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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Hello Folks,

Well, we're off to a great start for 2020. Last month Redshank hosted the BCHC Southern Region Officers Training at the Little Red School House.



Stacy Kuhns did a fantastic job of organizing and running the training. Tom Firth and Mike Lewis provided insight and information for the members in attendance. Some of the topics discussed included; BCHC history, safety procedures for all sponsored events, saw program, Trail Boss responsibilities,

Wilderness Riders – Train the Trainer courses, volunteer hours reporting, and various ways to increase membership. We also discussed that there are two parts to BCHC. There is a Business side - 501c4 and an Education side - 501c3. Tax dedications can only be written off through the BCHC Education Fund and only through the State agency, not the individual units.

Valentine’s Day is right around the corner, so get in the mood for something sweet at our next meeting on February 13 at 7:00. There will be Cookies, Valentines Candy drawings, and maybe a 50/50 raffle if enough lucky people show up. Every meeting and Redshank event you attend will earn you a ticket for a special prize at the end of the year. You can also get an additional ticket for bringing a friend or sweetheart to one of our meetings. This year’s Rendezvous will be held March 27-29, at the Tehama District Fairgrounds in Red Bluff. See you there.

Happy Trails,  
Charlie Cheek

## Education 2020 Submitted by Stacy Kuhns

Boy! We have hit the ground running in 2020. The state officers are taking a different approach to officer's leadership training the response has been great! We set up three different meetings and asked all unit officers to attend. We have had two in the month of January. The last one will be in February.

We had lots of discussion on the structure of our organization and more. Redshank Riders was the host for the southern units. As always, you all rock. I would like to give a shout out to Michael Lewis and Thomas Firth for being presenters and leading the breakout sessions. We had 28 in attendance and lots of great interaction. I saw a few "big eyes" when I asked for our weakness as an organization. The purpose of this is to see what we need to do better. Many conversations on the strengths and weaknesses. I was sick again this year. I joked it was Ebola, but the darn thing is circling back around, ugh. The strategic plan is in its final stages, which will help us as an organization with any future donors and sponsors; this will help them to see that we have a plan.

Below are some important dates explaining why we have deadlines for things. Financials, volunteer hours, unit reports and insurance forms are mandatory and essential to keeping our organization in good stead. Each of these year-end reports have different due dates – please make notes as some dates have changed.

- 1) Unit reports are due to State Secretary [bludog46@gmail.com](mailto:bludog46@gmail.com) by **January 15**.
- 2) Volunteer hour reports to Cindy McMurry, 2nd Vice President [volunteerhoursbchc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerhoursbchc@gmail.com) by **February 1**. The unit education chair will submit the report.
- 3) Financial reports are due to State Treasurer [lynnjoiner7@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjoiner7@gmail.com) by **February 29**.
- 4) Insurance forms are due **March 1**, you will get the forms in February.

Thomas Firth, Nyna Cheek and I have scheduled a TTT (train the trainer) course the first weekend in June at the Inserra's Ranch in Mountain Center. We encourage anyone that would like to learn about Leave No Trace Principles to attend. We will send out the flier again. We have also scheduled a master's Course in June. This is open to all outdoor enthusiasts, typically they are non-BCHC attend this course. We will be interviewing for the 2021 Wilderness Riders Course during the Rendezvous in Turlock in 2021.

Our Wilderness Riders will be doing some fun and informative sessions at our meetings this year. Stay tuned for the dates and topics. They can be very entertaining!

Speaking of entertaining Thomas Firth and myself are heading to Boulder Colorado for the LNT (Leave No Trace) Providers meeting this week. It will be a quick trip to share what BCHC has been doing and learn some tricks to do things better. Our organization is the only one providing LNT courses west of the Rockies! I have money on us being busted with TSA again due to biscuit mix, Ha Ha Ha.

If anyone would like to help with information gathering for the Education Kiosk we will be installing at Quinn Flats/Fobes please contact me [stacykuhns@aol.com](mailto:stacykuhns@aol.com) or 909-633-1705. I am learning more about a very interesting area since starting this project.

CYA, Stacy

Hi RSR members,  
Happy new year from your trail ride coordinator and it's about time that we get some trail rides scheduled. If you would like to host a ride, please let me know so that we can get it on the calendar.

If you are interested in hosting a ride, I would highly suggest that you pre-ride any trail that you have in mind. This will be to make sure that it's safe. We have the Ride Guidelines on our website so you can check them and will be able to properly rate your trail.

Please contact me with a destination, length of ride, rating and trailhead with the date and place where you want to ride. Let's have some fun and go see some of your favorite trails. Let's ride!

Gretchen

To get it set up contact Gretchen at [ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com](mailto:ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com)  
Or Call (951) 763 - 4249



**MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** My name is Diana Souza-Inserra (Wilstermann) and I am happy to be Redshank Riders new Membership Coordinator. Following in my mother's footsteps, I have been involved with horses since the age of 6. I have been involved in everything from 4-H & FFA showing and judging, to being a Veterinary Assistant in an equine practice, to most recently owning my own tack shop for the last 16 years.

