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The Field Trips

WTC encourages students to challenge themselves throughout the ten week course by way of field trips; a conditioning day hike, a weekend in Joshua Tree mastering navigation and rock technique, a day hike featuring the art of negotiating snow travel, and a long weekend in the Eastern Sierras we call Snow Camp, the culmination and application of all their newly learned skills.



Above: Joshua Tree weekend found these Orange County students scrambling up legendary peak 4377.

Right: OC students approaching Inspiration Point high above Pasadena during their Mt. Lowe conditioning hike.

On the cover: OC Leader Ken Wagner sweeps for his students on Snow Day in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Baldy

All Photos by James Austin.

ed. note: James is an Orange County WTC Group 2 student who's put together a terrific website featuring these and many other marvelous photos. Go to www.digitaldrifter.org



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Headline Deadlines

Absolute deadlines for submitting outings

For publication in the Summer WTC Newsletter:

April 29 Last day to submit restricted outings to the Outings Chair.

May 13 Last day to submit non-restricted outings to Area Outings Coordinators.

May 20 Last day for Outings Coordinators to submit write-ups to the Outings Chair.

May 27 Last day for all WTC Newsletter submissions.

For publication in the November 1, 2002 thru February 28, 2003 Angeles Chapter Schedule:

June 17 Last day to submit both restricted and non-restricted outings to the Area Outings Coordinators.

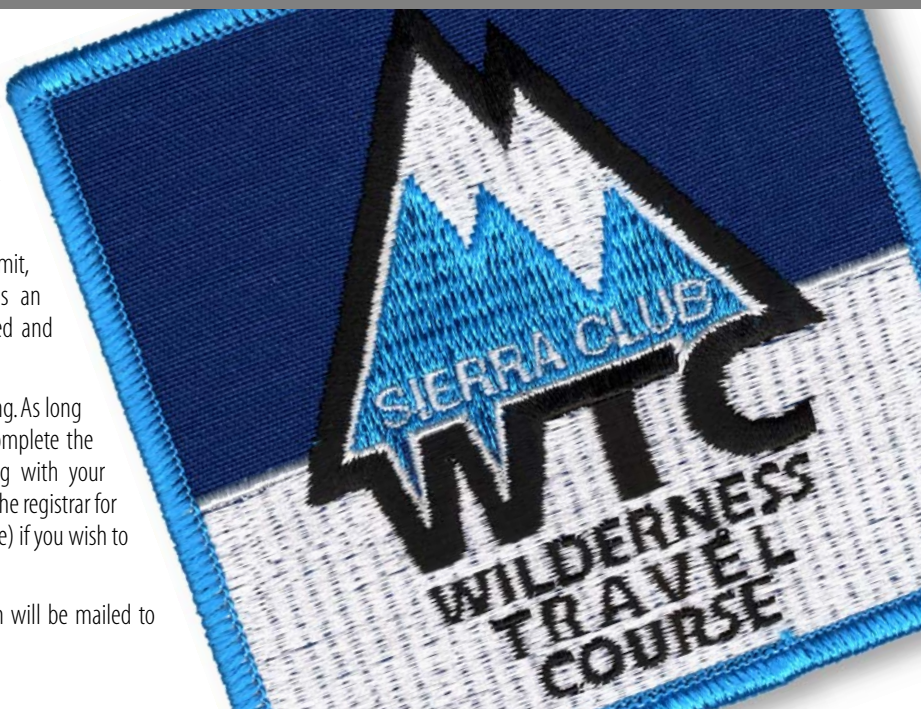
June 24 Last day for Outings Coordinators to submit write-ups to the Outings Chair.

WTC Info Line 310-967-2029

Requirements for Graduation

Congratulations — you're a third of the way to graduation! Your next step is to complete your two experience outings (see pages 4 through 7 for a list of qualified outings). Then comes the hardest part of the entire course: surviving the revelry of graduation weekend!

1. Two experience outings must be completed to fulfill course requirements for graduation. At least one of the two outings must be a scheduled Sierra Club outing. The second may be a Sierra Club outing or a private outing. Both outings must be overnight backpacking trips that include substantial cross-country travel. At least one of the two outings must include a peak climb.
2. A peak-climb outing that does not succeed in reaching the summit, due to weather or other safety-related reasons, may count as an experience outing provided that most of the climb was completed and substantial off-trail terrain was encountered.
3. There is no requirement to obtain prior approval for a private outing. As long as the outing meets the requirements simply go on the outing, complete the non-scheduled experience outing record form and send it, along with your Student Record Card (after all other requirements are completed), to the registrar for your area. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope (sase) if you wish to be notified that your card was received.
4. WTC graduation is scheduled for late October, 2002. Information will be mailed to students and staff approximately two weeks in advance.



To Reserve Your Place On an Outing

To reserve your place on an outing, send the leader two 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed stamped envelopes (sases) or email as specified in the trip description. Include an information sheet with the following information: your name, address, home & work phone numbers, your WTC leader's name, the outing you wish to join, your experience, your physical conditioning program and whether you need or can offer a ride.

As the outing approaches, the leader will send you an itinerary and a list of participants so that you can arrange your own carpool. The leader will state whether there are any permit fees you must share. If permit fees are required, please send a check payable to the leader for your portion. These fees are not refundable if you cancel and your place cannot be filled.

These outings fill up early! Plan ahead and reserve a place. If you must cancel, please notify the leader as soon as possible so another student who wants to graduate can take your spot. Remember to take your Student Record Card with you on the outing so the leader can sign it for you.

Participation in WTC outings may be denied by leaders for legitimate reasons. The leaders are responsible for the safe and enjoyable conduct of these outings, and will use their best judgement in selecting participants.

We hope that you will join us for one or more of the many outings listed in this newsletter and that you will continue to hike with us and with other sections of the Sierra Club in the years to come.

Beth Epstein
WTC Outings Chair

The outings published in this newsletter are sponsored by a variety of Sierra Club groups and sections. As a WTC student, your training places you in good standing with other groups and sections of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club who welcome your participation in their outings.

Wilderness Training Committee (WTC)

These outings are open to anyone with appropriate experience and physical conditioning. WTC leaders plan these outings to help students fulfill the requirements for graduation. These outings are reviewed by the WTC Outings Coordinators to ensure that they do not exceed the abilities of WTC students on rock and ice, but still provide the students with an opportunity to summit a peak.

Sierra Peaks Section (SPS)

A number of SPS introductory outings are offered as well as joint SPS/WTC outings suitable for WTC students. WTC students who are interested in the SPS are encouraged to participate in these outings.

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS)

Most HPS outings are dayhikes in the local mountains. They are a good way to explore our local wilderness and stay in shape. Some HPS outings are overnight backpacks that fulfill the requirements for WTC graduation.

Desert Peaks Section (DPS)

Because most DPS outings are dayhikes with carcamps, few meet the requirements for experience trips. However, they are an excellent way to gain additional hiking and climbing experience with knowledgeable leaders.

Wilderness Adventures Section (WAS)

WAS offers a wide variety of events including dayhikes, backpacks, ski trips, car camps & bus trips. Some of their backpacks fulfill the requirements for WTC graduation.

