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Many Fun Activities Planned for Annual AANR-West Summer Festival

The annual AANR-West Summer Festival will be held this year at the Glen Eden Sun Club in Corona from Friday, **June 3 through Sunday, June 5.**

All AANR members are welcome! Show your current membership card at the front desk to pay the discount gate fee of \$26.00 per day. (All others will pay \$31 per day). Call GE office for more info: (951) 277-4650 and to reserve overnight accommodations (subject to availability).

Glen Eden has a full slate of club activities planned for the event. The highlight, of course, will be the annual “Dare to be Bare” 5K race through the park on Saturday morning (see story on page 6).

Water volleyball is slated all three days at the indoor heated pool. Also available is pickleball, outdoor volleyball, and tennis. Saturday will also see a ukulele jam and Sunday will have mid-afternoon karaoke.

There will be a DJ Dance on Friday night and a Band Dance on Saturday night. Saturday afternoon, DJ’s Broadway Joe & Anita will provide background music above the main pool.

AANR-West will have an information booth located in the new volleyball area where members of our Board will be happy to answer any of your questions and to discuss all of the various programs the Region provides to its members.



Correcting this Summer’s AANR-West Convention Dates

Last, the dates for our AANR West summer convention at Shangri-la Ranch in Arizona were published with the wrong dates. **The correct dates are July 29-Aug 1**, not the weekend before. Please make sure you use the new dates for any travel plans you or your club members may be making to attend.



Shangri La Ranch Is Rockin’!

By Andy Walden, AANR-West Secretary

Arizona is famous for its Painted Desert and, someday soon, Shangri La Ranch north of Phoenix will be just as famous for its painted rocks. It started a few years ago with residents and guests painting their names on the smooth river stones found around the washes of the ranch. It wasn’t long before their artistic talents surfaced and more expressive creations appeared. Scenes of RV life, desert landscapes, secluded island dreams and odes to clothes-free living can be found around the pool, along the walkways and on garden walls around Shangri La. They have inspired others to add to the collection and it’s a joy to discover new ones which seem to appear overnight by the talented rock elves!

A couple of additions to this collect include the creations of Linda Weber’s husband Stan. He has a number of his talented paintings but two in particular are the WiNR Rocks. Each of them invites the ladies to turn the stone over, revealing a QR code which will lead their smartphone to the Women’s page of aanrWest.org! Since these rocks are already in a nudist environment, the hope is that visitors will discover the dedicated web page and inspire ladies to add their testimonials which, in turn, will encourage others to give Naturism a try.

Stan says there are more on the way that may start popping up in other clubs and elsewhere.





AANR WEST KIDS CAMP WEEK

WHEN: JUNE 20-27, 2021

WHERE: OLIVE DELL RANCH, COLTON, CA

Some of the Activities during this Fun Week will include:

- Pool games
- Arts and crafts
- Sports
- Social skills development
- Talent show
- Campfire with Drum Circle
- Movie Nights
- Body Painting
- Nature walks and rock scrambling
- Blacks Beach and Deep Creek field trips

Note: In the swimming pool, hot tub, and sauna, nudity is always required. Weather and common sense will decide at all other times, with children and adults being nude most of the time.

Another AANR Membership Benefit for Families!

Kid's Summer Camp Confirmed for Olive Dell Ranch June 20-27

By Claudia Kellersch, AANR-West Chairperson for Youth Under Age 18 Committee

The AANR-West Kids Camp is scheduled for June 20-27, 2021, a full week at Olive Dell Ranch in Colton, California. It is open to children between the ages of 8 to 17. The cost per child will be \$200 for all children. If an AANR family cannot afford the full-week camp fee for a child, which includes all food, activities, entertainment and use of a tent, they are encouraged to ask their AANR club to sponsor them. Guests will be considered after all spots for AANR families have been filled. Prices will be higher for non-AANR members and will include AANR membership for one year for one adult and their child(ren).

All parents, grandparents and/or legal guardians of campers are welcome to participate in the camp. If your child is under 13, we especially invite you to actively join in the success of this program. People unrelated to the campers will need permission from the camp organizer and/or the camp director to be present.

A camp director, youth counsellors and volunteer staff with experience from other nudist/naturist youth camps will be leading many different activities, including social skill development, various arts and crafts, a community service project, nature walks, two full-day outdoors excursions (Blacks Beach and Deep Creek hot springs) and so much more with ample pool time to relax.

Please look for the registration forms on the AANR West website at aanrwest.org/kidscamp.html. Registration with a check of \$ 100 (deposit) is due by June 1 to hold your spot.

Please see the AANR-West Website for more details, as well, as the registration form.

The \$100/balance per child due is payable on or before the first day of camp.

Price includes all meals, all activities and supplies plus a tent, if requested. Due to the current public health situation, all campers must bring and use their own camping equipment other than a tent being set up for them upon request.

Please mark your calendar now and save this week in June 2021 to get your kids away from screens and to their well-deserved summer camp in the great outdoors with lots of fun social interaction that we have all been missing for so long.

I (Claudia) have been put in charge of organizing this camp. Please direct all questions me at claudiakellersch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest! Your kids will love it!

Who May Attend:

- Open to children between ages 8 and 17, with activities designed for different age brackets based on the number of participants.
- Eligibility for the participation in the AANR West camp is a membership benefit for children and grandchildren of AANR members.

Price \$200

Total per child

Costs:

- \$100/per child deposit required before June 1, 2021. The \$100/balance per child due payable on or before the first day of camp.
- Prospective participating families are encouraged to ask their AANR club(s) to sponsor them, if the child participation of \$200 is an obstacle to their application to participate.
- Price includes all meals, all activities and supplies plus a tent, if requested. Due to the current public health situation, all campers must bring and use their own camping equipment other than a tent being set up for them upon request.

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May 19 Online Women’s Forum Will Discuss “What Hurdles Have You Overcome?”

By Treena Saavedra, WINR Co-Chair

For the past six months, AANR-West has hosted a monthly online workshop for the women members in our region. This workshop lasts about for an hour or so, depending on the topic being discussed and the enthusiasm of the participants.

