

# BASECAMP NEWS

camp • hike • cycle • kayak • backpack • rollerblade • river raft



Begin with a beautiful one hour boat ride escorted by playful dolphins, the wind in your hair and the sea all around you. The excitement builds as we spot land in the distance -our new, essentially uninhabited island home. Spend a relaxing weekend at Scorpion Ranch, in a protected canyon with towering eucalyptus trees on one of the the jewels of Channel Islands National Park. Discover what California was like during an earlier time as we experience pristine, breathtaking scenery and explore an historic Californian island ranch. Glide across the shoreline in a kayak exploring giant sea caves or find a secluded beach on which to bathe in the sun. ..  
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Feature Destination

## Santa Cruz Island Camp Out SD & SB/VC

### June 5-8

- HIKING
- KAYAKING
- SNORKELING

Trip Leaders:  
Daniel C. & Brian M.



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# Santa Cruz Island Camp Out • June 5-8, 2009

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**Amenities:** Camping conditions are primitive. Sites are equipped with picnic tables, water and pit toilets. No trash containers are provided; campers must pack out their own trash. No campfires are permitted due to the high fire danger. The campground is located 1/2 mile from the landing, over flat terrain.

**What to Bring:** Tent, sleeping bag and pad, blanket, sun shower, food and cooking utensils, potluck dish for Saturday night, water container, water flavoring packets, day pack, hiking boots, sunscreen, swim suit, snorkel, mask and the ten essentials. Label all gear with your name. Pack everything within gear bags, no loose items. **PACK LIGHTLY** since you will be carrying your equipment 1/2 mile to our campsite. Try to pack the most minimal amount for a good time! Treat this like a backpacking trip. If you're packing fuel, label it with your name and island.

**What Not to Bring:** Items weighing more than 45 lbs. per packed item, including ice chest. No items stored in paper bags, carts or wagons, no loose gear or glass containers. Take only what you need—  
**PACK IT IN-PACK IT OUT!**

**Kayak Use:** We will have access to several single kayaks on Saturday and Sunday to be shared by anyone on the trip. Please see the video demonstration at the Channel Islands Kayak Center if you intend to use a kayak.

**Time of Departure:** The boat leaves at 12 NOON on Friday, June 5th. You must be at the dock **ONE HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE** at 11:00 AM.

Don't be late. The return boat leaves the island at 4:00 PM on Monday, June 8th, and arrives in Ventura Harbor approximately 5:00 PM. There are two boat arrivals and departures daily, if you plan on arriving or departing the island at a time other than with the group, please speak with Daniel so we can arrange for your passage

**Directions:** Transportation to Santa Cruz Island is operated by Island Packers, located in Ventura Harbor.

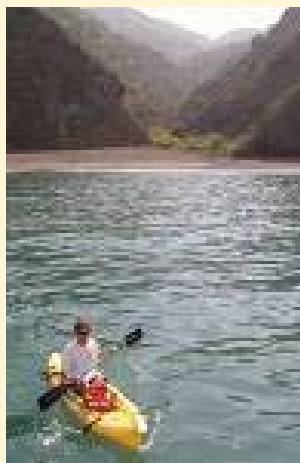
**From 101 South:** exit at Victoria Avenue. Turn Left on Victoria. Proceed 1/2 mile to Olivas Park Drive. Turn Right. Cross Harbor Blvd. and enter Ventura Harbor. Road becomes Spinnaker Drive. Look for the Island Packers sign at 1691 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105-B.

**From 101 North:** exit at Seaward. Turn Left on Harbor Blvd. Continue to signs for Ventura Harbor. This is Spinnaker Drive. Turn right. Look for the Island Packers sign at 1691 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105-B.

Sign up early, space is limited. Your reservation and full payment reserves your spot. Cancellations for full refunds must be received no later than Friday, May 29th, 2009. Contact your trip leaders for further information or visit Channel Islands National Park, Island Packers, and Channel Islands Kayak Center.

**Daniel C., San Diego Trip Leader:**  
(619) 405-7602 or [daniel@sandiegogreatoutdoors.org](mailto:daniel@sandiegogreatoutdoors.org)

**Brian M., Santa Barbara Trip Leader:**  
(805) 407-9001 or [muddbilt@gte.net](mailto:muddbilt@gte.net)



Sponsored by the San Diego & Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapters of the Great Outdoors.

