

Chapter Voted Most-admired Service Organization

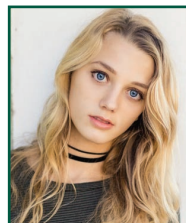
The public has voted and the Chapter won the Malin Burnham Award for the Most-Admired Service Organization. This award is presented to the club chapter creating the biggest difference in San Diego. The award is presented to the nominee receiving the highest number of votes cast by the public. The Malin Burnham Awards are named in honor of legendary San Diego philanthropist Malin Burnham and honor local luminaries who embody Mr. Burnham's philosophy of "Community Before Self."

Also nominated were Beautify PB, Kiwanis Club of San Diego and Southwestern Yacht Club. The awards were presented at an awards ceremony at UC San Diego on May 23, 2017.



Accepting the award on behalf of the Chapter was Ruben Arizmendi, San Diego Chapter Chair and Brian Elliott, San Diego Chapter Steering Committee member and Political Committee Chair.

Meet Our New Administrative Assistant



Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant Veronica Schacht!

Veronica is filling a new role at the Chapter working in the office providing administrative duties to support the day to day operations of the Chapter office and our volunteers.

Veronica is a Detroit, Michigan, native. Her self-discovered passion for positive world activism came to her while attending the University of Pittsburgh, where she majored in Environmental Studies. She made the long journey to the west coast in 2014 after accepting a position to direct the San Diego branch of a grassroots fundraising organization. During this time, she led a team in raising awareness, building name recognition, winning campaigns, and deepening political participation for varied progressive non-profit causes. Outside of her advocacy work, Veronica is also an actor and model. Her hope is to use her public engagement from that field in attracting attention to and spreading awareness of ongoing world issues. She is very excited to begin what she hopes will be a long and influential journey with the Sierra Club.

Veronica can be reached at veronica.schacht@sierraclub.org

ACTIVIST'S ORIENTATION

Saturday July 29, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Thursday August 17, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Looking to get active? Want to help protect our natural world and communities?

These are perilous and dangerous times for the natural environment, our human environment, our communities, our civil liberties, and our families' future. Are you concerned about what the new political landscape will mean for San Diego's land, water, and wild places?

Then attend our Activist's Orientation and learn what you can do and how to get more involved in our efforts to protect the environment. You will meet other activists to hear what we are facing and how we are responding. Let us help you find your perfect volunteer opportunity.

RSVP at www.sandiegosierraclub.org

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Chapter Celebrates Award Winners at Annual Gala

The Chapter presented 13 awards at its
2017 Awards Dinner and Gala held on June
24. The dinner and gala is held annually to
celebrate the achievements of leaders in our
community and businesses and volunteers
who have contributed their time and effort to
safeguarding San Diego County's environment.
This year's theme was "Voices for Nature".

The Chapter recognized three environmen-
tal protectors with the Chapters Fantastic
Environmental Action Taken - FEAT award.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego for
exemplary leadership in the faith communi-
ty by calling on humankind to act as guardians
of the environment and advocating for climate
change action.

Laura Hunter, environmental and community
activist, for her exemplary environmental
leadership, activism and irrepressible belief in
Environmental Justice.

Tommy Hough, environmental activist and co-
founder of the San Diego County Democrats
for Environmental Action, for exemplary
advocacy and leadership in promoting positive
community-wide environmental and green
policies.

Chapter Volunteers awards honored the
achievements of Chapter leaders and volun-
teers who have contributed their time and
effort to the success of the Chapter and
who have worked so hard to safeguard the
environment.

• Special Service Award – Diane Nygaard.

This Special Service Award is rarely given and
recognizes an individual that has provided
exemplary service of a special nature to the
Club.

• Volunteer of the Year Award – Jim Chase and Phil Birkhahan.

The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented
to the volunteer who has done outstanding
work in furthering the Club's overall mission.
Volunteers bring enthusiasm and dedication
to their efforts for the Chapter. They benefit
the Club greatly and this award recognizes and
publicizes their efforts.

• Outings Leader Award – Melody Eues.

