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## Presidents Message



Wow, what great support we had for our beginning pack trip and work party to Chamberlain Camp. Special thanks to Jim Dixon, Tammy and Richard Telles and Jeep Bob for coming up for the day on Thursday to help pack in supplies for the weekend. Thanks also to Duane and Pat Peverill, Doug Laber, and Jim Laber for their help and support.

Don't forget the Memorial ride Sept 10, Big Meadows. Must have reservation e-mailed to [kaminski clan@gmail.com](mailto:kaminski clan@gmail.com) by

Tues Sept 5, to insure your food for a late lunch to be served about 3:00. No raffle this year except for the belt buckle. Riding will be on your own.

It's not too late. If you haven't signed up to host at Big Meadows, we still have a couple of openings. Just let Jim Knabke know. His e-mail is [jjknabke@comcast.net](mailto:jjknabke@comcast.net). Remember as host you are guaranteed two corrals and a camp spot.

Oct is our election. If you are interested in serving or know of someone please let a board member know.

It is not too early to start thinking about our Christmas dinner. Once again we will be honored to have the Gilley Girls with

their wonderful music. This year the board has decided to have our dinner catered taking the burden off of our unit. As a result of this decision and rising prices we felt it necessary to raise the ticket price to \$35.00. Our hope is this will not deter anyone from participating as this will be a wonderful event. Reservations to Jim or Debby Dixon see flyer for details.

Our calendar is available both on our website and in our newsletter. Keep an eye on the calendar and hope to see you 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!**

# 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

June 7	Meeting
June 11	Poker Ride Shaver Lake Click For Information
June 24-30	Edison Work Party
July 5	Meeting
July 21-25	Montana de Oro Campout
Aug 2	Meeting
Aug 19-21	Packing 101 into Chamberlain. Info to follow.
Sept 6	Meeting
Sept 10	Memorial Ride Big Meadows Horse Camp
Oct 4	Meeting
Oct 18	General Meeting/Elections
Oct 6-10	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHCSJSU Event)
Nov 1	Meeting
Dec 6	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, [kaminskiclans@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiclans@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.bhcalifornia.org](http://www.bhcalifornia.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 Enchiladas**

*Cheesy, spicy, and oh so filling – these veggie-stuffed Dutch Oven Enchiladas are going to be one of your new campfire favorites.*

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into strips
- ½ red onion, sliced into thin half-moons
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 14 oz can enchilada sauce
- 2 cups cheese
- 1 cup cooked black beans
- 4-6 flour tortillas

### **GARNISHES:**

cilantro, jalapenos, lime, etc.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Prepare your coals or get your campfire going so that you'll have embers to cook with.
2. Over medium heat, heat the oil in a Dutch oven. Add the peppers and saute for a few minutes until they are starting to soften. Add the onions and saute until the onions are soft and translucent and the peppers are soft. Add the garlic, cumin, and salt, and saute 30 seconds, until fragrant. Remove from heat and transfer the vegetables to a plate or bowl.
3. Add 1/2 cup enchilada sauce to coat the bottom of the Dutch oven.
4. To build the enchiladas, place onions and peppers in a line the center of a flour tortilla. Add a few spoonfuls of black beans and top with cheese. Roll the tortilla around the fillings, then place the enchilada, seam side down, into the Dutch oven. Repeat with the remaining ingredients. This recipe will make 4-6 enchiladas depending on the size of your Dutch oven.
5. Cover the enchiladas with the remaining sauce and cheese. Place the lid on top.
6. Return the Dutch oven to your campfire. Place it over indirect heat (the grill grate over the campfire works great) and stack 14-16 coals on the lid. Cook about 10 minutes, until the cheese is melted.
7. Serve topped with jalapenos, cilantro, and a squeeze of lime & enjoy!





## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting July 5, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Directors: Doug Laber, Tami Telles, Richard Telles, Jim Laber, Karen Daugherty, Past President Duane Peverill

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

**Correspondence:** Big Meadows sponsorship, refund for Trail Trials

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Jim to contact Lynn for funds for packing 101

**Membership:**

**Newsletter:** Articles due July 20. Edison article needed.

**Public lands:** Roadwork being done at Tamarack and Edison.

**Sunshine:**

**Shaver Lake:** Open. Discussion on needed publicity.

**Big Meadows:** Hosts needed.

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

July 5 - Board meeting • July 21-25 - Montana de Oro

August 2 - Board meeting • August 19-21 - Packing 101

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.18 - Election meeting

Nov.1 - Board meeting

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

A) Montana de Oro - 2 spaces open.

