



DESERT SURVIVORS

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TRIP SCHEDULE SUMMER 2010

I veered left and headed for Dripping Spring.
The water is mineralized and smells slightly of sulfur.
Desert travelers are tied to water.
Every cup is precious.

— Bill Broyles, *Peril and Wonder in the Gran Desierto*

1. June 6-12 (Sun-Sat)

DINOSAUR CARCAMP AND GREEN RIVER RAFT TRIP (M)
UTAH/COLORADO

We'll spend three days hiking and sightseeing in Dinosaur National Monument before embarking on four days of rafting down the Green River following John Wesley Powell's adventure through the Gates of Lodore. Guided hikes each day provided by ARTA along with equipment, guides, food, and transportation. This trip is full. Trip leader Bob Lyon.

Contact co-leader: Steve Perry (925) 443-8894

2. June 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

TWIN PEAKS BACKPACK (M/S)
WASHOE COUNTY NV

A quick weekend backpack into an as yet unvisited wilderness study area between the Smoke Creek Desert and the California border. We'll explore canyons and permanent springs in this 90,000-acre WSA at what should be a good time for flowers. From the southwest in the Smoke Creek Archaeological District, we'll work our way up to a high camp and the 6500' Twin Peaks. The terrain is rugged, with basalt ridges and incised canyons, and we'll have some elevation to gain. We can expect pronghorn, mule deer, horses, but not much shade. Limit 12.

Contact Leader: Dave Oline (541) 552-1195
olined@sou.edu

3. June 12-14 (Sat-Mon)

BARSTOW-RODMAN PETROGLYPH TOUR (M)
NORTHWESTERN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

We will visit a number of petroglyph sites north of Barstow including Inscription Canyon, Black Canyon and Murphy's Well. This will include a three-mile hike over flat ground. We will depart Barstow for the Rodman Mountain Wilderness and visit two very prominent sites. This will include a dayhike of five miles over flat ground. The third day will take us to sites near Red Mountain and a final night at Trona Pinnacles. The weather will be warm and the sky will be dark, so plan accordingly. Pace will be sedate. Limit 10.

Contact Leader: Chuck McGinn (530)753-0979, or
cemcginn@gmail.com (preferred)

4. July 10 (Sat)

BEGINNING BACKPACK SEMINAR (E)
SUMMER PICNIC LOCATION

This introductory class is a good refresher emphasizing lightweight, inexpensive backpacking. We'll show how to get your pack weight down to 10 pounds. Equipment topics include backpacks, tents, tarps, sleeping bags, clothes, shoes, and accessories. We'll demonstrate how to start a fire without matches, pitch a tarp, and load and adjust your pack. Learn to carry just what you need with minimum impact on the environment, your back, and your wallet. Limit 12.

Contact Leader: Bob Lyon (415) 586-6855

5. July 10 (Sat)

DESERT SURVIVORS SUMMER PICNIC (E)
ORINDA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Join us for our traditional Summer Picnic. We'll gather at 11 a.m. at a member's house in Orinda (Contra Costa County) for a potluck meal and desert stories. The house has a pool and barbecue apparatus. A hiking trail into Briones Park goes right out the back fence. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members in the outdoors, and perhaps find new hiking partners. A detailed flyer will be sent with directions. *Note: Come early for Bob Lyon's "Beginning Backpack Seminar" at the same location.*

For information, call: Steve Tabor (510) 769-1706

6. July 3-5 (Sat-Mon)

PILOT MOUNTAINS CARCAMP (M)
WESTERN NEVADA

Three days in a convoluted mountain range near Mina. The Pilots are faulted sedimentary rock with interesting textures and erosional forms. We'll drive into the hills and find a camp, then hike two long loops and one short one in canyons, visiting springs for a water survey. We'll have canyon walls and trees for shade. Long views from ridges are a special treat. Campfires on both nights will ward off the mountain chill. *Note: On this wildlife-viewing trip, you must stay behind the leader while hiking; if you cannot, please choose another trip.* Limit 15.

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(E) EASY

(M) MODERATE

(S) STRENUOUS

7. July 16-18 (Fri-Sun)

CLAN ALPINES MEADOW SPRING CYN BACKPACK (M)
CENTRAL NEVADA

Last year we did a great three days in Bob Canyon in the Clan Alpines. This year we'll do Meadow Spring Canyon, a shallow gradient on the west side. We'll hike up the canyon to a spring, then dayhike to the headwaters to see what's there. The map shows springs and lots of trees. Another of our "Neglected Wilderness" trips, and a real exploration. *Note:* On this wildlife-viewing trip, you must stay behind the leader while hiking; if you cannot, please choose another trip. Limit 15.

