

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

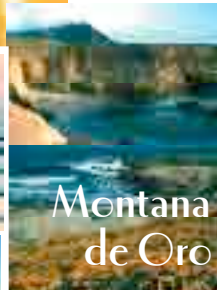
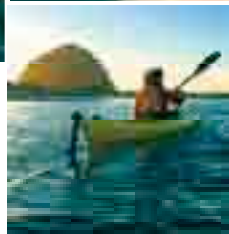
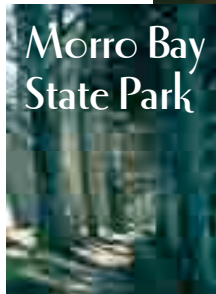
Open to Everyone!

TRIP LEADERS: Brian M., SBVC & Lloyd Q., PS

Morro Bay State Park is a gem of a site for our annual Corporate Jamboree. Located on the shore of Morro Bay, with the famed Morro Rock as our backdrop, you can expect a three night/four day weekend full of activities. Morro Bay has everything for a perfect summer's-end trip.

The forested campsite was originally planted by the Civilian Conservation Corp crews during the 1930s. We have reserved a large group site for tents and several close-by individual sites for those with RV's or trailers. The campsite has showers and flush toilets.

The State Park includes Ecological Reserve walks, the Morro Bay Museum, Morro Bay Marina with canoes and kayaks, golfing, trails into the watersheds and bicycling routes. Montana de Oro State Park, with its amazing ridge trails overlooking the ocean, is open to explore for day use.



A short distance from our campground is the quaint laid-back town of Morro Bay, perfect for exploring on foot with its famous fishing pier and up close view of Morro Rock. You can walk, jog, or bike...it's that close!

Nearby Los Osos Oaks State Reserve offers a 90-acre enchanted grove of fantastically gnarled, centuries-old, coast live oak sitting on ancient dunes. Think Hobbit! An easy flat system of trails winds through this must-see location.

What to Bring: Bring food and beverages for your needs, good hiking shoes, a hat, proper clothing, bedding, camping gear, two bundles of fire wood and the standard "Ten Essentials" (www.greatoutdoors.org). The camp site has coin operated showers and flush toilets. The town of Morro Bay is immediately adjacent for extra supplies. The group site may not have sufficient table space. If you can bring a table and chairs for you and/or your group, please do.

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Schedule of Events*:

THURSDAY

2PM Campground Check-In begins
4-6PM Meet & Greet
6PM Dinner on your own
with campfire social afterwards

FRIDAY

10AM Day Hike to Morro Bay Preserve
& surroundings, bring a lunch
2PM Explore Morro Rock & Town of Morro Bay
Dinner in town or on your own

SATURDAY

10AM Montana de Oro Bluff Walk, bring lunch
4PM Tea followed by 6PM Pot Luck **

SUNDAY

12 NOON Last checkout

*Suggested and subject to change.

**This is your opportunity to put your culinary skills to work. Make your favorite dish to serve 6. As the camping roster fills, you may be contacted for specific food assignments.

Discovery & Adventure at "The Rock"

Ecological Reserve • Montana de Oro State Park
Los Osos Oaks State Park • Canoeing
Kayaking • Trails • Wine Tasting • Golfing • Biking
Museums • Nature Walks • Morro Bay & Marina

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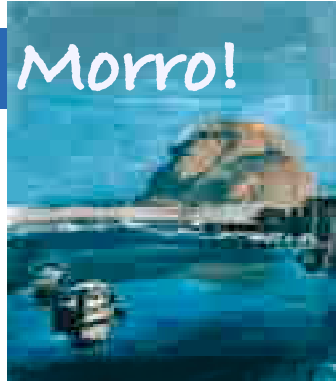
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Great Outdoors, Inc. Jamboree!

Let's Go To Morro!

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Since this a Jamboree, there will be plenty of opportunity to connect and meet with other chapter members. We will have a "tea" at the group site on Saturday at 4PM. Bring your very best culinary skills and a dish to a pot luck on Saturday night at 6PM. Campfires at night, of course!



