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Joe Kaminski, President and
 Randy Witt, Vice President
 at the Rendezvous in Norco

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, after just a few months I have come to appreciate Greg and all the past presidents for all they did behind the scenes. I wish to publicly thank Greg for all he did this past year in moving our club forward.

We are extremely fortunate to have many hands doing the many tasks it takes to make a successful unit. **Duane** in doing our new web page, **Ted** for setting up first aide training, and **Jan and John** for another fantastic "Shoot Your Heart Out Event."

By the time you get this the Rendezvous will be passed. Our unit should be well represented with members gleaning new information and reacquainting with old friends. We are also represented in the trail trials by **Cindy and Shelly**.

It is not too late for more rides to be scheduled. If you have a favorite place to ride we are always interested in new places. You do not have to do rides only on weekends, many in our group are available to ride during the week. Day rides would be great to help fill in our calendar. There is no reason to be intimidated if you have never hosted a ride before, someone will be glad to come alongside to help out.

Even if you do not plan to ride in the parade feel free to come out to the **clinic April 19th** and see what you and your horse can do. Thanks once again to **Jan and John** for taking care of the clinic and **Rodeo Parade**. It is always a fun time.

It is not too early to start planning for upcoming rides and work parties. Just check out the calendar and let the host know you plan to attend.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,
 Joe



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2014 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the **1st Wednesday** 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.bchc.org***

April 4-5 San Joaquin River Gorge Breakfast Ride Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, drinks and camaraderie all for \$5.00. May sleep over Friday or Saturday Night. Contact Ted for reservation and directions, 559-855-8599.

April 19 Parade Practice/Desensitizing Clinic Jan Mikkelsen 559-289-4911

April 26 Clovis Parade & Rodeo Jan Mikkelsen 559-289-4911

May 2-4 Jose Basin Ride Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500 and Art Riesgo, 559-905-3854

May 21 General Meeting Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis

May 20-25 Bishop Mule Days

June 17-22 Chamberlaine Work Party Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170

July 4-6 Montana De Oro Ride Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500

July 12-13 Tamarack Ride Art Riesgo, 559-905-3854 and Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500

August 17-24 Big Meadows Work and Ride Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170

August TBA General Meeting Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis

September 13 Shaver Lake Poker Ride Wanda Caradonna, 559-392-3534

October TBA General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174

Oct. 30-31 & Nov. 1 Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Tulare

December 13 Christmas Party

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:

www.BCHC.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site



Please contact any Board Member if you would like to host a ride or activity.

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We are proud to announce our new website. Make sure you check it out for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the creative genius of **Duane Peverill** our new Web Wrangler. If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net.

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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.

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Hoof Print 2014 Deadlines

Advertising, announcements, pictures and other copy must be received by editor by the deadline listed below.

Deadline Publication

January 20	February/March
March 20	April/May
May 20	June/July
July 20	August/September
September 20	October/November
November 20	December/January

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,

John Mikkelsen and Greg Caradonna

Past Presidents

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE WORK PARTIES

By Debbie McFarren

Several members from our San Joaquin Sierra Back Country Horseman Unit have been volunteering at the San Joaquin River Gorge. Members have been out doing everything from cutting down trees from the trail to picking up trash. I have been one of those out on the trails picking up the trash. Cara Peterson and I walked down the fishing access trail to check out areas for future clean up. Several cans and other trash are in among the large boulders. The river was low enough to cross, so we walked downstream on the north side of the river, crossed again at Millerton Lake, then walked back up river on the River Trail. The northern trail was trash free, while the River Trail had a lot of trash near the caves. Our plan is to go back with trash bags and do clean up in that area.

On March 6th I walked the Ridge Trail, this time I brought along a bag to pick up trash along my route. I am pleased to report that the only trash along the trail was near the bridge. The trails on the east side of the loop are in fantastic condition. I passed a couple of trail crews out working. The west end of the trail looks like work is needed on the steep section just below the ridgeline.





APRIL 19th Desensitization Clinic.



