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Time to Renew your memberships.



All memberships go from April to March of each year. If you have adopted from BASH within

the past year, it will just roll over for another year. \$30 for individual and \$35 for a family.

# Happy Easter...

April 12 Quicksilber Mine Hike

May General Meeting September Ice Cream Social

Dec 12 BASH Christmas Party

## AMAZON SMILES

We have signed up with Amazon Smiles. 1.5 % of sales on Amazon through Smiles comes back to BASH. Use the following link and earn money for BASH.

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0410632





## Quicksilver Mine Hike Sunday April 12 8 am

Meet at the Hacienda park entrance near the picnic tables at 8:00 AM as soon as the park opens so that we can walk before it gets too hot. You can park in the overflow area next to a huge mining equipment exhibit with great interpretive signs and historical markers if you like. We'll have coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast snacks and fruit to nibble while we discuss changes to the hiking routes and what we expect to see. There are no parking or entrance fees.

The hike up the trail to the old mines on top will be our most strenuous yet. The 'Historic Trail' marked by the Boy Scouts with a lot of interpretive information is a loop, 5.1 miles long, and will take about three and a half to four hours. The entrance is at 480 ft., highest point is 1600, so a good climb and lots of ups and downs are involved. You will need to carry water for yourself and your dogs, there is no potable water beyond the entrance facilities.

### The hike information can be found

at <a href="http://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Documents/QUICKSILVER-BROCHURE-SM.pdf">http://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Documents/QUICKSILVER-BROCHURE-SM.pdf</a>.

Bring a printout/accessible image of the map if you can -- Alternate routes can be taken to shorten/lengthen the loop and you don't want to get lost! Dennis wants to start on the Deep Gulch Trail and return on the Mine Hill trail, adjustments to the route along the ridgetops can be discussed over breakfast.

For those of us who can't get though the entire hike, I'm planning to take a shorter, "stroll' up and back down the return leg of the loop (Mine Hill) that will only be about 400 feet increase in elevation on the "Old Mine Trail" section. There are some steep ups and downs at the beginning of this trail, but we'll take it slow with a long rest stop at a good turnaround place. I also might hang out at the picnic tables with my crochet if it's all really too much for my knees next week, so we'll see, but I'd love some

### company!

Bring water, comfortable shoes, dress in layers, wear sunscreen/hats/sunglasses. Insect repellant for mosquitoes and ticks also! This is a wild area, so there may be rattlesnakes, bobcats, pumas, coyotes, skunks, squirrels, lizards. Don't leave valuables in your car. Be aware, not afraid.

6 ft. leashes required for dogs by park rules, and you must pick up after your dogs (they have bag dispensers at the trail entrance.) Sections of trails are shared with horses and bikes. Ideally, have your dog heal or sit off side when hikers or equestrians pass, and don't 'clothesline' bikers with your leash.

Directions: From 880/CA17 or highway 280, take California Highway 85 South toward Gilroy. Exit at Almaden Expressway, stay in right lanes o the off ramp, make the first left, then the next right onto Almaden Expressway south. Drive 4 miles, then turn right onto Old Almaden Road and go about 3 miles through the town of Almaden (the big white house, Casa Grande, on the left Is the Mining Museum.) Just past the last houses, the Hacienda Trailhead parking is to the right. GPS Lat 37 10'26N Long 121 49'30.95"W.





# Greyhound Rock Santa Cruz County Park

Great Day with the Huskies at Greyhound Rock Beach Park!

12 of us and 11 dogs went out for the day at Greyhound Rock Beach, one of the small Santa Cruz County beach parks near Davenport that Nicole from Santa Cruz had recommended we try for one of our Husky Hike outings. It was great! The weather



couldn't have been better for a day at the beach, sunny, warm, and no wind. We timed it just right so that we got there as the tide was receding, and the beach was relatively unpeopled, with classic Northern California beach views worthy of travel posters.

Dead ahead of the entry trail (paved but steep, with a few slippery spots, and three or four nice benches for enjoying the view while catching your

breath) is the large, smooth Greyhound Rock. Indeed, it does look like a giant sleeping greyhound, head between rock paws, a pointy nose stretched out to the northeast beach area. If you squint, you can see ears, a wrinkled brow and stop, and a small bulbous nose, and the big rounded south pointing tailend looks like tucked in haunches.

