

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA

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## Presidents Message



We found her! Marcee was able to locate the other winner of the MDO poker ride, Jaynee Irving. Congratulations to both.

Make your plans now for our memorial ride Sept. 9 @ Big Meadows. Ride on your own, free lunch@ 2:00. Please text me @ 559-909-0505 to be sure we have enough food.

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.

Big Meadows opened late this year, but there are still a couple of openings for host. If interested check with Jim Knabke for dates..

Remember to stay in the saddle. The ground is hard.

Joe Kaminski  
President

Thanks to all who helped at Chamberlain and Badger to help keep our trails open.

Elections are fast approaching if you would like to run for office or know of someone who would be interested please let a board member know.

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

## 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!**

# 2023 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)

## 2023

September 5	Board Meeting
September 9	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
October 5-9	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO We are now a sponsor
October 18	Election/General Meeting (Location TBA)
November 3	Board Meeting
November 4	BCHC-SJSU Unit Holiday Dinner Sal's/Information
December 5	Board Meeting
December	Christmas Dinner Will NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR

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

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## GOOEY CARAMEL CINNAMON ROLLS

*Waking up on a crisp morning, inside your warm and cozy tent is a moment I treasure every camping trip. The only thing that can make that moment better is the thought of warm, gooey, scrumptious caramel cinnamon rolls*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 18 Cinnamon Rolls, from a tin, you will need multiple
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup graham cracker crumbs

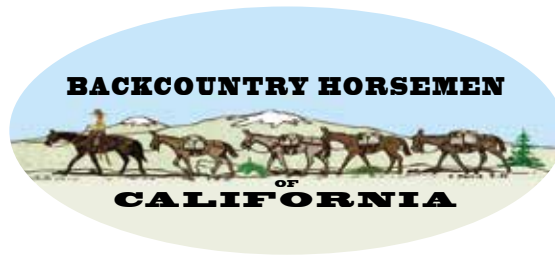
### TOPPING:

- Frosting that comes with cinnamon rolls
- ½ cup caramel ice cream topping



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut each roll into 4 pieces and arrange in the bottom of a 14-inch Dutch oven lined with aluminum foil or sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a bowl combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and cracker crumbs.
3. Sprinkle evenly over cut rolls.
4. Cover with lid and bake at 350°F 25-30 minutes.
5. For icing combine frosting with caramel topping. Drizzle over cinnamon rolls while still warm.



## *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting July 5 , 2023

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

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

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Jim, 2nd Ruth

**Correspondence:**

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Articles on snakes and the need to carry tubes for noses in case of snake bite.

**Membership:**

**Newsletter:** Articles due July 20. Jim to write Big Meadows article for state newsletter.

**Sunshine:** Cards sent to Jan Mikkelson and Peggy Jefferson

**Public lands:** Dinky Collaborative mtg. A meadow restoration directive has been issued. Meadows are to be at the forefront for restoration.

2. Wood from Chamberlain causeways could be used in meadows. Trees to be used as buffer to channel water.

3. RAC monies are available.

**Shaver Lake:** Jeep Bob and Jim working on repairs. Work party needed. Camp not open yet.

**Big Meadows:** Open. Work day needed. Trail open to trail head.

**OLD BUSINESS.** 1. EVENTS for 2023

July 13-17 - MDO

Aug.1 - Board Meeting • Aug. 3-7 Chamberlain Work Party

Sept. 5 Board Meeting • Sept. 9 - Memorial Ride (Big Meadows)

Oct. 3 - Board Meeting • Oct. 5-9 CMA Coast Ride (Non club event) • Oct. 18 - Election Meeting 6:30 Location TBD

Nov. 4 - Holiday Dinner at Sal's • Nov. 7 - Board Meeting • Nov. Jose' Basin

Dec. 5 - Board Meeting • December Christmas Dinner - to be held in November.

2. Joe contacted tv show. No word yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Shaver Lake Stables - not involved.

2. Incident forms - Available online. Concerning non-equestrians using horse facilities. Copies to be made available at Big Meadows.

