

BASECAMP NEWS

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Pot Luck Party

Put on your best ugly Hawaiian shirt and join our hosts:
Jon & Claude
 for an
End-of-Summer Repast
 on
August 22, 2009

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5:00 Cocktails
6:00 Supper

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Please RSVP: 966-5660
 for
 Attendance Verification
 Location and Directions
 Preference of Prepared Dish
 or a Dish Assignment
 (Reminder: BYOB & Serving Utensils!)
For Pot "Good" Luck, see page 6



Join your friends of the Great Outdoors on another great hike at the Gaviota Pass. If you missed our hike last time, here's your second chance to visit the incredible scenery and history that makes this "pass" so special. This time we will go on the "wind tunnel" trail, which is near the Gaviota Beach campground. This is a semi-strenuous, but short in-and-out hike.

Day Hike

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Gaviota Wind Tunnel

Saturday, August 9, 2009



The trail begins by following an old road along Gaviota Creek moving inland. This part is mostly flat and the habitat of lots of riparian birds. As we head towards the hills, we will be able to see our first destination as a series of holes in the sandstone outcroppings ahead. After about 3/4 of a mile we will start the ascending switchback, and continuing along the ridgeline, we will reach our first "wind cave." Crossing through the wind cave, the trail gets much steeper with a couple of switchbacks until you reach the bottom of the second cave. From the second cave we will continue up to the top of the hill where we will have our lunch at the peak. The views from the top are spectacular!

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Gaviota "Wind Tunnel" Hike • Saturday, August 9th

Gaviota Wind Tunnel Hike, *cont.*

The total distance of our hike is about 2.5 miles. Total elevation gain is 600 feet. Hike time is about 3 hours with a difficulty rating of moderate. Pack a light lunch with plenty of water. There is a lot of history and folklore about this area that makes this hike very special.

Here are the particulars:

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2009

Time: 10:30 AM meet at the trailhead.

Directions: From the 101, exit at Gaviota Campground. Just before the entrance to the campground, veer to the right and up the hill. Park in the parking area and follow the road beyond the gate and mountain lion danger sign. Yes, there are mountain lions, but they are more scared of you than you are of them!

What to bring: Pack lunch and/or snacks, water, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, recommend wearing long pants (protect from poison oak) and comfortable sun-protective shirt.

If you have any other questions you can reach me via e-mail muddbilt@gte.net or call me (805) 407-9001.

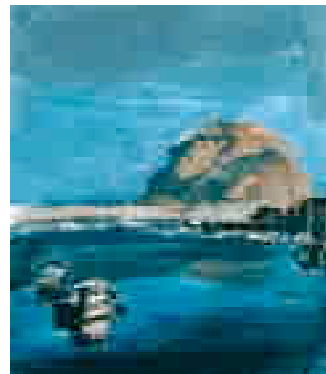
See you at the pass!

Brian M.

Trip leader



Great Outdoors Inc. Jamboree September 24-27, 2009 Morro Bay State Park



4 Days/3 Nights
Open to Everyone!
Register Now!

For full trip notes
and registration:
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Let's Go To Morro!



WHO BROUGHT WHOM

A San Simeon Tattler

To begin, it was Lloyd that brought chips cheese and drinks three times but not just for Brian who brought a Persian rug and the latest scoop and Wayne the guard of late right Castle fame.

Though Jim brought a deluxe tent trailer with a fluffy sweet dog and Jack and Randy brought Anthony and Scott and their own Sportsmen with two more than pint-sized dogs it was Mike and Jim's striped big top that set the mark.

Gary brought it all in a vintage blue Pacer as well as stories dating back thirty (plus) years in Great Outdoors but interest hovered around Ky who brought John and a plethora of the most exotic fruit.

Tom who brought Dennis had the latest in solar-powered tiki lamps but Chris came all the way on his motor bike with one ridge-lit tent but then Kyle betted that with only a bicycle and three small packs.

Arthur brought only himself and a large reputation so well earned but Solomon who brought Mikey and then didn't show himself earned another for starring in some mysterious film.

Then lastly, Jack brought the largest stories of a tomic blast size but then Ron brought Karl who brought the most mellifluous noise with his accordion that serenaded until late at the evenings' fires.