Looking south, a smooth beach borders straight drop off cliffs that cut back into small coves, which had the most picturesque soft mist drifting back into them. North of 'the dog rock' there were easily accessible tide pools with a variety of interesting inhabitants, a few

more craggy offshore rocks, and a smooth beach you can hike on up to a fresh water creek where you can get dog water.

It was a real pleasure to watch all the dogs play, run through the surf, dig in the sand, and generally behave with energy and very good spirits. People seemed to enjoy the visit as well, as there were many options -- going out on the rock, walking up the beach, poking in the tide pools, and just sitting and sunning and taking it all in. And of course the conversation was great; husky people are great to be around.

We have to plan this destination again, for future husky outings! Some of the participants will be sending out some pics of the day's adventure over the next couple of days, so we can share the day with everybody. Would love to hear comments, suggestions, ideas for the future.

Speaking of which, we are looking at the April/May Husky Hike to be an early starting (8:00) Saturday or Sunday morning walk through the Almaden Mercury Mines park near Umunhum. We need suggestions for the best parking/starting point with some necessary amenities (there are several gates, which open at different times) and specific trail routes that will be comfortable for leashed dogs as the weather turns warmer. Also, and any dates we should know not to pick due to other events and obligations.

Thank you, everyone, for turning out to enjoy the day with your dogs! Greta and Dennis



# **Umunhum Camping**

We are in a holding pattern for now. We had to move the container from where it was to a new location in the same area. In doing that we had to disconnect the power. We are in the process of reconnecting it, but we have to wait on PGE for engineering and approval. As soon as I know that I hope to schedule some dates to run. Where we park has changed also. There is now a new area where people can set up their tents and be more protected from the wind.

## Like us on Facebook

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Bringing back old articles....since we haven't seen snow I thought I would bring back the last time we had SnoBASH- enjoy

## PAWS Vaccine Clinic Volunteers needed

Dr. Rusher runs a clinic that's proceeds benefit the animals at the San Jose Shelter. Dr. Rusher has helped BASH for many years with her services (and many members). The clinic could use a couple of volunteers to help as cashiers. We are seeing an average of 130 pets (100 owners) during our 2 hour clinic. We would like people to commit to either (or both) 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8:40 to 11:30 am at the San Jose Shelter. You would be trained. We are trying to have 2 cashiers all the time. It is easy and fun and would be great if you would like to help. Commitment would be voluntary but nice if when you can't attend then you let us know.

If you are interested in more information, please contact me at BASH@com-ctl.com

Thanks, Randee

# Rescue April 2015



All of our dogs have been placed as of this moment except for Bravo that Heron and Arturo have. He is the second dog this year that we have rescued with a broken front leg. He is about 5 weeks into 8+ weeks of recovery. Pat Hannum just placed Frankie with a wonderful family in Idaho (yes Idaho) They contacted us and drove all the way to Pat's home to meet Frankie and take him home. Randy and Beth both had Siberians this month that were also placed. I am doing 4 puppies for Norsled

We are participating in Maddie's fund again this year. Please mark your calendars for May 30 and 31. This year they are pushing more for dogs with major medical that we rescue both young and old. A major medical dog under 7 we will receive \$1200 this year and a dog 7 and over we will receive \$2500. A dog under 7 without any medical we receive \$200 and \$1200 for a dog without medical needs and 7 and over.

Maddie's fund has allowed us to help more dogs in the past 3 years than we could in the past. With the funding that we have received we have been able to offer to all that adopt from us at least one free private session with a certified behaviorist. It has helped a number of people so that they can enjoy their "rescued" Siberian even more.

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2015-2016

Membership \$30.00 Family \$35.00

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Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2016. Send membership renewal form and check to:

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

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#### **Upcoming Adoption Fairs**

First Saturday PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 850 W. Hamilton, Campbell 408-371-1841

Second Saturday PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 175 Ranch Road, Milpitas 408-258-9806

Third Saturday Pet Food Express 11 am to 1 pm 1152 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, (408) 269-3333

Check with foster homes if they will be at a specific adoption fairs.