For registration form go to: [www.greatoutdoors.org/SB](http://www.greatoutdoors.org/SB)

**Historic Santa Barbara, 'The City of the Mosts'...**the most beautiful scenery, the most pleasant weather, the most expensive real estate, the most romantic architecture and the list goes on and on. Join me on a very special historical and architectural walking tour on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> to see and experience this amazing city.

We will begin our tour under the 'Big' central arch of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse at 10:00 AM sharp. This magnificent structure, built in 1927 replaced an earlier Greek revival-styled courthouse damaged by the 1925 earthquake. Rated as one of the 'most' beautiful public buildings in the United States, it's the perfect beginning to start our tour! From there we will head towards State Street, walking through charming courtyards filled with shops, fountains and interesting sculptures.

There are pay parking garages located all around and street parking should be fairly easy as it's Sunday, and curb parking is free on Sundays!

The walking tour will be about 2 1/2 to 3 hours long; add another hour or so for lunch, and more for the museum. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Even though we won't be walking over rocks or streams, we will be walking on a lot of hard pavement so be prepared for a good healthy walk! Bring water and a good appetite. Joe's Cafe serves classic American/Italian food in the \$12 to \$20 price range—very yummy and plentiful!

Costs: Budget for lunch and donations, about \$30.

We will visit the El Presidio de Santa Barbara chapel and have a private

docent-lead tour (\$5 asking donation) to learn how Santa Barbara transformed itself from a sleepy Spanish outpost to a major American city, primarily catering to the rich and famous. Then on to the Casa de la Guerra adobe which was the political and social center of early Santa Barbara.

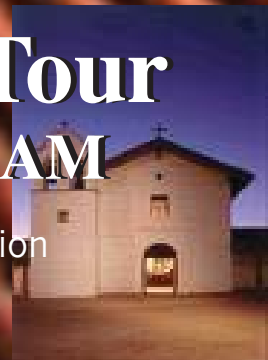
From there we walk a little farther down State Street to conclude our first half of our tour at Joe's Café for lunch. This café, opened in 1928, is one of the longest running and most famous food establishments in Santa Barbara. The atmosphere of this place, its wooden floors and historical pictures on the walls, reflects a time when Santa Barbara was a wilder, less formal place than it is today.

After lunch, for those who wish to continue, we will head back up State Street to visit the Santa Barbara Art Museum where admission is free on Sundays.

This is the perfect opportunity to get to know a little bit more about this amazing and diverse city,

as well as getting a little walking exercise in! I promise you won't be disappointed! I can be reached at (805) 407-9001 or e-mail: muddbilt@verizon.net. if you have any questions.

See you under the Big Arch!  
—Brian



# Historic Santa Barbara Walking Tour May 17 • 10 AM

Feature Destination

# BLACK CANYON CANOE/HOT SPRINGS



Chris, Daniel & Kyle hiking  
 Ringbolt Rapids  
 Paddlers Bill & Kyle

Our group of happy B.C. paddlers!  
 Ready to depart from  
 Arizona Hot Springs

**N**ine of us took part in an exciting and “epic” adventure along the Colorado River’s Black Canyon in the last week of March. Part of the Lake Mead Recreation Area, we were less than an hour’s drive from Vegas, but it couldn’t have felt more different... No shows, no gambling, no lights, ... not even electricity!

Our adventure began Thursday afternoon when we met at Boulder Beach campground along the shores of Lake Mead. The campground offered beautiful views of the lake, and we were treated to a brilliant dusk as the sun was setting. Our only challenge (and worry) was the extremely windy conditions. But we were relieved to find out that the prevailing wind pattern was across the canyon, so hopefully it wouldn’t affect us much during our upcoming paddle (more on that later!). After setting up camp we took a short drive to the dam for some afternoon sight-seeing and photos. We had a chance to drive and walk on the dam, and check out spectacular views of Lake Mead, and the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge construction project, and the Black Canyon where we would be canoeing.