Student Experience Outings

WARNING: THESE OUTINGS FILL UP FAST! For all the information on how to sign up for these trips turn to page 3. **See you at graduation!**

March

March 23-24 / Sat-Sun

Desert Peaks Section

I / Panamint Butte (6584')

Saturday backpack up Lemoigne Canyon, one of the few flowing streams in Death Valley. Sunday climb peak and pack out. Approximately 3000' total gain, 20 miles round trip, about 1/2 of it with backpacks. WTC, new members, old timers...all invited. 4WD or carpool in 4WD mandatory to trailhead. Send sase or e-mail, include home & work phones and e-mail address to: Ldr: Sue Holloway. Asst: Mary Motheral

April

April 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Pine City, Queen Mtn (5677') & Peak 4769

Backcountry exploration in Joshua Tree NP, 12 mi rt 1400' gain. Enjoy the beauty of the desert while spring flowers are still in bloom. Sat 2 mi xc backpack to campsite, then xc dayhike to Pine City and possible climb to Peak 4769. Sun xc dayhike to Queen Mountain, then pack out. WTC students welcome. Send email or sase with H&W phones, rideshare info, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Elena Hernandez. Asst: Bill Jackson.

April 19-21 / Fri-Sun

Hundred Peaks

I / The Big Three: San Rafael Mtn (6593'), McKinley Mtn (6200'), Santa Cruz Pk (5570')

Strenuous moderately paced 32 mi rt, 7400' gain backpack on road and xc in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at McKinley Spring. Rain postpones. [USFS Adventure Pass reqd]. Send E-mail with phone numbers and recent conditioning/backpack experience to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside

April 20-21 / Sat-Sun CNRCC Desert Comm., San Gorgonio Chapter
O/I / Joshua Tree National Park, Pinto Mountain (3,983') Backpack

Easy xc backpack in the low desert wilderness area to camp at the foot of Pinto Mtn, 2.5 mi. We will cross sand dunes, see the basket-shaped Desert Primrose, perhaps horned lizards. Sunday optional 2,500' climb of Pinto Mtn for panoramic views, including proposed Kaiser open pit mine dump site at the southern end of JTNP. Loop back to camp. Carry in all water. Contact via email or sase to Ldr: Bill Engs

April 25-28 / Thu-Sun

Hundred Peaks, WTC

I / Big Four—Samon Pk (6227'), Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Pk (6536')

Strenuous 4 days, 3 nights, moderately paced backpack in beautiful Los Padres National Forest wilderness areas north of Santa Barbara. The totals for this trip are 45 mi, 8000' gain on road, trail, and steep, slippery, brushy xc terrain. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Patty Rambert, Sandy Burnside, Sandy Sperling

May

May 18-19 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), San Bernadino Pk (10,649') plus others

Traverse the San Gorgonio high country from Fish Crk to Angelus Oaks in this early season backpack. Sat set up car shuttle, start with Grinnell and Lake Pk, then San Gorgonio and Charlton and on to camp at High Meadow Spring, 14 mi, 4000' gain for the day, some xc. Sun hike along high ridge and grab peaks on the way to San Bernadino Pk before descending, 12 mi, little elevation gain. Strenuous days at a moderate pace. Jepson (11,205'), Anderson (10,840'), Shields (10,680'), San Bernadino East (10,691) are possible options. Scattered snow may affect plans. Send sase with e-mail, h&w phones, conditioning and experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Scott Nelson. Asst: Beth Epstein

May 18-19 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Taylor Dome (8802') & Sirretta Peak (9977')

Moderately paced but strenuous backpack with dayhikes in the Southern Sierra to 2 SPS peaks. Sat backpack 1.5 mi, 500' gain/700' loss. Then dayhike to Taylor Dome, 14 mi, 2200' gain, with some rock scrambling to the summit. Sun climb Sirretta Peak, 2.5 mi 1300' gain then backpack out to cars. WTC students will be given first priority. Send sase, email, H&W phones, recent backpacking/conditioning experience to Ldr: David Coplen. Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch.

June

June 1-2 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Olancha Peak (12,123)

Moderately strenuous climb of SPS emblem peak at the source of Crystal Geyser Water in the Southern Sierra. SPS introductory trip geared to new SPS climbers and strong WTC students. Saturday hike 7 miles, 3,600 gain from Sage Flat to base camp off Pacific Crest Trail. Sun climb peak and out. Total gain for weekend 6,500 gain, 23 miles round trip. Send 2 sase, Home & Work phones, recent conditioning, to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Maria Roa

June 13-19 / Thur-Wed CNRCC Desert Committee, Toiyabe Chapter

I / Paria River Backpack

Ultimate narrows in the world Backpack from White House down to about mile 20 and return same way. Same miles as if going all the way through but staying in the best part. Lots of ankle-deep wading. Side trips include Buckskin Gulch, where it is twilight even at noon. Must hang food with frisbee or use bear container to protect from ringtail cats. Canyon ranges from cool where the sun doesn't shine much to hot. BLM backpack fee; deadline (limit 10 spots) is March 15. Send sase & \$40 (made to David Hardy) for BLM fee and send \$20 refundable deposit (Sierra Club) to Ldr: David Hardy

June 15-16 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Palos Verde/South Bay

I / North Maggie Mtn (10234')

Sat backpack 4 mi, 1000' gain, from Mtn Home SP in western Sierra to camp. Sun climb peak, 4.5 mi rt, 3400' gain, and pack out. WTC or equiv exper reqd. Email recent cond/exper, H&W phones & rideshare info to Ldr: Dave Heenan. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

June 22-23 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks

I / Florence Peak (12,432'), Vandever Mountain (11,947')

Mineral King weekend backpack. Saturday 5 miles, 2,400 gain to camp and 2,300 6 miles round trip to Florence; community happy hour. Sunday bag Vandever and pack out, 11.5 mi round trip and 2,600 gain. Send e-mail (preferably) or two sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare information to Ldr: Sara Wyrens. Asst: Randall Danta.

June continued

June 22-23 / Sat-Sun

WTC, SPS

I / Mt. Langley (14,042')

The southernmost 14'er in the Sierras, and perhaps, the easiest of them to climb (rated Class 1), but still, not that easy. Sat. backpack 6 mi. 1760' gain from the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead to camp at High Lake, relax, acclimatize, and fight mosquitoes. Sun dawn start to hike 6.5 mi rt 2600' gain to summit and back to camp, then backpack 6 mi down to cars, long day 12.5 mi total. Send sase with email and outline of recent conditioning and outings to Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Co-Ldr: Sarah Anderson.

June 22-24 / Sat-Mon

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Kern Peak (11,000')

SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 9 mi, 800' gain, from Blackrock Saddle to camp at Cold Meadows. Sun climb Kern by xc route, 2300' gain. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eves. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Will McWhinney.

July 4-7 / Thur-Sun CNRCC Desert Committee, Toiyabe Chapter

I / Twin Rivers Loop, Arc Dome (11,800')

About 20 miles of backpacking in the Toiyabe range in Central Nevada, mostly along rivers. Elevation gain about 3500'. Hike up N Twin and down the S Twin. Climb Arc Dome. Aspen forests at their best. Enjoy the unique Central Nevada range and cool air. Highest camp at 9300'. Wading shoes required with many crossings of river, otherwise mostly good trail. Send \$20 refundable deposit & sase to Ldr: David Hardy. Asst: Sandra Finley.

July

July 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Palos Verde/South Bay

I / Mt Wallace (13,377')

Sat backpack 6.5 mi, 1900' gain from Lake Sabrina to Moonlight Lake. Sun climb N face, 4 mi rt, 2300' gain and pack out. WTC or equiv exper reqd. Email recent cond/exper, H&W phones & rideshare info to Ldr: Dave Heenan. Co-Ldr: Bob Beach.