Topic for 5/19: “What Hurdles Have You Overcome in Your Quest to Being a Nudist/Naturist?”

Hosts are: **Treena Saavedra**, AANR-W Board member and co-chair, WINR; President, Roadrunner Naturist Club in New Mexico, and **Linda Weber**, AANR-W Board member and co-chair, WINR; @TrueBlueNude on Twitter and other social media platforms

The Forum will run approximately an hour and will be clothing-optional. If you would like to be nude like the hosts, great! If not, please feel free to wear whatever makes you comfortable.

Wed, May 19, 2021 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Arizona & Pacific Time Zones). Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. This month’s link to connect:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/803798493>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(872) 240-3311 Access Code: 803-798-493

Participants do not need to download any applications to use it. If you have an Internet browser, just click the link and you are in!

In attendance have been women from several different clubs, women who are AANR members but not affiliated with any club, and some non-member guests who are curious about social nudism and want to hear more.

If you have a female friend who would like to “dip a toe” into nudism/naturism, please feel free to have them sit in as we will have a Q&A session to answer questions you may have regarding living the naturist philosophy.

To ensure the integrity of this “ladies only” event, participants must have a camera and be visible. At this time, we cannot entertain call-in visitors. Thank you for your understanding.

The discussions are always interesting and the feedback is they are very useful.

GPS T-Shirts Have Arrived and Are Available for Sale



The attractive new 2021 T-Shirts showing the GPS coordinates for each of the nudist parks/resorts in the region are now available for purchase online at: <https://aanrwest.org/our-region/store>.

.Shirts come in white and range in size **from Large to Triple XL**. The cost is \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping if purchased online.

Western Region’s Passport Program Is Now Available at AANR Clubs

Starting in March 2021, AANR-West members and non-members can purchase a new Passport for use during the following 16 months (through July 1, 2022). **Clubs can order passports in blocks of 5 books at no charge.** (Some clubs may choose to charge their members a small fee).



For those members not affiliated with a destination resort, **Passports may be purchased directly** from the www.aanrwest.com website for \$10 each (plus \$3.50 shipping).

How It Works: The Nudist Passport is designed to encourage visits to multiple nudist resort and non-landed clubs throughout AANR-West. Bring your Passport with you when checking in for your visit. The club check-in person will stamp/mark your Passport.

Visit as many different clubs as possible before the July 1, 2022 deadline! Mail the back tear-out pages in the back of the book to us to be entered into the drawing at the 2022 Regional Convention (prizes include merchandise & stays at various locations).

The number of raffle tickets you receive is equal to the number of different clubs you visited during the contest period. **The more locations you visit the more chances you have to win.**

Reminder: AANR-West Scholarship Applications Deadline is June 1



AANR-West is offering a merit-based scholarship this summer to students graduating from high school during the 2020-2021 academic year. Specific requirements are available on the AANR-West website for those interested.

The **deadline for receipt of all material is June 1, 2021**, with a subject line of “AANR-West Scholarship.” A completed application consists of the most current high school transcripts and a letter as described on the website.

Incomplete applications will not be considered; thus, it would be best to send all of the required material in the same email. The committee will review the applications and respond no later than June 10, 2021.

All material must be sent via email to Larry.Gould@nau.edu. Visit the Scholarship web page at www.aanrwest.org/our-region/scholarship.

Have You Pod Cast Yet? Looking for People to Interview!

The Las Vegas Naturists club has started a weekly "podcast" on "Clubhouse". It already has thousands of listeners from all over the world.

A successful podcast requires interesting guests to interview, and so AANR-West is joining with the Las Vegas club to recruit guest speakers from our clubs to talk about themselves, their clubs, and/or about social nudism in general.

If you or your club is interested in participating, contact Hardy Brunell, the owner of LV Naturists at ActionNude@gmail.com.



Photo Contest! What Did You Do for World Naked Gardening Day? Tell Us or Show Us!

The April 2021 AANR Bulletin is filled with articles about the upcoming World Nude Gardening Day (WNGD) on **Saturday, May 1**. AANR-West is doing our part too as we wish to gather stories about what our members are doing to celebrate the event.

WNGD is celebrated the first Saturday in May each year and 2021 marks the 16th annual year when people across the globe are encouraged to tend their gardens, flower boxes, and backyards clothed only as nature intended.

If you don't have the means to plant or to tend a backyard garden, you can make an effort to pull weeds, grow simple vegetables or herbs in a patio flower box. Most importantly, you must tell someone about your experience. So, tell us what you did, where you did it, and how it went. We will publish your stories here in a future newsletter.

And of course, feel free to make World Naked Gardening Day an everyday event.

Nude Gardening Day Photo Contest!

As we did last year, AANR-West will be soliciting photos from its members for World Naked Gardening Day. Send a photo of your World Naked Gardening Day experience to information@aanrwest.org. We will publish them in a future newsletter issue. The submission deadline is **June 1**. Prizes for the best ones. Let's see some originality!

The criterion used for the judging will be as follows:

- Relevance to Theme
- Uniqueness/Originality of Concept
- Composition/Color/arrangement
- Overall Artistic Impression
- Clarity and Quality of Submission
- Persons photographed must be AANR-West members for the entry to be considered.

Western Nudist Research Library Western Library Announces New Amazon Smile Donation Process

The Western Nudist Research Library is now on AmazonSmile! If you're not familiar with it, AmazonSmile provides a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. Simply go to smile.amazon.com to login to your amazon account and select a charitable organization. Search for the **Western Nudist Research Library** and select it as your charity of choice. Then, bookmark smile.amazon.com, and be sure to use that link to do all your amazon shopping. Proceeds from your purchases will go to support the research and preservation of nudism's great history!

The Western Nudist Research Library is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the mission of collecting, preserving, and displaying materials related to the origin and development of the American Social Nudist movement. The library lives on the grounds of the Glen Eden Sun Club, and relies solely on financial support from library members. Beyond supporting the library through AmazonSmile, you can become a member or make a tax deductible donation at nudistresearchlibrary.com.