Little did the group realize how lucky we were to have a self-designated group cook amongst us. Thanks to the valiant efforts of Bill B., we were treated to a nightly feast. We dined on Italian, Thai, and some tuna “surprise” (I believe the surprise was bacon). The group dining was an incredible addition to the community atmosphere of the trip.

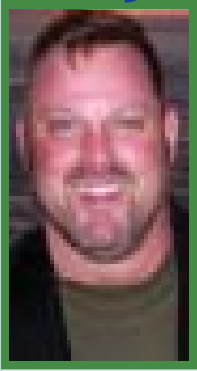
Friday morning we broke camp at Boulder Beach and then drove about 20 miles, crossing the dam to Willow Beach on the Arizona side of the river. From Willow Beach, we donned our festive (flowery) life vests, loaded our canoes, and began our paddle up the river. Our objective was to reach a primitive campsite along the sandy shores of the river, 8 miles up river from Willow Beach. By the sixth hour of our paddle, we were very happy and relieved to have found our destination: Arizona Hot Springs. (By this point, the group agreed that the trip was appropriately labeled as “strenuous”.) A pre-dinner dip in the hot springs was a welcome and relaxing treat. The naturally-occurring spring was just a 5-minute walk from our tents, and offered pools of three temperature choices: warm, hot, and scalding.

Saturday was a lay-over day and the group split up a bit. A few of us needed a break from the paddling and enjoyed a nice hike up the canyon (along Whiterock Canyon trail) to the highway. Our hike followed a canyon which during rainy periods serves as a waterway leading directly to the river. Meanwhile, others continued the journey up river to do some more riparian exploration (and some boy-chasing). A rough start at Ringbolt Rapids indicated that the paddle this day would not be easy. The current was running strong, and it would **not** be an easy trip up river. Unfortunately, river conditions prevented the paddlers from getting close enough to see the dam. But a number of other sights were explored, including Sauna Cave as well as Goldstrike Canyon and Boy Scout Canyon.

On Sunday we got what we thought was an early start.... But Mother Nature had other ideas for us! While some thought that the paddle down river would be a cinch (I’m pretty sure someone predicted that it would take “exactly 15 minutes”... Paul!), we were not anticipating the force that a strong head wind could produce. We learned that even just sitting still in our canoes, the wind would push us UP river! So much for our effortless jaunt back down the river!

Overall, a great time was had by the group. Thanks to all who helped make this such a wonderful excursion! Lots of great memories...  
 –Kyle R.

## Message



April was a good month for our community and for your Great Outdoors. Pacific Pride kicked off their Summer rooftop socials at Canary and Pride '09 fundraising with several fun and successful events, with Great Outdoors helping out where we could. A big thank you to all at PPF for allowing us to play a Great Outdoors slide show at the Canary Mixer. Played throughout the evening, the pictures were well received, many causing laughter and bringing back memories of special trips and events past.

I am proud to announce that your Great Outdoors Santa Barbara/ Ventura chapter has been awarded the 2009 Humanitarian Award by the Santa Barbara Gay and Lesbian Business Alliance. This is a first for our Chapter, and is, indeed an honor. On behalf of our Core Group and Members, we thank you SBGLBA for recognizing our Chapter. We are honored and humbled by your kind gesture. Please come to the Awards Dinner on May the 16th to support both of our local, hometown community groups!

We have so many events coming up, to many to mention. Please take a look at this Newsletter and also check out our website, <http://www.greatoutdoors.org/sb> for any adds, changes or updates.

A special thank you to Rod Lathim for speaking at our April Pizza Social about the upcoming June 5th Paradise Pit Extravaganza for the 2400 AIDS LIFECYCLE riders that will be riding through town that day. Be sure to save the date and come out, help and support the cause! It is an amazing event to be a part of.

We are trying to think outside the box to give you the Great Outdoors Chapter that you want. We are also trying to volunteer and give back to our community in many different ways. We need your help; we need your input; we need your support and we need your involvement!

We encourage you to come out and be active in your Great Outdoors!

*Sean D.*

President

**Upper Klamath Whitewater Raft**

**One Canoe Left to Fill!**

**Check for availability**

**Utah Loop**

**Seven Spots Left**

**Check for availability**

**Walk Tour: Historic Santa Barbara**

**Call Brian M. to confirm**

**For complete trip notes and registration:**

**[www.greatoutdoors.org/sb](http://www.greatoutdoors.org/sb)**



Best Wishes to our  
**MAY**  
Birthday Members!