July 13-14 / Sat-Sun

Long Beach, WTC

M / Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')

Enjoy our local San Geronio Wilderness; gain experience on class 3 rock; climb So. Calif's 2nd-highest pk. Sat, comfortably paced trail hike from South Fork to base camp, 6.5 mi, 2600' gain. Sun bag Charlton via class 3 route then hike the others, 2 mi xc, 2300' gain. WTC or equiv reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John Hinz. Asst: Mike Adams.

July 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Lone Pine Peak (12,943)

Sat moderate 4 mi, 3600' gain backpack to Meysan Lakes. Sat afternoon lounge or explore. Sun early xc 2 mi, 1900' gain to peak, return to camp and pack out. Send 2 sase with H&W phones, E-mail, conditioning/experience and rideshare info to Ldr: Dan Bovee. Co-Ldr: Will McWhinney

July 13-15 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Four Gables (12,720')

SPS Introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack from North Lake over Piute Pass to Lower Desolation Lake, 8 mi, 2000' gain. Sun do Four Gables in 8 mi rt, 1500' of gain with use trail and x-country, some class 2 on pk. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

July 19 -21 / Fri-Sun

Hundred Peaks

I / Galena Peak (9324'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997')

Moderately paced, strenuous 20 mi rt, 5900' gain (3400' gain with backpacks), 1700' gain on return backpack in the San Geronio Wilderness. Visit Galena's summit without having to climb the infamous headwall, plus bag two other difficult HPS peaks. Much of the trip will be off trail, some of it on steep, rocky, brushy terrain. Space limited by permit. Send sase or e-sase, H & W phones, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Luella Fickle.

July 20-21 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Chocolate Peak (11,682')

Sat backpack 3 mi, 1900' gain from South Lake above Bishop to Ruwau Lake. Sun climb peak, 900' gain, pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, \$6 permit fee, hiking resume, rideshare info to Leader: Susan Richmond. Asst: Bill Jackson.

July 20-22 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks

I / Mt. Julius Caesar (13,200')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack above Honeymoon Lake, camping at 10,600' with 7 mi and 3200' gain. Sun climb class 2 Julius Caesar in 9 mi rt, 2600' gain with xc. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eves. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Bob Michael.

July 27-28 / Sat-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Mt Goethe (13,264')

Backpack 6 mi, 2000' gain from North Lake over Piute Pass to camp at Muriel Lk at 11,300'. Sun strenuous, 7 mi, 2600' rt, over Alpine Col to bag peak from the easier south side, then pack out to trailhead. No Faustian bargain expected, but previous high altitude and class 2 xc experience required. Send \$6 permit fee, 2 sase, email, H&W phones, recent climbing & backpack experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Norm Stabeck. Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch.

July 27-28 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Vogelsang Pk (9880')

Sat backpack 7 mi 1200' gain from the Tuolumne Meadows trailhead up the Rafferty Creek drainage to Vogelsang High Sierra Camp. Explore the lakes around Tuolumne Pass. Sun hike 4 mi rt, 1600' gain to summit and back to camp, then backpack 7 mi down to cars, long day 11 mi total. Send sase with email and outline of recent conditioning and outings to Ldr: Sarah Anderson. Co-Ldr: Patrick McKusky.

July 27-28 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sequoia National Park backpack. Sat pack in from Lodgepole, 3.5 mi 2000' gain with almost half cross-country. Sun climb pk, 4 mi rt, 2400' gain and pack out. Send 2 sase or email, H&W phones, climbing resume, rideshare info to Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke. Asst: Mike Adams.

August 3-5 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Stanford North (12,838')

SPS introductory trip near Rock Creek in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 6 mi and 1400' gain to westernmost Hilton lake at 10,353'. Sun climb class 2 Stanford in 5 mi rt and 2500' gain, all xc. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eves. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Keith Martin.

August 3-4 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Basin Mountain (13,240')

Gourmet Peak Bag! Join us for a 'tasty' trip into the Sierra above Bishop, and help the leaders produce a memorable dinner Sat night and breakfast Sun morning. We'll cap-off breakfast with a climb of Basin Mountain for fantastic views of the Sierra Crest. Cost will be maximum of \$20 per person including permit fees. Send 2 sase, email, resume of recent conditioning and diet limitations to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Georgette Rieck.

August 3-4 / Sat-Sun

WTC, PVS

I / Mt Johnson (12,871')

Sat bkp in to Treasure lakes above Bishop, 3.5 miles, 1430' gain. Sun climb peak 1.25 mi xc, 1400' gain and pack out. WTC or equiv reqd. Send 2 sase, experience and conditioning, phone, email & carpool info to Ldr: Christy Grimsley. Asst: Richard Boardman.

August 3-4 / Sat-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Mt Wallace (13,377')

Sat moderately strenuous 6 mi, 1800' gain trail backpack to camp at Topsy Turvey Lake. Sunday, strenuous xc 6.5 mi, 2600' climb to Mt Wallace & back to camp, hike out to cars. Send \$6 permit fee, 2 sase, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Ldr: Mark Mitchell. Asst: Jason Lynch.

August 9-11 / Fri-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Mt. Silliman (11,177') Sequoia NP

Get a peak and get happy on a moderate-paced 6.5 mi, 2600' gain backpack to beautiful Twin Lakes with possible side trips. Sat xc climb Mt Silliman, 6 mi, 1800' gain rt. Return to camp for shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. (Yum!) Sun backpack out and head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Send check for \$5 permit fee, 2 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Jane Simpson. Asst: Will McWhinney.

August 9-11 / Fri-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Pear Lake Loop Backpack

Moderately strenuous, but easy paced trip through spectacular Sequoia NP. Fri backpack 6 mi, 2300' gain to camp near Alta Meadow (9400'). Sat xc backpack 6 mi, 2000' gain/loss via remote Moose Lake to camp at Pear Lake. Sunday pack out 6 mi to trailhead via Watchtower Trail with views of Kaweah River and Tokopah Valley. WTC or equivalent reqd, and must be comfortable on rock & talus wearing a pack. \$7 for share of permit. Send email or sase with H&W phones, rideshare info, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Adrienne Benedict. Co-Ldr: Gary Embrey.

August 10-12 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Morgan North (13,002')

SPS introductory trip near Rock Creek in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 6 mi and 1000' gain to Davis Lake. Sun climb class 2 Morgan in 3.5 mi rt and 3200' gain. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eves. Mon backpack out 6 mi. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Rick Jali.

August 10-11 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / 3rd Laking Expedition

Backpack 7 mi, 2400' gain from Convict Lake near Mammoth to camp near Lake Dorothy. But 10 more lakes in the area beckon our bottoms. We plan to wet ourselves in as many as possible during the weekend. Send \$6 permit fee, 2 sase, email, H&W phones, recent experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Garen Yegparian. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

August 16-18 / Fri-Mon

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Yosemite NP/Rafferty (11,110') & Johnson (11,064') Pks

Start Fri morning for moderately fast-paced 3-day backpack & climb in Yosemite's High Country. While not on any "List" these 2 peaks offer an excellent xc experience. Just enough of everything to keep you challenged, but not so much as to become a "death-march." While not for beginners, this trip is suitable for WTC students who already have some other xc trips under their boots. Fri hike 8 mi, 1200' gain to camp at quiet Boothe Lake. Sun climb 8 mi, 1700', all xc to the (class 2) summits of Rafferty & Johnson Pks for fantastic 180 degree views of the surrounding high country! Sun backpack down to Tuolumne Mdw, return home. Send check for \$10, (payable to Wilderness Adventures, non refundable permit fee), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: Jason Lynch. Asst: Cheryl Gill.

