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Presidents Message



Wow and wow. We had our first work party of the year, and I must give shout outs to all who participated. We cleared trail on Friday and Saturday and were rained off the hill on Saturday afternoon, but still accomplished a lot of trail work that was needed only leaving enough behind to assure our attention

next time. Great article inside with pics. Our work party for Big Meadows is cancelled and although the camp has not opened yet, we have all the camp host supplies and the water tanks in place. While up there Doug and I reconned the trail out to the Jenny Lakes trailhead and cleaned it up, other than one log $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way out (work around OK), that we will cut on our next trip. On an assessment of camp, we do not think we need a full-fledged work party, and the rest can be handled over the season as small projects. Next up we have our annual raffle ride up at Shaver. We can use raffle items so please bring them, old or new, and join us on this ride and BBQ lunch. We

have a work party scheduled for June 29 through July 5th, up at Thomas Edison Lake/High Sierra Pack Station so please give me a call if you're up to making this trip. We did not go last year and there is much to do. At the end of July, we will have a camp and ride trip to Montana De Oro. Sign up early as this is going to be a fun combined ride with High Sierra members. Hope to see you soon in the middle of the saddle on top. Stay safe out there.

Your President, Jim Laber

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2024 Calendar

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

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

Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org

2024

Jun 15	Raffle Ride Shaver Lake
Jun 29-July 5	Edison Work Party
Jun 18	Board of Directors
Jul 16	Board of Directors
Jul 25-29	Montana De Oro
Aug 20	Board of Directors
Sept 7	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
Sept 17	Board of Directors
Sept 19-22	Badger Flats Work Party
Oct 3-7	Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO
Oct 15	Board of Directors
Oct 16	General Meeting/Election Meeting
Oct 19	Board of Directors
Oct 25-27	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party
Nov TBD	Holiday Dinner
Nov 19	Board of Directors
Dec 17	Board of Directors

Is there any activity that you would like to sponsor? We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, jim@visaliaidea.com. You may call 559.250.7906 and I will get back to you.

Jim Laber
President

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

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

www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

The purpose of this publication is to keep its members in- formed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.

DUTCH BABY

This Dutch Baby is reminiscent of a crepe-meets-funnel cake, and is an easy yet impressive camping breakfast!

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup whole milk, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, optional
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

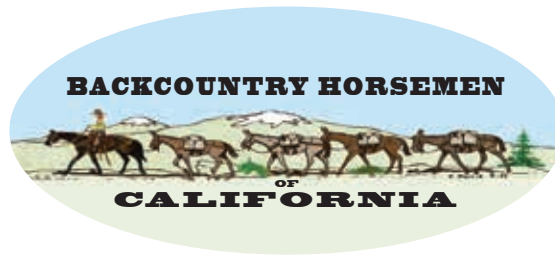
OPTIONAL TOPPINGS

Syrup, fresh fruit, preserves,
confectioners' (powdered) sugar,
or cinnamon sugar



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare your coals: Either light charcoals (recommended) or start a campfire for cooking. Coals will take about 20 minutes to light, a campfire will take up to an hour to burn down to embers. For home cooking.
2. To make the batter, crack the eggs into a large mixing bowl and beat vigorously until smooth. Add the milk, and give a quick stir to incorporate. Then add the flour, sugar, salt, and optional nutmeg. Mix together until smooth.
3. Once the embers or charcoals are ready, set your Dutch oven over the heat to preheat. Place the butter in the bottom of the Dutch oven and swirl it around until it melts. Once the butter is completely melted, pour your batter into the Dutch oven.
4. Cover the Dutch oven with the lid. Place on a small bed of coals, and then cover the lid with additional coals. After 10 minutes, take a quick peak to check progress. You're looking for the Dutch baby to be puffed up and golden brown in spots. Cook for a few more minutes if needed, and remove from the heat when it's done.
5. Serve immediately with your toppings of choice.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting April 16, 2024

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Directors: Doug Laber, Karen Daugherty, Steve Naylor, Loni Langdon, Marcee Hansen, Sue Van Sickle, Past President: Joe Kaminski

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

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education:

Membership:

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

Sunshine: Card sent to Ruby Laber

Public lands: Roads to be worked on in Sequoia Forest. Expect delays.

Shaver Lake: Permits acquired. Toilet ordered. Open when able.

