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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry

Presidents Message



Our membership never ceases to amaze. Marcee, Karen, and Bethany did the recon ride for our Badger Flat work party and Marcee and Lois met with the owners of the satellite pack station not yet running at Badger. The info they came back with is essential to our work party and future use and work in the Badger Flat area. Marcee Hansen, Lois Patten, Brian

Jones, Steve Naylor, and Doug & Jim Laber cleared the California Hiking & Riding Trail From Weldon Camp Trail Head to Rock Meadow and what a Beautiful area to trail ride and pack into.

Coming up next weekend we have our 7th Annual Memorial ride in remembrance of those members that have passed on. Hope you will come up and join us at Big Meadows Horse camp. Don't forget your chair and drinks and we will supply lunch. Water for stock needs to be brought up as well, as the creek is barely running this late in the season.

Our election meeting this year will be at Loni Langdon's in Squaw Valley where we will get to see packing demonstrations and Dutch oven cooking which should lead to a cobbler ala mode and an election. We have

Marcee, Jan, and Lois putting there names back up for directors and I am appealing for a few members to add their names to the ballot. Gary and Sue Van Sickle have served our unit for a number of years, and with Gary as Treasurer he has kept our books meticulously. They are looking to move from our area in the near future and we are in need of someone with bookkeeping experience to step up and take the reins. If you have that kind of experience please contact Gary for details on the position. Hope to see you soon on the trail in the middle of the saddle on top.

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

Sept 7	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
Sept 17	Board of Directors
Oct 10-14	Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO
Oct 15	Board of Directors
Oct 19	General Meeting/Election Meeting Loni Langdon, Squaw Valley
Oct 25-27	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party
Nov 9	Holiday Dinner/Awards
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.

MEAT OR VEGGIE LASAGNA

Lasagna is one of the easiest and most satisfying make ahead camping meals ever made. It's also a favorite everyone will love, and there's enough in this recipe to come back for seconds!

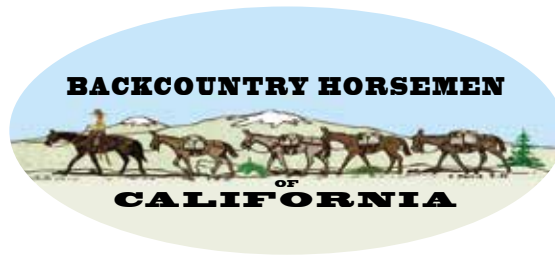
INGREDIENTS:

- Meat option: ½ lb of ground beef and ½ lb of spicy Italian or pork sausage, cooked
- Veggie option: 1 cup of diced zucchini and 1 cup of diced carrots with a ¼ cup of nutritional yeast (mix the veggies together with the nutritional yeast).
- 1 package of no-boil lasagna noodles
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 ½ cups of ricotta cheese
- 12 oz. of mozzarella
- 1 cup of grated Parmesan
- 12 oz. of spaghetti sauce
- 8 oz of pesto



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat 38 Coals for distribution of 16- 22 for a 12 in. dutch oven
2. Lightly oil the inside of your dutch oven
3. Combine the egg, ricotta, and Parmesan
4. Combine ½ of the spaghetti sauce with either the sausage or the veggies
5. Cover the bottom of the dutch oven with non-veggie or sausage sauce and then layer with no-boil lasagna noodles. Add a layer of pesto on top of the noodles and a layer of the veggie sauce or sausage sauce with ground beef. Add a layer of the ricotta mixture and mozzarella cheese. Then cover with noodles.
6. Repeat this ending with a layer of just non-meat or veggies sauce
7. Bake in the dutch oven for about for about 25-30 minutes
8. Add a generous cup of mozzarella cheese to the top of the lasagna and cook for about 10 minutes or until the cheese is browned
9. Remove from the coals, let it sit for about 10 minutes, and serve!



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting July 16, 2024

Call to order: 6:35

Flag salute

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

Directors: Doug Laber, Lois Patton, Karen Daughtrity, Sue VanSickle, Loni Langdon, Jan Mikkelsen, Past President: Joe Kaminski

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

Correspondence: Reedley Pack Team

Committee reports:

Education: Ruth – Webinar July 18 – grants – looking for grant writer

Membership: 1 new, 2 associates

Newsletter: Articles due July 20. Contact person Doug Laber- looking for articles. Jim will write Edison work party.

Sunshine: Bob Tanner passed. Worked 20 mule team at Bishop.