Directions from So. CA: From the South, take Highway 101 northbound to the Los Osos - Baywood Park offramp. Turn left toward Los Osos and travel about 10 miles to South Bay Blvd., then turn right onto State Park Road and proceed about 3 miles to the State Park entrance. Exact address for Mapquest: 20 State Park Rd., Morro Bay, CA 93442

Parking: First 15 vehicles at the Group site are free of charge. All others, \$5/night at the bay front parking lot. At individual sites, first vehicle or RV is at no charge, next vehicle is \$5/night.

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Morro Bay State Park, Montana de Oro,
Los Osos Oaks State Reserve:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.parks.ca.gov>" www.parks.ca.gov

Morro Bay Kayak & Boat Shack:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.morrobaykayakshack.com>"
www.morrobaykayakshack.com

Morro Bay Golf Course:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.slocountyparks.com/golf>"
www.slocountyparks.com/golf

"Taste"

HYPERLINK "<http://www.taste-slo.com>" www.taste-slo.com

San Luis Obispo Wine Country Tasters' Guide to the Vineyards

HYPERLINK "<http://www.slowine.com>" www.slowine.com

Upon receipt of your registration, you will be e-mailed a confirmation letter as well as future notifications of updates of activities as we get closer to our camping date.

For full trip notes and registration:
www.greatoutdoors.org

Great Outdoors Corporate Awards

Each year the Corporate Awards Committee meets to determine (by secret ballot) the year's recipients for: Volunteer of the Year Award, the Mack Gerighty Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The nominations are open to all chapters and awards will be presented at the Annual Conference in October.

Volunteer of the Year: (description not available yet)

Mac Gerighty Award: Current member in good standing demonstrating outstanding leadership for the current activities year in the areas of hiking, backpacking, overnight camping, and/or outreach. Person who most exemplifies by character and action in the areas of leadership inspired by Mack Gerighty, adhering to the G.O. Code of Conduct and of good character, a graduate of Wilderness Education training or one who meets the definition of a qualified leader, a trip leader on at least three outings or major activity for the year.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Current member in good standing with minimum of five years (not necessarily consecutive) service including current active participation in various capacities. Nominee must have participation in some leadership role in the current year, represents ideals and purposes of the organization, demonstrates leadership qualities in education, organization, guidance, participation, promotion and integrity, and exemplifies a lasting legacy of work with the organization on a chapter and board level.

If you would like to nominate a member for any of the awards, or be nominated yourself, **please attend our next general meeting at Rusty's on July 15th**, where, at that time, we will vote on our chapter's nominees for the Leadership Awards.

Address questions or nominee suggestions to:

Sean D.
805-570-6349
mrdooner@cox.net

Feature Destination

Hearst Castle

Hearst Castle Tour
San Luis Obispo &
Paso Robles Wineries
Cambria Art/Antiques

Cambria

Great Outdoors' Hearst Castle San Simeon State Park Camp Out Four Days! July 16-19, 2009

The San Simeon / Hearst Castle Trip this year has been expanded to allow for a greater choice of activities. You will be able to spend at least one day touring the most spectacular architectural site on the West Coast, and on another day, touring the famed Paso Robles / San Luis Obispo Wine Country, poking around in the antique and art shops in Cambria or just hanging out with elephant seals, hiking a brand new nature preserve or exploring one of the most amazingly scenic coastline areas in the world... or all of the above!

Santa Barbara/
Ventura
County
Chapter,
assisted
by
Palm
Springs
Chapter

Paso Robles

The Park, The Beach!

San Simeon
Nature Preserve

Santa Rosa
Creek Preserve

Pa-nu Cultural
Preserve

Trip
Leaders:
Tom O.
Dennis B.
805-965-0356
Lloyd Q.
714-813-6050

Sign Up Now to Save Your Space!
Go to: www.greatoutdoors.org/SB for trip notes and registration

Outdoor Skills & Leadership Program

Phase I: September 12 & 13

Phase II: October 2, 3 & 4

For more info about this unique program check out www.greatoutdoors.org



Santa Cruz Island Camp Out Pictorial Review



Your Great Outdoors Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter invites you to an old fashioned July Fourth Fireworks Evening Potluck Picnic at the Cabrillo Ball Field, Cabrillo at Milpas, right across from the Santa Barbara Inn, Saturday, July 4th. 6-10 p.m. There will be a 22 minute Fireworks Spectacular at 9 p.m.