The Outings Leader Award recognizes a
Chapter Outings leader who has done out-
standing work in outdoor leadership and edu-
cation. The Outings Committee takes the lead
in providing safe, enjoyable, and informative
outings opportunities. The first experience

with the Chapter of many members and vol-
unteers is on a Chapter outing.

• Conservation Activist Award – George Courser.

The Conservation Activist Award is presented
to those who have done outstanding work to
forward the Chapter's conservation mission—
to promote and implement the conservation
objectives and policies of the Sierra Club.

• Political Activist Award – North County Coastal Political Committee.

The Political Activist Award is presented to
those who have done outstanding work to fur-
ther the Club's political mission to preserve the
environment through grassroots, bipartisan,
political action and elect environmentally sup-
portive candidates.

• Club Service Award – Bicycle Section.

The Club Service Award celebrates the achieve-
ment of one of our sections that has provided
exemplary service to the Club. The volunteers
who help with the various tasks needed to sup-
port our members and activities are the true
unsung heroes of the Club.

• Distinguished Achievement Award – Jim McCleary.

The Distinguished Achievement award rec-
ognizes the member who has exhibited a
sustained level of service and commitment
to our overall mission. It honors the person
who year after year has contributed their time
and knowledge and passion to help the Club
achieve its goals.

• Lifetime Achievement Award – Bob Stinton.

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors an
individual who has provided distinguished ser-
vice to Sierra Club San Diego for a significant
period of time. It is these types of individuals
who have given their life time experiences and
leadership to make the Sierra Club the best
that it can be.

• Silver Cup Award – Renee Owens.

The Silver Cup award is the Club's highest
award and is presented to the person who has
most significantly contributed to the success
of the Club's mission. This is an award that
recognizes efforts that not only represent a
significant commitment by the volunteer but
also has resulted in a significant contribution
to the Club.



Honor Someone You Love With a Special Gift

The gift-giving season is almost here. For the eco-minded gift-giver, this can be a stressful time of year. How do you reconcile your concern for the environment with your desire to show people you love how much you care for them?

A Sierra Club Memorial or Commemorative gift is a unique way to show your appreciation for someone special while also doing something positive for the environment.

And no wrapping is required!

Commemorative donations to the San Diego Chapter offer a unique way to honor a special event such as a holiday, wedding, anniversary or birthday, in the life of someone you love. The recipient will appreciate the certificate they receive recognizing a donation made in their honor to help the San Diego Chapter protect the special nature of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

By making a **Memorial gift** in the memory of a family member or friend, you not only affirm your environmental values, but also recognize that these values were shared by the individual being honored. We will notify the family of the person you memorialize with a special certificate recognizing the donation. The San Diego Chapter offers Memorial donations as a respectful way of showing that you care about the memory of someone important to you.

To best handle these special, detailed gifts please
contact

Richard Miller at (858) 569-6005, or email
richard.miller@sierraclub.org.

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Join Us in Protecting Our Coast

Is there a special place on the California coast you want to make sure is protected or preserved?

Are you concerned about fair and equal public access to the California coast, as guaranteed by the California Constitution?

Is there a plant or animal that lives on or relies on the California coast that you want to make sure thrives or survives?

The California Coastal Commission, charged with protecting our coast, the wildlife there and also public access to the sea – has been threatened in recent years by intense lobbying interests. Clearly the voters did not intend to have lobbyists hold such sway in 1972 when Proposition 20 was passed to create the Coastal Act and the Commission.

You may also have read or heard some of the many hundreds of news reports in the past year about political contributions by developers to Commissioners, about lobbyists for developers actually having seats on the Commission and about how the PUBLIC decided to fight back and to win back the Coastal Commission and get it moving in the right direction again.

Yes, we have a new executive director at the California Coastal Commission - Jack Ainsworth, a long-time deputy director. While the Commission voted to protect Banning Ranch from a huge development, we all know Banning Ranch and the financial stakes involved with that proposal contributed to some of the controversy over the Commission according to seasoned Coastal advocates and observers.

Can we breathe easier now? NO!

This is where YOU come in.