August 17-18 / Sat-Sun

Hundred Peaks Section

I / Shields (10,680'), Anderson(10,840'), Charlton(10,806'), Jepson (11,205'), Dobbs (10,459'), San Gorgonio (11,499'), Dragon's Head (10,866), Bighorn (10,997')

Join us as we backpack in the San Gorgonio Wilderness and bag as many of these peaks that time and energy allow. Be prepared to carry a backpack in (and out) 7 miles, 3000' gain. The total trip could be about 30 miles, 9000' gain/loss. Send sase or sase to leader. Please include your backpacking experiences and any other appropriate hiking credentials. Space limited by permit. Ldr: Sandy Burnside. Assts: George Wysup, Sandy Sperling

August 17-19 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Mt. Henry (12,196')

SPS introductory trip in western Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 12 mi and 2000' of gain to Goddard Canyon. Sun climb Henry in 6 mi rt, 3600' of gain, all x-country, some class 2 on pk. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 12 mi. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, recent conditioning, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

August 22-25 / Thu-Sun

WTC

I / Mt Goddard (13,568'), Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Climb deep interior SPS emblem peak via east slope. Pack in over Lamarck Col (32 mi rt, 10,500' total gain), climb Lamarck. Suitable for strong WTC students or equiv. Send 2 sase, home & work phones, email, address, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Max Brummett. Asst: Mike Adams.

August continued

August 24-25 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mount Goode (13085')

Sat easy paced backpack to camp near Bishop Lake, 4 mi 1400' gain. Sun climb Goode via south ridge, 1 mi 2000' gain, and pack out. Send sase or e-mail with experience, conditioning, H&W phones \$5 permit fee and carpool info to Ldr: Helen Qian. Co-Ldr: Tracy Sulkin.

August 24-25 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Maggie Mountain (10,042') and Sheep Mountain (10,060')

Sat bkpk in from Shake Camp in Mountain Home State Park through redwood forest, 5.5 miles and 2000' gain to camp at one of the Maggie Lakes. Climb xc 2 mi and 1200' gain to Maggie. Return to camp for happy hour by the campfire. Sun hike xc route to Sheep Mountain, 2 miles rt and 1200'. Back to camp and pack out. Mail or e-mail experience to Ldr: Ldr: Marnie O'Toole. Asst. Ldr: Brad Hinkle

August 23-25 / Fri-Sun

WTC

I / Mt. Agassiz (13,893')

Fri backpack 3 mi, 1900' gain from South Lake in E Sierra to Saddlerock Lake. Shared happy hour Fri and Sat eves. Sat climb peak, 5 mi rt, 2500' gain over class 2 terrain, and return to camp. Pack up and return to cars Sun morn. No early check-outs. Send 2 sase or esase with recent conditioning&experience, H&W phones, and email to Ldr: KC Reid. Asst: Cheryl Gill.

August 31 – September 2 / Sat-Mon

WTC, Sierra Peaks Section

I / Needham (12,467'), Sawtooth (12,343')

Sat backpack approx 6 mi to Lower Monarch Lakes (10,380') and set up camp. Rise early Sun and bag Needham followed by Sawtooth, 8 mi, 2600' gain, class 2. Bring secret ingredient for garbage-bag salad and/or happy hour. Most creative wins God Bless America T-Shirt. Mon pack out. Send 2 sase, email, resume of recent conditioning to Ldr: Georgette Rieck. Co-Ldr: Ron Campbell.

September

September 7-8 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Cirque Pk (12,900')

Sat backpack to Long Lake, 5 mi, 1200' gain from Horseshoe Mdw above Lone Pine. Sun climb peak, 5 mi rt, 1800' on class 2 ridgeline, return to cars. Send 2 sase or esase with recent conditioning, experience, H&W phones and email to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Asst: Cheryl Gill.

Sept. 7-8 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans

I / Sawtooth Pk #2 (12,343') and Needham Mountain (12,520')

A leisurely backpack, but a tough peak climb. Sat leave Mineral King and pack up to Lower Monarch Lake, 6 mi, 2600' gain, then relax and enjoy a potluck dinner. Sun start early and climb Sawtooth and Needham, strenuous 8 mi rt, 2600' gain all xc, then pack down to the trailhead. WTC or equivalent required. Send email or sase, H&W phones, recent experience, references to Ldr: Will McWhinney. Asst: Teresa Nick.

September 14-15 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Orange County Sierra Singles

I / Mt Stanford #2 (12,838')

Sat backpack 5 mi 1500' gain from Rock Creek to camp at Hilton Lakes. Share happy hour. Sun xc climb of Mt Stanford 2500' gain and pack out. Permit fee of \$5.00 per person. Send 2 sase or E-mail, H&W phones, experience and ride info to Ldr: Markey Neighbors. Co-Ldr: Ken Wagner.

September 20-22 / Fri-Mon

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Yosemite NP, Mt Conness (12,590')

Start Fri morning for moderately fast-paced 3-day backpack & climb in Yosemite's High Country. Fri backpack 8 mi, 1200' gain to upper Young Lake. Sat 'bag' Mt Conness, 6 mi xc, 2500' gain/loss with fabulous views on both sides of the Sierra Crest. Sun backpack out to Tuolumne Mdws, then return to LA. While not for beginners, this trip is suitable for WTC students who already have some other xc trips under their boots. Send check for \$10, (payable to Wilderness Adventures, non refundable permit fee), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: Jason Lynch. Asst: Patty Rambert.

September 21-22 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Chocolate Peak (11,682')

Sat backpack 3 mi, 1900' gain from South Lake in E Sierra to Saddlerock Lake. Climb peak Sat afternoon, 900' gain, return to shared happy hour. Sun, exploratory hike to Dusy Basin, lunch, pack up, and return to cars. Send 2 sase or esase with recent conditioning&experience, H&W phones, email to Ldr: Cheryl Gill. Asst: KC Reid.

September 21-22 / Sat Sun

WTC

I / Hengst Peak (11,146')

Starting in Mineral King backpack 3.5 mi, 2200' gain to Eagle Lk and spend Sat afternoon swimming/exploring. Sun hike 5 mi xc, 1800' gain to peak, then pack out. Send 2 sase, email, recent backpack & conditioning info, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Howard Kolodny. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

September 28-29 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks Section, WTC

M / Mt Bolton-Brown (13538'), Mt Prater (13329')

Sat backpack 6 mi, 3900' to Red Lake. Sun climb Bolton-Brown (SW slope) and Prater (SE slope), 7 mi rt, 6000' and backpack out. Send 2 sase or email with experience and conditioning, email address, phone & carpool info to Ldr: Dave Endres. Co-Ldr: Mike Adams.

September 28-29 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Cloudripper (13525')

Sat backpack from South Lake to camp at Green Lake, 4 mi 1000' gain. Sun climb Cloudripper via north slope, 3 mi 2500' net gain, and pack out. Send sase or e-mail with experience, conditioning, H&W phones and carpool info to Ldr: Helen Qian. Co-Ldr: Maria Roa.

October

October 5-6 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / 4th Annual Last Minute Backpack to Tahquitz Peak (8846')

This is your last minute chance to graduate WTC! Sat backpack, 3.5 mi 1600' gain, from Humber Park in Idyllwild to Tahquitz Valley and set up camp. Then dayhike to the summit of Tahquitz Peak Sat afternoon & return to camp. Sun hike to Skunk Cabbage Meadows and Red Tahquitz Peak, return to camp and pack out. Must carry all the water you need for the weekend. (Sorry!) WTC or equivalent required. Send resume of conditioning & experience, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to Ldr: Georgette Rieck. Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch.