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8. July 17-18 (Sat-Sun)

PESCADERO CREEK BACKPACK (E/M)
SAN MATEO COUNTY

This hike is intended for beginners but is open to all as space permits. We'll spend two days in the forest along Pescadero Creek, hiking from Sam MacDonald Park to Shaw Flat Trail Camp. Along the way we'll visit the Heritage Grove, the Sierra Club Hikers Hut, and Tarwater Creek. Mike Yantos and Carolyn Dorsch will be our botanical guides. Evening campfire and stories. Limit 10.

Contact Leader: Bob Lyon (415) 586-6855

9. July 30—August 1 (Fri-Sun)

CLAN ALPINES DEEP CANYON BACKPACK (M)
CENTRAL NEVADA

The second three-day backpack into the Clan Alpine Mountains. This time we'll do Deep Canyon, a steep-walled penetration into the range's interior. The topo map shows trees, two springs and some amazing cliffs and outcrops. Our backpack will be benign, but the dayhike to the head may be a humdinger. We'll hike as far as we can. Another real exploration, worthy of Desert Survivors. *Note:* On this wildlife-viewing trip, you must stay behind the leader while hiking; if you cannot, please choose another trip. Limit 15.

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10. August 13-15 (Fri-Sun)

SHELDON WILDLIFE REFUGE CARCAMP (M)
NORTHERN NEVADA

We'll make a base camp at the west side of the Sheldon near Fish Creek and dayhike into Echo and Fish Creek Canyons. August is prime time for viewing migrating pronghorn antelope. The high elevation should make for comfortable weather and moonless night skies will offer fine star gazing. Limit 15.

Contact Leader: Bob Lyon (415) 586-6855

11. August 14-22 (Sat-Sun)

MOQUI CANYON BACKPACK (M)
SOUTHEAST UTAH

In 1992 we did a classic week in this wonderful redrock canyon. We saw cliff dwellings, pictographs, rock pools, green trees, sheer cliffs and thunderstorms on our cross-country quest. This time we'll explore farther north, searching for springs and seeps in tight canyons. Seven days hiking includes two dayhikes. Summer monsoon rains mean full rock pools. Cliff walls and trees provide shade. *Note:* On this wildlife-viewing trip, you must stay behind the leader while hiking; if you cannot, please choose another trip. Limit 15.

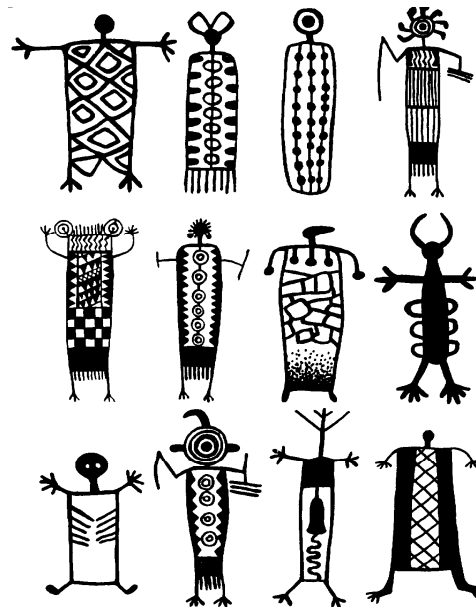
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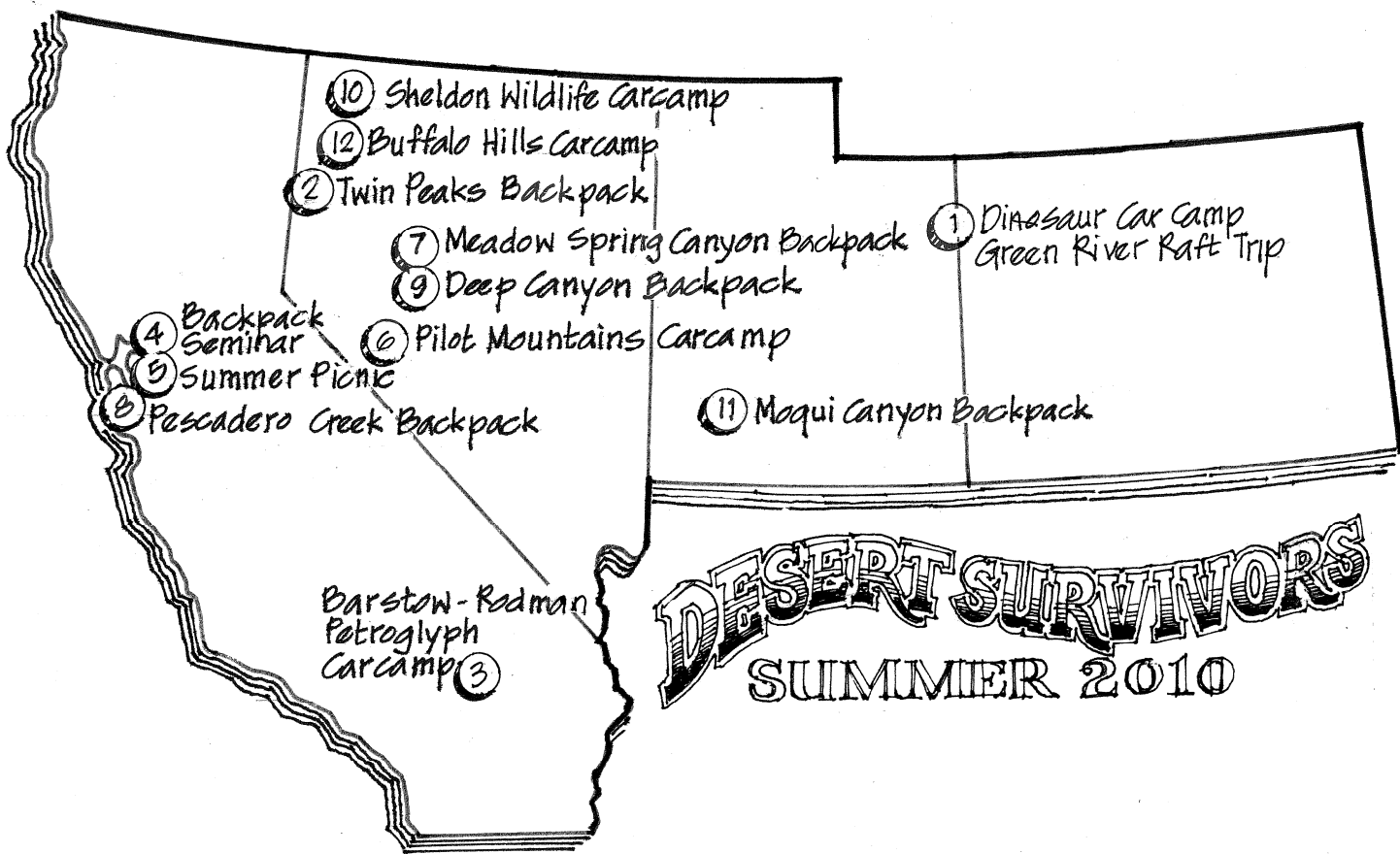
12. September 4-6 (Sat-Mon)