**MEMBER WELCOME!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Murray B.

**WE NEED A TREASURER!!!**

Are you good with numbers? Are you somewhat organized? Would you be willing to volunteer a few hours a month to "keep the books" for your Great Outdoors Santa Barbara/ Ventura Chapter?

We are looking for someone to work with our current Treasurer of the last 4 plus years, Ted H., to learn what is required to keep us financially on the right track when Ted steps down in September.

Anyone interested in this important Core Group volunteer position, please contact Ted H. or Joe D. You will be adored and loved by the masses for doing so.

## Great Outdoors Membership Application

Register and Renew your membership  
ONLINE at: [www.greatoutdoors.org/sb](http://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):

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 \_\_\_\_\_



# AIDS LIFECYCLE

“AIDS/LifeCycle is a fully supported, 7-day bike event co-produced by the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation to raise money to benefit HIV/AIDS awareness and critical community services.”  
[www.aidslifecycle.org](http://www.aidslifecycle.org)

S.F. to L.A.

5/31—6/6

2009



## Paradise Pit 2009 • Friday, June 5th

Paradise Pit 2009 is an all volunteer unofficial Pit Stop for the riders of the AIDS LIFECYCLE Ride. Past riders, friends, colleagues and families of riders, and loved ones lost to AIDS rally together to make Paradise Pit a joyous celebration of this heroic 7-day trek to raise funds and awareness for services supporting people living with AIDS. Volunteers assist riders, oversee safe bike parking, serve baked goods, fruit and ice cream, and help decorate!

**Where:** Grassy island at Cabrillo Blvd. & Los Patos Way **Hours:** 9AM-5PM  
*Set up time: 9AM • Riders peak time: 11:30 AM-3:30PM • Strike: 4PM-5PM*

**GOSB/VC encourages its members to volunteer and join in the celebration!  
We salute our Chapter Member riders Chris F. and Thom F. Please support them!**

To volunteer, make a tax-deductible donation, provide a sponsorship or donate supplies:  
RSVP to Rod Lathim (aka “Scoop”) at 569-1064 or [rodlathim@gmail.com](mailto:rodlathim@gmail.com)



# ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

## Day Hike Review



Great Outdoors would like to thank Bob Nieder and Phil Conrad for being gracious and knowledgeable docents on our recent day-excursion to Arroyo Hondo Preserve. It was a warm and sunny day on the Gaviota Coast, and about 18 wonderful people came to explore this interesting natural resource, part of the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. The day started with a meet-and-greet at the visitor center on the ranch, where on display were a number of interesting native Indian artifacts, and information about the flora, fauna, and geology of the preserve. The hike started began with us checking out the old adobe ranch house with all sorts of old-time

relics from the days of the horse-and-buggy. We learned about some of the people who lived there, and of some of their nefarious houseguests.

The hike continued to the highway overpass where we saw the completed "fish ladder" constructed between the ocean and the stream, to help the steelhead trout get into the stream to lay their eggs. We turned around and hiked up into the canyon and enjoyed the views of the sycamores, ceanothus, blue dicks, and other California-native trees and plants. Bob told us about the newts in the stream getting a little 'frisky' - when they are mating. About fifteen male newts climb on top of one female, and the whole slimy, writhing mess



is called a 'party ball.' Sound fun to me! Unfortunately, we did not see this phenomenon, only saw some newts minding their own business, as well as some cute turtles.

Lunch was a potluck at an open area surrounded by trees, next to the stream. As always, the fare was delicious and the conversation funny. The theme of the potluck was Easter/Spring, so of course Brian brought red tulips, chocolate candies (which had all melted in the sun) and his flamingos.

Thanks everyone for making this a special day! Thank you Brian, for leading this trip. Thank you Bob and Phil for being excellent docents. —Chris F.

## Feature Destination

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

- Adrenaline-pumping high adventure!
- Middle Fork of the American and Upper Klamath Rivers!
- 17 miles of churning Class IV + rapids!
- Volcanic canyonlands, ancient Indian sites!
- Wilderness-style camping under the stars!
- A Wilderness Adventures guided excursion!