B) Oct 18 - Election meeting. Pizza provided. Ruth has program

2) Terms for officers- to be voted on at Oct meeting.

3) Mileage for work party - can apply for.

4) FSU pack team - Would like someone from team to come talk to us. Tabled until then.

5) Pay Pal/Venmo - Fees on business. Gary willing to use personal for trial time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Social media/Freedom of Info Act. - Looking to determine where monies are being spent in forest.

**Next meeting:** Aug. 2, 2022

**Adjourn:** 7:40 Ruth 1st, Sue 2nd

# Montana De Oro By

Jim Laber 7 /21-7 /25

We rolled into camp Thursday afternoon coming out of a heat wave in the valley. We were met with cool temps and overcast which was a great relief. We had a lot of new members show up for this camp and ride. As you can see from the group picture in front of Joe and Carols trailer, we had 13 rider's total. We got the horses settled in and then went over to the Pines for some Halibut and Chips. We then headed back to camp and gathered around the fire pit getting acquainted with new members and had great fellowship around the fire. We woke Friday to almost a tule fog morning that never really cleared up for the day. We rode to the beach and all the way to the harbor jetty. We never saw Morro Rock from there or anywhere else the whole day. A few groups went riding that day in the back country and or the beach. Saturday was a bit clearer, and we rode the bloody nose trail all the way to Spooners Cove and back. Others traveled the back country as well and of course some went down to the beach. Saturday night we had a potluck and Joe prepared his popular fried shrimp and all had good time around the fire. Sunday was even more clear. Doug's horse came up lame and my back was sore so I spent the day in camp and most of the rest went on various rides and then the departures for home started. We again went to dinner at the Pines and had a great dinner there. Monday was departure day and of course was shaping up to be the clearest day of the trip. We could see Morro Rock from the Camp entrance. We all packed up, trailered our horses and regrettably headed back to the valley heat. Great trip and was awesome to see so many new faces at the ride. It was a great weekend with no injuries.



# 5<sup>th</sup>Annual



# Memorial Ride

Big Meadows Horse Camp

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***Saturday, September 10, 2022***

Back Country Horsemen of California San Joaquin Sierra Unit

***Lunch served until 2:00***

***In the saddle and riding out by 10:00 a.m.***

***RSVP By Sept. 8, 2022 To confirm attendance & direction or Information. Contact:***

**Joe/ Carol Kaminski 559 909 0505**

**Bring Chair-Water for your horse. Sign up EARLY!! Dry Camping available. NO POTABLE WATER.**

Riders Meeting 9:00 A.M. All riders out on ride no later than 10:00. Trails will be available to ride. Your choice.

**No Dogs. No Stallions. No ponying allowed on this ride and under 18 must wear helmet**

***Breakfast* Coffee, Pastries ***Lunch*** Tri-Tip**

**ALL NAMES will go into drawing for Memorial Buckle.**

**COME EARLY AND CAMP**

Web page [bchesjsu.org](http://bchesjsu.org)

Directions: The camp is in Sequoia National Forest on the edge of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park (you have to enter the park to get here). From Fresno, CA, take highway 180 eastward to The Generals Highway (highway 198) and turn right onto General Highway go about 7 miles to forest road 14S11 and turn left. There is a Big Meadows sign there; road 14S11 is paved; the camp is about 4 miles up the road (camp coordinates are 36°43'01.76N 118°50'57.71W).



*San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

*Presents*

## **The Annual Christmas Bash**

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## **Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**Cost:** \$35 per person (Dinner & Entertainment)  
**Time:** 5:00 PM Social Hour  
**Dinner:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Clovis Elks Lodge  
535 Woodworth Avenue, Clovis

**R.S.V.P.**  
**Necessary By:** December 3, 2022  
Jim or Debby Dixon  
559-906-9334 (call or text)  
[jddixon06@gmail.com](mailto:jddixon06@gmail.com)

**\*\* Auction Donations? Bring any new item to the party and we'll put'em on the table! \*\***

**PREPAY BY DEC. 3RD FOR RESERVATIONS**  
**Tear off below and mail.**



**Backcountry Horsemen Christmas Party R.S.V.P.**  
**December 10, 2022**

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

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Burgundy Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jim & Debbie Dixon  
P.O. Box 319  
Shaver Lake, CA 93664