Come celebrate America with your Friends from the Great Outdoors! Cabrillo Ball Field park is a nice community park, across from the beach and is the location of the Herbert Bayer "Chromatic Gate", or the "Square Gay Rainbow". We will be at the end of the park, opposite the "Gates". There is a wonderful grassy area for blankets and camp chairs.

Please bring a Potluck dish that can serve 6-8. I figure guests will arrive throughout the evening, so lets plan on drinks and snacks from 6-7:30, provided by your Great Outdoors, then our Potluck Picnic at 7:30-? Food tables will be provided. We could use Salads, Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Pasta...

Come out and have a special evening under the stars with your Great Outdoors!

Happy 4th of July,
Sean D.
President,
GOSB/VT.



Our Friends at Bears Ventura have a fun, local camping event July 4th weekend, and they still have a few spaces left.

July 2-5
Bears Ventura
Bears to the Beach
McGrath State Beach
Oxnard, California

This annual camp out includes complimentary Beach Party Bear Bust on Sunday July 5th at Paddy's. (Bear Bust includes all you can eat cook-out and bottomless cup for beer or soda.) Bears Ventura provides water, soda and firewood for this event.

Non-Bears Ventura Members
\$80.00
(Includes 1 year membership to Bears Ventura)

See details at
www.bearsventura.org
Use pay-pal to guarantee your space today

Upper Klamath Whitewater Raft
2 spaces available
Trip Leader: Chris F.

Utah Loop
Booked, but check for availability
Trip Leader: Danny S.

July Hike: TBA
Trip Leader: Brian M.

San Simeon/Hearst Castle
Register Now !!!
Trip Leaders: Tom O., Dennis B.

For complete trip notes and registration:
www.greatoutdoors.org/sb

MEMBER WELCOME!

Current Membership: 60

New Members

Eric G.
Michael P.
Enrique D. & Jach P.

facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=38892145938>

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

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

Register and Renew your membership ONLINE at: www.greatoutdoors.org/sb

Membership Type (check one):

- 1 Year Regular \$25
- 1 Year Household \$40
- 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 _____

President's Message



Summer is officially here! Its a great time to be a proud American and its a great time to show your Pride for your local GLBT Community. Your Great Outdoors Santa Barbaa Ventura Chapter is proud to take part in Pacific Prides' Pride Festival 2009. Please come out and share your Pride with our community and show your support for David, J.B. and all at Pacific Pride. Thank and hug these people for all the wonderful things that they do

and MAKE happen. Great Out doors thanks all at PPF we SALUTE YOU!

Please stop by and visit our booth at Santa Barbaa Pride, July 12, 2009, and then join us the next Day for SLO Pride. Both Prides are unique and special due to their locations, with Santa Barbaa Pride across from the beach, and SLO Pride for just being in charming SLO.

The week before Pride is Saturday, July 4th, and I will be hosting our July 4th Fireworks Potluck Picnic at Cabrillo Park at Cabrillo and Milpas, 6-10 pm. Come out and enjoy a night of fun and fireworks under the stars, with your Great Outdoors!

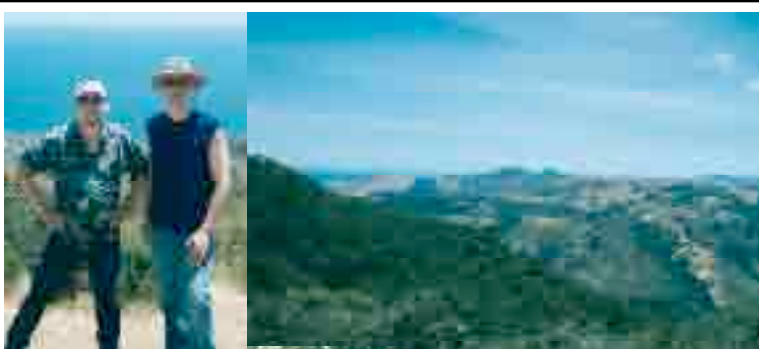
The week after Pride is our Chapters trip to San Simeon/Hearst Castle. There are a few spots still available. What a fun, memorable trip this should be with Dennis and Tom at the helm. I hope to see you there.

