

# The Happenings!

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Sierra Club—San Diego Chapter Sierra Social Section

Please note there will be no Volleyball for the months of December and January

JAN 1, SUN CYPRESS CANYON WALK AND OPTIONAL DINNER (E3A)

JAN 6, FRI 6:30 PM SIERRA TALKS

JAN 13, FRI HAPPY HOUR THE PEARL

JAN 13-15 FRI AGUA CALIENTE CAR CAMP

JAN 16, MON SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION STRATEGY SUMMIT!

JAN 21, SAT MOVIE AND DINNER HILLCREST

## Announcements

### **JAN 13-15 FRI            AGUA CALIENTE CAR CAMP**

Leader: Michael Taylor

Assistant: Ed Hoopes

Let's Camp! Join the Sierra Social Section for a weekend desert campout at the exotic Agua Caliente County Park Campground. The Sierra Social Section has reserved the group camp site so bring your tents, ez ups and gear and come on out for a fun weekend. This event is packed with fun for adults only! Plans include hikes of all levels and afterwards bring your swim suits to cool off or warm up in one of spring fed indoor and/or outdoor mineral pools. Bring a chair and some firewood for the evening campfires while we enjoy a BYOB happy hour and potluck dinner Saturday night. We are trying for a movie or a ranger presentation for Friday night! The Park is filled with things to do and if we are lucky, we may just spot the elusive Big-Horn Sheep that like to visit from time to time. Carpooling is strongly encouraged! There is a \$10.00 fee to park for each car so double up, triple up or call your friends with trucks. There are bbq grills and picnic benches available on site (bring your own charcoal). There are beautiful flush toilets and pay showers available in the park and at the pool area. Don't wait! Sign up now! Space is limited and all members receive a \$10.00 refund after attending the event! THERE ARE NO PETS, NO CHILDREN AND NO REFUNDS UNLESS THE CAMPGROUND ITSELF CLOSES FOR BAD WEATHER. Make reservations at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/agua-caliente-group-car-camp-tickets-29729916982>

### **JAN 16, MON 6PM            SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION STRATEGY SUMMIT!**

Come on out for the first annual Pizza and Potions SSS Strategy Summit. We're the Social Section, so let's get SOCIAL at the SUMMIT! Let's kick off our first full year as the Sierra Social Section and plan some hoppin' happenings to engage and amaze our members! Bring your ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Tell us what's working and what isn't. Get some tips on how to host and promote your own fun events. It's the Sierra Club Social Section New Year Tradition! 6:00 PM on Monday, January 16th. Pizza and potions (soda, beer and wine) will be served. It's a meet and greet, a food fest and strategy session to come up with fun stuff for the NEW YEAR!! Please RSVP by Jan 15th at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-sierra-social-section-strategy-summit-tickets-30536451348> so we know how much Pizza and Potion to buy and to get the top-secret location. For questions contact: [sd.sierra.social@gmail.com](mailto:sd.sierra.social@gmail.com)

The Sierra Social Section, formerly the Sierra Singles, is a group of adults who share a common interest in protecting our environment while enjoying the company of others. Each month we host a variety of activities like our usual Sierra Club day hikes and car camps to happy hours. From movie nights to sporting events; from picnics to parties! You name it we've got it! If not, you can help lead an event. Come join in on the fun! Checkout our website for all listings. Request: If you have moved since you joined the Sierra Social Section, please send your new address to [sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com). In the Subject, please put: New Address.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

Any Sierra Social Section member can host an Activity (such as meeting at a concert, happy hour, game night, party at your house, etc.). Just write up the description, identify where and when and how to get there, who to call/email for information, and send it to Mollie Bigger, [cmbigger@cox.net](mailto:cmbigger@cox.net) our Programs Chairperson, and If approved it will be published in The Happenings!!!

### **Sierra Social Section Board Members and Committee Chairs**

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Programs Chair Assistant: open  
Conservation: open  
Hospitality, open

## Hike Support Information:

Warning: There is no guarantee anyone else will be at the carpool meeting place, so come prepared (with your directions) to drive yourself in case no one else shows up. Car poolers should be at the meeting place prior to the suggested meeting time so the carpool can leave on time.

**CARPOOL INFORMATION Grossmont/La Mesa:** from East I-8, exit at Jackson Drive & turn left. At the next light, turn right to Murray Drive. From I-8 west, exit Jackson Drive & go straight across the intersection. The Park & Ride is next to the Red Lobster Restaurant (do not park in the restaurant's half of the lot).

**Mission Valley:** I-8 to Qualcomm Way off-ramp. Go west on Camino de la Reina. Park on Camino del Este near Camino de la Reina. Meet near the SW corner of Camino del Este and Camino de la Reina.

**La Jolla:** From I-5, exit Gilman Dr & turn west. To get to the lot, make a U-turn on Gilman & the lot will be on your right before the southbound on-ramp to I-5.

**El Cajon (old):** Meet on the southwest corner of Second St & Oakdale Ave. Take I-8 to Second Street exit. Go south one block to Oakdale Avenue. Park on Oakdale. (This El Cajon location has become crowded; many prefer to use the newer Los Coches facility.)