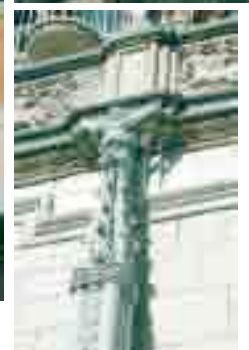
:Tom Ogier



Hearst Castle San Simeon Campout Review



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A Past Reflection
Size Matters
High Grandeur
A Camper Portrait
Michael Pennon
Sunset for Nine
Untense Intents
Piedras Blancas
Lighthouse &
First West Coast
Concrete Building
The Fanciful



It takes all types to make G.O. really happen: gay, straight, male, female—folks of all ages. Pride reaches out to everyone.



Moments of Pride, Santa Barbara

PRIDE



Thanks to the volunteers who woke up so early and to everyone who showed up and made this the best Pride we can remember.

And, a special welcome goes out to our new members!



What a great way to start off July than with fun, food and fireworks! We had a wonderful evening under the stars, and the fireworks were spectacular! Thanks to all who showed up and made it such a special evening. If you missed it, we are already planning next year's event!

Your Santa Barbara/ Ventura Great Outdoors Chapter had an amazing and successful July Pride season. We celebrated at both Santa Barbara and SLO Prides where we featured our new and updated Pride booth, complete with tandem computers and abundant flora and fauna. Thanks to all who stopped by, including Das Williams, Helene Schneider and Mayor Bloom, and a special thank you to Joe, Brian, Will, Chris, Dennis, Tom, Karyn, Kyle and Michael for volunteering. Because of your efforts, our Chapter added 15 new members! A BIG WELCOME to each of you, and we are happy that you are here!

Kudos and thanks to Pacific Pride for putting on a Pride that Santa Barbara can be PROUD of! David, J.B., Santiago and all at Pacific Pride, THANK YOU for putting on such a special "event" for our community. It was a great week! Great Outdoors salutes you!

Special thanks go out to Dennis and Tom for hosting a wonderful weekend at San Simeon. The food and laughter will long be remembered. The trip had that "extra" Dennis and Tom touch, thanks again Gentlemen.

Love and support to all at Pacific Pride for all that they do for our community and to all our Brothers at Bears Ventura, for all of your fundraising efforts! Remember, Bear Bust at Paddy's, first Sunday of every month!

Santa Barbara City Council Member, Das Williams, is going to speak at our August Social at Rusty's on Weds., Aug. 19th, at 7PM. Please come to hear Das speak about his environmental stance and our community. This is an honor for our group. I do hope that you come out and join us!

There just might be a space or two for Chris' August Klamath River Rafting Trip. What an exciting adventure it should be!

Please come out and support YOUR Great Outdoors!

Sean,
GOSB/VC
President



4th of July, 2009



A Star-Spangled Gathering!

GOSB/VC Chapter Award Winners/Corporate Nominees

At July's pizza social, we nominated three members for the annual awards. There were 20 of us at the meeting who participated and voted. This year's SB/VC chapter winners are: Chris Fava - Mack Gerighty Award, Brian Miller - Lifetime Achievement Award, and Dennis Banning - Volunteer of the Year Award.

All three suggest a level of Great Outdoors participation which extends beyond regular service to the local chapter, including leadership training in the Outdoors Experience Program, a long history of board and organizational service or special dedication to furthering the goals of the organization.

Our chapter's nominees for the annual awards will be presented at the next Corporate Board Meeting on August 1st. There, they will compete against nominees from the other four chapters, and the officers will

vote on the grand winners. The ceremony will be held at our Annual Conference at Lake Cachuma in October.

Everyone who was nominated is already a winner, in fact. And, in all of this, there still are unsung heroes such as our chapter president, Sean Dooner, whose normal service has so often been above and beyond the call of duty. We appreciate all you have done!

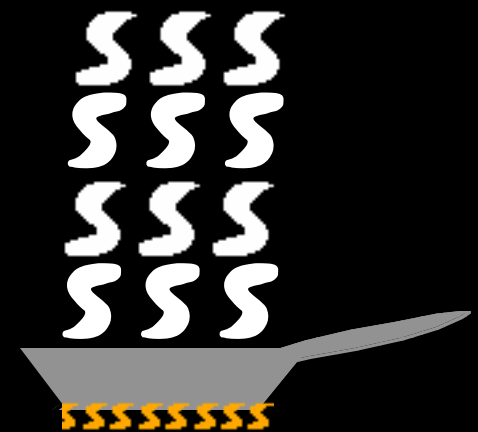
As we are coming up on the next year of Great Outdoors, which begins officially in October, please remember to give those whom you want to recognize for their leadership in the last year a special thank you and a hug. It will be greatly appreciated!