Don't forget our monthly Pizza Social, Weds, July 15th. Also, check out Bears at the Beach and then Bears Bust at Paddy's, put on by the wonderful Guys of Bears Ventura. Come out and play in YOUR Great Outdoors!

Sean D.
President,
GOSB/VT.

June 14

DAY HIKE
PICTORIAL REVIEW
GAVIOTA PEAK &
HOT SPRINGS TRAIL



The victors: Brian & Murray
Views from the top!
Hot Springs Respite



MUG SHOTS? "SAY CHEEZIES?" SNEAKY SNAPS?



C'mon Shutterbugs, send 'em in!
(Ya know ya did a lotta stuff!)
Let's make a book!

Our 2007 Photo book has proven to be a great promotional tool at pride events and other social events. Don is putting together a new book of our chapter's events from 2008 and he's looking for photos from other members.



Check dates below to see if you have any photos to be included in the book.

For the best quality prints (iPhoto requirement), Don needs full resolution digital photos sent to him at:

gosbvcwebmaster@mac.com

or burn them on a CD/DVD and snail mail it to him. If you have these photos on the web somewhere, just send him the link to the high resolution versions.

Jan 2008	Day Hike Gaviota Peak & Hot Springs Hike
Feb 2008	Day Hike Rattlesnake Cyn
Feb 2008	Camping Jalama Beach
Mar 2008	Camping Dennison Park
Mar 2008	Potluck Lompoc
Mar 2008	Ellwood Mesa Butterfly Grove
Apr 2008	All Chapter Camping Joshua Tree NP
May 2008	Carrizo Plain NP
June 2008	Team Great Outdoors AIDS LifeCycle 2008
June 2008	Middle Fork River Rafting
June 2008	Potluck Solstice Day
July 2008	All Chapter Jamboree San Simeon
Jul-Aug '08	Pride Booths (SLO, SB, VC)
Aug 2008	Camping Santa Cruz Island
Aug 2008	Pool Party, Oxnard
Sept 2008	Day Hike Romero Cyn
Sept 2008	Camping Grand Canyon
Oct 2008	AIDS Walk SB
Oct 2008	Day Trip Getty Museum
Oct 2008	All Chapter Camping Lake Silverwood
Oct 2008	Potluck Halloween Party
Nov 2008	Camping Hole-in-the-Wall & Mitchell Cavern Tour
Dec 2008	Potluck Holiday Party


**Don
Still
Needs
Your
Photos**
 !!!!!



A MOVIE PARTY • A TAILGATE PARTY
 • A "CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER" PARTY
 • A TEA PARTY • A "TEE HEE" PARTY
 • A FUNKY AWARDS PARTY •
 A "BECAUSE IT'S SATURDAY" PARTY
 • A CELEBRITY MEMORIAL PARTY
 • A PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY • A
 MASQUERADE PARTY • A "DISGUISE
 MY TRADER JOE'S STUFF" PARTY • A
 "MY DOG IS FINALLY PAPER-
 TRAINED" PARTY • A GARDEN PARTY
 • A BEACH PARTY • A CAR TRIP
 PARTY • A "FINALLY GOTCHA GO-
 PHER" PARTY • A WINE-TASTING
 PARTY • A "WHINE W/O TASTE"
 PARTY • A "FINISHED THE SPRIN-
 KLER SYSTEM" LAWN PARTY • A
 PICNIC & ANTS PARTY • A "NOT IN
 MY TINY APARTMENT" PARTY • A
 "YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE I USED TO
 DATE" PARTY...



**No guts,
no glory!**

**Have you got
what it takes?**



Then why not host
a pot luck dinner!
**August, September,
November, & December**
 are open.
 Call Dennis B.
 to volunteer 805-965-0356



A "Think Outside The Norm" Party!



SANTA BARBARA PRIDE- July 11th, 2009
 SLO PRIDE- July 12th, 2009
 VENTURA PRIDE-TBA

Sign Up To Volunteer!

Check out the list below of available spots, and let me know when you'd like to work.

Big HUGS, thanks to you all, and I look forward to seeing you all at Pride 2009!

Joe D.

Santa Barbara Pride 2009 • Saturday, July 11th

For this event we will also help PPF with some of their setup as well, so keep that in mind.

