



Newsletter

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Yeah, it's time to get...

Trippin'

Inside this issue:

Dozens of new Experience Trips;
Dayhikes, Training Trips and,
of course, the Gnarly Stuff.

*Orange County
WTC Group 2
learning to be one
with the rock.*

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See pages 8-9 for contact info

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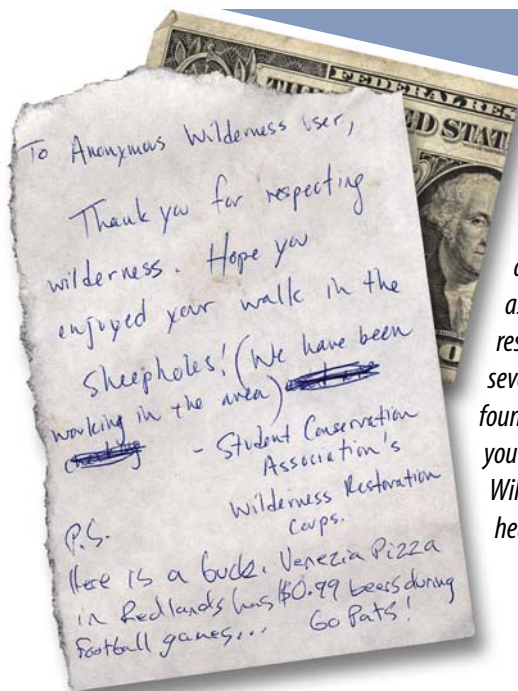
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All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Newsletter Editor at (714) 771-6710, or emailed to hikinedd@yahoo.com

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Consideration Pays.

We left Amboy Road just shy of the microwave tower fronting the Sheephole Mountains northeast of Twentynine Palms. We drive a deep, sandy road, arriving at sign indicating the edge of a wilderness area. Though there are tire tracks continuing on – as well as one flattened boundary sign – we park and hike the rest of the way, passing more tire tracks, spent ammo shells and several discarded appliances. Returning to the car that evening we found a dollar tucked into the windshield wiper along with a thank you note from a member of the Student Conservation Association's Wilderness Restoration Corps. No word yet on why this gold-hearted student could ever be interested in pizza and 99¢ beers...



Need a little inspiration? That's Wilson Harvey (right), atop Mt. Baldy after four miles and 4,000 feet of gain. He first climbed this peak upon his return from service in the Army after World War II. Wilson is eighty-three years old. Oh yeah: he climbed Baldy that day with his young seventy-four year old buddy, Hank Umemoto (left).

Liability Waiver Notice

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to attending the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>

Transportation Notice

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Graduations

October 16-17 / Sat-Sun

WTC

O / WTC Graduation for West LA

...at Harwood Lodge, Mt Baldy in the Angeles National Forest. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sun Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

October 23-24 / Sat-Sun

WTC

O / WTC Graduation for Long Beach – South Bay

...at Sheep Pass Campground Joshua Tree National Park. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

October 23-24 / Sat-Sun

WTC

O / WTC Graduation for San Gabriel Valley

...at Indian Cove. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

October 23-24 / Sat-Sun

WTC

O / WTC Graduation for Orange County

...at Indian Cove Campground Joshua Tree National Park. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

Headline Deadlines

For publication in the Summer 2004 WTC Newsletter:

May 3 Last day to submit restricted outings to the Outings Chair.

May 17 Last day to submit non-restricted outings to Area Outings Coordinators.

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

May 31 Last day for all WTC Newsletter submissions.

Romancing the Patch

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 October, 2004 (see facing page). Information will be mailed to students and staff approximately two weeks in advance.



To Reserve Your Place On an Outing

Most WTC students will find the Experience Outings (beginning on page 4) within their abilities. When selecting a trip read the description carefully and contact the leader for additional information. Consider the distance, elevation, duration, and destination, then contact the leader listed in the trip description. Remember that "M" level trips are a bit more technical than those you took during WTC. Trip leaders will select participants that match up well to the trip.

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.

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.

Experience Outings

Please see Outings Leader Directory on pages 8-9 for SASE and contact information.