**Questions or Availability? Contact trip leader Chris F.**

**(805) 509-8240 or [trancefusion@mac.com](mailto:trancefusion@mac.com)**

**[CLICK HERE](#) for info and registration**

**FINAL SPACES UP FOR GRABS!**

**All-inclusive, guided rafting trip and riverside camping will be for *Great Outdoors Members Only!***

**Cost: \$355 per person • \$75 deposit by March 31 • Balance due July 31, 2009**

**You DO NOT need any previous rafting experience!**

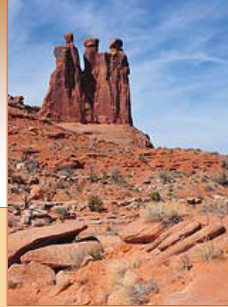


**Great Outdoors All Chapter Event:**

*10-day Utah National Parks*

*Loop Car Camp and Tour*

*August 29 - September 7, 2009*



**Y**ou will be talking about this trip for years after returning from touring the Utah part of the Colorado Plateau. During this tour, we will be visiting 5 National Parks (camping in 4 of them) and exploring or driving through 3 National Monuments and 1 National Recreation Area. Our campgrounds are group sites in Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands National Parks and Fruita Campground (an orchard) in Capital Reef National Park. We will be up as high as 10,000 feet in elevation to upper desert landscapes (all at about 3,000 feet elevation) throughout the southeastern part of Utah. From Quaking Aspens to Cactus! At each venue, you will have choices of going on long hikes, or short hikes and walks, driving around sightseeing, shopping, or just relaxing in camp with a good book to read. The scenery is nothing less than "Fantastic". Every day we will be seeing "eye candy" from the time you arrive in Zion until you have reached the half way point on the return trip home. Every night, we will be having a campfire program with a different theme. There will be two potlucks during the trip (one Italian and one Mexican) with one traditional Great Outdoors Tea. Don't miss seeing Arches National Park, Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Natural Bridges National Monument, and Glenn Canyon National Recreation Area.



The trip is planned so that you will only have to take off 5 days from work. The trip begins on a Saturday at Noon and ends on a Sunday morning, a week later, the day before Labor Day. That gives everyone two full days to drive back home.

**Sign up now, only 7 spots remain open.** Trip Notes Now Available:  
[www.greatoutdoors.org](http://www.greatoutdoors.org) **Contact: Danny Sternstein**

[dsternstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsternstein@sbcglobal.net) or 323.654.8466 for information

**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.

**G.O.  
Bulletin Board**

*Reminder to Volunteer  
for the  
AIDS LIFECYCLE Ride's  
Paradise Pit Stop  
June 5th*

UTAH LOOP CAMP TOUR  
SBVC Carpool: Brian M.  
805-407-9001

Congrats to G.O. SB/VC  
as recipient of the  
SBGL Business Alliance  
2009 Humanitarian Award!

Outdoor Experience  
Phase I  
dates have changed to  
Sept. 12-13

PRIDE DATES:

Santa Barbara  
July 11, 2009

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San Luis Obispo  
July 12, 2009

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Ventura  
T.B.A.

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Volunteers needed!!!

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Dates open for  
hosting G.O.  
Potluck Parties  
contact Dennis B.





Greetings Fellow Great Outdoors Members!

As the days grow longer and warmer and the calendar moves on into summer, and we're thinking about summer vacation, summer camping trips, and all those fun things, there's another thing that comes to my mind... Pride season! Hehe... Yes, that time is approaching again folks! And as always, I'm going to be looking for a few wonderful volunteers to man the Pride information booth for our little organization.

Now what kind of qualifications do you need for this job you might ask? Its pretty simple really... Have you ever been on a trip with Great Outdoors? Been to a potluck? Been to the pizza social? On a day hike? Participated with the group in any way? Well then, you're qualified! All we ask is that you talk about what you've done with the group and enjoyed! Though you are welcome to volunteer as much time as you'd like, I only ask for a commitment of a two-hour shift usually. I will be emailing out in the next month or so about this as well, but I at least wanted to get you all thinking about this, and the dates:

Santa Barbara Pride- July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

SLO Pride- July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Ventura Pride-TBA (possibly August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009)

Feel free to contact me at any time if you'd like more info, or would like to snatch up your desired volunteer time early! I'm easy to reach at [Countryboyjoe1@gmail.com](mailto:Countryboyjoe1@gmail.com)

BIG thanks in advance to all who will be volunteering this season, and a big warm hug to all my past volunteers, without you folks our information booth would never happen! See you at Pride 2009! –Joe D.



