



SERRANO CREEK RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER



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Over the last year, the demand for labor has clearly outstripped the supply. The labor shortage is genuine, especially for the economic strata our employees are in. The great resignation is absolute when the BLS statistics show that there are 1.7 job openings for every unemployed person. One needs to only drive around to see the many help wanted signs for restaurants, building contractors, delivery trucks etc. As a result, we need to be sensitive that while SCR is the best place to work on earth, our staff is keenly aware that other companies are pushing wages up to attract OUR employees.

Our employees are especially sensitive to core expenses such as housing, food, and fuel. While the official inflation rate of consumers is 9%, the above core expenses are much, much higher than the stated 9%. To ensure that our employees still see SCR as paying fair wages, In the last year, we have given two raises totaling 14+% to ensure that they don't even consider going anywhere else. Our employees possess years of experience, and to lose one for a dollar per hour seems penny-wise but pound foolish.

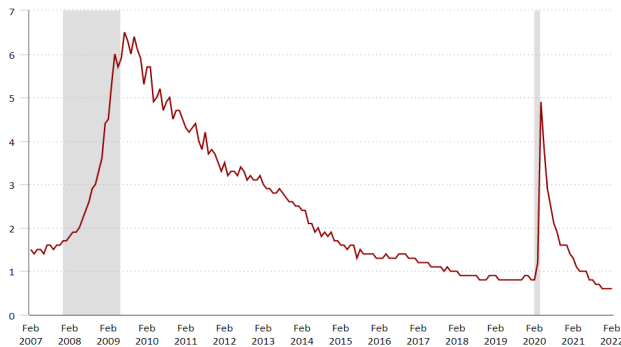
SCR has seen its own costs increases with higher material costs, fuel surcharges on deliveries, fuel for the equipment, and licensing expenses that are also well beyond the 8%. Effective June 1, SCR will need to raise its board, alfalfa, tack shed and trailer parking to backfill for these costs it has experienced in the last year. A rate sheet is attached for your review.

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Number of unemployed persons per job opening, seasonally adjusted
Click and drag within the chart to zoom in on time periods

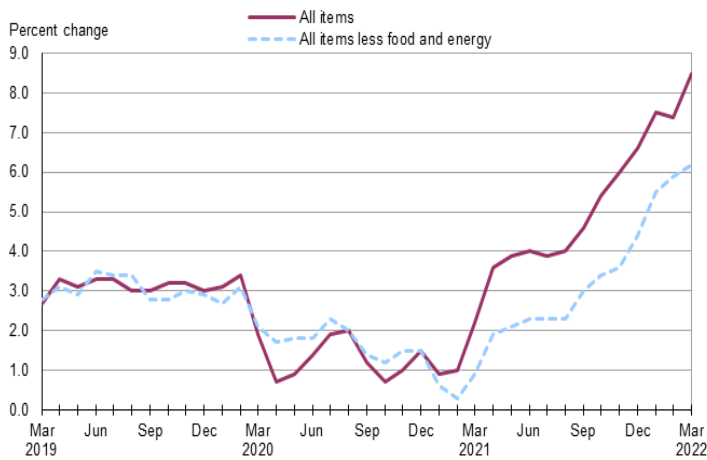


Hover over chart to view data.
Note: Shaded area represents recession, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, March 2019–March 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A special note regarding trailer parking. We have had many issues with customer parking vs. trailer parking this past year. As such we have instituted a moratorium on new trailer parking to reduce the number of parking spaces trailers occupy. For those remaining trailers an extra increase was added to compensate for the total reduction in paying trailers.

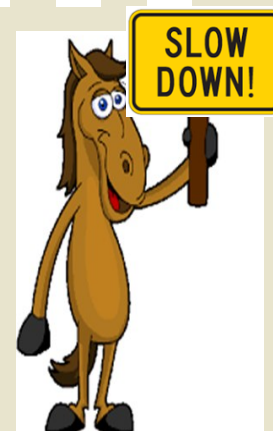
Thank you for your understanding.

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SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS

Slow Down!

Please remember that our speed limit is 5MPH on stable grounds and even slower when horses and riders are present. We ask that all trainers communicate this rule to their clients. We have seen students' parents drive fast as they are dropping off and picking up their kids. The office staff is doing their best to let the compost customers and delivery services, alike, of our speed limit.



Guests At SCR

As a reminder, any guests, leasers, or people that are helping you take care of your horse are your responsibility when they are on SCR property. It is the responsibility of the owner to have their guest read, understand, and sign the SCR Safety Manual and release form, which is available in the office.



Wash Rack

As the days are getting warmer, please remember that the wash rack is the only designated area to bathed or rinse off your horse. We ask that you please do not bathed or rinse your horse on any other part of the stable's ground. When bathing your horse, please make sure that you use the least amount of water as possible, and make sure that your horse is being rinsed off on the concrete portion only. It is extremely important to clean after your horse, so please pick up any manure or trash and dispose of it in the proper receptacle.