Public lands: Discussed pack trips for Sequoia. Weaver trail needs attention.

Shaver Lake: Being used by campers.

Big Meadows: Discussed donation box for public by outhouse.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2024

July 25-29 MDO camp out • 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. 10-14 Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO • 15 Board of Directors • 25 Gorge Work Party

Oct. 26 General Meeting/ Elections at Reedley College 10:00

Nov. 9 Holiday Dinner – Details to follow • 19 Board of Directors

Dec. 17 Board of Directors

• Raffle ride went well. • Edison work party – over 70 trees removed. • MDO – combined club ride.

• Memorial Ride Sept.7 – Joe will provide meat, Jim – potato salad, Doug – beans

Badger Flats work party Sept. 19-22 scratched.

• Holiday Party – rifle raffle, tabled until Aug., Ruth and Jan to work on.

• Randy Witt Unit Property – Shed to be closed and moved. Tabled.

• August Ride – Badger Flats Recon W/P – 16-18.

NEW BUSINESS: Chainsaws – listed on Facebook Marketplace – 2 for \$700 or \$400 each.

Next meeting: Aug 20, 2024

Adjourn: 7:50 1st Sue , 2nd Karen

7th Annual



Memorial Ride

BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, September 7, 2024

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Lunch served 2:00

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

RSVP By Sept. 5, 2024 to Confirm Attendance & Direction or Information.

Contact:

Joe/ Carol Kaminski 559 909 0505 or Jim Laber 559 250 7906

LUNCH: Meat provided

Bring something to share, potluck style.

Bring Chair and your own drinks - 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: bchcsjsu.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*).

CALIFORNIA RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL (BADGER FLAT)

August 2024

By Marcee Hansen & Doug Laber

Our Unit was able to find the time to hit the California Riding and Hiking Trail this year. It has been severely neglected for about 8 years. The local Cattlemen have worked enough on this trail to get their cattle to land in which they have grazing rights. Yet, they often just find a path of least resistance. So, it is up to FS and volunteers to clear the mapped trails. If these trails don't get cleared, we are going to lose them! Some have said that is not so, but I have already come across a few respectable and educated people that have proof that valued trails have disappeared from current maps. Food for thought!

Lois Patten and I took a recon ride to see exactly what was going to be on our upcoming agenda. We did not get very far before we ran into an area that was so convoluted that going around was also very difficult. We decided that was the first area that needed our attention. As we continued farther down the trail, we came upon quite a few other areas that were going to take up another day of our planned weekend. All the work that we found was not only going to take up the entire weekend. It wasn't even close to the Wilderness boundary.

As our dates became closer, we were informed by local riders the trail had been cleared through to Rock Meadow. It is 7 miles to Rock Meadow from the trailhead near Badger Campground. Karen Daugherty, Bethany Smith and I saddled up a few days before our Work Party Weekend and rode all the way to Rock Meadow. During that ride we found that the convoluted area I had mentioned above had indeed been cleared. Yet, there were still many trees covering the trail. So, plenty of the trail still needed to be cleared. In addition, some of the work arounds were just off the trail. Those areas would need the original trail reestablished. I took pictures of 8 sites that required work before the Wilderness Boundary. Some of the sites had multiple trees. The worst areas were in the Wilderness. Fortunately, there were only 2 of the 5 areas that were going to take a lot of work.

When I arrived, Brian Jones, Lois Patten, Jim and Doug Laber had already set up camp on the morning of August 16th. We all tacked up and rode out to get started. The plan was to get all the front forest cleaned up on Friday. By 4 o'clock in the afternoon we were done clearing the trail all the way out to the Wilderness boundary. We accomplished our task and made it back to camp with quite a bit of energy left in

the tank. Which we will all need for the long ride into the Wilderness on Saturday morning.

On Friday afternoon Steve Naylor arrived to prepare food, keep camp, and monitor the radios. That night we were having Carne Asada Tacos, with all the trimmings. The evening fellowship was very enjoyable and by 8:30 that evening we all said good night. We turned in early knowing Saturday was going to be a long day. As expected, the next day was long. We were in the saddle longer than an hour before we came to our first hard site. In the Wilderness we are not allowed to use motorized equipment. By 10:30 am we were all in the saddle and packed with all the hand tools, silky saws and safety gear we were going to use in the Wilderness. Our first major dead fall was a challenging obstacle. It was the first of the 2 large jobs and took us an hour and 40 minutes to complete. Not bad for the huge mess it was. There were three logs in a six-foot area that had to be removed. It was already 2:30pm. We elected to keep going given there was only one other job to do. Although it was large also and a big mess, it was only one tree. We finished in about an hour and 15 minutes. We still had the ride back. When Bethany, Karen, and I rode back from Rock Meadow it took a solid 2 hours with horses that moved out nicely, rested riders, and no pack animals. Our ride back to camp was going to be long. We made it by 6:40pm. Steve had dinner just about ready. We were so thankful. All the work that everyone did was extremely impressive. A special thanks to Brian Jones, first year member and new to work parties. The night ended early again. We all felt super good about the work we had accomplished. I suggested a ride to Twin Lakes the next day.

