

BASECAMP NEWS

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

Dramatic Geology
The campground sits in a geographic display formed by eons of erosion exposing dramatic and colorful sedimentary layers.



Red Rock Canyon is on Hwy 14 near US 395 in the western Mojave Desert, nestled below the eastern Sierra Nevadas.

Cosos Petroglyphs
Various native tribes have inhabited the area for over 18,000 years with their presence recorded in extensive pictographs.

RED ROCK CANYON March 12-14

SB/VC Trip Leader: Tom O.

- Old West MiningTown
- ATV Trails
- Hiking
- Petroglyphs
- Low-impact 4WD Treks

Desert Wildflowers
Increased rainfall should lend to great bursts of desert wildflowers in March and attract flocks of migratory birds.



Contact the trip leader for more info: Tom O. (805) 689-3266 togier@sbceo.org

MORE INFO IN UPCOMING NEWS BLAST!



SAVE the DATE

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Work Day
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Great Outdoors Members:
Please consider attending this free LGBT Summit and sharing your thoughts and ideas towards identifying and achieving the goals and needs of our LGBT community.

LGBT Community Collaborative of the Central Coast

We are a collaborative project with representation from Pacific Pride Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast, UCSB faculty and students, and a variety community members. We are members and allies of the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities, and are working to improve community support for LGBT individuals in Santa Barbara County and the surrounding areas.

LGBT Summit
Feb. 6th, 2010
12:00 - 5:00pm

The Central Coast LGBT Summit will take place on Saturday, February 6th from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at the Santa Barbara County administration buildings in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. The aim of the Summit is to bring LGBT people and allies together to develop plans to improve the lives of LGBT individuals on the Central Coast. The LGBT Summit is hosted by the LGBT Community Collaborative of the Central Coast (LGBTCCCC), a coalition of service providers, researchers, and community members that has been working to identify and address the needs of LGBT individuals on the Central Coast. The event is free of charge, and lunch will be provided. Allies are welcome.



LGBT SUMMIT
COME TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY TO NETWORK, SHARE IDEAS & CREATE PLANS TO MAKE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE
SANTA BARBARA, CA 4TH FLOOR - COUNTY SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM 105 E. ANAPAMU ST.
SANTA MARIA, CA BOARD HEARING ROOM 511 E. LAKESIDE PARKWAY (BEHIND PANERA BREAD)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 12:00PM - 5:00PM
TURNING VOICES INTO ACTION

TO REGISTER FOR THE FREE LGBT SUMMIT GO TO:

<http://pacificpridefoundation.org/events/2010summit.php>

*The Great Outdoors...
is waiting for you!*



The Outdoors Experience Program 2010

SIGN UP NOW!

Part I: April 24-25, 2010
Part II: May 14-16, 2010

Phase I will be held at Canyon Park in the San Gabriel Mountains above Monrovia. It will be largely classroom work with hands-on equipment demonstrations, video and a short day hike. Subjects to be explored will cover Possessions (equipment), Planning, Protection and Procedures. **Day Hike Leader Certification** upon completion.

Phase II is an outdoor, group, car-camping weekend at a National Park Service site in the Santa Monica Mountains. It will include field-exercise training using learned skills such as map and compass, leading day hikes, outdoor cooking, camp management, protecting the environment, the night sky and a night hike. **Full Trip Leadership Certification** upon completion.

Trip Leader: Mario V. • (562) 431-4760 • mariovoce@yahoo.com

For info & registration, visit:
www.greatoutdoors.org



Whitewater Rafting Cal-Salmon River • May 7-8

The Wild and Scenic California Salmon River, although still somewhat unknown even in its home state of California, is one of the most incredible whitewater rafting trips in the country. It combines beautiful, lush coastal scenery, an intimate marble-smooth granite inner gorge, a seemingly endless number of side-creek waterfalls cascading in from above, emerald-green waters, tons of wild-life, and unequaled class IV-V pool drop whitewater. This is truly a world-class, high adventure whitewater run. You DO NOT need to have any previous river rafting experience. This is a class IV+ suitable for the experienced AND beginners in good



physical condition, looking for a REAL Adventure!