**El Cajon:** Take I-8 to Los Coches Road. Exit south & then left on Camino Canada. Thomas Bros. 1252, 1-D, 2001

**Mira Mesa:** From I-15, go west at Mira Mesa Blvd. Take the first right into the Park & Ride lot. From eastbound Mira Mesa Blvd, turn left (north) on Westview Pkwy & immediately right; drive past the north side of Best Buy.

**Rancho Penasquitos:** Take I-15 to Rancho Peñasquitos Blvd/Poway Rd exit. Go one block west on Rancho Peñasquitos Blvd. The Park & Ride is on the south (left) side of the street behind the Unocal 76 gas station.

**Trip Grading System:** The first letter shows the general difficulty of the trip.

E – Easy: Anyone in reasonable condition can do this trip.

M – Moderate: You must be in good shape, and previous hiking experience is recommended.

H – Hard: You should have comfortably done several moderate trips before tackling this. Look carefully at the mileage and elevation gain.

S – Strenuous: Talk about this trip with the leader. A fast pace may be required, besides other challenges.

V -Very Strenuous: This is for very experienced hikers. You may encounter difficult terrain. Don't try it until you are ready.

The number after the first character is the distance in miles (on multiple day trips it is for the longest day). For example, M9B is a moderate 9-mile hike.

The last letter shows the elevation gain. For multi-day trips, the grade is the day with the most elevation gain. For example H12D is a hard 12-mile hike with a 2,000-3,000 foot gain:

A: Less than 500 feet gain B: 500 to 1000 feet gain C: 1000 to 2000 feet gain D: 2000 to 3000 feet gain E: more than 3000 feet

Advance reservations are required when a "\*\*\*" appears in the header or when the write-up states to contact the leader.

A quick reminder -- any member may sponsor events (not hikes) and list them in The Happenings. Please send the event to our Programs Chair: Mollie Bigger, [cmbigger@cox.net](mailto:cmbigger@cox.net) for publication. Hikes should be entered in the Chapter database <http://www.jimmc.com/SCWeb/Login.aspx> that will forward information to Outing's Chair for approval.

**THE SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION WEB PAGE:** Feel free to submit your photographs that you would like to see on the site, along with any constructive comments, to the web-master at [sd.sierra.social@gmail.com](mailto:sd.sierra.social@gmail.com)

**SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION OUTING LEADERS:** For steps on how to publish your outing and enter your outing in the Chapter database or how to host an event, go to our website <http://www.sierraleaderssd.net/login.aspx> And click on ABOUT&gt; LEADING EVENTS.

**BICYCLE SECTION:** <http://sandiego.sierraclub.org/bicycle/>

TO JOIN:

Just go to our website <http://social.sierrasd.org/> and click JOIN US. Select the Donate button and complete the application to pay by credit card (through Paypal), entering \$10.

**TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:** (new version – 1/1/2015)

You can easily renew your membership on line at:

<http://social.sierrasd.org/> Click Join Us, then Donate button.

If you are not a current member of the Sierra Club, you must join or renew your membership in the Sierra Club to continue your membership with the Sierra Social Section. If you haven't joined the Sierra Club or your membership has lapsed, you can join online at: <http://sandiegosierraclub.org/> It may take the Sierra Club over a month to register your membership or update their database.

In order to expedite your Sierra Social Section membership renewal, please email your Sierra Club receipt to: [sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com)

If you prefer to renew by mail, please print and fill out the Membership form at the bottom of the Happenings newsletter and mail to the address shown with your check payable to Sierra Social Section. If not a current member of the Sierra Club, also fill out the Sierra Club form and send it with a separate check for the Sierra Club. (you must join to continue your membership in Sierra Social Section). The address to mail both renewals to is listed on the forms.

## SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership in Sierra Social Section does not include Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter membership. To also join the Sierra Club, please include the Sierra Club form (bottom) and a SEPARATE check payable to "Sierra Club."

"Fees paid to Sierra Social Section & to the Sierra Club are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions."

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us?

New \$10 Renewal \$10

Email newsletters sent by blind copy to preserve privacy. Include email address to receive the Happenings and weekly updates. Sorry, we do not send hard copies by USPS.

ALL renewal memberships MUST include proof of current Sierra Club membership: preferably a copy of your membership card clearly showing expiration date or an address label from a current Hi Sierran or Sierra magazine (along with enough of the front page to show the issue date). First year Sierra Social Section membership does not require Sierra Club membership.

Make check payable to: Sierra Social Section

Mail to: Sierra Social Section, 8834 Heraldry St., San Diego, CA 92123-2222

### SIERRA CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION W0550

Includes subscription to Sierra magazine & Chapter publications

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership categories: Initial online membership is as low as \$15; Introductory: \$25; Regular \$39; Supporting \$75; Contributing \$150; Senior/Student/Limited Income \$24; Life Member: \$1000 Make check payable to: Sierra Club Mail to: Sierra Social Section, 8834 Heraldry St., San Diego, CA 92123-2222