Sunday came too fast for me. I enjoyed the morning snuggled in my camper. They had to call me to breakfast this time. After a wonderful morning meal, we packed up our camp and readied our horses for a fun ride to Upper Twin. My Aunt, Lois Patten, did not go with us this time. The Lake was spectacular as usual. The horses drank well and enjoyed the green grass while we ate lunch and took pictures. It was a great work weekend and ended with a beautiful ride to Upper Twin Lake.





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Respectfully,
Jim Laber

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ESCAPING HEAT WITH ADVENTURE AT SHAVER HORSE CAMP

By Jennifer Best, SJSU Member

In July, summer temps on the coast got crazy. Yep, it happens! 121.8 degrees at my place in Creston July 6, a record, and temps hanging out in the 100s and 110s for weeks thereafter. So it was time to get out of Dodge. Shaver Horse Camp seemed an ideal option for an easy getaway. Indeed, this visit didn't disappoint!

My first stay at the Shaver camp was last year on my way to a week-long pack out of Courtright. With its pens, shade, ample space for rig, plus shaded picnic tables and a fire ring with really nifty swinging grill, it turned into an easy overnighter. My mare appreciated the smooth-wire pen, and my trouble-making little mule loved rolling under the bottom wire to graze in the camp's meadow. (Hobbles to the rescue!) This year, however, Shaver Horse Camp was the intended destination for two rigs, two horses (no trouble-making mule this go), two women and a dog. It was new associate member Jane Wilson's first trip in to camp and I was happy to guide her in. Ruth, our camp manager, provides great information as soon as registration is paid (only \$10 a night!) including current fire restrictions (if any), easy-to-follow directions to the gate, and the current gate code. (Close the gate behind you when you go in.)

The earliest we could coordinate our own schedules to get up there was July 30-August 2. Registration was easy. Just contact Shaver Lake Camp Host and SJSU Member Ruth Cramer at (559) 417-3878 and/or racramer@outlook.com. She'll get back to you ASAP.

We left the coast before sunrise to avoid the Valley heat, and made it to camp shortly after lunchtime. We took our time settling in to the clean camp by checking the paddock fences (all up and ready), turning the bathtubs right-side up, settling in the horses, and cleaning out the fire pit and surrounding area.

Wednesday morning, after a leisurely breakfast, we decided to saddle up and start checking out the lake trails. Though I'd been to camp last year, neither of us had explored the area. We found our way to Chipmunk Cove where we saw more osprey in one place than I can ever recall having seen anywhere. We dipped our feet in the lake, watched families with young kids waterskiing and cheering each other on, then carried on a loop past the Fishing Club, above Stevenson Cove, and back to camp for an 8.5-mile easy day out. We enjoyed a lovely fire with wood already stacked in camp (and left loads more for next campers).

The next day we loaded up for the relatively short drive up past Huntington Lake to take the Potter Pass Cutoff Trail into Kaiser Wilderness. There are multiple trail options here, and at Potter Pass we opted for the drop down into Twin Lakes. We met a group of young campers from Golden Arrow Camp

backpacking their way out. We talked about trail etiquette with horses and hikers, and swapped info which led us to choose our picnic spot at Lower Twin Lake rather than Upper which was already pretty populated for the day. It was a good call; we had the lake to ourselves for the most part, found a picnic spot, let the horses rest, graze and water, and took a dip in the wonderfully cool, clear lake. Then it was back the way we came for a 6.8-mile day with decent long, slow training climbs and descents.

We had to head home Friday, and wanted to beat the heat again, so we rose at dawn, did final cleanout of pens, turned the tubs on their sides so they won't fill with pine needles, made sure the fire ring was doubly doused and cold, and loaded up.