We cannot allow this important agency to ever again be subject to such overbearing sway by developers, oil and gas interests and other potential despoilers of the coast. We can only protect this important process that ultimately protects the California coast if we have a strong, informed and mighty team of coast watchers who are a constant presence at Coastal Commission meetings and who speak up for what the public voted for in 1972 – a protected beautiful coastline that is accessible to all.

Will you join us today? You can sign up to participate in monthly statewide calls with other coastal advocates, write letters on important Commission agenda items, attend hearings either when the Commission comes to your part of the state, or you can agree to travel to hearings that might be as far away as Humboldt County or San Diego. The Commission meets from one end of the state to the other and we need your help in getting our message to them. You can help us recruit and grow the Sierra Club coast watchers – and make certain our vigilant watchdogging keeps the Coastal Commission true to its mission. You can commit to a few hours a month or a few hours a week. Please let us know today. It's YOUR California Coast!

I look forward to speaking with you all personally in the very near future and finding out how we can work together.

*Best - Penny Elia, Sierra Club Coastal Committee Member
Save Hobo Aliso Task Force Chair (Laguna Beach) Sierra Club
949-499-4499 - If you would like to reach out to me I would be thrilled to hear from you*

California Environmental Quality Act Professional Workshop

July 15, 9:30am – 2:30pm

Hourglass Field House, 10440 Black Mountain Road San Diego



\$15 Workshop Fee

The cost of this class has been underwritten by Sierra Club San Diego which allows us to offer this course at a deep discount. Courses of this nature charge \$150 or more. Don't miss this opportunity!

Calling all activists, San Diego's environment needs your help!

Join us for a hands-on workshop about California's most powerful law, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Learn when and how to comment to make San Diego a better place for humans and wildlife. We'll provide the tools to review projects, submit official comments, and create a successful legal challenge when necessary. Beginners welcome!

Learn how to better:

- Keep our air and water clean, protect habitats, reduce sprawl, and address climate change impacts;
- Ensure projects have fully analyzed the environmental damages they may cause;
- Understand what mitigation means and how to improve it;
- Protect at-risk species and strengthen the wildlife protections in place; and
- Join a team to help you write comments for CEQA related projects in your neighborhood's future.

Instructors:



Jan Chatten-Brown.

As environmental attorney since 1971 she was named by the Daily Journal as one of the Top 100 Women Litigators in California. She is President of the Planning and Conservation League, has taught environmental law at UCLA, and is a frequent presenter on CEQA for various education programs.



Renée Owens.

An adjunct professor with a MS in Ecology and another in Environmental Science, she is Executive Director of the international Wild Zone Conservation League, President of Sage Wildlife environmental consultancy, and has provided expert written and public testimony for many environmental projects throughout California, the west coast, and Hawaii.



Diane Nygard.

With a BA in Sociology, MEd and over 20 years of experience in transportation and extensive knowledge of its adverse impacts on our environment and quality of life, she has been directly involved in reviewing and commenting on hundreds of San Diego CEQA projects.



Lisa Wood.

With a MS in Biology she is a senior environmental planner for the City of San Diego where she has been involved in many aspects of CEQA project analysis for almost 30 years; she has also served on AEP's award panel and a committee providing updates to CEQA Guidelines.

Space is limited! You must register and pay the course fee for this event.

For info and registration: www.sandiego.sierraclub.org or call 858-569-6005

Sierra Club Bus Trips

Part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country, Sierra Club provides environmentally friendly outdoor adventures.

Since 1982 the San Diego Chapter has been offering bus trips to a variety of National and State Parks.

What makes these trips special is that they are organized by a fantastic team of volunteer leaders and nobody pays them for their efforts. They do it out of an appreciation for these special places and a passion for sharing them with you. We look forward to having you join us on a bus trip to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.



**Save the date for the following trips:
2017**

July 19 - 23, 2017

Inyo National Forest adjacent to Yosemite National Park (e.g. Silver Lake, Mammoth Lakes)

Trip type: Backpacking and Tent Camping

Registration Now Open

August 23 - 27, 2017

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Trip type: Backpacking

Registration Now Open

October 5-9, 2017

Sedona, AZ

Trip type: Tent Camping

Registration Opens: August 5, 2017 at 6:00 am

**For more information
or to register for the above Bus Trips,
please visit www.sdsierraclub.org.**

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Locations and dates are subject to change due to permit availability.