Unsupervised Children

Please remember that all children under the age of 10 must be always accompanied by an adult at all times when on the facility of SCR. The children ages of 11-18 are required to be accompanied by an adult or have a release form on file in the office signed by a parent or guardian. If you choose to have a release form signed for your child, please remember to review the SCR Safety Manual with your child. SCR is a large facility, and we cannot be responsible for the supervision of minors. All parents are responsible for the safety of their minor children. We ask that you please do not allow your children to climb on or play near the haystack, shavings pile, tractors, or rocks strictly prohibited.



News from the Stormwater Desk

For Serrano to stay open, our runoff must be at or below specific criteria for eight constituents. These are :

- pH
- Total Suspended Solids
- Total Nitrogen
- Ammonia As N
- Phosphorus
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- Fecal Coliform / E Coli
- Oil & Gas

Of these, we are failing at our total suspended solids (TSS) standard. TSS is the dust of a specific size that remains suspended in a water sample for a specific period. We are also above, but not as severely for total nitrogen and ammonia As N.

Historically we swept the aisles and walkways, but this does little good in preventing the fine dust from reaching the stable's discharge point. Sweeping only removes the coarsest sediment. Hence the high test results.

We began using the blowers before our last stormwater test. For the first time in all the years of testing, we just barely passed this standard for TSS. So why are the blowers effective? Because they remove the finest dust (< 2 microns) in the concrete, asphalt, and the pores of the pavers. When these surfaces are cleaned, they act as a trap, collecting this very difficult pollutant during rain events. Trapping the fines sediments hinders them from being transported along the with the stormwater.

Unfortunately, we can't just blow just before a storm event. This is because blowing only removes the loose fines on the surface. Those fines that are deeper in the cracks require multiple blowings before they come loose

Another benefit is that nitrogen and phosphorus tend to bind to sediment. Nutrients hitchhike for the ride when the fine sediment is transported along with the stormwater. Therefore, by reducing the sediment loads in the stormwater column, we expect to see reductions in nitrogen and phosphorus.

Lastly, by making the surface rougher, the stormwater moves slower. This is known as Manning's Coefficient of Roughness for the watershed geeks. When water is sped up, it will carry more sediment. Conversely, when it is forced to slow down, it will carry less sediment- which is our goal.

Who would have thought there was so much anxiety about dirt?

Professional Services Directory



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Western & Barrel
Training/ Lessons
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Silver Iris Farms
All-Around English & 3-Day
Eventing
(949) 395-0932

Tom Betts-Aranda
Dressage Lessons
(949)291-8262

Brave Grace
Equine Inspired Growth and
Healing
(949) 371-6240

New Flight Counseling
Equine Assisted EMDR
(949)793-9264

Simple Horses Sense
Equine Assisted Counseling
(714)468-2512

Serrano Creek Ranch Monthly Rates

Effective June 1, 2022

Prices includes daily stall Cleaning.

A security deposit of \$325 per stall and \$25 per tack shed is required.

Stall	Price/Mo.
12 x 24 1/3 Cover	\$428
12 x 24 1/2 Cover	\$437
12 x 24 Full Cover	\$465
Breezeway (12 x 24) + Aisle	\$462
Breezeway (13 x 25) + Aisle	\$520
16 x 24 1/3 Covered	\$487
18 x 24 Full Cover	\$548
24 x 24 1/3 Cover	\$558
24 x 24 3/8 Cover	\$566
24 x 24 1/2 Cover	\$575
24 x 24 5/8 Cover	\$584
24 x 24 3/4 Cover	\$595
24 x24 Full Cover	\$601
24 x 30 1/2 Cover	\$646
24 x 30 3/4 Cover	\$674
24 x 36 1/2 Cover	\$649
Box Stall 12 x 12 - w/o shavings	\$484
Box Stall 12 x 16 - w/o shavings	\$492
Box Stall 12 x 24 - w/o shavings	\$539

***Board fees include manure disposal, stormwater compliance, and annual winterization.**

Add Ons:

Tack Shed	\$34
Trailer Parking	\$95
Dry Stall Charge - Per Day	\$10

Feed: (Horses are fed three times per day.)

Description	2.5 - 3 Lbs	5 - 6 Lbs	9 - 10 Lbs
1 Feed of Alfalfa	\$29	\$44	\$66
1 Feed of Orchard	\$36	\$59	\$91
1 Feed of Timothy	\$38	\$63	\$97
1 Feeding of Special Feed	\$18	Per Meal	

LATE FEES: \$35 per horse on all board received after the grace period (10th of the month)

INTEREST: 1.5% on all accounts 30+ days late (18% per annum)

NSF CHARGES: \$35