**Next meeting:** Aug. 1, 2023

**Adjorn:** 7:30 Ruth 1st, 2nd Karen

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual



## Memorial Ride

Big Meadows Horse Camp

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***Saturday, September 9, 2023***

Back Country Horsemen of California

San Joaquin Sierra Unit

***Saturday, September 9, 2023***

***Lunch served 2:00***

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

***RSVP By Sept. 7, 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**



**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 co-ordinates are 36°43'01.76N 118°50'57.71W).



## SHAVER HORSE CAMP WORK PARTY

13 willing workers turned out for a 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning work party on July 29 at the Shaver Lake Horse Camp. Normally easily accomplished by a small group in April, this year, because of the conditions caused by the winter storms, there was work enough for all.

San Joaquin Sierra Unit opens the Camp each year, under a permit issued by the Southern California Edison Company to operate the camp from May 1 to October 31. But in May this year we couldn't reach the camp because of the snow; when it finally melted, the wetlands kept us away.

In July, Jim Dixon and Bob Schwoerer were able to address the damaged corral, cut up and stack the tree, and remove the damaged pipe. Finally, on July 29, volunteers were able to get to work erecting corral fences, weed-eating and clearing, and trimming up branches. Bob Schwoerer and his crew, Alan Fry, Doug Laber and Duane Peverill removed and replaced the post, put up the pipe rail and got the fence and gate up. Camp was cleaned and ready for the August 1 opening!

For anyone who wants to stay in a beautiful location at Shaver Lake, the camp is available to members and associate members of SJSU. The cost is \$10/night for camping, and \$5/day for day use. There are three corrals, picnic tables, a fire ring and portable-potty. Camp is a dry camp, so campers provide their water and feed. In exchange for the permit to operate, SJSU members are asked to help maintain the equestrian trails we ride on, so bring tools as well.

Thanks to Sue and Jerry Buckley, Jim Dixon, Bob Schwoerer, Cara Peterson, Tami and Richard Telles, Duane Peverill, Alan Fry, Angela Ausman, and Doug Laber and family for pitching in and lending a hand with opening the camp this year.

For reservations, contact:  
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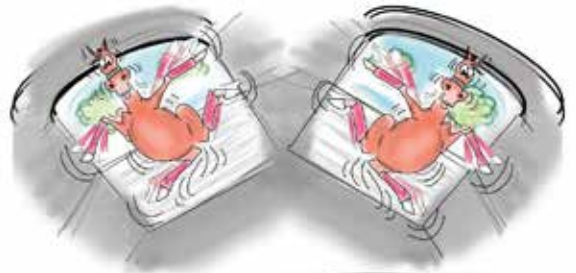


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## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

2022

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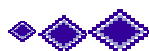
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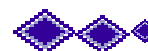
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# LOST RIDER PLAN



*"If you don't know how to get where you are going, or how to return from where you came; YOU ARE LOST"*

*"Being lost can be a state of mind; denial and panic are your enemies."*

## PLANNING

- ♦ Research the area using maps, guidebooks, and various online and computer-based resources, to become familiar with trails, streams, mountains, roads, and other features.
- ♦ Plan your route using US Geological Survey (USGS) topographical maps – especially if you are traveling long distances through wilderness - bring the map with you.
- ♦ Just prior to leaving obtain current locations for livestock water and safe/unsafe water crossings, trails to avoid, and any potential new hazards. Know the hazards in the area you are going into: animals that could be dangerous, edible and poisonous plants, etc.
- ♦ Get a current weather forecast for the area, and wear appropriate clothes and equipment. Bring additional clothing layers for unexpected weather.
- ♦ Leave your trip information, including the time you're planning to return, with a responsible person and/or with the local Ranger Station. Don't change the route without notifying your contacts.
- ♦ It's wise to travel with a friend and sign the register at trailheads.
- ♦ **BE PREPARED!**
- ♦ Communications can save a life. Carry a list of emergency and contact phone numbers for that area. Consider these options:
  - ◊ Bring a cell phone, you might be able to get a signal. Text messages and GPS phone signals can be picked up by satellite.
  - ◊ Consider a satellite phone in the backcountry, where there is often no cell service.
  - ◊ Stay in touch with others in your group using FRS or GMRS 2-way radios.
  - ◊ If venturing into a remote area, consider renting a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon), which allows you to activate a satellite-based distress signal to send help.
- ♦ Accidents, injury, and illness may need to be addressed. Consider, at minimum:
  - ◊ First Aid or Wilderness First Aid training.
  - ◊ Basic survival training, such as building a shelter.
- ♦ Are the **CHILDREN** in the group prepared?
  - ◊ Provide children with camp and trail safety instructions, including what to do if lost. (Lost is an exception where they ARE allowed to talk with a stranger.) Provide appropriate gear, with training on use.
  - ◊ Consider participating in the **Hug-A-Tree** program, providing training for children lost in the wilderness. [www.hugatree.com](http://www.hugatree.com)