Getting to Know San Diego's Water Systems

By Krista Davidson, Member Chapter Political Committee

Earlier this spring, I had the opportunity to attend the San Diego County Water Authority's Citizens Water Academy, a three-day program designed to teach San Diego's residents about where their water comes from and how the San Diego County Water Authority (the Authority) plans to provide it in the future. As a native San Diegan concerned about how climate change will affect San Diego's water supply, I thought the program would be timely and informative.

DAY 1

The first session, a three-hour class held after work, focused on the history of San Diego's water, which is rooted in the search for a safe and reliable water supply. This search dates all the way back to the Spaniards



Participants gather for dinner before class at Mission Trails Visitor Center.

who arrived in the late 1700's and built the first aqueduct in the Western United States, linking the San Diego River to the Mission San Diego de Alcala (its remains can still be found at Mission Trails Regional Park). We learned that since then, San Diego's leaders have had to get creative to find ways to react to the region's characteristic droughts and develop reliable water sources - one time even going as far as hiring a "magic" rain-maker to end a drought.

DAY 2

The second session, held a week later at the Authority's headquarters, focused on their strategic plan. With common droughts and a dependence on outside



Participants discuss the politics behind water allocation decisions.

regions for water, the Authority acknowledged that San Diego has been vulnerable to water scarcity. In response, they created a strategic plan that includes a plan for diversifying San Diego's water supply with the goal of becoming a nearly water-independent region. Currently, that plan relies on the Carlsbad desalination plant, ramping up recycled water programs, harvesting surface water, and residents' continued and improved conservation efforts.

DAY 3

The final session included site visits to the Authority's Operations & Maintenance Center, the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant, and Olivenhain Dam. At the Operations & Maintenance Center, we learned about how the Authority would respond to various emergency situations, such as earthquakes or attacks, that might isolate San Diego's water system. Next, we toured the Desalination Plant to see the mechanics behind turning seawater into drinking water. Finally, we saw Olivenhain Dam, one of the Authority's emergency water supplies and learned about the Emergency & Carryover Storage Project, which connects many of the Authority's water sources to each other, allowing water to move throughout San Diego County in the event of emergency, and earning them the prestigious Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Experiencing a few of San Diego's droughts myself, my mind was eased in knowing that the Authority is taking a multi-dimensional

approach to ensuring the longevity and security of San Diego's water supply and has planned for a variety of emergency situations. I appreciated the opportunity to meet many of the Authority's leaders and ask questions regarding the material and would recommend the Academy to anyone who is interested in learning more about San Diego County's water. More information about the Citizens' Water Academy and applications for their next session can be found on their website at: www.sdcwa.org.



Touring the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant.



Tubes that turn saltwater from the Pacific Ocean into fresh drinking water at Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant.



Olivenhain Reservoir near Lake Hodges serves as one of San Diego's emergency water supplies.



Next Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Library Community Room -
300 No. Coast Highway, Oceanside

Elected Official :
Council Member Esther Sanchez

Panel Presentation :

Local Agriculture-Going...going...gone?

Agriculture has been a mainstay of the San Diego economy since before we were a state. But can it survive recent challenges like access to water? What impact might agritourism or pot farming have on the viability of local farms? Is the continued conversion of farmland to create more housing (like the proposed New River Farms project in Oceanside) inevitable? What, if anything, can be done to help preserve local agriculture? Learn what our expert panelists have to say about these issues.

Eric Larson - Executive Director
San Diego Farm Bureau

Dennis Martinek - Professor, farmer
Everyone welcome!



Call for Nominations

The North County Group (NCG) will be holding elections this Fall to fill 3 vacancies on its Executive Committee.

The Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for the benefit of the members are consistent with the Bylaws, Rules, and Policies of the Chapter and National Sierra Club.

These activities may include outings, membership services, financial management, conservation and political programs.

The Executive Committee meets monthly and attendance is expected.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Suzi Sandore at hikersuzi16@gmail.com. Names must be submitted by August 1, 2017.