This camp is a great resource for SJSU members. Our host keeps it nice and asks us to help by following some basic pack-it-in/pack-it-out etiquette. The blue room has been clean and well stocked when I've been there. It's also important to note there is no water here, so bring enough for yourself and your animals. We brought a cart to carry our water cans from the rigs to the pens where we provided our own water buckets. We used the bathtubs as feed troughs. There are no RV hookups of any sort, and while there's ample shade at any given time of day around camp, there's good sun in the center of the camp for solar rigs. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Ruth.





Coast Mounted Assistance Annual Fund Raiser Poker Ride

Montana de Oro State Park Horse Camp

Sunday, October 13, 2024: Columbus Day Weekend

Come join us for a weekend of camping with your horse, camaraderie,
and riding the beautiful hills and beaches of the Central Coast of California



- Join us for the entire weekend of horse camping, by reservation from noon on Thursday, October 10th through Monday October 14th at noon.
- Each registration for the entire weekend includes a stall for one horse, a shared campsite, (including one vehicle and one trailer), one Lunch ticket and a poker hand. (Extra poker hands are \$5.00)
- Extra vehicles will be charged \$40.00.
- Reservation for a corral must be paid in advance with the attached registration form.
- Weekend activities include: ride on your own, using maps, following ribbons, or join a guided ride and a lunch on Sunday, October 13th at 1:30pm
- **Total cost for the full four days is \$120.00**

If you would like to join us ONLY for the day of the Poker Ride on
Sunday October 13, 2024, there will be a fee of \$60 which includes the ride, a poker hand
and lunch.

Silent Auction & Great Prizes for Poker Hands

Top 10 Poker hands get first choice of our legendary array of prizes.
Remaining hands will be placed into a random drawing for prizes!

- Guided ride leaves from Oak Camp on Friday at 2:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am.
- Day riders should plan to arrive at Horse Camp before 9:00am in order to get parked and checked in before the rides.
- Riders must check in at least 10 minutes before the guided ride.
- Riders under 18 years old must furnish signed permission by parent/guardian.
- Riders under 18 years old must wear safety helmets. Safety helmets are recommended for all riders. All riders must use a saddle.
- **No stallions.** Dogs are NOT allowed on trails or in the food prep or eating areas. Dogs must be on leash at all times.
- All equestrians ride at their own risk. No refunds for 'no shows'.
- For more information, email: cma4mdo@gmail.com

Mail-in Registration Deadline September 30, 2024
NO REFUNDS AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Coast Mounted Assistance Annual Poker Ride
Thursday, October 10th - Monday, October 14th, 2024

Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct. 10 - noon: Camping available for pre-registered participants- NO EARLY ARRIVALS PLEASE
Check-in with Campground Hosts to sign a release and be directed to a campsite.

Friday, Oct. 11 - 2pm: Guided Ride, optional

Saturday, Oct. 12 - 6pm: Potluck at Madrone Camp with fellow campers and CMA members. A fire will be started so bring your own meat to cook, if you want. Bring a dish to share. Bring your own place settings.

Sunday, Oct. 13 - Poker Ride: 8am: Registration table opens. Packets will be available.

9am to 1pm - Ride the trails at your leisure

10am - Guided Rides leave Oak Camp (Optional)

1pm - Salsa & chips, veggies and dip available in Lunch area

1:30pm- Lunch is served

EXTRA POKER HANDS WILL BE FOR SALE UNTIL 1:30PM FOR \$5.00

2:30pm- Poker Hand awards- continue until last prized is chosen

Coast Mounted Assistance Annual Poker Ride
Montana de Oro State Park -- October 10-14, 2024

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Parent Signature if Minor: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Length of Rig: (Measured from front bumper of tow vehicle to back bumper of horse trailer in feet) _____

Sign-up for Guided Rides:

Friday, Oct. 11 @ 2pm _____

Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 10am _____

\$10 per Entry Late Fee, if postmarked after September 30, 2024

			# of entrants	
Full Weekend of Camping with your horse	\$120.00	X	_____	= _____
Includes Poker Ride, poker hand, Lunch, and camping for 1 horse, 1 vehicle, 1 trailer and camping Thurs to Mon				
Poker Ride on Sunday, October 13, 2024 ONLY	\$60.00	X	_____	= _____
Day ride only, no camping, includes Ride, poker hand and Lunch				
Extra Rig/vehicle camping	\$40.00	X	_____	= _____
Extra Lunch tickets	\$30.00	X	_____	= _____
Extra Poker Hands (may also be purchased onsite)	\$5.00	X	_____	= _____
Late Fee if postmarked after September 30, 2024	\$10.00	X	_____	= _____
			TOTAL:	= _____

This is a great value for 4 nights of camping and fun!