## BASIC SURVIVAL!

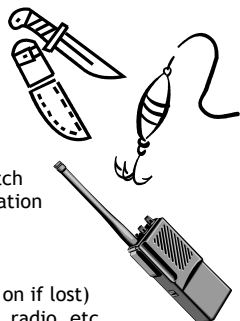
Consider carrying basic survival items on you, not your horse. Lightweight essential items can fit in a small waist pack, be attached to your belt, etc. Don't leave camp without them, even for a short walk!

### Child waist pack (minimum):

1. Water
2. Clean, bright color bandana (dust blocker, scarf, bandage or sling, washing, signal flag, etc.)
3. Pack of gum, hard candy, energy bar (replenish as needed)
4. 2 trash bags (use as emergency rain gear or groundsheet)
5. A plastic whistle (three regular repeated tones means help)
6. Pocket size emergency blanket (great for shelter, warmth or light-reflecting signal)
7. Small palm size flash light (with fresh batteries)
8. Chemical light stick(s)
9. 2-way radio (with fresh batteries)

### Adult waist pack (add to the above):

1. Compass (and map of the area)
2. Knife
3. Condoms (un-lubricated) for water storage
4. Water proof matches, flint and steel or a metal match
5. Water purification tablets or water bottle with filtration
6. Long strip of folded aluminum foil for cooking
7. Fishing kit (hooks, sinkers, and some line)
8. Small back-packing first aid kit (with instructions)
9. Cell phone and other communications devices (turn on if lost)
10. Spare fresh batteries for GPS, flashlight, cell phone, radio, etc.



## REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR BECOMING LOST!

- ♦ Know how to use the topographical map and compass to locate yourself, and to navigate.
- ♦ Carry a GPS and know how to use it.
- ♦ Orient yourself to landmarks when you start your trip, and continue to orient yourself throughout the trip. Turn often to look at your back trail so a return on that trail will look familiar, particularly at trail junctions.
- ♦ Learn some tracking basics so you can follow your own shoe prints or horse's hoof prints on your own back trail.
- ♦ Stay on the trail.

## LOST and SEPARATED FROM YOUR HORSE?

- ♦ **STOP!** (Stop, Think, Observe, Plan.)
- ♦ If injured, apply first aid. Clean off blood as much as possible. Bury anything with blood on it, away from your location.
- ♦ Don't go looking for your horse. **STAY** where you are!
- ♦ Take inventory of what you have for food, water, etc.
- ♦ Try to get your bearings using map and compass, GPS.
- ♦ Try to backtrack yourself to a familiar location. STOP if you lose your back trail or not sure of your route.
- ♦ Your biggest threats are probably dehydration and hypothermia. Find water (be prepared to purify/filter), and stay warm and dry.
- ♦ Water is a priority— you can go a longer time without food. Do not eat anything you are unsure of. Wild berries, fruit, mushrooms, etc., may make you sick.
- ♦ Try to stay as clean as you can. (Dirty clothing loses insulating properties. Good sanitary conditions will assist your body in fighting infections from cuts.)
- ♦ **Help rescuers find you!**
  - ◊ **Stay put** after you find water and shelter. If you keep moving, you will be harder to find.
  - ◊ Gather wood and start a small fire (use extreme caution in the dry season.)
  - ◊ **Be visible.** Find an open space, make a sign of wood 'SOS' or 'HELP'. Spread out the reflective emergency blanket and secure the corners.
  - ◊ If circumstances *force* you to move, leave obvious **CLUES** such as frequent clear footprints, directional arrow made of rock or sticks, a message with name, date and time, break some branches along the trail (particularly at an intersection), etc.
  - ◊ **Stay on the trail**, since searchers will usually search trails first, or others may be traveling that trail who can provide help.
  - ◊ **Make noise**—use your whistle (3 long blows) —to help rescuers locate you. Listen for voices calling, helicopters, vehicles, etc.