BCHC-SJSU will again have the privilege to use the beautiful Silver Rose Ranch. Take advantage of exposing your horses to new and/or “unusual” experiences, including the **-DREADED PINK RABBIT!!!** Come have fun with your horses, and take part in this opportunity whether it be for the trail or the parade. Remember, participants **don't have to ride in the parade** to ride in the clinic. Just come out and join us for a little ‘desensitizing’ by walking around balloons, umbrellas, mystery items, sirens, flares and any other items that may “pop” up! We will also practice for the parade by riding a few laps around the track as well.

Date: April 19, 2014 10:00 a.m.

Bring a bite to eat, as this lasts approximately 3 hours.
You must be a member, but may join the day of the event if you are not.



Directions to Silver Rose Ranch 11233 N. Newmark Clovis below:

From Shaver, Prather, Auberry area:

Head on down 168 and when you get near the “blink of an eye” town of Academy, look for Newmark Rd. Turn right and the address is 11233 N. Newmark, Clovis. Go to parking area on left.

From Clovis, Fresno: take HWY 168 a couple of miles past Academy and turn left on Newmark. Go to parking area on left.

Contact:

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jessecowboy@comcast.net

BOOOOO



The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia Lemon, Tranquility
Jeremy Purcell and Kristin Parkin, Clovis

We are always excited to welcome our new members.
Remember to invite others you know who enjoy their equine friends and the back country to join us too! New members may join at any ride.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Randy Witt, Toby Horst and Marcee Hansen

MEMBER NEWS: *This column is intended to help us all keep up to date with the importance events in the lives of our members. If you have something happening in your family or know of something happening in another member's family, please send the information to me at beckybala@hotmail.com. I will be more than happy to include the news in the next print of the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra unit newsletter. Thank you*

SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale

"There's a Mule Under My Saddle Cookbook"

by Jean Brown of Idaho \$10.00

Hats \$15.00

Khaki with a maroon or forest green bill are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California.

Scarf \$13.00

Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California

Maroon Shirts \$35.00

(Extra Tall \$38.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

Horse First Aid.....

great, informative quick reference \$25.00

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&/or look for items at our rides and meetings.



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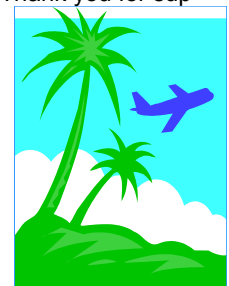
Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ 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.

Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

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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Rendezvous 2014

Travelin' Your Trail Thru Life

Eleven of our members packed up and headed south to participate in the **Backcountry Horseman Rendezvous in Norco, California-Horsetown USA**. A great time was had by all. If you haven't been to Norco, you need to check it out someday. The town is designed for equestrian use and you can ride all through town. The Rendezvous had plenty of activities that would be of interest to all in attendance. There were plenty of educational classes and competitive Trail Obstacle Challenges. The classes ranged from Packing 101, Gentle Use, Dutch Oven Cooking and sessions by Jerry Tindell. There were also plenty of other classes to attend. The vendors were fantastic with a wide choice of merchandise. So many items, so little money. Friday night we all were entertained by the Cowboy Entertainer "**Dave Stamey**". What a show this gentlemen gave us. If you have a chance to see him in concert, DON'T MISS IT.

Two of our members participated in the **Trail Obstacle Challenge Course**. The course was designed by a professional and was not a course to be taken lightly. Check out the webpage bchcsjsu.org to see pictures of the course. Camping on the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center was excellent. Plenty of room and very close to all the activities. The rendezvous staff and all the attendees were very friendly. The training instructors were very knowledgeable, patient and willing to help everyone. It was a GREAT four days and worth every penny and the trip south. If you have questions about the event, please ask one of the attendees. Remember as we promote "**Leave No Trace**", that includes camping spaces, parking lots and areas you pass through with other animals. Looking forward to next year's **RENDZVOUS 2015**. The rumor has it will be in Calaveras County Fairgrounds, California, Home of the Frog Jumping Contest. Lets all plan on attending.

Hope to SEE YA ALL THERE!

