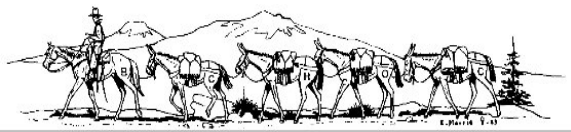


Backcountry Horsemen of California



**Concerned Men and
Women Dedicated to
Gentle Use of California
Trails and Back Country**

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE OF BCHC

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of these public lands.
4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new units of the organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in BCHC is open to any individual or family sharing the concerns of the organization. Anyone joining is encouraged to affiliate with one of the 26 local units. Each unit conducts activities of its choice but operates under broad guidelines established by the State Board. Each unit is represented on the State Board by one or more Directors.

Individuals or families who wish to belong in more than one local unit may hold a Primary membership and also become an Associate Member of additional unit(s). There is a fee for each additional unit chosen for affiliation.

Members in a region not presently represented by a local unit are encouraged to form a new unit. If you are interested, please contact BCHC for a New Unit Organization Packet.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Membership@BCHCalifornia.net (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1610, Oakdale, CA 95361-1610

Primary Unit Affiliation: (CIRCLE ONE of the 26 local Units)

Antelope Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros Del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Gorgonio Pass	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

Membership Class: Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt. Whitney \$500.00
(CIRCLE ONE) * = Includes \$7.00 surcharge for BCHC assessment.

If RENEWING DCTR# _____ Associate Member of Unit(s): _____ \$15.00/unit
Enter Unit name(s) from above list

Name _____ Name _____
(Primary Membership Name—NO BUSINESS NAMES—PRINT CLEARLY) (Secondary Membership Name—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS)

Address _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ PHONE: () _____

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

Backcountry Horsemen of California is a group of dedicated men and women actively participating as caretakers of the wilderness. They are involved in preserving stock users' historic use of wilderness trails, they perform public service activities for the managing federal agencies and they are continually working to educate their members on how to be "Gentle Users" by practicing Leave No Trace methods and by treating other users with courtesy and consideration.

California and the western states have a long tradition of using pack and saddle stock in the backcountry. Backcountry Horsemen carry on this tradition in modern times. With this use comes the responsibility and obligation to care for these wild lands and to ensure their use for future generations.

HISTORY

A group of private and commercial packers met in 1981 to form the High Sierra Stock Users Association (HSSUA) with the purpose of representing horsemen in dealings with the administrators of public lands.

Five years later, HSSUA joined with Montana, Idaho and Washington to form Back Country Horsemen of America. Currently organized in 14 states, BCHA coordinates activities of member states and oversees national involvement in public lands issues.

HSSUA adopted the name Backcountry Horsemen of California in order to conform to the national name and to better reflect its growing statewide membership. Membership in BCHC now approaches 5000.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

BCHC encourages all members to participate in volunteer projects that contribute to the betterment of the resource and the facilities available to all recreational users. Such projects should be above and beyond the work normally covered by the operations budget of the agency involved.

EDUCATION

The future of public lands depends on how users conduct themselves. With ever-increasing demand on resources, it is imperative that stock users on public and private lands become "Gentle Users". As the name implies, we strive to be as gentle as possible in the way we use back country streams, trails, campsites and meadows; in our contacts with other users and wildlife, and in livestock management.

It is important that stock users make a conscious effort to minimize evidence of their presence in the back country. BCHC assists in this effort through the Education Committee, lead by the Vice President of Education. This committee is responsible for gathering, organizing and producing educational materials and programs for units and the general public.

PUBLIC LANDS

The Public Lands Committee (PLC), lead by the Vice President of Public Lands, works to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use and provides units and the general membership current information regarding new legislation or agency management plans related to government regulation of public lands. In addition, the PLC works to support or oppose new proposals, plans or restrictions as related to the interests of horsemen and those interested in packing, riding and enjoying our public lands. The PLC promotes mutually beneficial working relationships with public lands agencies through collaborative efforts, while at the same time keeping the work and literature of BCHC before public lands administrators.

BCHC UNITS

Antelope Valley
PO Box 3361, Quartz Hill, CA 93586-0361

Caballeros Del Sol
PO Box 12311, El Cajon, CA 92022-2280

Eastern Sierra
c/o 293 Willow St., Bishop, CA 93514-2720

High Country
PO Box 270065, Susanville, CA 96117-0065

High Sierra
PO Box 4427, Visalia, CA 93278-4427

Kern River Valley
c/o PO Box 5, Inyokern, CA 93527-0005

Kern Sierra
PO Box 11095, Bakersfield, CA 93389-1271

Lake-Mendo
PO Box 191, Potter Valley, CA 95469-0191

Los Padres
PO Box 6773, Santa Maria, CA 93456

Mid Valley
PO Box 1709, Modesto, CA 95353

Mojave River
PO Box 400776, Hesperia, CA 92340-0776

Mother Lode
PO Box 2088, Elk Grove, CA 95759-2088

North Bay
1055 W College Ave., PMB 153, Santa Rosa, CA 95401-5036

Ohlone Riders
12425 Foothill Ave #8, San Martin, CA 95046-9602

Redshank Riders
PO Box 383, Aguanga, CA 92536-0383

Redwood
PO Box 6023, Eureka, CA 95502-6023

San Diego
236 Oak St, Ramona, CA 92065-1952

San Gorgonio Pass
PO Box 535, Beaumont, CA 92223

San Joaquin Sierra
PO Box 25693, Fresno, CA 93729-5693

Santa Ana River
PO Box 6871, Norco, CA 92860

Sequoia
PO Box 456, Springville, CA 93265

Shasta Trinity
16900 C Rd, Cottonwood, CA 96022-9605

Sierra Freepackers
PO Box 64, Oakhurst, CA 93644-0064

Sutter Buttes
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