## LOST and YOUR HORSE IS STILL WITH YOU? (Do all of the above, plus):

- ♦ Stay calm. Your panic can panic your horse.
- ♦ Injured horse? Apply equine first aid.
- ♦ If you turn your horse and start on your back trail, the horse may instinctively return to the camp or trailer area. Mark the trail as you go. While riding, look ahead 20-40 feet to try and spot your own back trail. If the route doesn't look familiar soon, STOP.
- ♦ Secure your horse.
- ♦ Find food and water for your horse, after you have taken care of yourself.
- ♦ Pay attention to your horse. His behavior may tell you if someone is nearby before you hear or see them, or locate a water source.



A Rider is Overdue?

## STOP! THINK!

Be part of the SOLUTION, not part of the Problem!

- ◆ **Stay calm, get organized, and HAVE A PLAN before you act!** Someone needs to take charge. Perhaps the Trail Boss? Does anyone there have training as a Search Manager? Your objective is to help, not inadvertently cause problems. Do NOT simply dash off to start searching. Assess the situation. Plan!
- ◆ **Attempt to Communicate!** Can you reach that overdue person by cell phone, 2-way radio, etc., to determine status? If you yell, blow a whistle, and try to draw attention to your location, is there a response? If at a vehicle, try honking the horn periodically to act as an audible guide back to that location.
- ◆ **Assess the Situation!** If communications efforts fail, information must be gathered and assessed before any search is planned or performed by the riding group or by Search and Rescue (SAR) professionals.
  - ◇ **Who, What, When, Where?** When and where was the person last seen, and what was the direction of travel? What was the destination, by what route? When was this person due back? How long would it take this person to ride ... or hike if dismounted ... to the most likely destination if there are problems? How prepared and experienced is this person, and what survival gear is carried? Are horse and rider experienced in this terrain? What else might be pertinent?
  - ◇ Is there anything to suggest a *life threatening situation* to create a high level of urgency? Are there any known major health issues that require medicine ... and where is the medicine? Are there potential problems based on the *current* weather forecast, or new hazards in the vicinity?
  - ◇ Document known information for easy reference when reporting to local authorities, including name, age, description, and any available emergency contact information. It may also be advantageous to describe the missing rider's vehicle and location, or describe the horse and other livestock.
- ◆ **Protect Clues!** Trained searchers look for **CLUES**. **Stay away** from all areas where experienced trackers might find that person's shoe print, the horse's hoof print, etc. If a search dog is available, is there an item (clothing, sleeping bag, etc.) that would carry that specific person's scent? **DO NOT TOUCH**, simply know where it is for SAR personnel to collect.
- ◆ **Report the Incident!** *This is a great time to have emergency communication capabilities, like a satellite phone.* If necessary, travel to call the county Sheriff's department and report the overdue person. (Better to alert the authorities now, and cancel response later if the person is found safe!) Provide concise information. Use USGS map location names and latitude-longitude when available. Provide your call-back number. Be prepared to meet responding agency or SAR personnel at a designated location.

### To Search, or Not to Search? Every situation is different!

A critical concern is the potential destruction of **CLUES**. If valuable clues are destroyed by untrained searchers, this can seriously handicap the SAR professionals later. If the decision is to search anyway, understanding the problems this action is likely to create, minimize the damage by minimizing the number of untrained searchers involved.