Oct 5-6 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Florence Pk.(12,432'), Vandever Mtn.(11,947')

Southern Sequoia fall backpack. Sat 5 mi, 2500' gain to camp at Florence Lake and 6 mi, 2200' gain to Florence. Prizes for best happy hour contribution. Sun pack up, climb Vandever on way out, 11 mi, 2600' gain. Send 2 sase with SC#, H&W phones, conditioning/experience, and rideshare info to Ldr: Dan Bovee. Co-Ldr: Beth Epstein.

Outings Leader Directory

Please see Outings Leader Directory on page 8 of the WTC Newsletter print version for SASE and contact information



Dusy Basin with Giraud Peak. Photo by Joe Foremski, OC Group 2

Outings for Leaders

These trips do not qualify for WTC graduation.

March 16-17 / Sat-Sun

Desert Peaks, WTC

M / New York Mtn (7532'), Clark Mtn (7907')

Join us for a fun weekend in the Mojave National Preserve. Restricted trip - Sierra Club members only. Sat climb New York Mtn 4 miles rt, 2000' gain, class 3 crack. Happy hour & campfire. Sun climb Clark Mtn, 2 miles rt, 1900' gain, steep class 3. Applicants submit Sierra Club # with resume/sase or e-mail, H&W phones, rideshare information to Leader: Patty Rambert. Assist: Tony Pond

April 26-28 / Fri-Sun

Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Barnard (13,990'), Trojan Pk (13,950')

Fri strenuous bkpk 5.5 mi 5000' gain on classic bushwhack up George Crk. Sat xc snow climb to climb peaks 5 mi 3800' gain. Sun hike out. Restricted to SC members with ice axe/crampon exper. Prefer resumes with detailed snow climb experience and LTC training. Send sase, resume, H&W phones, email, rec cond/exper, rideshare info, SC# to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co Ldr: Nile Sorenson.

June 1-2 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt Baxter (13,136')

Sat strenuous backpack via Baxter Pass trail and xc to camp. Sun climb southeast slope to summit and out. 7000+ gain for the weekend. Snow experience, ice axe, crampons required for this restricted trip. Send sase/email with SC#, experience, conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Rambert. Asst: R J Secor

June 8-9 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt. Ritter (13,143') & Banner Pk (12,936')

Restricted trip limited to SC members with strong physical conditioning and 3rd class rock and snow (ice axe and crampons) experience. Sat backpack from Agnew Mdw up to Ediza Lake, 7.5 mi, 1230' gain. Climb Banner Sat. Sun, climb Ritter and pack out. Send 2 sase or email describing experience, qualifications, conditioning, references, phones, SC#, to Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Mike Adams.

June 21-23 / Fri-Sun

SPS

M / Mt Bradley (13,289'), Center Pk (12,760')

Fri strenuous bkpk from Onion Valley over University Pass to Center Basin. Sat xc spring snow climb to peaks. Sun hike out. Restricted to SC members with ice axe/crampon experience. Prefer resumes with detailed snow climb experience and LTC training. Send sase, resume, H&W phones, email, rec cond/exper, rideshare info, SC# to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co Ldr: Nile Sorenson.

Jun 28-Jul 1 / Fri-Mon

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Mt. Brewer (13,570'), North Guard (13,327'), South Guard (13,232')

Climb of SPS emblem peak and her sentinels restricted to Sierra Club members with ice ax and crampon experience. Sat hike over Kearsarge Pass to camp at East Lake, 13.5 mi, 3600' gain. Sun climb Brewer then N. Guard, steep snow and exposed class 3 summit on N. Guard, 6.5 mi, 4725' gain. Mon climb S. Guard, 8.5 mi, 3780' gain. Hike out Tues, 3400' gain on return. Send sase or email with resume of class 3 rock and snow experience and conditioning, SC#, h&w phones and carpool info to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Co-Ldr: Kim Gimenez

July 13-14 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt Sill (14,153')

Restricted trip limited to SC members with strong physical conditioning and 3rd class rock and snow (ice axe and crampons) experience. Sat backpack from Glacier Lodge trailhead to camp near Palisade Glacier. Sun ascend Mt. Sill via the North Couloir. Send 2 sase or email describing experience, qualifications, conditioning, references, phones, SC#, to Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Beth Epstein.

August 9-11 / Fri-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks Section

M / Mount LeConte (13,960'), Mount Corcoran (13,760')

Fri 7 mi 6000' hike from Tuttle Creek trailhead to camp. Sat 3200' climb up 3rd class ledge system to LeConte summit. Traverse to Corcoran and descend north notch back to camp. Sun walk out. Climb restricted to very experienced SC members. Helmet required and rope may be used. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee, SC#, H&W phone, email & climbing resume to Ldr: John Paterson. Co-Ldr: Mike Adams.

August 18-25 / Sun-Sun

Sierra Club National Outing

M/E / Gnarly Adventuring Above Yosemite Valley

First we spend four days among the pinnacles and domes of Tuolumne Meadows. Then we backpack from the Valley to Little Yosemite Valley for a three-day finale. Ascents will include Cathedral Peak, Eichorn Pinnacle, Mt. Starr King, and Half Dome (cables). Rock climbing experience required only for optional summit blocks. Non-climbers welcome for non-technical segments. Price: \$615; Dep: \$100. Leaders: Bill Oliver & Will McWhinney.

Reserve through National Outings department:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/brochure/02170A.asp>

October 12-13 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Dragon Peak (12,927') & Mt. Gould (13,005')

Restricted trip limited to SC members with appropriate physical conditioning and 3rd class rock experience. Sat start from Onion Valley above Independence, backpack to unnamed lakes beyond Golden Trout and climb Gould. Sun, climb Dragon and pack out. Send 2 sase or email describing experience, qualifications, conditioning, references, phones, SC# to Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Nile Sorenson.

Training Opportunities

These trips do not qualify for WTC graduation.

Go to <http://angeleschapter.org/ltc/schedule.html> and the Angeles Chapter Schedule for more information about these activities.

March 30 / Sat

LTC, SPS

M/E: Stoney Point Rock Workshop. Virgil Shields/LTC Staff

April 6 / Sat

LTC

Deadline to register: March 23rd. Leadership Training Seminar, Griffith Park. Required seminar to become a Sierra Club leader in the Angeles Chapter. Leader candidates may obtain an application either by sending a large (#10) self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) to the Registrar or by forwarding a hard copy of the application below to the Registrar. The fee for the LTP is \$20 including the Leadership Reference Book. The Registrar must receive the completed application at least two weeks prior to the seminar. The seminar is held twice a year on a Saturday in the spring and fall. LRB, pre-seminar exam, and other information will be mailed at least 10 days prior to the seminar. Mail to: Don Creighton, LTC Registrar, 2235 W 25th St., #128, San Pedro, CA 90732-4130. Phone: 310-519-0364

April 6 / Sat

C: CPR and Basic First Aid Class: This free class is made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation. The class is open to LTC graduates and outings leaders who wish to refresh first aid skills. Includes AHA CPR card. Sign up immediately, class size is strictly limited. Deposit will be returned at class deposited in the event of a failure to attend. To sign up, send sase, \$50 deposit (FACF) to Organizer: Ann Kramer.