Mark your calendars for the first pot luck and pool party of the summer season at Marc G's in Oxnard • Sunday, May 10th from 2PM–6PM. Bring a dish that serves six or more people, a towel, sun screen and a pool toy.  
 1601 Holly  
 RSVP:  
 805-604-9017  
 BYOB!

SB/VC & PS  
**San Simeon State Beach Camp Out & Hearst Castle Tour**

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**July 17, 18, 19**  
**Save the Dates**

**TRIP LEADERS**  
 SB/VC: Dennis B., Tom O.  
 Palm Springs: Lloyd Q.

"C'mon guys... Group site ahead!"

From Statutes to Statues...the Cal Cap bears all!

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The Basecamp News, hereby, dedicates its May issue to all the "Bears" in the Great Outdoors Pack!

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Alternatively:  
 Oakhurst, California - Talking Bear Statue  
 A fiberglass grizzly bear sitting on the corner of State Highway 41 and Madera County Road 426. Recently refinished and new landscaping.  
 You push the button and the bear speaks. "Hey Arnold..."

**The Outdoors Experience 2009**

Join us this fall for our Annual Outdoor Skills and Leadership Program

*AGAIN New Dates!*

Phase I: September 12 & 13

Phase II: October 2, 3 & 4

For info: [www.greatoutdoors.org](http://www.greatoutdoors.org)

## JANUARY

Jan • 31

**Day Hike: Lecture**  
**Grauman's Egyptian Theatre**  
Trip Leader: Brian M.

## FEBRUARY

Feb • 12

**Day Hike & Lunch**  
**SB Zoo: VIP Tour**  
Trip Leader: Dennis B.

## MARCH

Mar • 8

**Day Hike**  
**Rattlesnake Canyon**  
Trip Leader: Brian M.

Mar • 26-29

**Camp Out**  
**Black Canyon**  
SB/VC. & LA Chapters  
Trip Leaders: Kyle R. & Juan S.

## APRIL

Apr • 5

**Day Hike & Potluck**  
**Arroyo Hondo Preserve**  
Trip Leader: Brian M.

Apr • 10-12

**Camp Out**  
**Lake Nacimiento**  
OC/LB & SB/VC Chapters  
Trip Leaders: Dixie, Rick & Steve

Apr • 25

**2Q Corp. Bd. Meeting**  
Hosts: Byron & Ritch in Long Beach

## MAY

**CANCELLED:**

May • 8-10

**Back Packing**  
**Matilija Area • S.B. CO.**  
SB/VC Chapter  
Trip Leader: Kyle R.

May • 17

**Day Hike & Lunch**  
**Historic Santa Barbara**  
Trip Leader: Brian M.

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

Trip Leader: Chris F.

## JUNE

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 • 5

**Day Hike**  
**Cold Springs Trail (west fork)**  
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 (new dates)

**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 (new dates)

**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: TBA  
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.

# Great Outdoors 2009 Calendar



**Santa Barbara/Ventura  
County Chapter**

Stamp



**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.

Place Label Here

Camping: The art of getting closer to nature while getting farther away from the nearest cold beverage, hot shower and flush toilet.

**"TRIP TICK'S" REMINDER**



**Still Ticks run deep. Challenge your "outer" Tick!**

<b>May 8-10</b>	<b>Matilija Area Back Packing</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Day Hike and Lunch</b> <b>Historic Santa Barbara</b> <b>Trip Leader: Brian M.</b>
<b>May 31-Jun.6</b>	<b>AIDS LIFECYCLE Ride</b>
<b>Jun. 5</b>	<b>Paradise Pit Stop in S.B.</b>
<b>Jun 7-8</b>	<b>Santa Cruz Island Camp Out</b> <b>Trip Leaders: Daniel C. &amp; Brian M.</b>

[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"  
**May 20, 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!**