Our excursion will be guided by Wilderness Adventures, who proved to be an excellent outfitter the last two years they guided Great Outdoors. This guided rafting trip and river side camping will be Great Outdoors group ONLY! This is an all-inclusive rafting trip.

Cost: \$340 per person.
\$75 deposit due by Feb.28
Balance due by Apr. 1

Questions? Contact trip leader Chris F.
(805)509-8240 or trancefusion@mac.com

For more information and trip registration:
www.greatoutdoors.org/SB



President's Message

January was a great kick off to the New Year for your Great Outdoors Santa Barbara Chapter! We have had new members join, had a small but productive Core Group/ Pizza Social meeting and a first for our Chapter, I hosted some eleven G.O. Members on board Carnival Cruises' "Paradise," as GOSB/VC went to Sea! A fun time was had by all, and a big thank you to all that went!

February is already looking like a special month with lots to do. Please join Members of our group on Saturday, February 6th, for either of two "LGBT Summits"—one in Santa Barbara, the other in Santa Maria—put on by Pacific Pride. Your participation and input is encouraged.

We also have our Pizza Social on the 17th with Guest Speaker Ken Owens, the executive director of Channel Islands Restoration. C.I.R. takes on projects (such as the Lake Los Carneros restoration project described on page 6) that maintain or improve wildlife habitats with the use of volunteer help. We are looking forward to Mr. Owens' presentation and the possibility of future G.O. participation. Also, an exciting trip is being offered by Michael and Solomon of GOSB/VC, a weekend camping trip to "Pismo Dunes." Many fun things to do are planned.

Please check this newsletter and our calender on our website for more info and for newly added events and updates, as we have an exciting year ahead!

Please support Pacific Pride and Bears Ventura for all they do, and come out and play and discover your Great Outdoors!

All my best,
Sean D.
GOSB/VC President

Let's kick up some sand! PISMO BEACH SAND DUNES February 26-28



Join us for a fun filled weekend on the Dunes of Pismo Beach. The sea of sand, nestled next to the beauty that is our Pacific Coast, leaves one feeling cradled by Mother Nature while the fluttering wing of earth's

angels, the Monarch butterflies in their annual migration, makes the experience surreal.

Trip leaders:

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Solomon N.
805-680-8276
Soul544@yahoo.com
Klaus G.
323-493-0104
lagoodguy@gmail.com



Activities:

Pismo Beach Monarch Grove
Hiking & Nature Trails
Off Roding • The Dunes • The Sea
Fishing • Water Sports

For Trip Notes & Registration, go to:

greatoutdoors.org/SB

For RegOnline:

www.regonline.com/GOPismoBeach2010

A Spectacular Experience!
Pismo Beach • Oceano, CA

Pendola Hot Springs April 16-18

Santa Barbara/Ventura Co. Chapter
Trip Leader: Gary M.

SAVE THE DATE!

Palm Springs Chapter SALTON SEA CAMP TRIP February 18-21

TRIP FEATURES:

"New Camp" campground
Tour of a Geothermal Plant
Hikes • Mud Volcanoes • Salvation Mt.
San Andreas Fault Presentation

Trip Notes and Registration Form:
www.greatoutdoors.org/ps/2010events/Camp2010-02-18-SaltonSea.shtml

Contact: Scott @ 1-760-799-5541
or E-mail: sconnelly@dc.rr.com

AIDS LifeCycle June 6-10 • 2010

Team G.O.S.B./V.C.

Join Our Team
Volunteer

Help Raise Funds

To learn more about AIDS LifeCycle 9 and become a member of Team GO, visit www.aidslifecycle.org, select the "Donate" tab. Search for Team Great Outdoors.

Please contact:

Buddy D.: Travler1969@aol.com
or Chris F. at: trancefusion@mac.com
if you have any questions.



