (5,6)
- 8. Racehorse breed (12)
- 10. Oldest breed of horse still in existence (7)
- 14. Well known film based on a horse (5,6)
- 15. Another term for farrier (10)
- 16. Brush a horse (5)
- 17. A type of riding hat (8)
- 19. Point between a horse's ears (4)
- 20. Young female horse (5)
- 22. Type of stable bedding (5)
- 24. A favourite snack for horses (6)

## Backcountry Horsemen of California



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### 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)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

**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**

#### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a -

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual               | \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual               | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual               | \$160 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family                   | \$75  |
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| <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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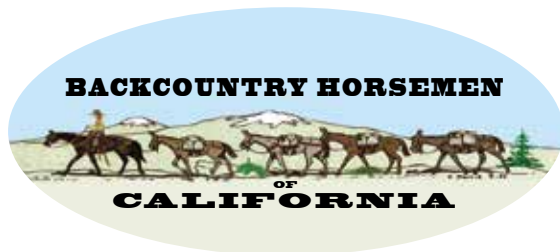
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## **Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California** *From the BCHC Bylaws*

- 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.