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# Packing 101

## August 19-22, 2022



What a great adventure and learning experience. Packing into a place is not an easy task. Not only do you have to know how to pack and balance a load on your animal you need to pre-plan your food and personal items. When you pack in the wilderness there isn't a stop and go behind some pine tree. So Joe and Carol K setup a Packing 101 trip into our horse camp at Chamberlain Camp. This camp was designed by the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit and approved by the forest department. The camp is located about three miles in from the Maxsom Trail Head located at Courtright Reservoir. The camp has 3 picnic tables, 6 bear boxes, a fire pit and a forest approved outhouse. There is plenty of room to hi line your animals or you can tie to the large down tree that has tie rings on both sides. Less than a quarter mile down the trail is a large meadow that usually has water and plenty of grass for grazing. This camp is on the border of the wilderness therefore it does not require a wilderness permit.

On this trip we had 12 participants ranging from the age of 11 to 74 years old. Joe and Carol were the lead packers while Doug and Jim L were assistant packers and helpers. Pat and Duane P were just tag a long volunteers. The group being trained were Sarah, Monte, Wyatt and Ari. The trip started Friday morning after everyone had arrived at the trail head. Joe started the training by explaining how you balance your load into each side of the panniers. Then you must weigh each side with a portable scale to make sure each side is the same weight. Can't have one side heavier because it would cause your load to shift and is not good for your animal. After the loads were made and put on the animals, Joe demonstrated how to tie up the load using a box hitch. He had three of the trainees tie up the loads to give them all hands on training. The youngest, Wyatt 11 years old did an outstanding job and we are sure he will be a future packer. When all animals were ready we triced up base camp and headed out down the trail to Chamberlain Camp. It is a little under 3 miles and takes less than an hour. Great trip for training and beginners. After arriving at camp we all picked our camp area and set up high lines. Jim, Doug Duane and

Pat high lined their animals. Joe and Carol used the tie rings and Sarah and her group high lined down behind camp. Jim and Doug had to go down to the meadow and setup the hot wire around the meadow so we could turn our animals out to graze and get water. The meadow was around a quarter of mile from camp. We would turn out in the morning for two hours and again in the evening for 2 to 3 hours. When we would bring the animals back to camp we always gave them catch grain which was a treat. The animals caught on real quick and were always ready to go back to camp. We would show at the electric gate and they would all come running over. No one had a problem catching their animals. Joe and Carol cooked breakfast and dinner and lunch was on your own. Joe talked about about how precooking your meals really helps out when going into the back country. Pat assisted in preparing the meals when needed. Saturday was a day to do your own thing. While Joe and Carol stayed in camp, Doug, Jim, Duane and Pat headed out to Courtright Reservoir via Voyager camp ground. This ride is only 1.3 miles out from camp and takes 25 minutes. Wanting to put more time in the saddle we decided to ride to Hobler Lake and circle the lake. In order to circle the lake we had to do some cross country riding do to many fallen trees. This always makes for interesting riding. While hanging around at Hobler, Sarah and her group showed up. Her son Wyatt wanted to do some fishing so Monte helped him get setup. While they were fishing Sarah and Ari decided to play in he water with their horses. Sarah got into some deep water so they got some swimming practice. We headed on back to camp which is about 1.7 miles and takes 40 minutes. This trail is a little steep with lots of rocks and stair steps. Not really technical but good work out for your animal. Both Friday night and Saturday everyone enjoyed dinner together and sitting around telling stories and getting to know each other. Sunday morning it was time to break camp, load up the animals and head back to the trail head. When packing out it is the same routine of weighing each pack to make sure they are equal and placed on the pack animal. Packing is a lot of work and takes some real talent. The more you pack the better you become at doing it. Getting back into the wilderness is always pleasant and peaceful away from all the hustle and bustle of city life. You can view all the pictures of this great event at [bchcsjsu.org/photo-2022.html](http://bchcsjsu.org/photo-2022.html). There is a link on our web page to Chamberlain Camp. Be sure to check out our web page [bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org) for great information.







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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](mailto: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

## **"Travel Advantage"**

Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ [www.ytbtravel.com/bchc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc) a travel newsletter full of terrific deals from YTB, our BCHC travel partner. The newsletter is chock full of great ideas for anyone's next getaway! You can download an icon to your computer desktop for instant connection to the BCHC Getaway website.