To be nominated for an award—or a hug—consider volunteering your help as an officer in our core group. We are ready to recruit you!

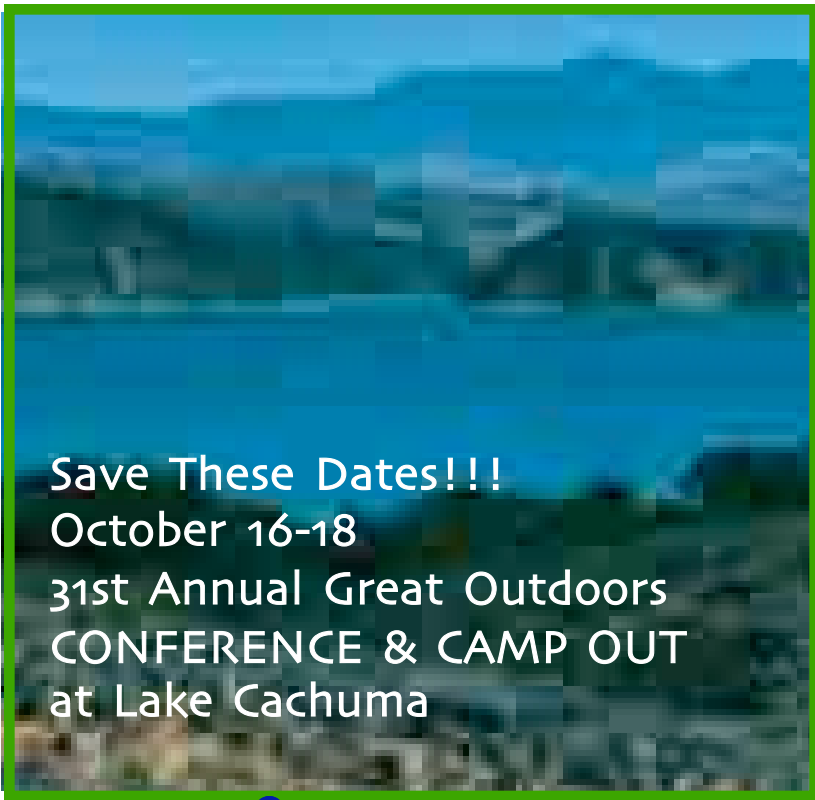


The following are suggestions for a successful potluck.

- Please read the invitation, and make notice of any special requests or suggestions, i.e., are you asked to bring an entree or a side dish, or is it a desert-only party?
- If the Host asks you to RSVP, please do so.
- Please bring a dish that will feed 6-8 with needed utensils, and "Ready to Serve," as preparation and a heat source may not be offered or available.
- A potluck is about food as much as friendship, so please give a little thought about your dish. Make your favorite homemade recipe or purchase store bought, but please stay away from "packaged foods" as much as possible.
- All of our potlucks are BYOB; all we ask is that you do not drink and drive. We want you to come back and play in your Great Outdoors, again and again...



Potluck 101



Save These Dates!!!
 October 16-18
 31st Annual Great Outdoors
 CONFERENCE & CAMP OUT
 at Lake Cachuma

**Upper Klamath
 Whitewater Rafting Trip**
 Spaces available
 Trip Leader: Chris F.

Utah Loop
 Spaces available
 Trip Leader: Danny S.

Gaviota Wind Tunnel Hike
 RSVP to Trip Leader: Brian M.

Outdoor Experience I & II
 Register Now !!!
 For trip notes and registration:
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MEMBER WELCOME!
 Current Membership: 66

New Members
 Solomon N., Kane A.
 Christen M., Buddy D.
 Pete C., Don S., Hunter R.
 Brent C. & Bob G.,
 Jason J. & Jarrod M.
 Brad H. & Nicolas C.,
 Ron H. & Dennis F.
 David B. & Kurtis F.

Renewed Memberships
 Claude R. & Jon G.