- Setup Crew-8am-10am (4 persons)
- First Shift-11am-1pm (2 persons)
- Second Shift-1pm-3pm (2 persons)
- Third Shift-3pm-5pm (2 persons)
- Teardown Crew-5pm-Close (4 persons)

San Luis Obispo Pride 2009 • Sunday, July 12th

The start time is later since it's farther for us to travel and we're not helping with event setup.

- Setup Crew-10am-12pm (4 persons)
- First Shift-12pm-2pm (2 persons)
- Second Shift-2pm-4pm (2 persons)
- Teardown Crew-4pm-Close (4 persons)

Contact Joe D. by email:
Countryboyjoe1@gmail.com

Great Outdoors 2009 Calendar



**Santa Barbara/Ventura
County Chapter**

JUNE

**May • 31 to Jun • 6
AIDS LifeCycle Event
Team Great Outdoors
Bike Ride**

Trip Leader: Chris F.

Jun • 5-8

**Camp Out
Santa Cruz Island**

SD & SB/VC Chapters

Trip Leaders: Daniel C. & Brian M.

Jun • 14

**Day Hike & Picnic
Gaviota Peak**

Trip Leader: Brian M.

JULY

Jul • TBA

Day Hike

TBA

Trip Leader: Brian M.

Jul • 17-19

Camp Out

**San Simeon State Beach &
Hearst Castle Tour**

SB/VC & PS Chapters

Trip Leaders: Dennis B. & Tom O., Lloyd Q.

AUGUST

Aug • 9

**Day Hike & Picnic
Knapp's Castle Ruins**

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

Location: TBA

Corporate Trip Leader: Mario V.

Sep • 24-27

**Camp Out & Jamboree
Morro Bay State Park**

Corporate Event

Trip Leaders: Lloyd Q. & Brian M.

OCTOBER

Oct • 2,3,4 (updated)

**Outdoor Experience Phase II
(Circle X Ranch, Malibu)**

Corporate Trip Leader: Mario V.

Oct • 11

Day Hike

Ghostly Tour, SB Cemetary

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

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



Questions or Availability?

Contact trip leader

Chris F.

(805) 509-8240

or

trancefusion@mac.com

Go to:

www.greatoutdoors.org/sb/

[#whitewater](https://twitter.com/whitewater)

for info and registration



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web site: www.greatoutdoors.org/SB

Core Group Officers

- President Sean D.
- Vice President Chris F.
- Treasurer Ted H.
- Secretary Tom O.
- Corporate Board Rep. Tom O.
- Membership Joe D.
- Outreach Kyle R.
- Special Events Dennis B.
- Day Hike Brian M.
- Webmaster Don B.
- Newsletter Karyn N.

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.

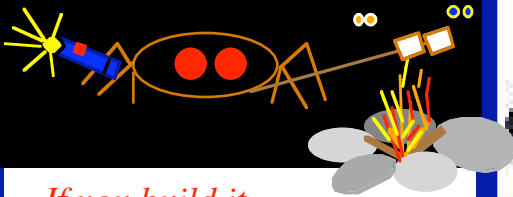
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JULY
Birthday Members!

For really hot, fast campfires:
Add a bag of Cheese Puffs!

"TRIP TICK'S" REMINDER



*If you build it...
they will come!*

- July 4 Picnic/Fireworks at the Beach
- July 17-19 Hearst Castle/San Simeon State Beach Campout
- Aug. 9 Knapp Ruins Day Hike
- Aug. 13-16 Klamath Whitewater Trip

[web site: greatoutdoors.org/SB](http://www.greatoutdoors.org/SB)
Trip Notes • Requirements • Registration



PIZZA SOCIAL
and BEER!

On-GOing Monthly Social Meetings
Guest Speakers, Prizes & Trip Planning
•
Rusty's Pizza Lighthouse
15 East Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara
(across from Stearn's Wharf)

Join Us on
"The 3rd
Wednesday"
July 15, 2009
at 7:00 PM

Social/Pizza Dinner and General Meeting starts at 7 PM.

We feature slide shows, guest speakers, the 10 Essentials, a 50/50 Raffle Drawing for Cash and Prizes and socializing. You can also get up-to-the-minute trip and event information, renew your membership or review our latest newsletter. See you there!