Big Meadows: High Sierra sponsorship check received.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2024

April 16 Board of Directors – General meeting with speaker Reedley college • April 20 Desentizing clinic. 11 RSVP's so far.
Marcee to blast. • 27 Clovis Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oct. 3-7 Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO • 15 Board of Directors • 25 Gorge Work Party • 26 General Meeting/
Elections at Reedley College 10:00

Nov. TBD Holiday Dinner • 19 Board of Directors

Dec. 17 Board of Directors

2. Gorge – Marcee to recon. Ruth working on permit.

3. Big Meadows Work party – May 18-19

4. Raffle Ride – June 15, donations needed.

5. Edison Work Party – No BCHC work party

6. FS Grant – Ruth working on grant

7. Crown Valley – No BCHC work party

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting: May 21, 2024

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



JUNE 15, 2024

BBQ RAFFLE RIDE

- OPEN TO EVERYONE
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
- \$25 members
- \$35 non-members
- \$10 youth

Includes:

- Coffee
- Doughnuts
- BBQ
- 5 Raffle Tickets

Best Find Takes the Prize!

(Additional Raffle tickets
can be purchased)

- Donation items are Welcome
- Bring drinks for you
- Bring water for your Horse
- Bring a chair
- ***Directions to Event:***
Highway 168 to Shaver Lake, CA.
Turn East on Dinkey Creek Road.
Follow the signs to Fishing Camp
4.3 miles on the left. Follow dirt
road on the left to the parking
area at the Trail Head.

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

R.S.V.P. by June 7th
to reserve your spot

Marcee Hansen: 559-977-9472
or Ruth Cramer: 559-417-3878

Please be advised: no Stallions,
no Dogs, & no Alcohol on trail.



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE WORK PARTY

By Marcee Hansen

The first weekend in May started off our 2024 Trail Work Calendar. Members of our unit gathered at the San Joaquin Gorge Recreational Area for a weekend of trimming overhead clearance and brushing the foot path on the Pa'san Ridge Trail. Ruth Cramer arrived early to meet with BLM Rec Planner Nathan Bingham to sign the Volunteer Agreement. She also brought our State required documents and Emergency information. Without the paperwork Ruth handles, we would not be able to do what we do.

As you may recall, the Pa'san Ridge Trail is pretty difficult to work on when you have stock. The majority of the trail is cut into the side of a steep rocky mountain, hence the name Gorge. When we go out to work on this trail, we need help holding horses and mules that carry workers and equipment. Fortunately, we had the extra help we needed. Sandy La Spada and Don Standridge were a huge help with both working on the trail and holding horses. Sandy has been a long-time member of BCHC and it was great to work with her again. Don Standridge and Sherry Smiley joined us for the first time as new members. Their help along with Karen Daugherty was invaluable in that they provided much needed hands for stock and tools. Doug Laber and Jim Laber did most of the overhead clearing with a chain pole saw. Don stepped in a few times to give them a break. Sandy, Karen, and I moved ahead with nippers and loppers to cut away brush from the trail.

Back at camp, Carol and Joe Kaminski arrived and set up for the night. They made us a fantastic taco dinner with all the fixings and had a wonderful menu planned for breakfast the next day. After a good day of clearing the trail, it is exceptionally special to start the day off and come back to delicious meals. Joe and Carol always provide our unit with meals that fill our bellies and put smiles on our faces. After a little discussion of the plan for the next day, we relaxed with stories and jokes for the rest of the evening. I love to work the trail, but these times make it "the best weekend ever".

One of the great aspects of this trail is that there are many shaded areas as you ride and hike. A large concern while cutting overhead clearance is to not take away from the beauty and shade of the Pa'san Ridge Trail. I think we met that expectation, yet allowed for the tallest of trail riders to enjoy the trail without bending and dodging low branches. There was a total of four miles that needed a lot of work.

We were able to clear the first two miles and planned on the other two the next day. Rain changed our plans. Oh well, we'll get it next time. There is always a next time when it comes to trail work.

Thank you members for your help and support! See you soon. As we have a busy Season ahead of us. I can hardly wait!





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If you have any photos send them to Jim at jim@visaliaidea.com or upload them through the website: www.visaliaidea.com

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

Respectfully,
Jim Laber

CONTEST TIME

Find the Hidden Hoof Print! 