90th AANRversary Committee Has Swag Available For Clubs

Saturday, July 10 2021 will mark a day of special celebrations of our 90th AANRversary. AANR formed an Ad Hoc committee a few months ago to figure out the best way to celebrate it. The hashtag #AANR90th has started to be used in all social media posts.

In our April Western Sun newsletter, we wrote that all 240 clubs were being encouraged to think and plan now for an activity honoring the occasion. One such suggestion is for their members to take a **group photo** spelling out “90,” either by ZOOM, or arranging nude bodies to form the number in a pool or having people hold up individual “90” signs on a lawn, etc.

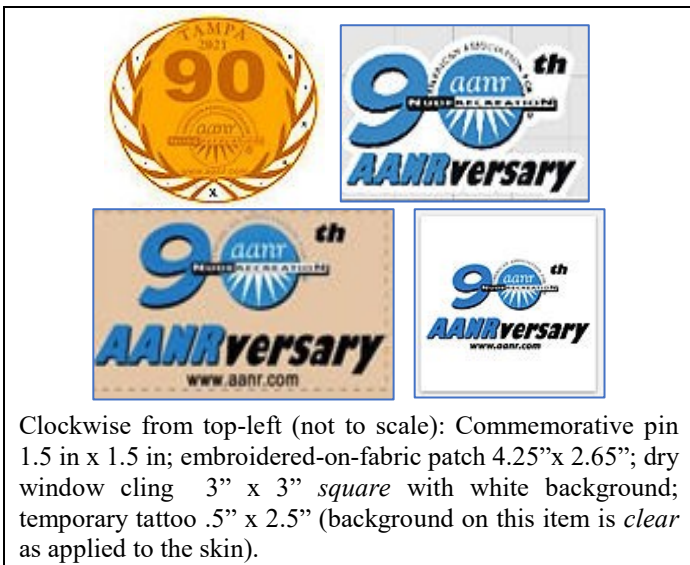
The AANR main office is asking that any such photos be submitted to them no later than July 15 so they can appear in a double-page collage in the September *Bulletin* issue. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative way “90” is used in a photo.

Individual members not affiliated with a club are also asked to participate in the photo contest, and to find their own creative ways to incorporate the “AANRversary” theme into a photo. Anything that embodies the spirit of the 90th celebration is welcome.

While AANR is suggesting the photos be taken on **July 10**, the designated day for the anniversary, that is not a hard and fast rule. Photos can be taken any time just as long as they are submitted by the July 15 deadline.

Giveaway Swag!

Additionally,, the committee has authorized the purchase of several giveaway items for interested AANR members. These will be available through the clubs or via email request in May after they are shipped to the various regional offices for distribution. Photos and descriptions of giveaway items available:



Clockwise from top-left (not to scale): Commemorative pin 1.5 in x 1.5 in; embroidered-on-fabric patch 4.25”x 2.65”; dry window cling 3” x 3” square with white background; temporary tattoo .5” x 2.5” (background on this item is clear as applied to the skin).

AANR Committee Recommends Not to Change Org’s Name

Over the past several years various leaders within the AANR organization have suggested that the American Association for Nude Recreation change its name to something else. Some didn’t like the name “Nude” while others wanted “Recreation” changed to “Rights,” among other things.

At the beginning of 2021, President Kathy Watzel formed an Ad Hoc committee to examine all the options. The 6-person appointed committee represented a cross-section of leaders and Trustees representing a cross section of the geography and temperament. They met online and over the course of several months received and discussed 39 different suggestions. While several of the suggested names bordered on brilliant, it was the unanimous consensus of the committee that none of these suggestions was compelling enough to put the organization through the difficulties inherent in changing the name.

No More “AANR International”

The committee also unanimously agreed that the word “**international**” only be used as an adjective (as in “the international main office”) and not in a way such that it appears that “international” could be misunderstood as part of the AANR name (as in calling it “AANR International” on social media or calling the main office the “national office.”).

The committee voted to encourages its Trustees, officers, Regional Presidents, and office staff to educate clubs and members on the correct way to refer to the name of the organization.

A report from the committee is being sent to the full Board of Trustees for review at the international summer convention.

April Newsletter Errata

When writing and editing our monthly newsletter, sometimes we have to cut paragraphs out so everything will fit. In our April issue we removed two important things.

Mira Vista Convention Story

First, we cut our very deep thanks to **Mira Vista Resort** for hosting our AANR-West Board meeting on March 13. Their staff was excellent and went out of their way to make us feel comfortable and to make the meeting logistics go smoothly. As we come out of this pandemic, I suggest you put their resort in Tucson on your must-visit list. Don’t forget to bring your AANR-West Passport and have it stamped at the front desk!

Elysium Fields Online Video Talk

Second, in the story about our video talk about the history of Elysium Fields, I neglected to credit the Naturist Society Foundation for hosting the event. Our sister national organization does these online meetings every month and always cover interesting topics. To register for future talks, go to <https://naturistsociety.com/events/>.



AANR-West Regional 2021 Intra-Club Sports Calendar

April 24	Olive Dell Beer Mile Run
April 25	Olive Dell Bare Burro 5K Run
June 5	Glen Eden Dare to Be Bare 5K Run
July 27	Regional Volleyball Tournament, Shangri-La Ranch
Aug 7	Annual SCNA Summer Games Competition, Olive Dell Ranch
Sept 18	World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles
Sept 26	De Anza Springs 5K Fun Run
TBA	Shangri-La 5K Run



Above: among the runners were AANR-West board member Claudia Kellersch and her family. Olive Dell manage Becki Kilborn spreads her arms in joy that the race has begun. AAN member Dennis Crane flashed victory sign at finish line.



Bare Burro 5K Starting Line – Read- Set- Go!

Olive Dell Ranch 5K Bare Burro Run Has Record Turnout

COLTON, Calif. – A record 328 runners registered for the annual Bare Burro 5K Run at Olive Dell Ranch. The race was held Sunday morning, April 25, under skies that opened to the sun just in time for the 10:30 AM start after having been overcast with mist the night before. More than 275 runners completed the course in 2019.