**Limit to people with some tracking experience. Do NOT allow uncontrolled or mass searching!**

- ◆ **Assess available resources.** How many people are there, available to search, appropriately equipped and physically capable? Does anyone there have SAR training, or substantial tracking experience, or training in protecting **CLUES**? In case of injury, what medical supplies are available? What is the highest level of medical training present? Is anyone there trained to perform mounted rescue or evacuation using a saddled horse or mule? What survival supplies, food, water, etc., are available if people from the group go search? What methods of communication are available within the group, and with outside resources? What other issues should be addressed?
- ◆ **Would it make more sense to wait for trained searchers, or quickly perform your own untrained search?** Reach logical, safe, and common sense decisions regarding performing any initial search. Consider the known degree of urgency (injury not assumed), capabilities and preparedness of the overdue person, available resources, safety issues for searchers, weather, time estimated to follow the most likely trail to the known destination, etc. If you don't have a known destination, or if a loose horse returned, do you have at least one experienced tracker available to track or back track the horse?
- ◆ **PLAN the search** based on available resources. If circumstances appear to require an immediate preliminary search, key locations to quickly check are the known destination using the most obvious route (stay on the trail!), and to monitor the most likely destinations in case the loose horse and/or rider go there.
  - ◇ Can you **safely** send a team of people out (minimum 2), or should the search wait until daylight? Should the searchers go on foot, by vehicle, or riding? Do you have riders and livestock experienced traveling in that terrain after dark, or in inclement weather, with appropriate gear and equipment to *also* perform a search? What extra gear or supplies should you send with them? Should you send along an extra saddled mount? A pack animal? **Remember the more new hoof prints there are on that trail, the harder it will be to track the overdue rider later!**
  - ◇ **Prioritize search missions.** Everyone deployed—even to monitor elsewhere—is considered a searcher. Are all aware of the critical importance of spotting and protecting possible **CLUES** found on the trail and at monitoring locations? (On the trail, flag and protect any found clue, note the latitude and longitude or triangulate an approximate location to report to SAR management.)
  - ◇ **Coordinate** communications and rendezvous plans **before** deployment. Keep a record of what searchers are assigned where, and other pertinent information to share with SAR management. Leave at least 2 people (buddy system) at the initial rendezvous point, or an obvious note for the overdue person to stay there until you return. Can you safely leave a method of communication and some basic supplies?

### LOST PERSON or LOST RIDER?

- ◆ Did the horse come back without the rider?
  - ◇ If so, the rider may be injured.
  - ◇ Definitely he/she is on foot.
  - ◇ Any **CLUES** from the horse's direction of travel, or condition of the horse or tack?
  - ◇ Where is the closest "help" destination for the overdue rider?
- ◆ Are horse and rider both missing?
  - ◇ The horse might still bring the lost rider back to ... where?
  - ◇ The rider, horse, or both could be injured.
  - ◇ The horse may have a problem resulting in the rider hiking to ... where?
  - ◇ Horse and rider may be separated.
  - ◇ The rider may be looking for his/her horse.
  - ◇ A loose horse may return to ... where?



The horse is a search partner. The horse is indicating someone or something is straight ahead. Pay attention!

Searchers look for **CLUES**! Hoof prints, boot prints, small or large items that may/may not belong to the overdue person, etc. *A trained professional can see what the untrained eye won't see.* **Don't trample those clues!**

**NEVER put others in jeopardy!** Search team of up to 4 people. For safety, all searchers must be appropriately skilled, equipped, and experienced in that terrain. **You don't want any missing searchers!**

When searching, be alert for **CLUES**. Continue to try to contact that person using communications devices, shouting his/her name, blowing a whistle, etc. **Make NOISE, then LISTEN and LOOK!**



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*Does SAR interest you? Ask your Sheriff's department about joining local volunteer Mounted SAR, or assisting SAR as Packers.*

# CHAMBERLAIN WORK PARTY

By: Joe Kaminski  
8/4/23 - 8/7/23

JHA's were gone over prior to start of work and daily tail gates were done. All PPE required gear was used by all volunteers. No accidents or close calls occurred.

The work party went into Maxom Meadow trailhead on Aug. 4th and came out on Aug 7th. All work was completed on non-wilderness trails leading to wilderness.

Approximately 1.2 miles of trail was cleared and widened to trail standard 4' each side of center and 10' clearance overhead. One causeway was dismantled. Three hitch rails were installed at Chamberlain camp to prevent tying to trees.

The trail from Chamberlain to Voyager approximately one mile was cleared of 27 trees with 73 cuts. Sizes ranged from 4" to 38" with various smaller trees removed.

The work was completed by Doug Laber, Marcie Hansen, Lois Patton, Bob Skinner, Carol Kaminski, and Joe Kaminski.