The North County Group comprises the zip codes 92003, 92025-30, 92033, 92046, 92058-61, 92064-65, 92069-70, 92074, 92078-79, 92081-85, 92088, 92127-28 & 92198.

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All proceeds from products sold and donations made go to the Sierra Club of San Diego Chapter and are not tax deductible as they continue to support our effective citizen based advocacy and lobbying efforts which provides maximum flexibility for our work.

Sales and donations also contribute to our continued efforts towards the mission of the Sierra Club, which is to promote the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of California's environment, and enable chapters and grassroots activists to speak as one voice to promote California conservation.

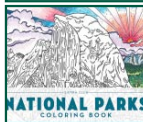
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Organic Cotton Cap with Retro Sierra Club Logo- Black Color

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Cooler Tote Bag

Price: \$15.00



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Price: \$21.50



Cotton Canvas 1892 Retro Sierra Club Rucksack

Price: \$21.50

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Chapter Activities

All Activities are held at the Chapter Office 6:30pm unless otherwise stated: 8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92111.

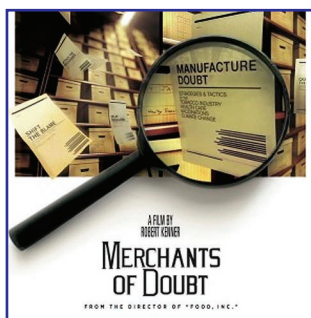
Our entrance is on the west end of the front building of Kearny Office Park, just west of I-163 and on the north side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Other environmental and activist events are posted at www.sdeln.org

2nd Friday Movie Night

July 14, 6:30PM

Movie: Merchants Of Doubt
1 Hour 33 Minutes

Inspired by the acclaimed book by Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, Merchants of Doubt takes audiences on a satirically comedic, yet illuminating ride into the heart of conjuring American spin. Filmmaker Robert Kenner, director of the documentary Food, Inc., lifts the curtain on a secretive group of highly charismatic, silver-tongued pundits-for-hire who present themselves in the media as scientific authorities—yet have the contrary aim of spreading maximum confusion about well-studied public threats ranging from toxic chemicals to pharmaceuticals to climate change.



August 11, 6:30PM

Movie: The People Speak
1 Hour 40 Minutes

Using dramatic and musical performances of the letters, diaries, and speeches of everyday Americans, The People Speak focuses on the concept of democracy based on the lives and experiences of ordinary Americans who, through their words and actions, changed the course of history. This groundbreaking documentary illustrates the relevance of these passionate historical moments to our society today, reminding us that democracy is not a spectator sport and that liberty must never be taken for granted. A journey from the founding of this country to the civil rights movement and beyond, this film uses star power to celebrate democracy, serving to re-create the emotional impact of these moments in history.



September 8th, 6:30PM

Movie: Racing to Zero
59 Minutes

Racing to Zero is a fast-moving, upbeat documentary presenting new solutions to the global problem of waste. By simply substituting the word “resource” for the word “garbage,” a culture can be transformed, and a new wealth of industries can emerge. Three years ago, the mayor of San Francisco pledged to achieve zero waste by 2020. The goal of zero waste is also included in San Diego’s strong Climate Action Plan. Racing to Zero tracks San Francisco’s waste stream diversion tactics and presents innovative new solutions to waste. This film documents a surprising, engaging, and inspiring race to zero, which San Diego could emulate as it implements its Climate Action Plan.



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\$15 Donation

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Chapter Outings are now an online listing only.

With the time gap between publishing and delivery of the HiSierran through the mail we believe this is the best way to get you up to date listings.

Go to: <http://sandigosierraclub.org>

Then click on “Get Outdoors”

Sierra Talks

New Sierra Talks are on the first Friday, starting with refreshments and representatives from Chapter groups at 6:30 pm and programs at 7 pm with discussions afterward. The location is the Joyce Beers Center at 3900 Vermont St., San Diego, 92103, across the street from Trader Joe's. Parking is available under Trader Joe's and Ralphs Market. Sierra Talks are free and open to the public. Program Coordinator: Ernest "E.L." Lotecka sdwalks@interactor.cc

July 7

Top Ten Myths of Night Sky Photography

Above our heads each evening lies a universe of motion, excitement and color. In this light-hearted and informative program, noted sky photographer Dennis Mammana dispels the most



popular myths about shooting the sky, and exposes you and your camera to an entirely new universe. Astronomer Dennis Mammana has been photographing the heavens for more than half a century. His stunning celestial images have been exhibited around the globe and have earned him a coveted membership in TWAN The World at Night an elite international team of night sky shooters in which he is one of only six to represent the U.S.