**Best
Wishes
To All Our
FEBRUARY
Birthday
Members!**

MEMBER WELCOME!
Current Membership: 72
NEW MEMBERS
Julie B.

facebook

<http://www.facebook.comGreatOutdoors.SB>

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 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 _____

Great Outdoors Trip Calendar

Santa Barbara/Ventura County Chapter

2009-2010

January 29-February 2

3-day Ocean Cruise
Trip Leader: Sean D.

February 26-28

Pismo Beach Sand Dunes
Trip Leaders: Mike P., Solomon N., Klaus G.

March 12-14

Red Rock Canyon
Trip Leader: Tom O.

April 16-18

Pendola Hot Springs
Trip Leader: Gary M.

May 6-9

Cal-Salmon Class V Whitewater Rafting
Trip Leader: Chris F.

T.B.A.

Yosemite Car Camping
Trip Leaders: Sean D. & Kyle R.

June 6-12

AIDS LifeCycle/Team Great Outdoors
Team Captain: Buddy D.

June 11-13

Corporate Jamboree at Upper Oso
Trip Leaders: Brian M., Mark L.

July 1-5

Western Sierras Backpacking
Trip Leaders: Kyle R. & Will R.

August 13-15

Santa Catalina Island
Trip Leader: Gray V.

September 13-20

Yellowstone National Park
Co-lead with PS & SD

October 15-17

All Chapter Conference
Hosted by OC/LB

VOLUNTEER!

Plant, Water, Mulch, Weed!



Lake Los Carneros

Wetland Margin Enhancement Project

Sat., Feb. 13 • 9AM–Noon

Join us in helping to restore the wildlife habitat that surrounds Lake Los Carneros. This will be our third Community Work Day. On December, 20, sixteen volunteers planted 203 native plants which are now thriving. This time we will continue our planting while assuring that our planted areas are watered, mulched, and free of weeds. As always, hand tools, gloves, refreshments, and good company will be provided.

Meet at the parking lot adjacent to the South Coast Railroad Museum off of Los Carneros Road at 9AM. We will have a short orientation and do any necessary paperwork before we begin working. It is a short walk to the planting sites.

Directions: Going North on 101, exit on Los Carneros, about 10 miles west of Santa Barbara. Turn towards the mountains on Los Carneros Rd. past Calle Real. Look for the Railroad Museum on the right. Drive into the fire station entrance, parking lot is towards the back.

Please RSVP by email to jkummel@rain.org if you will be coming so I can provide enough tools, drinks and goodies for all. Hope to see you there!

Julie Kummel, Special Projects Manager
Channel Islands Restoration
805-403-3203 • jkummel@rain.org



Core Group Officers

- President Sean D.
- Vice President Chris F.
- Treasurer Richard D.
- 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

ATV: Minimize wheel spin. On switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake-sliding during descent, both of which gouge the trail. Drive over, not around obstacles to avoid widening the trail.

"TRIP TICK'S" REMINDER

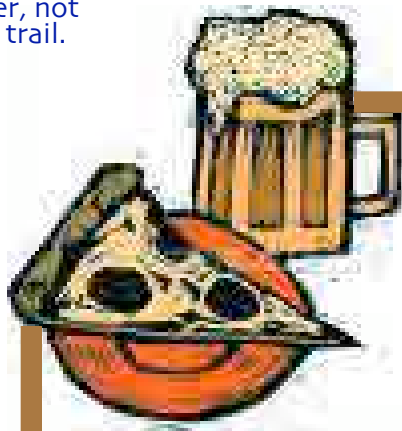


*"Oh, Princess...where are you?
 Anyone here seen my ATV*?"*

- Feb. 6 LGBT Summit
- Feb. 13 Los Carneros Workday
- Feb. 18-21 PS Chap. Salton Sea
- Feb. 26-28 Pis mo Dunes Trip
- Feb. 28 Whitewater Deposit

*All Tick Vehicle

web site: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"
Feb. 17
at 7:00 PM

**Guest Speaker: Ken Owens, Executive Director
 Channel Islands Restoration**