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Respectfully,  
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# BADGER FLATS WORK PARTY

By: Joe Kaminski  
8/18/23-8/20/23

JHA's were gone over prior to start of work and daily tail gates were done. All PPE required gear was used by all volunteers. No accidents or close calls occurred.

The work party started at the trailhead and continued south towards the wilderness boundary. All work was completed on non-wilderness trails leading to wilderness.

Approximately 1.75 miles of trail was cleared and widened to trail standard 4' each side of center and 10' clearance overhead. The trail was cleared of 34 trees with 88 cuts. Sizes ranged from 4" to 44" with various smaller trees removed.

The work was completed by Jim Laber, Marcie Hansen, Lois Patton, Nate Traeger, Carol Kaminski, and Joe Kaminski.









# 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.

## Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

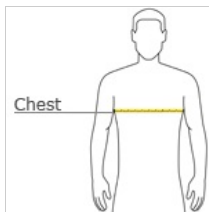
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.65 each \_\_\_\_\_  
(Qty) (Total)

Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

Attn: Gary Van Sickle  
BCHCSJSU  
P.O. Box 25693  
Fresno, CA 93729-5693



### HOW TO MEASURE



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

# Horse Word Search

t l a p f e w t k k u a d t x  
k q z o p e a p k d b l s o r  
m u n l l i r d y e i p z r u  
w y z l l f u a i w n r d t s  
p b e a k k w z l u r a n p x  
n j d g q o n u h e q y m s f  
t n e g i l l e t n i e l v o  
e r a m w k m n h o r s e s a  
n y q g c x a z v u q e z i l  
g a x n j c f b b s i i w s c

foal  
horse  
tail  
mare  
trot  
feral

gallop  
equidae  
intelligent  
mane  
canter  
wild



**Backcountry Horsemen  
of California**



**MAIL TO: BCHC  
MEMBERSHIP  
1280 State Rt. 208  
Yerington NV 89447**

**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**

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

☐ **New** ☐ **Renewal**  
☐ **Change**

(indicate change)

☐ Antelope Valley  
☐ Eastern Sierra  
☐ High Country  
☐ High Sierra  
☐ Kern River Valley

☐ Kern Sierra  
☐ Lake-Mendo  
☐ Los Padres  
☐ Mid Valley  
☐ Mother Lode

☐ North Bay  
☐ Pacific Crest  
☐ Redshank Riders  
☐ Redwood  
☐ San Diego  
☐ San Joaquin Sierra

☐ Santa Ana River  
☐ Sequoia  
☐ Shasta Trinity  
☐ Sierra Freepackers  
☐ Sutter Buttes  
☐ 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

City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) ( ) Area Code Phone number

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>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	<b>\$125.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	<b>\$150.00</b>
<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>

On that form, I also requested:

Associate Memberships \$

My Total Remittance: \$

My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification of  
BCHC  
membership**

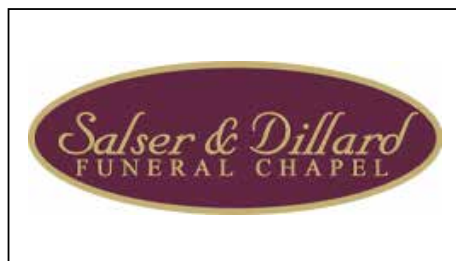
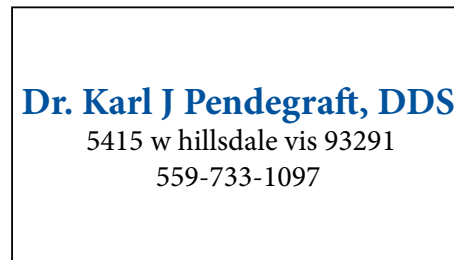
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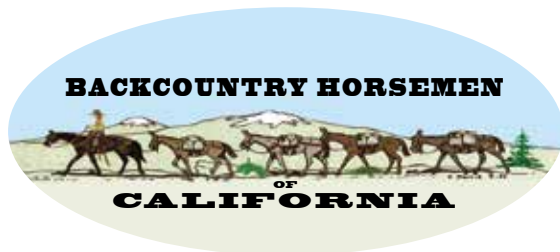


## Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



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.





***San Joaquin Sierra Unit***

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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.