Awards were given to the top three male and female finishers and the top three finishers in each decade age range from under-20 to as high as 80.

Runners and their friends were welcome to remain on the Olive Dell grounds afterwards and to use the property's pool, hot tub, and other facilities for the rest of the day.

Except for running shoes and optional support bras for women, runners were required to run nude.

The Bare Burro Run was first held in 2010, and the Bare Burro is now established as the premier nude running event in Southern California.

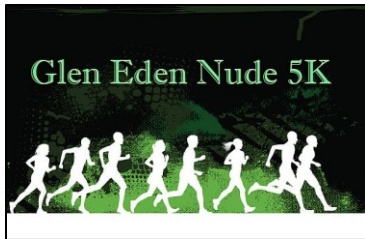
Registration Deadline Soon for Glen Eden's 5K Nude Run

Glen Eden has opened registration for its annual "Dare to be Bare" Nude 5k walk/run on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The race snakes two laps around the club's streets and pathways.

Registration for the race will be conducted online through our website at GlenEden.com. We encourage early registration as Covid restrictions may limit the number of registrants we are allowed. All registrations will be online, even if you show up on race day.

- Early registration (\$40. Thru 5/5/21)
- Reg registration (\$45. Thru 6/2/21)
- Late registration (\$50. 6/3/21 Thru 6/5/21)
- 17 and under (\$10.)

The registration fee includes the 5K Nude run/walk, timing chip, continental breakfast, 1 drink ticket in the beer and wine garden, a free tote bag with commemorative gifts, medals for top 3 in each age group, and awards for top overall male and female finishers, admission, and gate fees to Glen Eden on race day (or the weekend if camping). It also includes dry camping (tents or RV's) from Friday through Sunday. Experience the entire weekend of fun festivities. Any guests not registered to run will need to pay gate fees accordingly.



Anyone wishing to book for camping should call the Glen Eden office at (951) 277-4650. There are trailer rentals you can reserve if you do not want to dry camp, subject to availability.

This is a mandatory nude event. Only shoes, socks, hats/visors, sunglasses, water packs, and big smiles may be worn during the event. (Guests too!) Women will be permitted to wear a sports bra if desired only during the actual race. No exceptions will be made.

For the privacy of its members, Glen Eden has a very strict “no photography” policy. Doors open at 6:30, Race starts at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any direct race questions, please contact Heather at 5KNudeRun@gleneden.com.

Registration Opens April 3 for Bare Booty 5K Fun Run at De Anza

Date: Sunday **Sept 26, 2021**, 9 am

Registration Fees: \$34 Adults, \$5 Children under Age 18



Event limited to first 100 to register. No Registration after Sun Sept 19, 2021.

Registration includes a custom beach towel. There will be prizes for the top six female finishers and top six male finishers.

This event, like the original Olympics, is a nude run. Shoes, hats, sunscreen, and big smiles are welcome. De Anza Springs Resort is clothing optional, so before and after the run, feel free to dress/undress, as you feel comfortable.

To register, go to:

<https://www.runguides.com/event/10652/bare-booty-5k-fun-run>

AANR Runners in CA Central Valley Seeks Others to Run Together

We received this email a few weeks ago and decided to share it with everyone. Contact us at information@aanrwest.org if you are interested in participating! ,

“I live in the City of Fresno. I went running naked a few times on a trail in the Sierras just south of Yosemite last year. I thought it would be cool to do a group run with others in the area who like to hike/run nude.

“Unfortunately, I know of no nude running groups in Central California. I just sent an email around to those in the area and got the same answer. There are specific areas set aside for runs within a couple of the nudist parks in the state, namely Olive Dell, De Anza Springs and Glen Eden to the south, and at Laguna del Sol near Sacramento, and that is it. There are several hiking trail in the Sierras near some traditional hot springs, but they are not running paths per se. Anyone interested in a group run?”

Government Affairs



Above: Location of Little Beach in SW quadrant of Maui

Hawaii Reopens Little Beach With Restrictions, But Kehena Beach Is Now Under Attack

By Gary Mussell

In January, we reported that state park officials had closed the popular *Puu Olai Beach*, also known as Little Beach, at Makena State Park on Maui, claiming the weekend parties and drumming circle contained “blatant nudity, illegal alcohol and hundreds of mask less people in close contact.” New locked gates blocking the main pathway to the beach were installed.

On March 13, Little Beach was quietly reopened but new signs at the park entrance ban drug and alcohol use, nudity, and fires. New beach closure times for the beach were also posted.

In mid-April, Suzanne Schell, owner of the Laguna del Sol and Mira Vista nudist resorts wrote to us:

“We have been on Maui for a week and have visited Little Beach twice. It had been about 15 years since we were last here and the beach is the same, with the exception of the metal gate. Most people are nude. The 4 pm closure is only for Saturdays and Sundays. I think it's open until 7 pm on the other days of the week. We have other friends here this week who have gone to Little Beach for 6 days and were there yesterday (Sunday) when everyone was packing up to leave by 4 and a park official was there to clear everyone out so that he could lock the gate. No problems at all with nudity or any sign of enforcement, other than clearing people out for closing. Although there are a couple of new signs that list nudity as one of the things not allowed (along with alcohol, drugs, camping), it certainly doesn't appear to be something that is being enforced.”

The Naturist Action Committee (NAC) and AANR’s Government Affairs Team (GAT) have joined forces with several local nude beach advocates in Hawaii to present a united voice supporting this traditional nude beach. They are currently

incorporating a new version of **Friends of Little Beach** (the previous version disbanded a decade ago).

Meanwhile the Hawaii Parks Department has announced it is reevaluating all of its recreational priorities. There is an online survey we can all take (as tourists) to advocate the state parks revoke their rule against optional top free and nude beaches. The survey takes about five minutes and is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCORP2021>.

In the comment box, be sure to tell them clothing-optional beaches and Little Beach in particular is the main reason you visit the islands when you come.

Friends of Little Beach representatives are planning to attend public hearings and will ask for designated clothing optional beaches on several different islands.