It is also a fundraiser for the Central Coast State Parks (CCSPA).

For more information, contact: cma4mdo@gmail.com

Make Checks payable to CCSPA

Mail Entries to: **CMA**

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Checks will be cashed after the event

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and then just stop. It freaks them out."

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MONTANA DE ORO

By Doug Laber & Marcee Hansen

Leaving the 100 degrees plus weather of the valley and escaping to the coast, one always looks forward to. Our trip commenced Thursday afternoon July 25th, which included Brian & Kimberly Jones, Steve Naylor, Doug & Jim Laber, Bethany Smith, Marcee Hansen, Karen Daughrity and Joe & Carol Kaminski. We all pitched in and got camp set up and looked forward to dinner at the Pines Resort for our favorite fish and chips.

Steve, Brian, Doug & Jim went for a long beach ride the next morning. The Girls did their own beach ride. Shortly after we returned from our ride Carol and Joe arrived. As they set up camp Cara and Dave Peterson showed up to visit. We relaxed for a bit and caught up on life and horses. Then we all went to dinner at the Pines Resort. One of the great amenities of camping at MDO are fire rings. So of course, when we got back campfire fellowship began. ALWAYS FUN!

Saturday is usually our most jam-packed day. We are all ready for a big, exciting ride, our traditional potluck, more visitors, and stories with a few cheers. We woke to a wonderful crisp morning, a warm campfire, and hot coffee. Steve woke to a ransacked trailer verifying that racoons are still present but like the good bandits they are, all we got to see is paw prints. Breakfast shortly followed and as usual many turned to me as to where we were going to ride that day. The input from riders of past rides is always funny. There are the "remember that time" comments. There are the "I don't want to" statements. The "that was fun" bursts with lots of laughs and the "I'm not doing that again" insinuations. We chose to ride up to Hazard peak, with a bicycle obstacle (to keep it nice). It is always a pleasure meeting cyclists that are respectful of equestrians. In return we should always keep in mind to be friendly and giving when it is safe. We continued down to the beach, up to army road, and back to camp. It was a nice long ride with spectacular views of the ocean and the eucalyptus forest. I was on my new horse

and the edges were a little unnerving, but the rest was magical. Later that afternoon Bob Skinner and Michelle joined us for our potluck. Everyone brought a delicious dish to share. Joe Kaminski once again made his delightful fried shrimp and flavorful cobbler. There are very few things in this world that can compare to great friends at a great location eating great food telling great stories around a gorgeous campfire. Life is Perfect.

Sunday we all got a late start. Carol invited Megan from the Pines Resort to go on a ride down to the beach, they both had a great time. The guys set out in one direction and the rest of girls in another. Compared to Saturday our day was chill, yet fun. How could it not be with horses, dogs, and friends. Some of us went to dinner at the Pines again, some stayed at camp, and some went to local homes. Afterwords we once again gathered around the firepit to discuss horse \$#!% and frogs. Monday we all packed up and headed home with big smiles and great memories. Until next time fellow BCHC friends. I really hope to see some more new faces and beautiful 4-legged partners in the near future.





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.

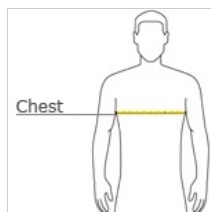
_____ X \$14.65 each _____
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Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

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

AG Horse Tack Word Find

Throat latch

Head stall

Saddle pad

Fenders

Stirrup

Cantle

Gullet

Pommel

Bridle

Halter

Saddle

Cinch

Girth

Reins

Horn

Bit



N	E	E	Z	S	P	N	L	H	W	A	M	T	V	Z	F	C	B	B	A	H	Q	X	R
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MAIL TO: BCHC
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ 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

On that form, I also requested:

Associate Memberships

My Total Remittance: \$ _____

My Check Number: _____

Date Mailed: _____

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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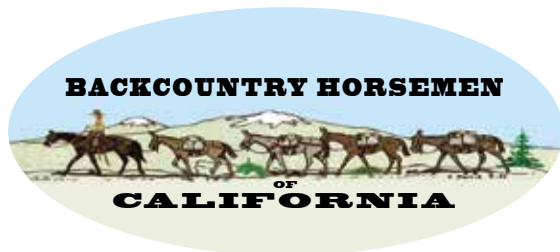
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

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.