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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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# Thunder Mountain



Thunder Mountain is a ride in Bryce Canyon Utah that is not for the faint of heart. I think they call it Thunder Mountain because you can hear your heart beat like thunder as you ride through parts of this trail. It is a 20 minute trailer ride from the camp if you are staying at Bryce Valley Ranch RV Equestrian Park. This being one of the best local equestrian facilities in the area. We rented a trailer and hauled down to the trail head very early in the morning. We arrived there at 0715 in the morning and there was plenty of parking. We met a very nice young couple in the parking lot that answered many of our questions before hitting the trail. People in this area are always very friendly and helpful. We headed out on the trail and it was very cold and nothing real special. I was beginning to think what is all the hype. Then we turned the corner and started the slow climb through some of the most beautiful and breath taking scenery. This is truly God's Country. As we climbed to the top we encountered several switch backs and some blind corners. As a rider you have to be aware because this trail is shared by hikers, bikers and other equestrian. We only encountered 3 bike riders and 6 hikers. All of them very friendly and very aware of proper trail etiquette. At the top of the climb we encountered two of the most challenging parts of the trails. These are called Hog Backs. The trail has a steep drop off on both sides and the trail is very small. If you are aware you can look ahead and make sure that no one is coming before you start to cross. This where you need a mount that you trust and you are a competent rider. In a couple miles more you arrive at the point where most people turn around. There are hitching posts to tie up and a outhouse that is not the most desirable. It seems that all the outhouses that we ran across on all the trails seemed to have a problem with the doors. They were laying on the ground. Guess they like the air flow. It is about a 4 mile trip to this point and a total of 8 mile round trip. This ride is worth every mile and is definitely not a ride you want to miss. We would have done it again but was running out of time. I will post all the pictures on our web page for a short time before I remove them. [Bchcsjsu.org/photos](http://Bchcsjsu.org/photos) 2022. You will fall in love with the beauty of this place. Next month we will continue with our trip. The next ride will be Losee/Castro. Thanks for reading. If you would more information on any of these trails and accommodations please contact Pat or Duane.

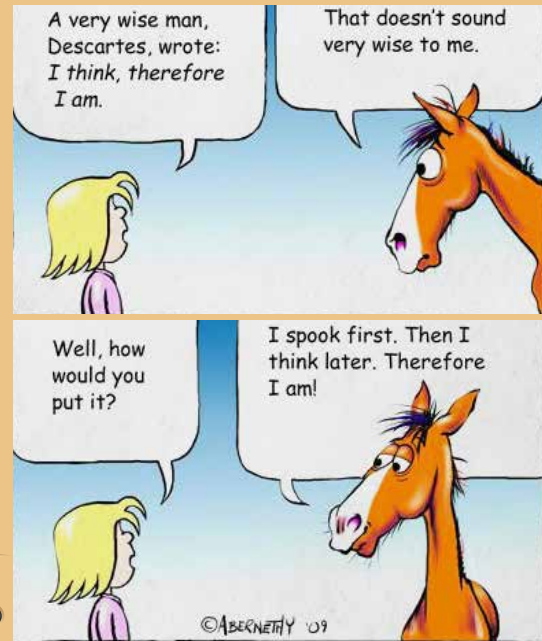


# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

May, 2022

Brandy, Josiah and Brayden Robison, Toll House

June, 2022

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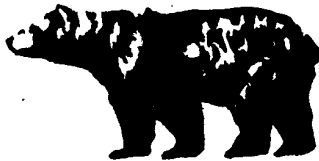


## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

# *Black Bear Sense*

A COMMON SENSE GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING BEARS

*A leaf fell in the woods.  
The eagle saw it.*



*The deer heard it.  
And the bear smelled it.*

You humans have me figured to be just like Yogi, BooBoo or your cuddly stuffed Teddy Bear. Please remember; I am a wild animal. Statistically, you are quite safe from us bears. We do add a risk to you visiting the backcountry but you take a much greater risk driving to the trailhead. Even if you should die in the wilderness, you are much more likely to fall off a cliff, drown, suffer heart failure or succumb to hypothermia than you are to be attacked by one of us bears.

My eyesight is not perfect but my sense of smell and hearing are very keen. I can smell you humans coming for quite some distance and I'll usually be gone at the first whiff of human intrusion. There are some of us bears you have invited in for milk and cookies. To some of my fellow bears, the smell of humans in the woods works like a dinner bell.

All of us bears remember where our meals come from. We aren't dumb and our stomachs rule. We have a road map sketched in our minds. All the best restaurants (campsites, berry patches, cars, oak groves, etc.) are located on this map and we will visit them again in a couple of days.