Kehena Beach, Big Island



Above: Location of Kahena Beach in SE quadrant of Hawaii's Big Island. Kahena Beach is near the AANR club Hangin Loose.

Because of lava overtaking other beaches in the southwestern corner of the Big Island, Kehena Beach is the only accessible spot on the Puna coastline. Since last year it has started attracting large crowds, both nude and textile, especially on weekends when a drumming circle ceremony is held at sunset. The packed black sand beach is making social distancing difficult.

Starting in late March, and over the past four weekends, more than 100 citations have been issued there for violations ranging from marijuana possession and "public lewdness" (i.e. public nudity.) Nudists have traditionally used the beach for several decades without a hassle.

Law enforcement officers told *West Hawaii Today* they did sweeps of the beach to enforce mask-wearing where parties could not safely keep 6 feet apart. Cars parked along Highway 137 near the beach were also cited for minor traffic issues.

In a common refrain for the islands, police officers say there are simply too many people who want to enjoy the state's beauty spots.

Local nudists see this as a continuation of the crackdown begun at Little Beach on Maui at the start of the year.



Photo from West Hawaii Today news article shows officer walking Kahena Beach issuing citations.

Summary of Legislative Bills We Are Following in the Western Region

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West GAT Chair
The Western Region includes Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and the western half of Mexico.



Here are some of the bills submitted for the 2021 legislative sessions in our region that we are watching:

ARIZONA - SESSION ENDED 4/23

Arizona 2021 HB 2568 and HB 2502. This bill passed both legislative houses and is now on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. This makes it unlawful for a person, with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, or harass a specific person or persons, to direct in an electronic communication any obscene, lewd, or profane language or suggest any lewd or lascivious act to the person or to threaten to inflict physical harm in any electronic communication. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. This could include nudist photos.

CALIFORNIA - 2-YEAR LEGISLATURE

California 2021 SB 53. The bill is having trouble getting out of the Public Safety Committee and has been amended several times. This bill makes it a crime for a person to knowingly send an unsolicited image by electronic means depicting any person engaging in an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, sexual penetration, or masturbation or (and this part affect nudists) "depicting the exposed genitals or anus of any person." The bill would make the crime punishable as an infraction by a fine of \$250 (originally \$500) for a first offense and \$750 (originally \$1,000) for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

This bill is sponsored by Bumble and is supported by Feminist Majority and the California Women's Law Center. **We are opposed to the bill in its current form** as it directly affects our nudist websites, publications, and sharing of images between members.

UTAH – SESSION ENDED 3/5

Utah 2021 HB 147. This bill was signed by the Governor on 3/11/21. Current Utah law forbids the distribution of “intimate images” (genitals, breasts, intercourse, etc.); that is a “reasonable person” might cause personal emotional distress or harm” if the person in the image did not consent to the image being taken.

The definition includes the **visual depiction of nudity or partial nudity** This bill would eliminate the requirement of actual emotional distress or harm. In other words, do not distribute anyone’s nude photo through the internet without written consent.

WYOMING - SESSION ENDED 4/2

Wyoming 2021 HB 85. This bill was signed into law by the Governor on 3/31/21.

This bill makes the nonconsensual dissemination of an intimate image a crime; specifying elements and penalties of the offense; providing definitions; providing exemptions; and providing for an effective date. In other words, you need a photo release for anyone you take a nude photo of. This could include nudist photos.

Friends Group Starts Petition To Make Carpinteria’s Bates Beach “Officially” Nude



On April 13, the Friends of Bates Beach division of the SCNA club launched an online petition to "Make the Traditional Nude Section of Bates Beach Official." They are asking all AANR members (and their friends) to log into the web site to add their names to the list.

The petition site is: <https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>.

The goal is to see how strong our support in the community is and see if the time is right to ask the Board of Supervisors to make the small change in the county’s nudity ordinance so that Bates moves beyond its current “tolerated” status to something more permanent.

Reminder: AANR-West Will Accept Awards Nominations to July 1

The region invites all members to nominate people they know who have made outstanding contributions to the social nudist movement to be our Man/Woman/Family of the Year. We wish to honor those unsung heroes among our clubs (and also those with no club affiliation). If you a nominee, contact us at information@aanrwest.org. Deadline for submission is July 1.

Advertise In This Western Sun Monthly Newsletter!

Western Sun Ad Rates Effective 01/01/2021:

Business Ad Sizes:

Frequency:	2” high x 3.5” wide	4” high x 3.5” wide
1 time only	\$ 55 ea.	\$ 75 ea.
6 times	\$240 (\$40/mo.)	\$400 (\$67/mo.)
12 times (annual)	\$400 (\$34/mo.)	\$750 (\$63/mo.)

Personal Ads

Per Month Only	\$25 one time	30-word limit
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For more information and to download a contact form, contact information@aanrwest.org. Rates are above.

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Jack Gescheidt's TreeSpirit collection of fine art photographs are now available to AANR-West members at a discount.

AANR-West members can purchase one or more of three specific TreeSpirit art posters at

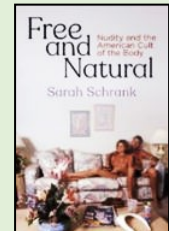
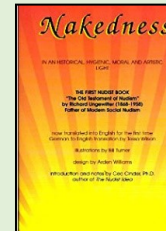
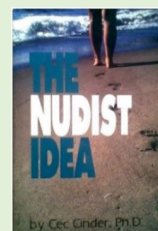
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Visit the gallery at: www.TreeSpiritProject.com/gallery

To order, email your choice and a full name and mailing address to AANR-West at information@aanrwest.org. For custom sizes or materials, allow 2-3 weeks delivery time.

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Contact us at information@aanrwest.org



The Nudist Idea: \$27.32 incl tax, plus shipping.

Nakedness \$19.66 incl tax, plus shipping.

Free and Natural \$32.49 plus tax and shipping



- **CANYON STATES (PHOENIX)**

No club information available this month

- **MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)**

Visitors to Mira Vista will be informed wearing a mask is now optional but the park asks everyone to continue practicing social distancing and to wash hands often. Reservations: Please call 520-744-2355

The Mira Vista Lounge is open for indoor and outdoor seating, Friday 5 to 10 and Saturday 4 to 10.