August 4

Whales! Whales! Whales!

This coming winter is the season at Cabrillo National

Monument for Gray Whales to migrate right off the shores of Point Loma. From their winter feeding grounds in the Bering Sea to the warm birthing grounds off the



coast of Baja, Gray Whales boast the longest migration of any

animal on earth. Come hear a few whale tales about these majestic creatures and their testament to the power of conservation.

The presenter will be Alex Warneke, MSc. Alex currently resides as a Science Communicator for the National Park Service, where she inspires thousands a year to love the watery world. Alex earned her Master's degree in chemical ecology from San Diego State University and she is a strong proponent of unconventional science communication and extending the broader impacts of science to the general public.

September 1

San Diego Sierra Club Bus Trips

The San Diego Sierra Club is part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country. In John Muir's tradition the Sierra Club wants to make you fall in



love with the wilderness so, the San Diego Sierra Club provides environmentally friendly outdoor adventures to satisfy the soul. For over 32 years the San Diego Chapter has been offering bus trips to a variety of National and State Parks within an eight hour drive of San Diego.

What makes these trips special is that they are organized by a fantastic team of volunteer leaders and nobody pays them for their efforts. They do volunteer out of an appreciation for these special places, and a passion for sharing them with others. We look forward to having you on bus trips to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. Join us for a picture tour of two of the trips from 2017, Zion and Ansel Adams Wilderness. Your guides for the presentation will be K.H. Chong participant since 2010 and Michael Taylor who has been leading bus trips for 6 years.

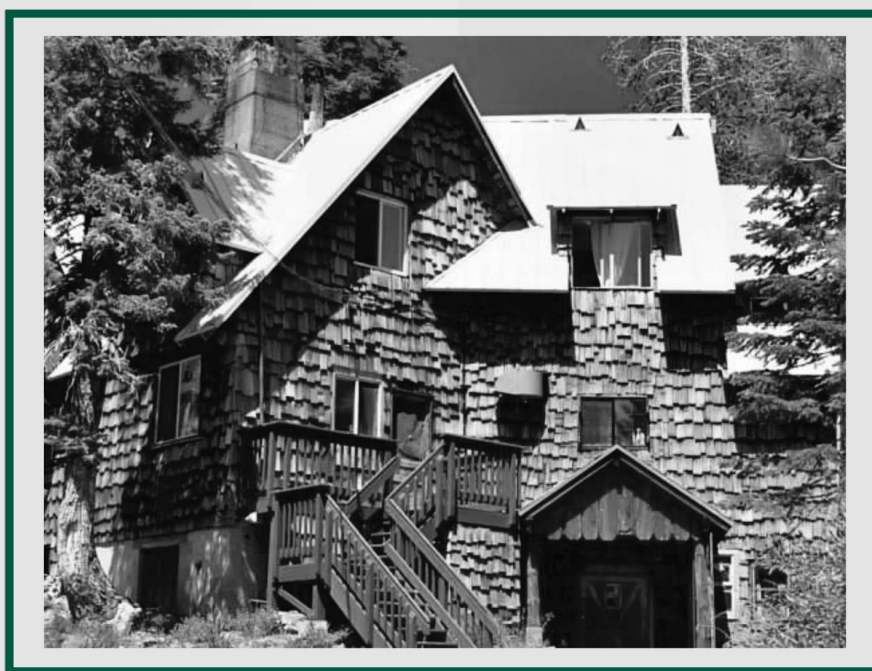
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AUGUST 18 – 20, 2017



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Your donation will go towards raising awareness of our efforts to protect and improve the natural environment around us. We make the process of donating your old car or unused vehicle both simple and easy. Plus, you may even qualify for a tax deduction.