April 7 / Sun

LTC, HPS, SPS

Outdoor Leadership Seminar

Class to help leaders improve their leadership skills, learn to handle difficult situations in the wilderness. Homework and reading required. Cost \$20 plus \$15 text ("Outdoor Leadership" by John Graham). Griffith Park Ranger Station. Prior reservation necessary, class size limited. Contact reservationist: Byron Prinzmetal

April 14 / Sun

WTC

I / Navigation Clinic, Malibu Creek State Park

5 mi, 300' gain. Use it or lose it! Spend most of day with navigation instructors sharpening your skills with map & compass. Not a checkoff. Send email or sase for required materials to Ldr: Marc "Roadkill" Hertz. Assts: Adrienne Benedict.

April 19 – June 2

LTC

M/E: Mountaineering Leadership Course

The Mountaineering Leadership Course is designed to help club leaders to improve their skills so they can lead safe, challenging outings at the M and E levels. The course will consist of a weekend seminar, followed by three weekend outings. Apr 19-21 Class 1: Harwood Seminar. May 4-5 Class 2: Snow Outing. May 18-19 Class 3: Rock Outing. Jun 1-2 Class 4: Graduation climb. Cost: \$100.00. Contact Ron Campbell, MLC Registrar 714/962-8521 or ronjanec@gte.net.

April 20-21 / Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC

I / Indian Cove Navigation

Navigation noodles to satisfy basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment send navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones, email address and sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

Apr 27-28

LTC, SPS, DPS

M/E: Snow Checkout. Doug Mantle, T. Bowman

May 4 / Sat

CPR and Basic First Class: see Apr 6.

May 4 / Sat

LTC, DPS

M/E: Horse Flats Rock Workshop. Virgil Shields/LTC Staff

May 5 / Sun

Natural Science, LTC, Hundred Peaks

O: Basic Animal Tracking and Awareness Class: Join us for an exciting and very intensive day of learning to recognize animal tracks and signs with nationally known teacher, Jim Lowery. You will learn print identification and animal body language, among many other things. You will also learn to walk silently, blending into the natural environment. Class size is limited. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Send \$50 (Sierra Club—non-refundable), sase to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Naturalists: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross

May 19 / Sun

LTC, WTC

I / Grinnell Ridge Navigation

Nav Noodle in San Bernardino Natl Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy both basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level nav reqs. To rec homework assign, send sase w/nav experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones, email address to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

May 31 – June 1 / Fri-Sat

LTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Route Finding and Outing Leadership Clinic: Hone your skills at 11/2 day hands-on class in beautiful San Gabriel Mtns. Intended for potential I leaders and I leaders wanting to improve their skills. Limited to 6 students. 3+ hours of homework required plus purchase of textbooks and maps. Send sase, leadership rating, H&W phones, email, 8x10" envelope with \$2 postage, \$20 (Sierra Club) to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Southern Courtney, Bob Beach

June 1-2 / Sat-Sun

LTC, SPS, DPS

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff. N. Sorenson, D. Richter

June 7-9 / Fri-Sun

LTC, WTC

Wilderness First Aid Course, Harwood Lodge: CPR training within two years prior to the course date is a prerequisite. The WFAC gives enrollment preference to Sierra Club Angeles Chapter leadership training candidates and to rated Angeles Chapter leaders who have not taken a wilderness first aid course. The fee for the WFAC is \$145 for Sierra Club members and \$155 for non-members. A complete application includes: A check for the full amount (payable to WFAC) Proof of CPR training within two years prior to the course date; Name, address, and phone number for each person applying SC membership # if the lower fee is paid For application or more info: Wilderness First Aid Course, PO Box 3414, Fullerton, CA 92834 Contact Steve Schuster at 714-526-6108 or sk.s.wfac@mindspring.com

October 25-27 / Fri-Sun

LTC, WTC

Wilderness First Aid Course, Harwood Lodge: See Jun 7-9

Outings of Interest

These trips do not qualify for WTC graduation. They're just . . . well, interesting.

March 30 / Sat Wilderness Adventures, WTC

0 / Big Morongo Canyon & Preserve

2nd annual moderately paced 10 mi, 975' gain/loss hike, from the desert floor at the base of the Little San Bernardino Mtns to the marshy wetlands of the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. The canyon is moderately inclined its entire length and very sandy for the first mile. Restrooms and picnic area at Preserve. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, sturdy shoes. Be prepared for wind and possible wet & cool conditions. Meet 8:30 am NW of Desert Hot Springs on N side of Indian Avenue, 1 mile E of intersection w/ Hwy 62 (29 Palms Hwy). From I-10 near Palm Springs head N on Hwy 62 (towards Joshua Tree NP) to Indian Ave exit, turn R and go 1 mi. Meeting point is on the L at start of dirt road. Ldr: David Coplen. Asst: Elena Hernandez.

March 31 / Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC

1 / Cornell Peak (9750') Snowshoe Dayhike

Moderately strenuous 9 mi rt, 1700' gain snowshoe hike at a moderate to slow pace from the top of the Palm Springs Tram thru Long Valley to Cornell Peak in Mt San Jacinto SP. Hopefully there will be sufficient snow to allow cross-country travel to the base of the peak. Participants should be prepared for rock scrambling up moderately steep slopes to the peak, as well as moderately steep snow slopes. If time and group dynamics allow we may also attempt some other nearby peaks. Ten essentials, winter storm wear, snowshoes, and trekking poles reqd. Send sase & email, recent conditioning & hiking experience, H&W phones to Ldr: David Coplen. Asst: Jason Lynch.

April 6 / Sat Wilderness Adventures, WTC

1 / Don Peak (3619') Joshua Tree NP

Moderately strenuous 13 mi rt, 2000' gain dayhike at a moderate to slow pace in the Fried Liver Wash/Pinto Basin area of Joshua Tree NP to Don Peak to the east of Washington Wash. If time and group dynamics allow, we may also climb some adjacent peaks in the area. Participants should be prepared for sandy terrain in the washes and slippery scree and loose rock on the ascents and descents. Ten essentials, wind and rain gear reqd. Send sase & email, recent conditioning & hiking experience, H&W phones to Ldr: David Coplen. Asst: Diane Dunbar.

April 6-7 / Sat-Sun WTC, Wilderness Adventures

1 / Sombrero Peak (4229')

Explore the In-koh-pah Mts in the Anza-Borrego desert. Sat carcamp at Cottonwood Campground in McCain Valley and hike to seasonal waterfall and spring in Pepperwood Cyn. Sun hike 9 mi, 1300' gain/loss xc to Sombrero Pk. WTC or equivalent preferred. Send 2 lg sase or e-mail address, H&W phones, rideshare info, recent hiking cond/expert to Ldr: Howard Kolodny. Asst: Jason Lynch.

April 15 / Mon Hundred Peaks

1 / Chief Pk (5560'), Hines Pk (6717'), Topatopa Bluff

Start your week off right and celebrate income tax day. Moderately paced, strenuous on road and over steep, slippery, rocky cross-country terrain, 10 mi rt, 3000' gain. Requires 4x4 vehicles. Bring ten essentials, water and lunch. Rain postpones. Send email with vehicle type, conditioning and h&w phones to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside, Patty Rambert.

May 11-12 / Sat-Sun WTC

1 / Jurassic Pk (5,970'), Scattered Bone Pk (5,769') and Cactus Flat Pk (5,683')

Carcamp and moderate loop hike of 5 mi rt and 1700' gain to climb these three peaks east of the Haiwee Reservoir outside of the Coso Range Wilderness. Also explore mining artifacts. Happy hour Saturday nite. Well-behaved canines allowed. Send resume, carpool info & 2 sase to Ldr: Gregg Adams. Asst: Angel Cardoza.