Saturday night 4/24 there was a poolside dance with music by D & M under the Ramada. The lounge was open for cocktails with easy access to the pool, but no outside alcohol was permitted.

The April 5 Easter Dance poolside was well attended. People wore bunny ears or cottontails.

On April 18 during the afternoon, there was live music poolside at the gazebo with Driveway Guy's: Tom Kasper with 2 fools on stools.

- **MOJAVE SUN CLUB**



Mohave Sun Club's St Paddy's party included a complete Irish Meal prepared by Debby with green drinks and games hosted by Mike.

April 10 - The Splash into Spring party was hosted by Ray and Jane. Their new conversation pool was enjoyed as was the ping pong tournament.

April 24 - Norma and Dennis hosted their annual Casino Party with roulette table, antique slots, etc. using monopoly money with the winnings used to bid on prizes. Chinese takeout was the main course for dinner and guests were encouraged to bring Chinese themed side dishes and desserts.

On May 1 the club held a swimming Cinco de Mayo party with games at Sharron and Spikes. There will be a prize for best nude costume (hats, body decor, etc.) representing the holiday.

For more info on Mohave Sun Club events or to RSVP, email club at mohavesunclub@gmail.com or contact Sharron at (503) 803-8189.

Reminder: AANR Bulletin Will Promote Your Non-Landed Clubs

The *AANR Bulletin* publishes articles highlighting AANR's non-landed clubs. To get your non-landed club and activities featured, contact Donna Mollan at donnamollan@gmail.com with information about events, your location, and other promotions.

Below is a roundup from our 38 clubs in the Western Region, based upon their emails to us and a review of their websites. The list is organized alphabetically by state.

ARIZONA

There are no restrictions for individuals visiting Arizona from other U.S. States. Each resort is to advise guests to observe proper hygiene and maintain proper social distance but the mask-wearing mandate in the state has been lifted. Wear masks is now a personal decision in Arizona

- **ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS (PHOENIX)**

Bev Price is planning her annual Grand Canyon Nude White-Water trip for June 5 - 15. Reservations have been filled for months and there is a long waiting list, according to Bev. There are no other club activities planned.

- **BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)**

As more people are becoming vaccinated, the Buff-A-Teers club is gradually expanding the opportunities for their members to get together. For example, on April 18th Buff-A-Teers members enjoyed a gorgeous day out at a fellow member's beautiful 5-acre estate (which includes a lake - no less!) During the outing everyone enjoyed each other's company while feasting on lunch and playing horseshoes. The time was also used to have the annual Buff-A-teers Board of Directors Election for 2021-22.

Looking ahead, on May 15, Buff members will gather together for a textile lunch at a popular rustic steakhouse and then proceed to a nearby member's home for a relaxing clothing optional afternoon in the sun. More events are still being planned for June and beyond.

The Tucson Buff-A-Teers is listed on **Meetup.com** under Tucson Clothing Optional Recreation Meetup and can also be found at their website where you can find updates regarding events. If you are in the Tucson area, you are welcome to join the Buff-A-Teers as a guest at some of their monthly events.

Representatives for the Buff-A-Teers can be contacted at tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com.

Web Site: <https://sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers/>

• **SHANGRI-LA RANCH**

At the Ranch during May Line Dancing returns on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Weekly Dances every Saturday night in April. For more, go to the website activity page at: <https://shangrilaranch.com/>

Below is the official wedding photo of AANR-West VP Jeff Tendick’s marriage to AANR-West Treasurer Cyndi Faber on April 1. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Both are members of Shangri-la Ranch.



CALIFORNIA

Statewide, different counties are operating at different levels of mandated pandemic sequestering according to their recent infection rates. These are constantly changing so check with your club before visiting for the latest information. Most clubs are allowing visitors and some outdoor sports are starting up again.

• **DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT (JACUMBA)**

We have learned that Gary Holden, General Manager of De Anza Springs Resort, has left to seek other opportunities in Arizona. Meanwhile previous owner Dave Landman is building a second home in Texas, but he says he is also “keeping our home at DeAnza.” We were told that there will be other personnel changes at the park in the future.



Construction continues around the park to improve the landscaping, and for road and site maintenance.

“Please visit their website online often. As each phase of our planned restoration of the resort begins, we will do everything in our power to ensure you a safe and relaxing visit.

The park remains open with facial masks and social distancing required.

The AANR-West Fall Festival is scheduled for De Anza Springs Resort on in October.

For reservations, call (619) 766-4301 or visit the web site at: www.deanzasprings.com. Email: stay@deanzasprings.com

• **GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)**

From the club president: “Indoor activities remain restricted. If not living in the same household and not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required when social distancing of 6ft is not possible. • If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask while participating in outdoor activities such as tennis, pickleball, volleyball, water volleyball, yoga and water aerobics is optional. We continue to recommend that each individual take responsibility for his/her own wellbeing.”

Visit <https://gleneden.com/calendar/> for a complete activity list, subject to change.



GE Hosts Toga-Themed Movie Night

“The Greeks arrived on March 27 for an Animal House movie night and toga party. Who would have guessed so many people had togas in their costume repertoire? Folks brought or bought their own food and beverage, staked out their own outdoor area, and almost froze to death watching *Animal House* into the late evening. The weather that started out warm enough for a toga ended up cool enough to need a blanket or two!

Wellness Hour Moves to Monthly

Starting the first week in May the weekly GE Wellness Hour is evolving into a monthly event, which will be both in person and on Zoom. During its first 21 weekends, this popular workshop had guest speakers who discussed everything from the gender unicorn to biofeedback. The Wellness Committee is actively recruiting workshop presenters on wellness topics. We will also have a wellness table at the 5-K Run weekend.

Grand Reopening

Among the event highlights for May is a park “Grand Reopening” on Memorial Weekend May 28-31, anticipating a gradual return to normal.