We bears are intelligent and opportunistic critters and when we become accustomed to the idea that humans share our space, we readily take advantage of everything that association has to offer — such as helping ourselves to your delicious pork and beans, granola bars, bacon, toothpaste, soap. Some of us have even cultivated a taste for chocolate. We will also eat chapstick and deodorant. With noses like ours, it is impossible to hide the fact that you are keeping all that good stuff in your tent, your car, or your camper! Our noses lead us to the food and our incredible strength gets us past almost any obstacle. We are able to open the side of your trailer as though we had can openers for claws. We will open cans of spaghetti sauce and ravioli. The fact is, when we bears are offered the choice, we will almost always opt for the easiest meal at hand; we have discovered that beef stew with milk and cookies tastes better than grubs!

If we gain access to your food, we become habituated. That means we become dependent on human food sources and are less afraid of humans. Therefore, it is critical that we never gain access to human food. You humans need to mind your manners while you are visiting the forests and parks. Take time to store your food properly at the campground and in the backcountry. It is your moral and legal responsibility. Proper food storage makes the difference between a wild bear and a dead bear because problem bears are often destroyed. The following suggestions may make the difference of having a good time during your visit or going home angry and upset. Please help us both stay alive.

# *Black Bear Essentials to Remember*

The following are what we bears would like you humans to remember.

**You Must Be Alert**

**Please Do Not Surprise Me**

**You Are Being Aggressive If You:**

Get between me and my cub  
Are anywhere near a carcass ....  
It's my food!

Walk directly towards me  
Circle or crowd me .....

I need an escape route!  
Try to take "your" food away from me .....

It's mine!



The following are some helpful hints to remember while visiting the forests and parks.

**Avoid a Confrontation**

Separate cooking and sleeping areas  
Store food and garbage properly  
Keep a clean camp site

**Avoid a Confrontation: Watch for these Signs**

Large areas of torn up ground  
Rocks or boulders turned over  
Logs or stumps torn apart  
Fish or dead animals  
Berries  
Claw marks on trees  
Bear scat

**Remember: Wild Animals Can Be Dangerous**

Bears habituated to food are dangerous  
Do not run  
Try to look larger than you are  
Do not bend down  
Each situation is different

## **REMEMBER**

Bears have an extraordinary sense of smell. Bears are attracted to and will eat anything with an odor. While not normally aggressive towards humans, bears are possessive of their food and will defend it. They are very quick and powerful. **DO NOT TRY TO RETRIEVE YOUR FOOD FROM A BEAR.** If a bear gets into your food, stay a safe distance away and then be sure to clean up the mess afterwards. Report incidents to a ranger. You can keep bears wild and alive by storing your food properly. Just use some thought and preparation.

## **PROPER FOOD STORAGE FOR BACKCOUNTRY USERS**

On some trails you may be visited by bears every night. On others, you may not see bears your entire trip; however, that does not mean that bears do not live in that area. In all cases, the best way to store your food properly is in a portable, BEAR-RESISTANT CANISTER OR PANNIER. Safe food storage is as simple as placing the locked canister or pannier on the ground 50 feet from your camp. **THIS METHOD OF FOOD STORAGE IS THE ONLY PROVEN, EFFECTIVE WAY TO STORE YOUR FOOD.** It is required in some areas of the backcountry that you store your food in bear-resistant containers. Please check with the agencies about requirements before starting your trip. Canisters are for sale and rent at sporting goods stores and some ranger stations. Panniers are available through some saddle shops. Using a bear-resistant container allows for maximum freedom and safety while traveling and when choosing a camp location. The counter-balance method should be your last resort. This method is hard to do well, requires trees and rope, and bears often thwart it. In fact, bears will probably get your food if you do not get out of your warm bed and make some mighty loud noise and keep a sentinel on watch after the first visit.

## **PROPER FOOD STORAGE AT CAMPGROUNDS AND TRAILHEADS**

Food storage is just as important at campgrounds and trailheads. Having more people and vehicles around doesn't mean there is less danger of losing your food. To a bear, more people means more food. **STORE ALL FOOD IN FOOD STORAGE LOCKERS IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.** If there are no lockers, then store the food and ice chest in your vehicle (better in the trunk), keep them covered and out of sight. Leaving food in your vehicle at the trailhead while you are in the



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# BCHCSJSU SHIRTS

On the trails we work and ride we share the trail with others, that at times have trouble seeing us because of shadows and various modes of transportation used, especially in non wilderness designated areas.