June 9 / Sun WTC

1 / Butterfly Safari, Santa Monica Mtns

Moderately strenuous 8 mi, 700' gain hike thru clouds of Painted Lady butterflies. Send email or sase for further information to Ldr: Marc "Roadkill" Hertz. Asst: Adrienne Benedict.

September 14-15 / Sat-Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC

0 / High Sierra Artists Backpack

Exercise your creativity on this easy paced but high-altitude backpack in the Inyo Nat'l Forest. Sat backpack 2 mi, 1000' gain from South Lake above Bishop to camp at Long Lake (10,800'). Capture the beauty of the High Sierra in fall with paint, pencil or camera. Both artists and non-artists who have at least one previous trip under their boots are welcome. \$6 for share of permit. Send email or sase with backpacking experience, creative desire, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Adrienne Benedict. Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson.

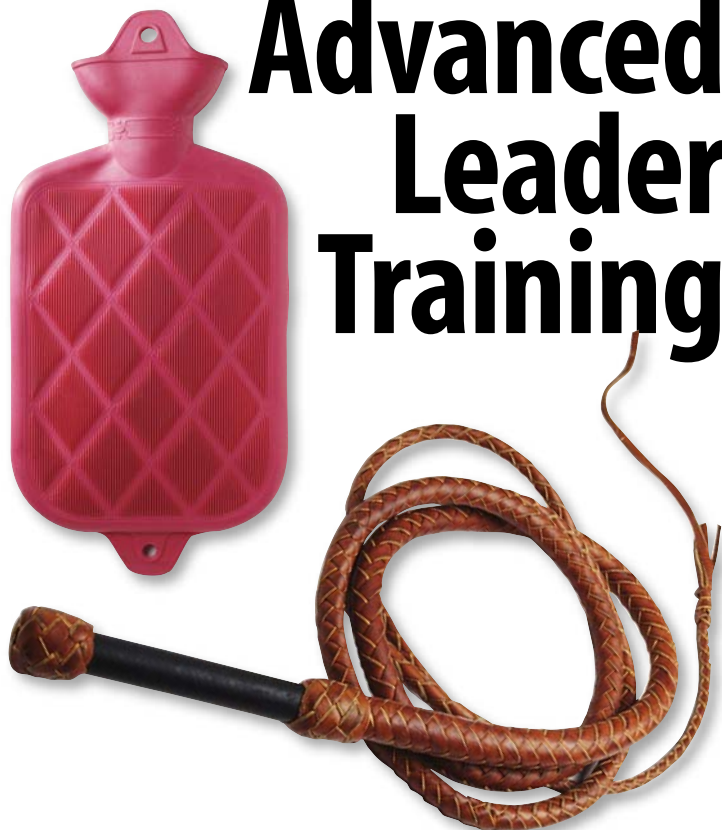
November 2-3 / Sat-Sun WTC

0 / Joshua Tree NP

Join us for this trans-desert car shuttle backpack! Sat we'll begin at the West Entrance and camp along the way. We'll exit at Indian Cove Sun am where we'll drive to 49 Palms Oasis for a hike (3 mi rt) to view this true oasis. Time permitting, we'll head over to Barker Dam to view the many bird species that drink from this rain-fed reservoir built at the turn of the century! Hiking will be a light 5-7 miles per day on trail with minimal elevation gain. All water must be carried. Send 2 sase, email, resume of recent conditioning to Ldr: Georgette Rieck. Co-Ldr: Rona Amichai.

You need...

Advanced Leader Training



Twice each year, the volunteer staff of the WFAC (Wilderness First Aid Course) train dozens of Angeles Chapter leaders in the ABCs of wilderness first aid. The three-day course is offered at the Harwood Lodge, 6,000 feet up in the San Gabriel Mountains.

The course is very popular and is usually fully booked four to six months in advance. Course participants spend a three day weekend at Harwood, sleeping dormitory-style in the lodge or in tents on the Lodge grounds. Meals are provided each day by the volunteer staff in Harwood's kitchen.



Now, here's how YOU can help:

Two or three volunteers are needed for kitchen duty during the course to prepare breakfast, lunch, supper and snacks. One volunteer with a truck, van or large SUV is needed to drive gear up to Harwood and set it up Thursday evening.

In return for your help with either of these tasks, you will be guaranteed a spot in this extremely

popular course the next time it is taught. And remember: If you're thinking of going for that I- or M-rating, a wilderness first aid course is required for certification. Even if you've already completed the WFAC, don't be shy about volunteering to help out in the kitchen.

Though there's plenty of work, there's also plenty of free time to set your chair out in Harwood's front yard and take in some of the glad tidings the mountains offer at Harwood Lodge.

Contact Steve Schuster at 714-526-6108 or sk.s.wfac@mindspring.com

The Mountaineering Leadership Course, which trains people for the chapter's M and E ratings, will be offered this spring. Last taught in 2000, MLC draws most of its students and some of its teachers from the ranks of WTC leaders.

The four-weekend class consists of the following:

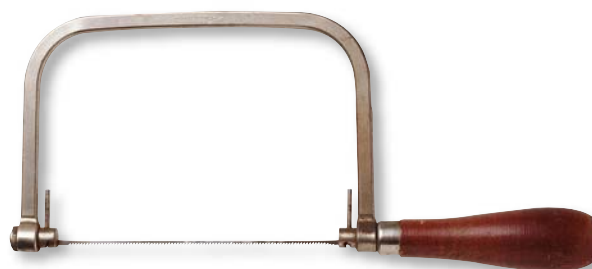
- A seminar at the club's Harwood Lodge near Mount Baldy, from Friday night, April 19, through Sunday afternoon, April 21. Topics will include safety, trip planning, managing rock and snow trips, basic knots and belay techniques.
- A snow weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5 in the Sierra. Plan to spend a lot of time climbing on crampons and arresting falls with your ice ax. The 2000 snow weekend concluded with a climb of Independence Peak and a long glissade back to camp.
- A rock weekend (no guitars), Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19. You'll be setting anchors and climbing in varied terrain.
- A graduation trip, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2. At the leader's option, this trip may be extended to the Friday preceding or Monday following. Depending on weather, this trip could feature rock and snow.

Each MLC applicant must be a club member who has taken the Leadership Training Course lecture and has basic experience with roped travel on rock and with ice ax and crampons on snow. Applicants also must be interested in advancing as leaders and be ready for mental and physical challenges.

The fee is \$100, and the application deadline is March 31. For more information, visit the LTC web site (www.angeleschapter.org/ltc) or send a sase to MLC coordinator Ron Campbell, 21432 Dockside Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Wilderness First Aid

...needs you.



WTC Garage Sale



Here it is. This is where gear-heavy WTCers can advertise tents, packs, boots, jackets — any WTC related outdoor item a fellow student or leader might need. And the best part is it's **free**, so long as you're WTC staff, a student or graduate. The next issue — Summer 2002 — will be mailed to all current students, leaders and staff, giving students the opportunity to maximize their gear budget (at least for those who have one).