“There will be plenty of entertainment on the Outdoor Stage. Also, we will be celebrating our new pools, new patios, new lawns, the pavilion addition, the parcourse, all kinds of fun stuff. Come play Tennis, Pickleball, Water Volleyball, Landed Volleyball, and many other activities. We will also have a Blood Drive in Piper Hall on that Saturday.”

Summer Festival and 5K Run


GE is also hosting its annual 5K Run through the park on June 5. That is also the weekend for the annual AANR-West Summer Festival there. See story on page 1 of this newsletter.

Blood Drive

Glen Eden Sun Club

Location: Piper Hall
25999 Glen Eden Rd
Temescal Valley, CA 92883

Friday, May 28, 2021
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



On July 10, Glen Eden is planning a Women's Open House Day (free gate fees!) More information on this will be in the June newsletter.

• LAGUNA DEL SOL (WILTON, NEAR SACRAMENTO)



The conversation pool is open. However, there are still restrictions to follow...4 people or 4 couples at a time AT the mark for a maximum of 20 minutes at a time if people are waiting.

Reservation Day!

The Laguna del Sol reservation day (4/24) for 2022 went well on Saturday afternoon. They had a member DJ on the volleyball court where the drawing was held. About 180 RV space and room reservation forms were turned in as raffle numbers were drawn. To keep interest until the end, the last ticket drawn gets to be first for 2023 reservations.

On Sunday, 4/25 a party was held in the upper picnic area for Mary Cunningham, honoring her 25 years of service as head of housekeeping. It was the actual anniversary date of her first day of work on April 25, 1996! Mary was a member before starting work and has been a resident for over 20 years.

Future Events

While events previously scheduled this year have been cancelled, planning is in full swing for Nudestock in mid-September. Most of the 6 bands have already been booked. The restaurant is hiring staff in preparation for reopening very soon. We are waiting for guidance from the county and state regarding the bar and dances and when they might resume.

The club anticipates the can provide indoor sit-down restaurant service again beginning sometime in May. Check their website for all current updates.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these updates, please contact the office directly at: (916) 687-6550. Email: office@lagunadelisol.com

• LUPIN LODGE (LOS GATOS, NEAR SAN JOSE)

Sign-ups are no longer needed for use of the pool and Jacuzzi. Please remember to sanitize and put the blue cover on the hot tub after use, especially in the evening and at night if you are the last person in the hot tub! Please maintain social distancing and only soak with your pod.

April 17 Earth Day saw a celebration led by the Horticultural Club and there was music on the lawn all afternoon Saturday into the early evening. Sunday saw Michael lead his Qigong class on the waterfall lawn.

Apr 24 was the annual Crazy Hat DJ Dance.

May 9 will be a Mother's Day Brunch (all day).

"The Stout" Competitive Volleyball Tournament will be played monthly on 5/15, 6/12, 7/10, 8/7, 9/18, and 10/16. This is a round robin event with prizes and trophies at the end of the season. Due to COVID-19 it is mandatory that players be vaccinated for your safety and others.

• NORTHERN CA EXPOSURE / RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)

The club celebrated World Naked Garden Day on May 1 for members who have been vaccinated. For more info, contact the club at: members@norcal Exposure.com

• OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)

Visit Olive Dell Ranch's Facebook page for the most recent information about their events. You must maintain proper social distancing from other guests at all times. Masks are optional but recommended. Gatehouse hours: Thursday-Monday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Park is closed to nonmembers on Tuesday & Wednesday Website: www.olivedellranch.com Email: bnude@earthlink.net

April 24 & 25 - The Beer Run and 5K Bare Burro Run are discussed in another article in this newsletter.



May 29-30 is the annual Pirates of the Caribbean Weekend with games, entertainment, and food! Saturday afternoon there is an auction and flea market, a fortune telling booth, a Walk the Plank Dunk Tank, "Pelt the Pirate" booth, Tug of War, plus a few other surprises, so bring some extra cash. Even though this is normally a nude-only resort you are allowed to wear your best pirate-y gear (except in the pool and Jacuzzi) during the day. In fact, if you DON'T wear something pirate-y you are liable to be thrown into the little jail reserved for uncooperative wenches! Buck 'N' Ear corn on the cob will be sold during the day as a fundraiser for the Juniors.

Saturday night is the traditional Captain Bobby's BBQ Rib Dinner. Afterwards there is a "pirate" theme dance scheduled with prizes given for best costume at the dance.

• OLYMPIAN CLUB (TUSTIN, ORANGE COUNTY)

All club activities have been suspended until it is safe for our members to attend functions. All dues paid during 2020 will cover two years and not be due again until 2022.

Meanwhile, we are planning more "Happy Hour" events on ZOOM. These will be free. Members will be notified as to dates and times.

Website: www.olympianclub.com

Email: olympianclub@aol.com

• SEQUOIANS (CASTRO VALLEY, EAST BAY)

The club is located in the beautiful hill country east of San Francisco Bay. Sequoians is a clothes-free club, and all visitors are expected to be nude while on the premises. Office hours are weekends/holidays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Do visit us at www.sequoians.com, or call (510) 582-0194.

Special events for May include:

- May 1: A Kentucky Derby race and bonnet contest.
- May 2: Bocce Ball League.
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo Margaritas
- May 8: Festival of Colors, and a D.J. Bollywood Dance
- May 9: Cookie baking for kids
- May 15: Music on the Deck and Big 'O' Birthdays
- May 22: Volunteer Service Party and Full Moon Hike
- May 23: Soap Making
- on May 23;
- May 29: Cake Contest and Comedy Night
- May 30: 1940's Style Dance and a hike on May 31.

• SCNA (LOS ANGELES)

SCNA has started in-person events again, subject to COVID-19 restrictions (masks and social distancing according to state and county rules):

Apr 17: Crazy Hat Pool Party



About two dozen vaccinated members got together for the first time in many months to enjoy the heated pool in Altadena, CA and to dress up wearing some outrageous head gear!

Apr 25: Academy Award "Oscar" Party. Black ties and tiaras were the only acceptable

form of dress as members got together to eat popcorn and watch the awards show.