Pat and Duane Peverill



Rendezvous 2014 Trail Trial Challenge By Cindy Mueller

Shelly Berry and I (**Cindy Mueller**) decided this year we would try competing at the **Rendezvous** in the **Trail Trials Challenge**. Well, I guess we should have looked at that word “Challenge” a little harder. We trained our animals to what we thought we would see on a trail, logs to step over, water hazards, even the occasional chicken, but never thought about a canopy with green garland or little green men with rainbow colored fishing lines. When we saw the course we scratched our heads wondering what we got ourselves and animals into, but we were going to give it our all.

Shelly competed in the Open class and I was in the Novice class. Shelly had to get her mule “Ed” over some pretty scary looking obstacles. She did her best, but with the course taking its toll on Ed, she timed out but not after proving once again that mules can jump over things from a complete stand still. Thankfully Shelly had no problem staying on for the act. On Sunday it was my turn. Thankfully overnight some of the scarier items were removed but those little green men were still there. Since this was my first time ever doing something like this, I took my time and didn’t force my horse much. We were able to complete the course but not all the obstacles, Joy just refused to go near green garland and little green men and I really didn’t blame her. I did find out I wasn’t dead last because a couple other competitors had to leave the course.

All in all we had a wonderful experience at the Rendezvous in Norco. Sleeping in the horse trailer, taking showers in an old horse trailer, riding the hills behind the event and riding along the city streets rounded out a great time. We didn’t make it downtown to tie up at one of those hitching rails, but we did wander through some residential areas, and in Southern California to boot. I am really glad that Shelly pushed me to do this, because I wouldn’t have done it at all and I would have missed out on a great time.

I also have to mention, our traveling companion, Lucy the Corgi, made many new friends!

Watch out next year.....I am practicing!!



Here are some of the obstacles they created. Could you and your horse do these things?

Maybe it’s time to set up some of these obstacles and see if your horse can maneuver around them.



Here is Cindy centering her mind and getting ready to enter the ring.





CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE CLOVIS RODEO!!!!

It's Parade time again! To those who plan on riding (or walking!) in the parade or have questions, please call Jan Mikkelsen at 289-4911 or email at jesscowboy@comcast.net. An approximate head count is needed before April 26th. Last year we had 25 riders!

BCHC-SJSU has continuously come in first or second place in our category of the parade, so let's keep up the good work and look as good as we do each year. Every rider must wear denim jeans, a burgundy, button-down collared, long sleeved shirt (preferably our BCH shirt with our logo) or our light denim shirt, a BCHC logo scarf, and a straw or light colored cowboy hat. Each animal will have a matching saddle blanket that our unit provides the day of the parade. Our placement in the parade and parking instructions will be posted as soon as we are notified. This info will be sent out to each member via email. Please let me know if you need a shirt or scarf as soon as possible so they can be ordered and picked up, preferably at the Desensitization clinic.





JOSE BASIN SPRING RIDE

JOSE BASIN CORRAL/
CAMP SITE AREA



May 2, 3, & 4, 2014

Jose Basin is a great place to condition your riding and pack animals for the coming riding season and is only a short distance out of Auberry. The terrain is easy with many different trails leading out from the main camp area.

We will have rides going out on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am and for those that arrive Friday, a short ride after we get camp set up. If you can only make it for one day be sure and come, as it is a great place to ride.

We will have our toilet trailer available and plan to have a Barbeque and potluck for Saturday night. Bring your own meat and a potluck dish, utensils, etc. The campfire time is always great fun so please plan to join us. The rest of the meals will be on your own.

Plan to bring water for your animals. Since there has been very little rainfall this season we don't know how much water will be available at the creek.

Please RSVP by April 28th to Peter Parkin 871-4500 or e-mail to ktzpaw@yahoo.com.

If you only ride on Saturday, try and stay over for the potluck, as it is great fun and gives us time to share and visit. We sure hope all of you that enjoy this area will come up and join us this year. There is no fee for this ride, but you must be a current member of BCHC to attend. If you are not a current BCHC member and would like to attend you may complete a membership application at the ride and pay your membership dues at the ride.

Directions:

Hwy 168 to Auberry Turn Off. Go thru Auberry-take the right Y at the grammar school to top of grade. Take first left turn (follow Mono Wind signs), go past Mono Wind and continue on old railroad grade road (approx 9 miles). Stay right at intersections or Y's. At T intersection, after crossing bridge, turn right and continue on with a right turn which goes around where you can see the corrals where we will be parked. Small signs with BCHC will be placed on the roads where you should turn. It is a long drive into the T intersection so don't give up. See you there.