April

April 2-4 / Fri-Sun

WTC

I / Panamint Butte (6,584')

Death Valley exploratory trip for leaders and WTC students or equivalent. Fri 4x4 car shuttle to setup through hike of Cottonwood Mtns. Backpack 5 mi and 900' gain to Cottonwood Springs. Sat make water for carry to dry camp. Backpack 6 mi, 1600' gain to Panamint Plateau. Day hike 5 mi rt, 1300' gain to Panamint Butte. Sun break camp and descend 7 mi down Lemoigne Canyon to car shuttle. Send 2 sase or 1 sase plus email, with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Co-Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback.

April 3-4 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Snow Camping/San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Cornell Pk (9750')

Moderately paced and moderately strenuous snow camping and peak climbing trip in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Sat 3 to 4 mi 1500' gain from the Palm Springs Tram, most with full backpack while on snowshoes. Sun 5 to 7 mi of peak climbing, 2000' gain with snowshoes and daypacks, before we pack out 2.5 mi to the tram. Participants should expect to traverse and climb moderately steep snow covered slopes. WTC students given first priority. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, email, recent backpacking / conditioning experience to Ldr: David Coplen. Co-Ldr: Garen Yegharian

April 16-18 / Fri-Sun

Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, Natural Science, WTC

I / San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (6200'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570')

Often referred to as the "Big 3", moderately paced 32 miles round trip, 7400' gain backpack on road and cross-country in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at McKinley Spring. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader. Rain postpones. Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Co-Ldr: Barry Holchin. Naturalist: Sherry Ross

April 17-18 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Queen Mtn (5677')

Joshua Tree backpack 1 mi to dry camp. Sat navigation in the desert to find nearby mine shafts. Sun hike 4 mi 1000' gain xc to Queen & pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Chi A. Choi. Asst: Bill Jackson.

April 17-18 / Sat-Sun

Desert Peaks, WTC

I / Mitchell Point (7048'), Edgar Peak (7162')

Sat climb Edgar & Mitchell in a loop hike if we can get to the Wind Stair Cave trailhead. Climb Edgar via Gilroy Canyon and return via the southeast ridge of Mitchell. The total round-trip statistics for this loop are about 6 mi with 3,600' of gain. Otherwise we climb Edgar on Sat from Mitchell Caverns Visitor Center 5 mi, 2,900' gain and Mitchell on Sun from Bonanza King Mine 5 mi, 3000' gain. Very rugged terrain but well conditioned beginners with off-trail experience are welcome. There should be time for those who are interested to take a tour of nearby Mitchell Caverns. Potluck Sat night. Send sase or email with H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: Patty Rambert. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu.

April 24-25 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Carey's Castle Mystery Backpack in Joshua Tree National Park

Carey's Castle is a lost miner's cabin in the remote Eagle Wilderness of southern Joshua Tree NP. Search through rivers of wildflowers for artifacts of gold rush days. Sat relaxed 4 mi xc backpack with 1300' gain to castle. Sun explore an isolated and seldom visited part of JTNP and hike out. Send H&W phones, email, rideshare info, recent conditioning / experience to leader via email for trip and gear information. Ldr: Harold Vance. Asst: Susan Richmond.

May

May 15-16 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Smith Mtn (9515'), Crag Pk (9440')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students or equivalent. Sat meet in Kennedy Meadows in the far southern Sierra. Backpack to camp, 4 mi, 1300'. Day hike Smith Mtn and Jackass Pk, 6 mi rt, 1100'. Sat night happy hour and food fest. Sun day climb Crag Pk, 8 mi, 1000', then backpack out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase plus email, with recent experience, conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Asst: Mike Dillenback.

May 22-23 / Sat-Sun

Hundred Peaks, WTC

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

Strenuous backpack, 33 mi rt, 8600' gain to the "Big Three" in Santa Barbara County. Sat pack to McKinley Spring, 8 mi rt, 2500' gain, then dayhike first two peaks for 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. Sun climb Santa Cruz, 11 mi rt, 3700' gain, some very brushy portions, then pack out. This trip is recommended for strong participants. Send sase/esase, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldrs: Patty Rambert, Tom Hill.

May 22-23 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Desert Peaks

I / Sentinel Pk (9,634')

Sat backpack from Chris Wicht Camp up Surprise Canyon to Panamint City ghost town (4.5 mi, 3,672' gain). Sun hike to Wyoming mine, then xc climb to Sentinel Pk (3.2 mi, 3,500' gain). Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/email and recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Mark Roberts. Asst: Brad Hinkle.