For that reason your unit board of directors has made this shirt available for safety on trail rides and work parties as well as a way to promote our unit and its activities.

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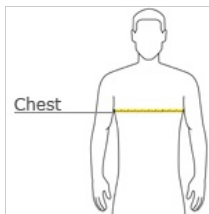
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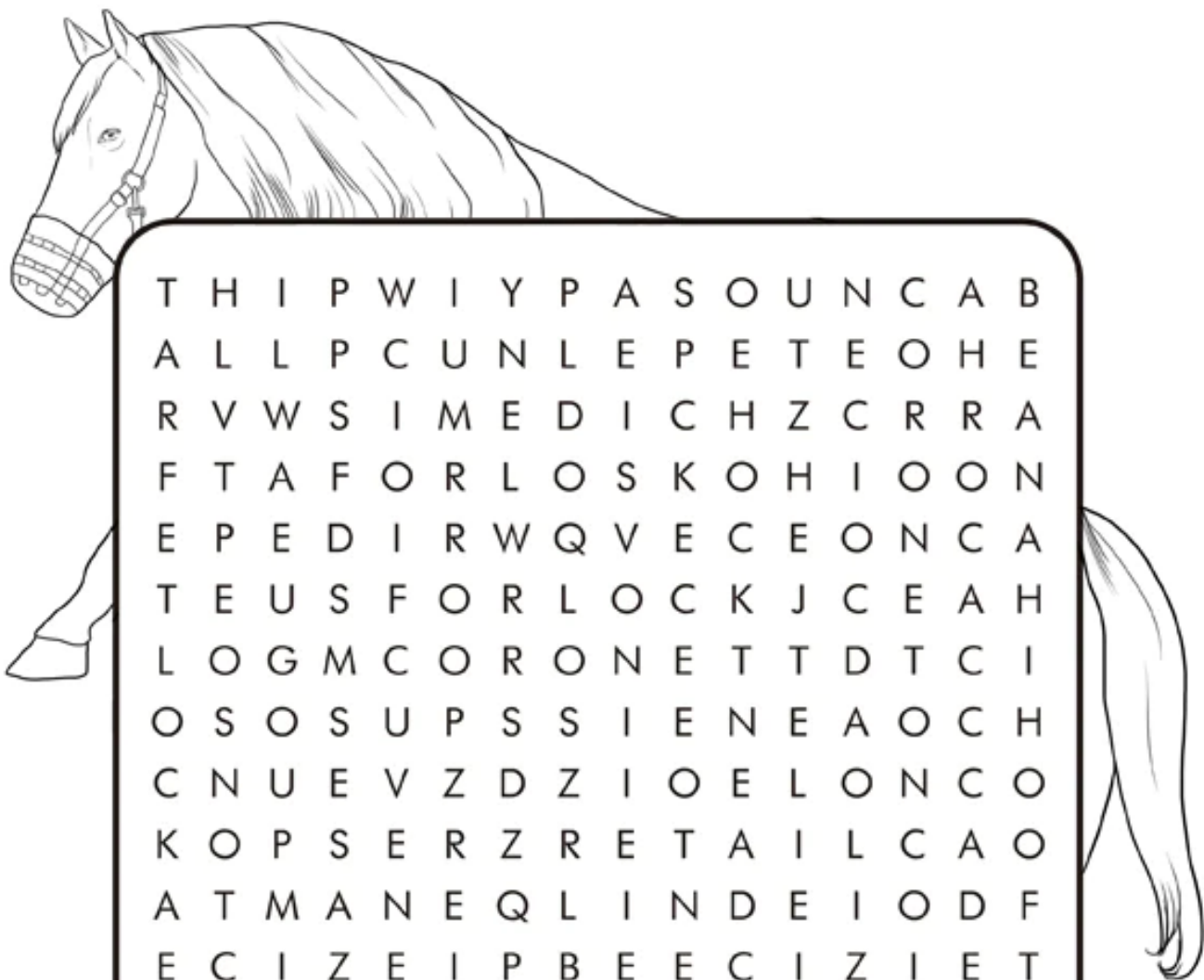
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**MEMBERSHIP  
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**PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)**

**New**    **Renewal**  
 **Change**

*(indicate change)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity
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		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership)

MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly   SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

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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 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.

**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 new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	<b>\$110.00</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	<b>\$500.00</b>

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**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 or (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 (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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## **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.