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IMMEDIATE BROADCAST
Thurs. and Friday

Sierra Club events this coming weekend include two hikes, plus an invitation to participate in a movie being filmed in the sand dunes at Oceano. LOPEZ CANYON, hidden wilderness gem in mid-California, and the scenic and controversial Hibomo-Oceano Dunes, are the dual attractions planned for a special double-header outdoor weekend, at the request of visiting Sierra Club Kern County Chapter from Bakerfield area. The Lopez Canyon outing on Saturday, February 16, and the Hibomo Dunes outing Sunday, February 20, are designed to acquaint Sierra Club members from Bakerfield with two areas of major conservation interest in San Luis Obispo County. The weekend events are not limited to Sierra Club members, however. ANYONE interested is cordially invited to participate -- by making reservations for the Lopez Canyon trip with the leader, Mrs. Kathleen Jackson of Paso Robles, phone 238-4353. NO RESERVATIONS are necessary for the Hibomo Dunes section of the trip.

The Group will start off as guests for doughnuts and coffee on Saturday morning from 8:00 to 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Jackson, 1039 Chestnut Street, Paso Robles. Cars will then caravan to a trail-head of little-known Lopez Canyon. Shady forest slopes of the rare knob-cone pine, sunny open woodland, numerous creek crossings, fern fringed forest pools and picnic lunch in a secluded and seldom-visited campground, will make a beguiling six easy miles -- all downhill -- to a car shuttle.

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At the end of the day, the group will car-camp in the Group Section of Oceano Campground of Pismo State Beach, three miles south of the town of Pismo Beach. An evening campfire program will be presented with a showing of colored slides of the coast and a talk by naturalist Bill Dennean of Nipomo, an instructor in the Biological Sciences Department of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Campfire music and singing will conclude the evening.

Other campers and visitors in the area, as well as the public are cordially invited to join the group.

SUNDAY MORNING, February 20, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Oceano Campground of Pismo State Beach, the group will conduct a hike and sight-seeing tour of the Nipomo Dunes, which any interested persons may attend.

It is planned to cover both the massive and wind-sculptured dunes which are state owned, located immediately south of Arroyo Grande Creek at Oceano, as well as the towering dunes near scenic Oso Flaco Lake at the southern portion of the San Luis Obispo County dunelands. It is expected to lunch at Waidenform Flats, made popular by dune vehicle recreationists on their well-known dune cleanup trips.

AFTER LUNCH the visitors will return to Oceano Campground to join the 2:00 o'clock Sierra Club event centered on the FILMING OF A MOTION PICTURE of the Nipomo-Oceano Dunes. The public is cordially invited to participate in this movie Sunday afternoon at Oceano Beach. Meeting time is 2:00 p.m. at the entrance to Oceano Campground of Pismo State Beach, 3 miles south of Pismo Beach. The photographers have requested many participants, particularly children - so all are welcome. It is advisable to bring a sweater, drinking water and a snack.

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