May 29-31 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Kern Peak (11,510')

Join us Memorial Day weekend for a fun backpack in Golden Trout Wilderness. Sat hike 9 mi, 1600' gain to camp at Redrock Meadows. Sun climb peak 8 mi rt, 3000' gain. Then move camp to Jordan Hot Springs another 4 mi mostly downhill. Mon enjoy hot springs and return to cars, 5 mi, 2500' gain. Send email/sase to Ldr: Mirna Roach Asst: Greg Roach.

May 29-31 / Sat-Mon

Desert Peaks

I / Mount Inyo (10,975'), Keynot Point (11,101')

Need another DPS emblem peak? Sat very steep backpack 3 mi, 3900' gain to "Bedsprings" and traditional DPS happy hour. Sun climb both peaks, 7 mi, 3100' gain. Mon quick pack out. Send email (preferred)/sase, recent conditioning, and contact info to Ldr: Sue Holloway. Asst: George Wysup.

June

June 5-6 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Smith Mtn (9533'), Jackass Pk (9280'), Crag Pk (9480')

SPS Intro trip. We'll range through the meadows and forests of the Kern Plateau and enjoy great mountaintop views. Sat backpack 5 mi, 1200' to Albanita Meadow and climb Smith and Jackass. Potluck Sat night. Sun hike xc 5 mi, 900' to Crag and out. Send email/sase with recent conditioning to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Patty Rambert.

June 5-6 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks

I / Olancha Peak (12,123')

Moderately strenuous climb of SPS Emblem peak at the source of Crystal Geyser water in the Southern Sierra. SPS intro trip geared to new SPS climbers and strong WTC students. Qualified K-9s welcome with permission. Sat hike 8 mi, 3900' gain from Sage Flat to base camp off Pacific Crest Trail at approximately 9700'. Sun climb class 2 Olancha, 7 mi rt, 2400' gain, then out. Total gain for weekend 6300' in 23 mi. Sat eve community happy hour. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning, altitude experience, rideshare information to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Hal Browder.

June 19-21 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks

I / Kern Pk (11,510')

SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 9 mi, 1500' gain to camp at Redrock Meadow at 8600'. Sun climb class 2 Kern Pk in 8 mi rt, 3000' gain, all cross-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 9 mi, 800' gain with ups and downs. Send sase, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare information to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Kent Schwitkis, Naturalist: Sherry Ross.

June 25-27 / Fri-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Blue Lake (10,000')

Fri enjoy an easy paced backpack from Lake Sabrina to camp at beautiful Blue Lake, 4.5 mi, 1,300' gain. Explore and practice navigation with happy hour. Sat xc to Sunset Lake (11,464') via Baboon Lakes, 6 mi, 1,200' gain. Sun pack out. Send sase/email, H&W phones, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Susan Richmond. Asst: Jane Simpson.

June 26-27 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

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

SPS introductory outing for SPS prospects, WTC students, or equivalent. Meet Sat in Mineral King. Backpack from Farewell trailhead to Franklin Lake, 5 mi, 2700'. Climb Florence Pk, 5 mi rt, 1900'. Sun break camp, retrace route 2 mi and stash packs. Climb Vandever Mtn, 6 mi rt, 2600'. Pack out remaining 3 mi. Send 2 sase or 1 sase plus email, with recent experience, conditioning, H&W phones, \$5 permit fee, and rideshare info to Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback, Co-Ldr: Neal Robbins.

July

July 17-18 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Hurd Pk (12,317')

Sat backpack 3 mi, 900' gain from South Lake to Treasure Lakes. Sat or Sun climb peak, 1600' gain. Sun return to cars. Send 2 sase, resume with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Mike Bolde. Asst: Pat Bolde.

July 17-19 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Stanford (North) (12,838')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed, casual and enjoyable. Sat backpack 6 mi and 1400' of gain to western most Hilton Lake at 10,353'. Sun climb class 2 Stanford in 5 mi rt and 2500' of gain, all cross-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5 permit fee per person, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Rich Gnagy.

July 22-25 / Thu-Sun

WTC

I / Mt Conness Circumambulation

20 mi backpack, mostly off-trail from Saddlebag Lake to Sawmill Campground via Upper McCabe Lake, Roosevelt Lake, Skelton and Granite Lakes, and Maul Lake. We'll backpack 5-7 mi per day on a route-finding trip over several class 2 passes with up to 2000' gain per day. Send sase/email and H&W phones to Ldrs: Anne Bittner and Pat Johantgen.