April 29-May 2: Annual Saline Valley Camping Trip. This is an annual trip that some members take to a unique and beautiful hot spring next to Death Valley before the weather gets too hot.

May 8: Revenge of The Nerds Party. Pocket protectors and slide rules required.

June 19: The first Bates Beach Saturday Picnic is scheduled for this day. We expect over 50 to come so please RSVP.

SCNA continues to host monthly online game parties, which have proved to be very popular. Meanwhile, we continue to host monthly members meetings on Meetup.com for members and newcomers.

Email: scna@socalnaturist.org Website: socalnaturist.org

COLORADO

• FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (BOULDER)

No information was submitted this month. Web site is:

<https://frncolorado.com/>

• MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER AREA)

Over a foot of late-season snow hit the park in the middle of April, delaying the scheduled **pool re-opening** until the end of the month. For updates, watch our website and Facebook page.

April 24-25 is Clean-up Weekend. Every year we invite the members to join the staff in putting a spit shine on MAR. Lunch will be provided each day to all volunteers. Some of the projects we would like to accomplish outdoors include finishing the lodge trim painting and grout, fire pit repair, and picnic table repair. Indoors: A deep clean for the lodge, community kitchen, clubhouse and sauna building is on the list.

MAR is opening a new **Kid Room** at the end of April. We have provided a safe infant area, arts and crafts area, media center and much more. We need to fill the Kid's Room with "New Toys" if you would like to donate to this cause please call the office at 303-697-4083. We are looking for modern, educational, and easy to sanitize and clean toys.

Upcoming Events:

5/8/2021 Highway Cleanup

5/9/2021 Mother's Day Celebration

5/15/2021 Game Day

5/28/2021 Memorial Day Weekend begins 3 great days including Bocce and Cribbage Tournaments, Bingo Night, Karaoke, and a Spring Dance with black light and body painting.

HAWAII

• LITTLE BEACH (MAUI)

See story under Government Affairs above.

• HANGIN' LOOSE (BIG ISLAND)

The COVID-19 pandemic hit this tourist-focused B&B very hard. In April, members Andy Walden and Linda Weber announced they have taken over management of Hangin' Loose so that this 2½ acre clothing optional retreat can stay open.

• SWIM FREE HAWAII (BIG ISLAND)

Swim Free Hawaii is a clothing-optional boat charter that gives you the opportunity to explore the island in an exciting, safe, and comfortable environment.

Capt. Chuck has over 30 years of experience to guide our journey through the breathtaking waters of the Big

Island. Whether you're interested in snorkeling, swimming, or just sunbathing nude, we offer a unique, safe, and quality experience we guarantee to be unforgettable.

NEVADA

"Nevada is reopening all gaming properties on June 4, as we gradually and cautiously return to a new normal," said Gov. Sisolak. "

• LAS VEGAS BARES

The club has scheduled nude kayak trips from Willow Beach twice a month on Mondays or Tuesdays. They also do a full moon hike to AZ hot springs or other locations on the Full moon of each month. Contact us for more information at nakedinvegas@yahoo.com

• LAS VEGAS NATURISTS B&B

Las Vegas Naturists has their B&B and the grounds open to out of town guest and locals to chill out and work on your tan. We will be starting our weekly Saturday Potluck and Volleyball events in June.

Las Vegas Naturists gives a **free night's stay** at our B&B for hospital "front line heroes." We have a new shade structure, added to the hummingbird retreat, and the pickleball court is nearly finished. Email for event information at: actionnude@gmail.com

• NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (LAKE TAHOE)

The weather is still unpredictable in this area, but COVID restrictions are beginning to lift. We are having a membership recruitment BBQ on June 13, a trip to Laguna Del Sol from July 5-11. Other activities for this summer are still being finalized. Check out our new events calendar at www.nnnaturist.org.

We are a non-landed AANR club serving Northern Nevada and California. Based out of Reno, Nevada, and formed for the enjoyment of social nudism. We frequently meet at members' homes for activities or Lake Tahoe Nude Beaches and Sierra Ville Hot Springs. For more information, visit our web page at <https://nnnaturist.org>.

NEW MEXICO

• ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)

Roadrunner Naturists is an active group of nudists based in northern New Mexico, with most events held in the Albuquerque area.

The club's website shows no events for the month of May due to state and county COVID-19 restrictions. Email us at: RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com.

• FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, LLC

For camping information, call 575-536-9663 or email: faywoodhotsprings.nm@gmail.com

• SUN TREE TRAVEL CLUB (LAS CRUCES)

For club activities, email: information@suntree.net

UTAH

• SUNS (ST. GEORGE)

04/17 - "We had a great group and a fantastic time at our party today. About half of us painted for a while and then enjoyed the sun and pool with the rest of the group.

"The weather was warm and sunny and the pool was just the right temperature to hang out in. If you haven't been here in a while, please come on out as we have a lot of new members for you to meet.



"I reached out to a painting instructor (whose events I have attended in the past) to see if she would be willing to do an event with us. She used to work for Paint Night/ Yaymaker but left them to start her own business called "Buzzed Arts." She was comfortable with the idea and I approached the SUNS to find out how many would be interested in such an event. The response was sufficient enough, so we made it happen!

"We had nine members painting that day and they seemed to have a great time. Our instructor also had some great conversations with our members and seemed to enjoy herself as well. She has indicated her interest in doing more painting events with us as well.

04/24 - "Our SUNS Swim today was a lot of fun, although the sun was hiding behind clouds off and on during the afternoon. The pool was warm and had a lot of use, as did the hot tub.

The Evite invitation has just gone out for the event on May 8. We hope to see everyone there!!!" - Arlene

• WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)

"Our monthly swims are still on hold. Hopefully cases continue to decline and we will be able to resume the swims in the next few months."

"We just had our first event of the year - a nude campout at some hot springs on BLM land. It was a lot of fun and it was great to see each other again after all these months. We have a couple more campouts planned for June and July, so we are looking forward to those. We are planning some outdoor activities for the summer."

We have developed a popular online blog for your stories and comments at: <https://wasatchnaturists.com/blog>. For more information, email the club at: wasatchnaturists@gmail.com.