The deadline for ad submission in the Summer WTC Newsletter is Friday, May 24th. Ads should be emailed to hikinedd@yahoo.com. Questions? Call Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Newsletter editor, at (714) 771-6710. We reserve the right to refuse publication of any ad we deem offensive, inappropriate or falls outside the guidelines previously mentioned. **Now go buy something!**

- ☐ Marmot Down Vest, men's small, purple and red, stuff sack included, perfect condition, retail \$135, asking \$65, Steve Schuster, 714-526-6108 or sk.s.wfac@mindspring.com
- ☐ Kelty Radial Sherpa Expedition Pack, great pack for extended trips or snow trips w/ gear; adjustable harness system for long/short torso's; large hip belt for big loads; 7000 cu in; separate sleeping bag compartment; many exterior attachment locations; \$95.00 Call Nile - (714) 996-5683
- ☐ Women's Vasque Sundowner boots, size 8. Bought in (I think) 1996. \$40 and hey! they've already got some breaking in done on them during several day hikes in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Too narrow for my feet. Contact Stephanie Murdock, diatribe2000@earthlink.net, 323-934-9824
- ☐ Marmot Eco Fleece Sweater (NEW) -- Women's Large, Marigold (w/ pit zips, zippered handwarmer pockets, lycra hem and armholes). Retail \$119.00, Sale \$60.00. Contact David Coplen 213-892-2502 or email to coplend@howrey.com
- ☐ Marmot Eco Fleece Sweater (NEW) - Men's Small, Marigold (w/ pit zips, zippered handwarmer pockets, lycra hem and armholes). Retail \$119.00, Sale \$60.00. Contact David Coplen 213-892-2502 or email to coplend@howrey.com
- ☐ Moonstone Cirrus Pullover (NEW) -- Men's Small, Steel Grey ("Synthetic Down" consisting of Thermolite Micro Insulation will keep you warm during snowcamp even if it gets damp). Retail \$135.00, Sale \$75.00. Contact David Coplen 213-892-2502 or email to coplend@howrey.com
- ☐ Black Diamond Verglas Shell Gloves (NEW) -- Men's Small, Red (Versatile shell for spring snow travel in moderate temperatures, excellent dexterity). Retail \$35.00, Sale \$15.00. Contact David Coplen 213-892-2502 or email to coplend@howrey.com
- ☐ Marmot Pile Liner Gloves (NEW) -- Men's Small, grey (Fits inside shell gloves, or has gripper palm and thumb for use alone in non-wet conditions). Retail \$20.00, Sale \$8.00. Contact David Coplen 213-892-2502 or email to coplend@howrey.com
- ☐ North Face Mountain 24 expedition 4 season tent. Used 3 times. Like new. Runs \$475 new. Asking \$275. Comes with footprint. Contact Brad at (949)495-1469 or bhinkle@proclaims.com
- ☐ 4 Sale \$40. 12 oz. Coleman Exponent Xtreme Stove was 74.95 and 7.4 oz. Coleman Powermax Fuel - 170 gr. cartridge was \$3.50. Check www.rei.com for specs. Contact: Peter Lara, Group 2 Long Beach WTC, plara@mwdh2o.com, 213-217-6303
- ☐ 4 Sale \$100. 7 oz. w/batteries Magellan GPS 315 Global Positioning System was \$169.97 and Magellan PC Cable with Cigarette Lighter Adapter for the GPS 315 was \$39.99. Check www.sportchalet.com for specs. Contact: Peter Lara, Group 2 Long Beach WTC, plara@mwdh2o.com, 213-217-6303
- ☐ PACKS: external frame Jansport D-3 used 3x. \$60. Internal frame: Evolution Alpine 5,000cu in. \$70, 4,000 cu in. pack for short trips \$60. Daypack: Kelty Redwing clone w/ internal frame 2,400 cu in. \$40, soft pack \$20. Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
- ☐ BOOTS: Plastic boots: Asolo Guide size 11. Used 3x cost \$250 sell \$100. Vasque Alpine Gore Tex boots 11.5 used 1x. Cost \$250 sell \$160. REI Spirit boot size 11, \$60. \$@%& boots don't fit me maybe they'll fit you! Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
- ☐ Climbing shoes: used size 6 \$10. New size 5 Forza (Scarpa) \$60, new Fire size 8 \$40. Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
- ☐ Unused (new) tech shirts & nylon pants \$10-\$30 men's medium blue & khaki colors. Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
- ☐ New down jacket w/ shell hood (same as North Face) \$100 Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
- ☐ Baby blue anodized toy aluminum carabiners to hang water bottles 2/\$3. Various hats, gloves, fleece, MSR stoves, etc. Contact Gary the Group 2 Gearhead at: teechur@earthlink.net
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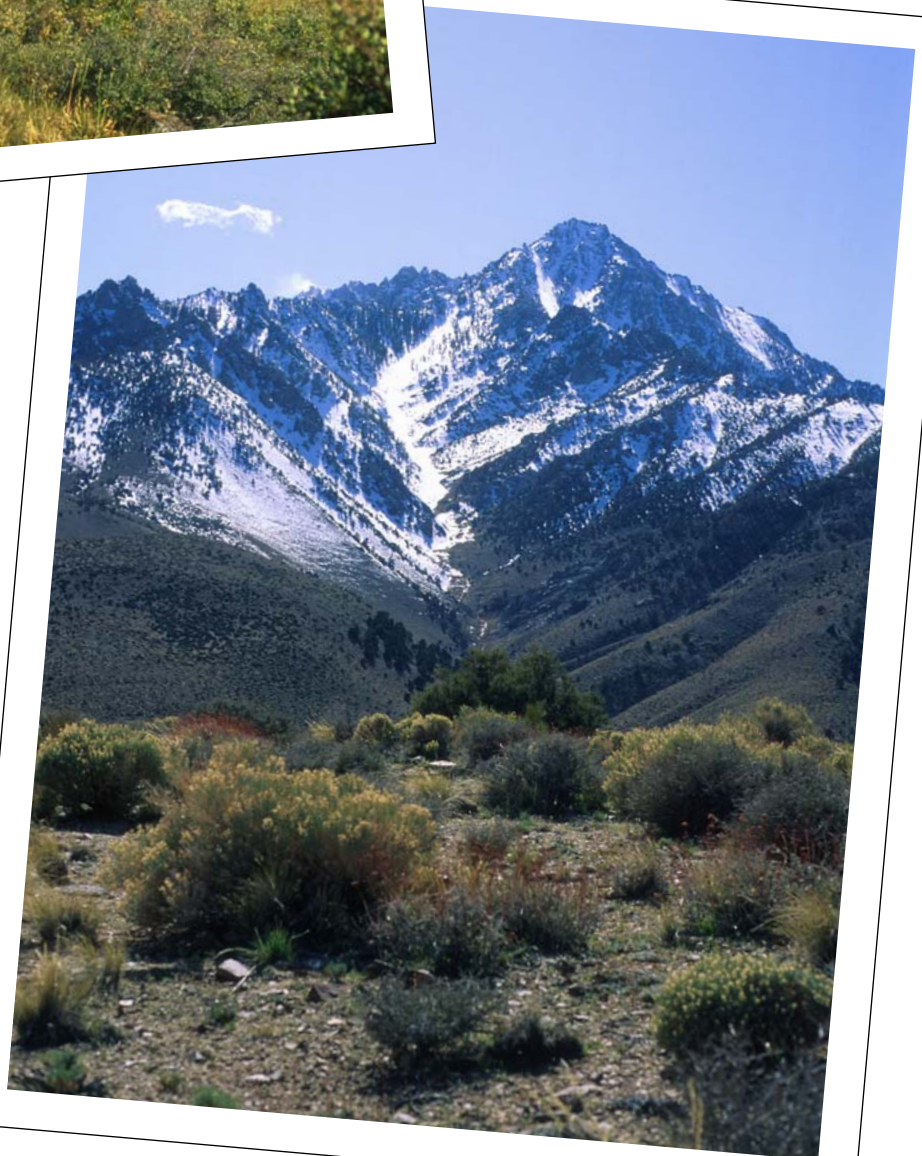
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*View from the Owens Valley
looking west to an escarpment
of the Eastern Sierra.*

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