**To All Our
 August
 Birthday
 Members!**

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[http://www.facebook.com/
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If you are planning an event (day hike, camping trip, pot-luck, etc.) and you are on Facebook, please post the information (you can create an "event"). If you are not on Facebook, then please contact someone who is to post the info on there (Kyle, Brian, Sean, Chris). Some photos or a visual image, in addition to a description of the event will be required. Direct any questions to Kyle R.

Great Outdoors Membership Application Register and Renew your membership ONLINE at: www.greatoutdoors.org/sb

Please fill out this form and mail with check payable to:
Great Outdoors • P.O Box 21051 • Santa Barbara, CA 93121

New Member Renewal Update Information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ Phone (c) _____ E-mail _____

Newsletter format (check one): e-mail snail mail

Membership Type (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Regular	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Household	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Student	\$15

By joining Great Outdoors and/or attending the club's events, I acknowledge that in order for Great Outdoors to assume full legal responsibility, it would have to charge higher fees than it does now. I waive the right to ever lay claim for injuries I might suffer before, during or after any Great Outdoors event. My guests will agree to these principles in writing before attending events.

Signature _____ Date _____

AUGUST

Aug • 9

Day Hike & Picnic

Change: Gaviota Wind Tunnel

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Aug • 13-16

Camp Out

Whitewater Rafting
Upper Klamath River

SB/VC

Trip Leader: Chris F.

Aug • 29 to Sep • 7

Car Tour

Utah Loop

All Chapters (Limit 6 cars)

Trip Leader: Danny S.

SEPTEMBER

Sep • 6

Day Hike & Picnic
Jesusita Trail

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Sep • 12-13 (updated)

Outdoor Experience Phase I
Monrovia Park

Corporate Trip Leader: Mario V.

Great Outdoors 2009 Calendar



Santa Barbara/Ventura
County Chapter

Sep • 24-27

Camp Out & Jamboree
Morro Bay State Park

Corporate Event

Trip Leaders: Lloyd Q. & Brian M.

OCTOBER

Oct • 2,3,4

Outdoor Experience Phase II

Colter Group Camp

Corporate Trip Leader: Mario V.

Oct • 11

Day Hike

Ghostly Tour, SB Cemetery

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Oct • 16-18

Camp Out

31st Annual GO
Conference

4 Q Corp. Bd. Meeting

Chair: Brian M. • Host: SB/VC

Location: Lake Cachuma

Trip Leaders:

Tom O. & Dennis B.

NOVEMBER

Nov • 8

Day Hike & Picnic
Paradise Trail

Trip Leader: Brian M.

DECEMBER

Dec • 6

Day Hike
San Ysidro

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Events subject to change. RSVP as required. Check web site
for current information: www.greatoutdoors.org/SB

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is waiting for you!

The Outdoors Experience 2009

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SIGN UP NOW!

Part 1 - Sept. 12 & 13, 2009

Part 2 - Oct. 2, 3 & 4, 2009

**Whitewater Rafting – Upper Klamath River
August 15 -16, 2009**



We Dare You!

Trip Leader: Chris F. (805) 509-8240
trancefusion@mac.com

Go to: www.greatoutdoors.org/sb/#whitewater
for info and registration



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Vice President Chris F.
Treasurer Ted H.
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Corporate Board Rep. Tom O.
Membership Joe D.
Outreach Kyle R.
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Day Hike Brian M.
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MISSION STATEMENT

Great Outdoors is an organization dedicated to supporting and empowering the gay community through various social activities with emphasis on education and the enjoyment of the outdoor environment through camping, hiking and wilderness training.

Place Label Here

Instant bee sting remedy: powdered meat tenderizer mixed with H2O.

TRIP TICKETS REMINDER



Yes. You "CAN!"

- Aug. 9 Gaviota Wind Tunnel Hike
Aug. 13-16 Klamath Whitewater Trip
Aug. 29-Sept. 7 Utah Car Loop

web site: greatoutdoors.org/SB
Trip Notes • Requirements • Registration



PIZZA SOCIAL and BEER!

On-GOing Monthly Social Meetings
Guest Speakers, Prizes & Trip Planning

Join Us on
'The 3rd Wednesday'
Aug. 19, 2009
at 7:00 PM

Rusty's Pizza Lighthouse
15 East Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara
Across from Stearn's Wharf

GUEST SPEAKER: Santa Barbara City Council Member Das Williams to speak at 7PM about his environmental stance and our community.

A Shout Out to all 20 of you who joined us for July's Pizza Social!