Married to Art, with three grown daughters, Marina, Brianna and Julie, we all enjoy trail riding and were involved in the California Trail Trials program for many years giving us all an appreciation for the beautiful trails California has to offer. The desire to help preserve the trails for us and future generations is what brought us to the Redshank Riders Unit and BCHC. I'm looking forward to meeting our members and attending the many rides and community events that Redshank Riders has scheduled in the coming year.



[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org)

**Attn: Members**

If you are interested in hosting a trail ride please contact our Ride Coordinator, Gretchen Peckham to discuss it.

**Email:**

[ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com](mailto:ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com)

**Ph.: 951-763-4249**



**RIDING WAREHOUSE**

BCHC has partnered with Riding Warehouse to give our members a 15% discount!

Ask your Unit Secretary for the discount code!

[www.ridingwarehouse.com](http://www.ridingwarehouse.com)

# Trails and Wilderness Rendezvous

Hosted by Backcountry Horsemen of California  
BCHC Education Fund - a 501c3 Corporation

Tehama County  
Fairgrounds  
Red Bluff, CA  
March 27-29, 2020

**FREE EVENT**



- Kids Games & Activities
- Veterinary Seminars
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- USFS Wild Horse Auction
- Packing Clinics/Demonstrations
- Leave No Trace • Vendors
- Packing Competitions
- CSHA Sponsored Trail Obstacle Challenge
- North State Riding Trail Information for the Whole Family and so much more!



**Friday**

Fund Raising Dinner 6-8pm  
Chad Bushnell in Concert 8pm  
chadbushnell.com

**Saturday**

Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting 5-7pm  
Dinner, Raffle & Auction 7pm



**Participants:**

- USFS, BLM, Coleman Fish Hatchery
- CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife
- Calif. State Horsemen's Association

For more information, visit:

<http://bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm>

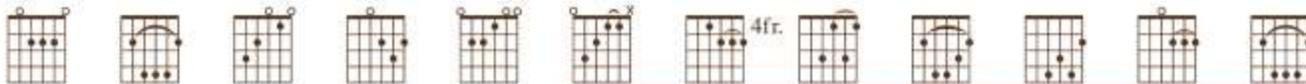
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Email: Lshuman62@gmail.com



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## CHAD BUSHNELL

*In concert Friday March 27th  
2020*

*Doors open at 7:30*

*Concert at 8:30*

*Don Smith Pavilion  
Tehama District Fair*

*For tickets go to:  
[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org)  
530-526-0590 or  
[Lshuman62@gmail.com](mailto:Lshuman62@gmail.com)*

650 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff CA 96080

**March 27th, 2020**

**8:30**

Contact us for more information:

**530-526-0590**

[Lshuman62@gmail.com](mailto:Lshuman62@gmail.com)



