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IMMEDIATE BROADCAST
Thur - Fri - Sat
Sun. morning to noon

Thirty-six people turned out last Sunday for the regularly scheduled "Sunday in the Sand Dunes" Sierra Club walk through south San Luis Obispo's famous Nipomo Dunes. Beautiful weather was enjoyed. The steep, high dunes afforded the children much entertainment for leaping and sliding. And naturalist Bill Denneen of Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, contributed great interest to the excursion by explaining the geology of the dune formations and calling attention to the special vegetation and unusual natural relationships in the area.

Next Sunday's ~~outing~~ Sierra Club outing in the Nipomo Dunes will meet, as usual, at 3 p.m. on Highway One, at the intersection of Oso Flaco Road. This point is 13 miles south of Pismo Beach on Highway One, and three miles north of Guadalupe.

The public is invited to join these leisurely Sunday afternoon walks of two or three miles in one of the beauty spots of south San Luis Obispo County. ~~It is~~ Families with children are particularly welcome. It is advised to bring drinking water, a sweater and a snack. For further information, the leader may be contacted; this is Mrs. Kathleen Jackson, Paso Robles 238-4353.

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Thirty~~four~~ people turned out last Sunday for the regularly scheduled "Sunday in the Sand Dunes" Sierra Club walk through the famous Nipomo Dunes, and enjoyed beautiful weather and the ever-shifting light patterns created by the late afternoon rays of the sun playing over the towering dunes.

Led by Gilbert Wilkes, III, assisted by Professor W. Denneen, instructor in natural sciences at Allan Hancock College, the leisurely stroll wound through Maidenform Flats to the beach, with frequent pauses to allow the younger members of the party opportunity to demonstrate their aerial abilities leaping down the steeper sand slopes.

After a leisurely lunch on the beach, the group returned along the outlet of Oso Flaco Lake to the sea, through fields of tall cat-tails and bulrushes.

Denneen commented that he often uses the Nipomo Dunes as a field laboratory for his botany and biology classes. He stated that nowhere else can a naturalist find such a compact, clearly defined area encompassing aquatic, desert and floral areas, where the influence of each area on the other and the corresponding evolution of the various species of flora and fauna can be studied and observed.

Next Sunday's walk in this interesting area will meet as usual at 3 o'clock on Highway One at the intersection of Oso Flaco Lake Road. This point is 13 miles south of Pismo Beach. Families with children are particu. welcome. The public is cordially invited./ It is advisable to bring drinking water, a snack and sweater. ~~The~~ Leader of the walk will be Mrs. Kathleen Jackson. Guest naturalist will be