



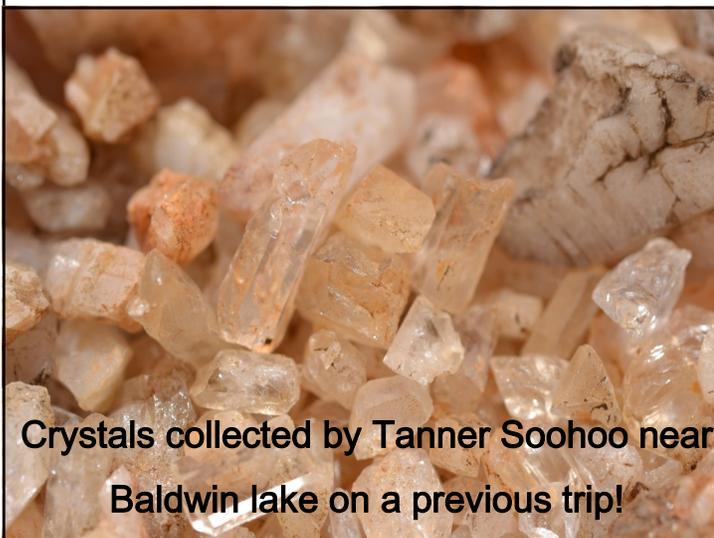
# Field Trip to Big Bear Area

## Saturday, September 23, 2017

In 1845 Benjamin Wilson, a future Los Angeles mayor, tramped up the mountain in pursuit of a band of cattle-stealing Paiute Indians. At the crest of the mountain, Wilson and his 22 men found a deep, lush valley around a shallow, swampy lake. There, they lassoed 11 grizzlies and called the place ---- not Mt. Wilson, which bears his name, but – Bear Valley!

This month we 'll enjoy a classic field trip adventure! On Saturday, September 23rd, we will search for lapidary specimens in the Big Bear area. We 'll meet at 9 A.M. at the Discovery Center - 40971 North Shore Drive, Fawnskin CA 92333. [www.sbnfa.org/bigbeardiscoverycenter.php](http://www.sbnfa.org/bigbeardiscoverycenter.php).

We 'll hunt druzy coated stones and quartz crystals near Baldwin Lake, visit a copper mine and various other interesting places. Be sure to bring a lunch, as we might not be able to get into town. Bring your camera, waling stick and all of the other things you would bring on a day trip. You know - hat, bug repellent, sun screen, water, first aid and so forth.



Crystals collected by Tanner Soohoo near Baldwin lake on a previous trip!

The weather and other factors are never certain. Last-minute cancellation is always a possibility. This said, please give me a call to let me know you are coming ( 626 ) 620-7239 or by an email to [joenmar1@verizon.net](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net) and watch for updates on the web site. — Joe Goetz



Directions: Directions: You should allow 2 hours to get there from Pasadena. From Pasadena take the I-210 east for 55.3 miles. After crossing the I-15 you will continue on the CA-210 Freeway east. In San Bernardino, merge onto CA-330 N at EXIT 81 toward Mountain Resorts. Drive 15.7 miles. CA-330 N becomes CA-18. Continue 12.3 miles. Turn left onto CA-38 for 3.7 miles. CA-38 is named North Shore Drive at this point. Look for the Discovery Center at address 40971.



**Please take photos of you, the group, things collected and places that you find interesting. Email them to [PasadenaLapidary@aol.com](mailto:PasadenaLapidary@aol.com).**