BUFFALO HILLS CARCAMP (M)
NORTHWEST NEVADA

Three days west of the Black Rock in remote hills, watching for wild horses, antelope, coyotes, burrowing owls, and eagles. Day one: Hike Buffalo Creek Canyon in the Twin Peaks WSA. Day two: Hike to the top of Burnt Mountain in the Poodle Mountains. WSA. Day three: Chimney Creek on the west side. Campfires both nights far from the Burning Man urban zone. *Note:* On this wildlife-viewing trip, you must stay behind the leader while hiking; if you cannot, please choose another trip. Limit 15.

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- ◆ Annual membership (\$30) required for trips. A \$20 donation may also be requested by the leader at the trailhead.
- ◆ Each participant must sign a general liability waiver before departing on the trip.
- ◆ Trips are cooperative in nature.
- ◆ Some trips may be exploratory (not previewed by trip leader). Conditions may be difficult and the unexpected may occur. Consult with leader for details before deciding to go on trip.
- ◆ Trip sign-up procedure:
 1. You must call or write leader in advance to reserve space and receive a map and detailed trip description. Leader will confirm your sign-up.
 2. As noted in trip write-ups above, some leaders have set limits to the number of participants.
 3. Sign-ups are first come, first served. A waiting list will be maintained to fill any spaces that arise due to drop-outs.

Please notify the leader ahead of time if you are dropping out.

4. As noted in write-ups, some leaders have set beginning and end dates for signing up.
- ◆ Desert Survivors' trips begin at the designated trailhead. While trip participants are expected to cooperate with the trip leader, each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. In particular, trip participants are responsible for safely transporting themselves to and from trip locales.
 - ◆ Desert Survivors encourages trip participants to carpool as a means to increase driver safety while reducing costs, energy consumption and environmental impacts. Trip participants are responsible for making their own carpool arrangements. Desert Survivors recommends that trip participants make equitable arrangements to share costs, and that all arrangements and financial compensation should be clearly negotiated in advance.

Additional questions? Call: Steve Tabor, President (510) 769-1706
 Dave Halligan, Activities Director, (510) 528-3360
 Desert Survivors online: <http://www.desert-survivors.org>, <mailto:bighorn@desert-survivors.org>



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Phone _____ (h) _____ (w)

E-mail address _____

Special interests or expertise _____

I'd like to volunteer to _____

I'd like to go to _____

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Desert Survivors is an affiliation of desert lovers committed to experiencing, sharing, and protecting desert wilderness wherever we find it. We recognize the places we love to explore will not remain wild unless we give others the opportunity to experience them as we do, and unless we remain vigilant and active in our efforts to monitor and preserve them.

Membership dues are \$30/yr. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Survivor*, plus seasonal trip schedules. Dues also support wilderness preservation efforts and are fully tax-deductible.