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Combined Ride - San Joaquin Sierra Unit & High Sierra Unit



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

Montana De Oro State Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15, 2024

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

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

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

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

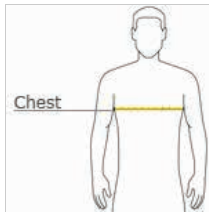
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SIZE CHART

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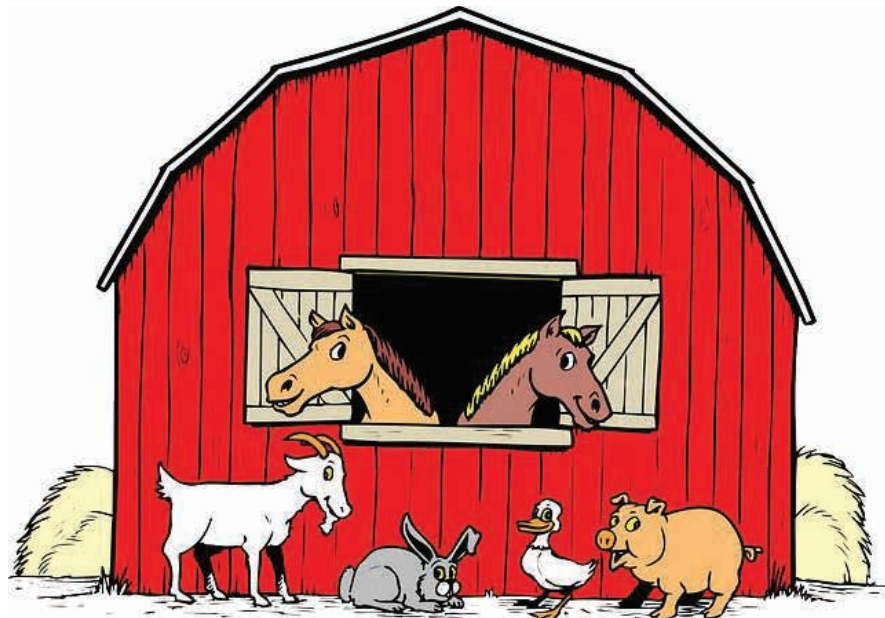
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



Backcountry Horsemen of California



**MAIL TO: BCHC
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Change

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

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

DCTR (Your Membership Number): _____

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly

SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

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

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) _____ Enclosed: \$ Check No.

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old) \$15*	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$150	*Youth members MUST fill out BOTH Youth Membership forms (available online)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

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

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

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records.

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared**), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC Members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

**A SHARED Membership if for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

Associate Memberships

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bchcalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old)	\$15*
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney	\$500

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Associate Memberships \$

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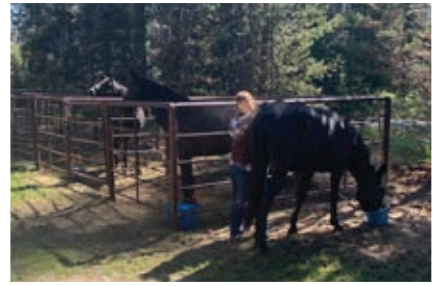
Verification of BCHC Membership

Verification of BCHC Membership is available via:

- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
- 2) BCHC Membership Chair reports
- 3) a self addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
- 4) a valid email address



Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (10) in total that will be exclusive to the Business/Industry type. Sponsorships are \$500 each per calendar year. Sponsors will be advertised on our web page, our facebook page, at the camp, and in our monthly newsletter. Please show your support to these sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please contact Joe Kaminski at (559) 909-0505. If interested in being a camp host for this season, contact Jim Knabke at (559) 779-4715.

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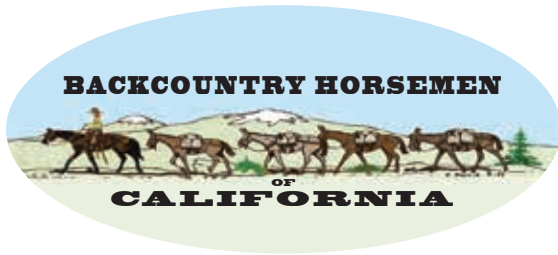
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

From the BCHC Bylaws

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legis-lation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the back-country and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.