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Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

2017 Schedule!

July 16-18 • August 20-22

September 24-26 • October 22-24

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard cruise to California's Channel Islands!

Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Snorkel in pristine waters teeming with colorful fish. Swim with frolicking seals and sea lions. Look for unusual sea and land birds. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Or.....just relax at sea! All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$650, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks and beverages plus the services of a natural-ist-docent assigned by the national park to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening program. For more information contact leader: Joan Jones Holtz; 626-443-0706; jholtzhln@aol.com. To make a reservation send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to leader, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.



Gala Celebration & Awards Dinner



Renee Owens being presented with the Chapter's highest award, the Silver Cup.
L-R Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee, Renee Owens and George Courser, Conservation Chair



Kent Peters, Director Office for Social Ministry, accepting FEAT Award on behalf of The Roman Catholic Dioceses of San Diego



FEAT Awardee Laura Hunter
L-R Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee, Laura Hunter and George Courser, Steering Committee member



FEAT Awardee Tommy Hough
L-R Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee, Tommy Hough and Fred Rogers, Steering Committee member



Diane Nygaard receiving Special Service Award
L-R Paul Webb, Steering Committee member presenting award to Diane Nygaard



Volunteer of Year Award presented to Phil Birkhahn
L-R Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee, Phil Birkhahn and Karenlee Robinson, Steering Committee member



Outings Ledaer Award presented to Melody Eues
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North County Coastal Group Political Committee members receive Political Activist Award-L-R Mayela Manasjan, Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee and Carl Pope



George Courser accepting Conservation Activist Award-L-R Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee & George Courser



Marty Hambright accepting Chapter Service Award for Bicycle Section
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Distinguished Achievement Award being presented to Jim McCleary
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Bob Stinton being presented with Life Time Achievement Award
L-R Karenlee Robinson, Steering Committee Member, Bob Stinton, Ruben Arizmendi, Chair Steering Committee

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Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler
San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



Springtime Explorations in Places Near and Far

by Bill Tayler

While camping in Joshua Tree National Park, we spent a day exploring the Wonderland Ranch Wash, which is always a great place to go rockhopping.

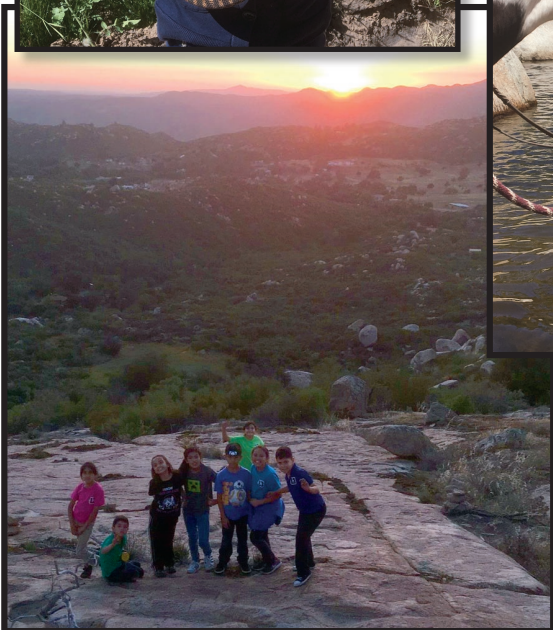
On an afterschool trip to Oak Canyon in Missions Trails, we came across a large but friendly gopher snake that was willing to let the kids get up close and personal before we sent it on its way.

After hiking to the bottom of Horsethief Canyon to cool off in Pine Creek, the kids were joined in the water by a couple of horses (we were assured by the riders that they were not horse thieves!).

On a Friday night, high up on a large slab of granite overlooking the Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary, we watched the sun slide into the Pacific then stuck around to stargaze.

On the Dead Horse Trail near Descanso, we played in the waterfall (and learned that mountain snowmelt makes mountain rivers very cold in the spring!).

On the top of Stonewall Peak, we took in the gorgeous views stretching from the Salton Sea to the Pacific, and from Mexico to Palomar and beyond.



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