

The Happenings!

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Sierra Club—San Diego Chapter Sierra Social Section

Sept 2, Fri		Sierra Talks
Sept 4, Sun	Change Of Venue	Volleyball
Sept 4, Sun		Bonfire And Potluck Shelter Island
Sept 11, Sun		Volleyball
Sept 11, Sun	Cancelled	Relationships Discussion
Sept 17, Sat		Movie And Dinner
Sept 18, Sun		Volleyball
Sept 19, Mon 6:00-8:00 PM		Sierra Social Board Meeting
Sept 23, Fri	Happy Hour	Pizza Nova/ Point Loma
Sept 24, Sat		Pioneer Mail Loop (H11C)
Sept 25, Sun		Volleyball

SAVE THE DATE!/LOOKING AHEAD

OCT 22 – 23 SAT - SUN GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA

What could be more appropriate this Halloween season than to visit the ghosts of California's colorful past? Come with us to this eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp (primitive/no facilities) near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. On Saturday, we'll do a challenging hike (8 mi; +/- 1,500 ft in 1.5 mi) to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild-west town. We'll return to camp for Happy Hour and a potluck feast, followed by spooky tales around the campfire and a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sunday, we'll tour the town of Ballarat itself before heading home. This trip is open to Sierra Club and non-Sierra Club members everywhere. Number of participants is strictly limited so sign up early! Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to Leader: Lygeia Gerard, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372; (760) 868-2179; Assisted by Marguerite McGuigan-local co-leader (858)-603-2082. CNRCC Desert Committee

NOV 18 – 20, FRI - SUN

JOSHUA TREE

Camp with the Sierra Social Section at Cottonwood Group Camp. This is a tent site only; RVs and habitable trailers are prohibited.

Let's Camp! Get ready for another super fun group camp in the beautiful Joshua Tree National Park! The Sierra Social Section invites you to the Cottonwood Group Campground that boasts one of the best places in Joshua Tree National Park for stargazing and wildflower viewing. The Cottonwood Campground is the only campground that lies in the southern section of the park. Friday, take a drive around the park and then join us for a welcome bonfire. Saturday hikes, potluck dinner and BYOB happy hour. This is an adult camping event so please make alternate arrangements for your pets and children. This is a Tent Camping facility only, recreational vehicles are prohibited and there is no overflow parking available. There are flush toilets, picnic benches and shade structures in camp. Sierra Social Section members will receive a \$10.00 membership rebate at the car camp!

Click on the link to sign up. <http://joshuatreegroupcarcamp.eventbrite.com>

If you are having problems with the link copy and paste to your browser.

Contact Jennifer Beckman for details at Jenbeckman@cox.net

Announcements

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'll 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. In the Subject, please put "New Address".

Any one interested in hosting a Coronado Concert this summer?

They run every Sunday at 6:00pm in Spreckels Park, Coronado. June 5th to Sept. 4th. For a list of concerts see their website <http://coronadoconcert.com/> All that is required of you is to arrive about 5:30pm and stake out a place between the bathroom and the stage, as close to the stage as you can get. I have a Sierra Club flag you may use to mark where you are sitting. Contact me candanceb957@gmail.com if interested.

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, our Programs Chairperson, and If approved it will be published in The Happenings!!!

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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. Carpoolers 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 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.

YOU MAY ACCESS THE HAPPENINGS ACTIVITIES ON OUR WEBSITE:
<http://social.sierrasd.org/> Click the *Happenings* tab.

SIERRA SOCIAL SECTION SAN DIEGO FACEBOOK PAGE.

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=131438233566233#!/group.php?gid=131438233566233_

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

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> 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

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 form.

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 "gift"**; 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**