KIDS CORNER

Find 10 things in the barnyard



door



baseball
bat



eye



book



tree



leaf



slice of
bread



flower



candle



crescent
moon

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From all of us here at Lazy K Ranch, we look forward to having you as our guest.





LUCKY YOU, LUCKY ME, LUCKY CALENDAR

BCHC's **2015 LUCKY CALENDARS** are not just calendars. They can win you **BIG** money again and again. This raffle project is a great fund raiser for our unit. When all raffle tickets/calendars are sold, the profit realized will be just shy of \$40,000. The net proceeds will be split 50/50 between BCHC California and our individual units. "This maybe the easiest and best fund raiser we have every had," according to Karen Kimbel, the Idaho BCHC calendar coordinator.

All the San Joaquin Sierra members have to do is to convince friends, relatives and co-workers to make a \$25 donation to help keep America's trails open for equestrian use. When your friend gives the donation they receive this beautiful **Lucky Calendar 2015** and a **raffle ticket**. The raffle ticket stub is put into a hopper with 213 chances to win cash throughout the year. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the year the raffle ticket holder may win at least **\$50**. Every Saturday the ticket holder may win at least a **\$100**. On the first day of January 2015 the prize is **\$1,000**. On the last day of 2015 the prize is **\$3000**. **BUT!**, each time you win your cash, your ticket is put back into the hopper for another chance to win. So get your calendar from any board member, whose number is in our Newsletter or on our web-site (bchcsjsu.org) or come to the General Meetings to pick one up. If you want that **LUCKY RAFFLE TICKET** call Randy Witt at 559-325-7876. And he will get it to you!!!

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SAVE THE DATE !!!

JOIN IN...
A CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF THE
**50th Anniversary of
the Wilderness Act**

WILDERNESS
50 years
1964-2014
**YOURS:
TO ENJOY
TO PROTECT**

October 10 - 12, 2014

Tehama District Fairgrounds
Red Bluff, Calif.

Participating partners include: U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; Backcountry Horsemen of California; Pacific Crest Trail Association; and more to come...

POC: Heidi Perry
hperry@fs.fed.us

The Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground facility will be available April – October 2014

The following procedures have been established for the continuity of the facility. When planning a day/camping outing it is necessary to contact one of the members listed below for the gate combination. For security reasons the combination will be changed throughout the season. The camp is available to our Unit members for day use and/or camping with your stock. The camp is set up with three large stock pens and three camp sites offered on a 1st come 1st served basis. The three picnic tables and fire pit are located in a shared area. It is necessary for you to furnish water for personal use and stock use. **The pens must be cleaned of hay/manure after each use or a fee will be assessed for clean up;** remember our “Leave No Trace” policy. There is no potable water on site; however a porta-potty is on site for our human needs.

Fee schedule per membership:
Day Fee \$5 **or** Camping Fee \$10 per night

For reservations contact:

Wanda Caradonna 559 392-3534 or Char Meier 559 297-1290 home
559 905 6948 cell



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE BREAKFAST RIDE



**EAT and RIDE
APRIL 4TH, SATURDAY**

Come join us for breakfast at 9:00 and in the saddle to ride by 10:30.

Delicious, hot food will be served by the “T-R Cookers”. (Eggs, sausage, pancakes, drinks and camaraderie)

Cost will be \$5.00.

Contact **Ted Fischer, 559-341-3060 or 559-855-8599 for reservations and directions.**

You can come up the night before to set up camp and relax. Call Ted to find out the particulars of the camp ground facilities.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Oak Group 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.

July 4, 5, and 6 2014

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

We will plan to have a potluck dinner Saturday night.