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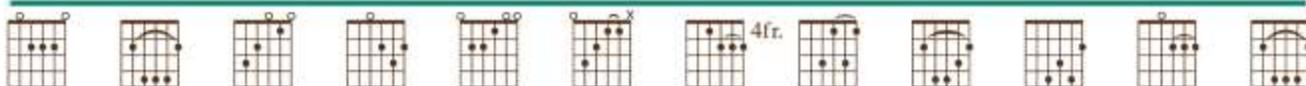
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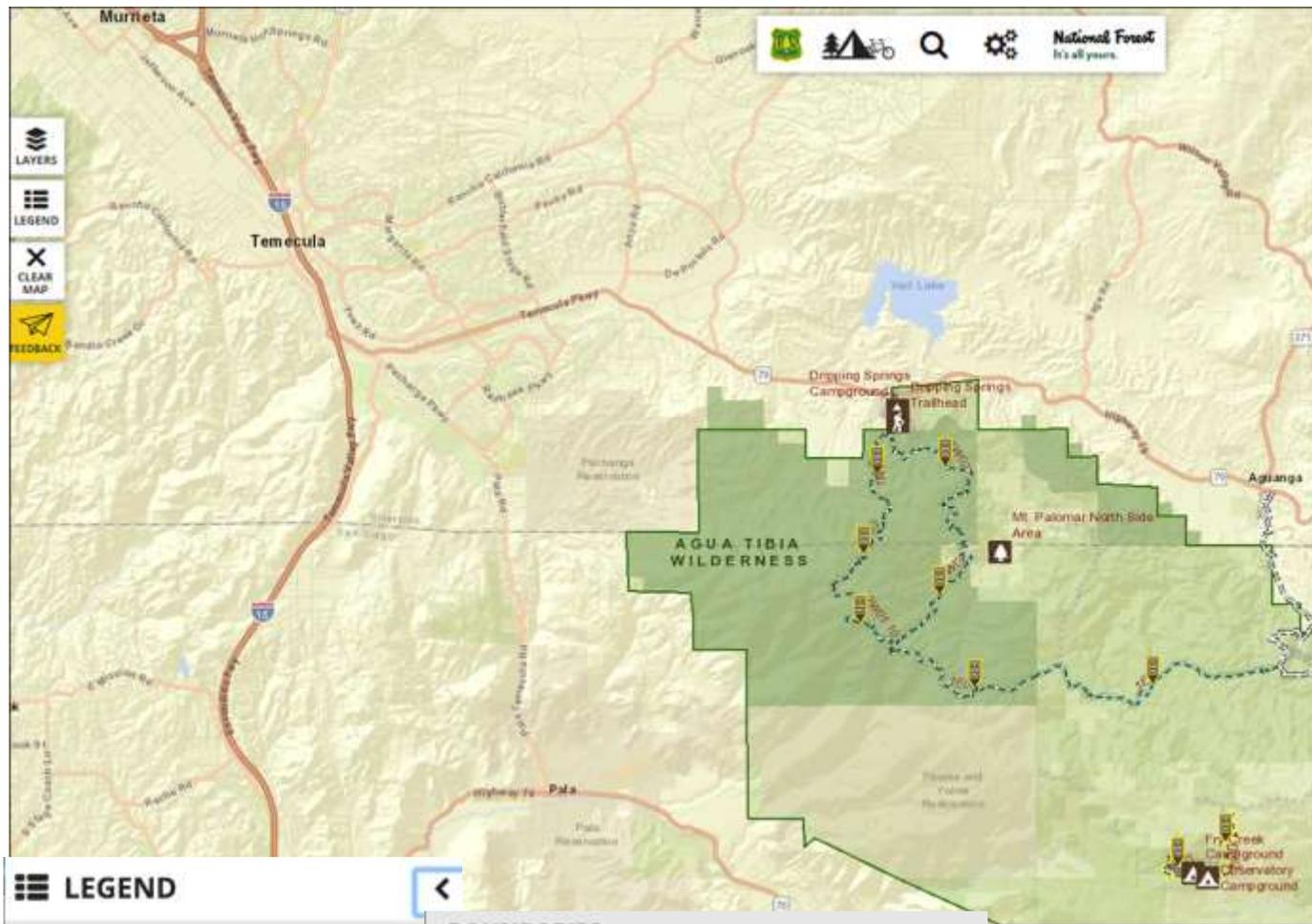
You can purchase tickets in advance for \$20 or \$25 at the door.



## Federal Interactive trails map 2.0 drills down to single trails

<https://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/index.html> - 2/8/2020

Trail information is currently available on the Visitor Map 2.0 for several National Forests, although it is not yet for all their units. As updated trail map information becomes available, it will be displayed on the map, forest-by-forest.



### LEGEND

**NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS**

- Paved Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Gravel Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Dirt Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Road Not Maintained for Passenger Cars
- Road Closed Motorized Traffic is Prohibited

**NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS**

- Fully/Highly Developed Trail (Trail Class 5 & 4)
- Developed Trail (Trail Class 3)
- Moderately/Minimally Developed Trail (Trail Class 2 & 1)
- Trail (Trail Class Not Specified)
- National Historic/Scenic Trails

### BOUNDARIES

- National Forest System Lands
- Non-Forest Service Lands
- Wilderness
- Wild and Scenic River

### LAYERS

- TWITTER
- WILDERNESS
- WEATHER WARNINGS & WATCHES
- FIRE ACTIVITY

To see a list of which Forests and Grasslands have published trails data for the Visitor Map go to:  
<https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/webapps/DataStatusTable/>





## LEAVE NO TRACE



Some comments from the Class of 2017. "We learned so much about how to not impact areas". "We learned about Leave No Trace principles". "It was a lot of Fun while learning." "Super cheap price on all we learned this weekend."

The "Leave No Trace Trainer" course is a two-day, *hands-on* course designed to enhance your understanding of LNT practices and ethics. You will also gain the knowledge, tools, and ideas necessary to reach the public with the LNT message in a variety of settings - such as schools, camps, parks, Wilderness and front country areas.

Anyone who is involved in the outdoors: volunteers, educators, agency staff, and recreationists alike will benefit from this course. Each participant will lead a 15 to 20 minute lesson on one LNT principle.

**Cost: \$40.00 \*\*RSVP BY MAY 16 ~ class size is limited, call now**

**Instructors:** Nyna Cheek, Thomas Firth, Stacy Kuhns

**Time and Location:** Inserra's Ranch, Mountain Center, Ca 9am-5pm

**Contact Information:** Nyna Cheek 951-491-1679 therockincranch@yahoo.com

Stacy Kuhns 909-633-1705 stacykuhns@aol.com



## TRAINER COURSE

**Date: June 6-7 2020**

### Leave No Trace Principles

- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Plan and Prepare
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

**@ The Little Red Schoolhouse, Anza**  
**Thur, Feb 13, 2020 @ 7pm**  
**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Redshank Riders  
BCHC  
P.O. BOX 383  
Agunga, CA 92536



**Star Milling Co.**  
**Stacy Kuhns**  
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## Objectives and Purpose of the Backcountry Horsemen of California

*from the BCHC Bylaws*



- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.