Cost: Horse and rider for 3 days is \$ 45.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Oak Group Camp has 15 corrals, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

Contact Information: Peter Parkin (559) 871-4500

This is a BCHC-SJSU sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC-SJS Unit to attend.
Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

Name		Phone	
Email Address			
Address			Amount
Please make checks payable to BCHC-SJS and mail with completed reservation form to : Pete Parkin 17794 Rodeo Dr. Madera, CA 93638	Number of horses with Rider		@ \$45.00 each
	Additional Person		@ \$3.00
	TOTAL		\$

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2013

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:32 by Greg Caradonna

In Attendance:

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski
Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller Advisor: Carolyn Witt
Directors: Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman Wanda Caradonna,
Randy Witt, Ted Fischer
Members: Becky Balistreri, Art Resiego, Duane Peverill, Jan Mikkelsen, Debbie McFarren.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Wanda C. made a motion to accept the November minutes, seconded by Joe K, motion passed

Treasurer Report: Period ending 11/2013

YTD Income:	\$ 3707.06	General Checking	\$ 17419.90
YTD Expenses:	<u>(3570.67)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11297.57
YTD Profit/Loss	\$ 136.39	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

Committee Reports:

Education: Ted is working on a CPR and First Aid Class for 2014. He is also preparing educational events for the 2014 General Meetings

Newsletter: Deadline is January 20th.

Public Lands: The SNF is holding a meeting regarding to eliminate fish to 6 lakes in the High Sierra to help protect the Yellow Legged Mountain Frog. If this happens there will no restrictions to riding or grazing in the areas.

Ride Coordinator: Looking for a new one.

Old Business:

Christmas Party: Cathie W. needs help with Christmas Decorations. She asked for help to go to the Shaver cabin to gather items to be used in the decorations. She will feed anyone who can come.

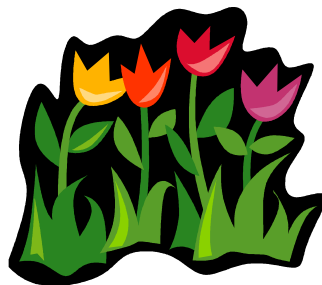
Facebook: Tara S. has offered to continue updating our Facebook page.

New Business

Vacant Director Position: Greg C. has announced that the Director position held by Tara S will be appointed to Debra McFarren. The appointee was presented to the board, Randy W made a motion to accept Debra, Joe K seconded, motion passed.

Events and Rides: The planning for the 2014 ride calendar was discussed. Several rides were talked about and some board members have obligated themselves to host rides this year. The board would also like to remind the general membership that anyone can host a ride. This will be announced at the first general meeting. As rides are planned, Carolyn will update the ride calendar. Please look for upcoming rides to be posted, emailed and listed in the newsletter.

Adjournment: Ted F made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fredi C., motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34



☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Backcountry Horsemen of California

☐ **RENEWAL APPLICATION**



☐ **CHANGE - () PARENT UNIT () ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL () MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

****NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED NUMBER BY MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and **CIRCLE ONE** Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope Valley
Eastern Sierra
High Country
High Sierra
Kern River Valley
Kern Sierra
Lake-Mendo
Los Padres

Mid Valley
Mother Lode
North Bay
Oklone Riders
Redhawk Riders
Redwood
San Diego
San Geronimo Pass

San Joaquin Sierra
Santa Ana River
Sequoia
Shasta Trinity
Sierra Freepackers
Sutter Buttes
Top of the State

MAIL TO:
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA
1280 State Rte 208
Yerington NV 89447
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?
Tax Deductible

Packer \$10.00
Mule Skinner \$25.00
Other (Write in) \$_____

MEMBER'S NAME -No Business Names; Please Print Clearly

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

BUSINESS NAME - DONATIONS ONLY:

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$50.00* Family \$60.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00

**=BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America*

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 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: _____ \$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

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

Please write additional choices on back

Please clip form along dashed line - **KEEP BELOW INFORMATION 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, each sharing 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.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the **MEMBERSHIP** page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

☐ Individual Membership \$ 50.00
☐ Family (Shared) Membership \$ 60.00
☐ Benefactor Membership \$100.00
☐ Patron Membership \$250.00
☐ Mt Whitney Membership \$500.00
☐ Donation - Packer \$10.00
☐ Mule Skinner \$25.00
☐ Other (Write in) \$ _____
☐ Associate Membership \$ _____
Total Remittance \$ _____
Check Number _____
Date Mailed _____

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org



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 legislation 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 backcountry 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.