July 24-25 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Basin Mtn (13,181')

Sat backpack 4 mi, 2200' gain to camp at Horton Lake. Sat afternoon relax, fish, swim or explore nearby mines followed by happy hour. Sun xc climb Basin (5mi rt, 3200' gain) then break camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/email, recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Rich Wood. Asst: Marnie O'Toole-Hinkle.

July 30 - August 1 / Fri-Sun

WTC

I / Merriam Pk (13,103')

Fri hike from Pine Creek trailhead to terraces above Honeymoon Lake (7 mi, 3030' gain). Sat travel xc up to Royce Lakes (2.5 mi, 1290' gain) drop packs at camp near middle lake and climb peak (2.5 mi, 1378' gain). Option to climb Royce Pk if time/conditions permit. Sun xc over to pick-up trail at Pine Creek Pass and out. Total distance 25 mi (14 mi on trail, 11 xc). Total gain 5698'. Send 2 sase with conditioning/experience to Ldr: John Cyran. Asst: Ken Wagner.

July 31- August 1 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Cloudripper (13,525')

Sat backpack from South Lake to camp at Green Lake, 4 mi, 1200'. Optional afternoon hike to Hunchback (12,311'). Special happy hour Sat night. Sun cross-country climb to peak, 3 mi, 2300' gain. Back to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send email or 2 sase and \$6 permit fee (made out to Leader) to Ldr: K. C. Reid. Asst: Mike Dillenback.

July 31- August 1 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Moses Mtn (9,320'), North Maggie Mtn (10,234')

SPS intro trip. Join us for a fun backpack on the Western side of the Southern Sierra. Sat backpack 3 miles 1500' gain to camp and climb Moses Mtn (additional 4 mi rt, 2000' gain to peak. Easy Class 3). Sun climb North Maggie Mtn 5 mi rt 2500' gain, plus 3 mi back to cars. Sign up preference given to WTC students. Email, sase, experience, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Greg Roach. Asst: Patty Rambert.

August 7–8 / Sat–Sun

I / Cirque Pk (12,900')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack from Horseshoe Meadows at 10,000' to Long Lake 11,160' (5 mi, 1200' gain). Sat evening legendary community happy hour. Sun climb class 1 Cirque Pk (5 mi, 1800') and pack out from camp. Send sase, \$5 permit fee, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Keith Martin.

August 7–8 / Sat–Sun

I / Mt Langley (14,027')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students or equivalent. Sat backpack from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to upper Cottonwood Lake, 6 mi, 1200'. Early Sun start for Mt Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000', then pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase plus email, with recent experience, conditioning, H&W phones, \$5 permit fee, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback.

August 7–8 / Sat–Sun

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sequoia National Park backpack. Sat pack in from Lodgepole, 3.5 mi 2,000' gain with almost half cross-country to Silliman Lake (10,049'). Climb granite friction slabs on way to lake. Sun climb to peak 4 mi rt, 2400' gain. After a rest on summit we will return to camp and head home. Send two sase, H&W phones, backpacking resume, and rideshare info to Ldr: Sharon Bosler. Asst: Mike Adams.

August 13-15 / Fri-Sun

I / Mt Brewer (13,570')

Fri backpack from Onion Valley 14 mi 2600' gain over Kearsarge Pass then down with another 1300' gain into camp at East Lake. Sat 2.5 mi xc 3600' gain up east ridge to summit of Mt Brewer and back to camp. If we have time we may attempt South Guard from Mt Brewer. Sun backpack out. Send email/sase, recent experience/conditioning, and contact info to Ldr: Connie Leonard. Asst: Greg Foerstel.

August 14-17 / Sat-Tue

I / Alta Mdw (9200'), Moose Lake (10560'), Pear Lake (9560')

Tired of peak bagging? Rest at the beautiful meadows and lakes of Sequoia NP. Moderately paced, 18-23 mi rt backpack. Sat hike 7 mi, 2200' gain to Alta Mdw, stopping at Panther Gap for vistas of Great Western Divide. Sun/Mon pack xc over rock/talus 6 mi, 2100' to Pear Lake, camping overnight by Moose Lake. Optional 2.5 mi loop around Moose Lake to eastern shore. Tue 6 mi downhill pack out past two lakes. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/email, \$2 for permit, recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, car-pool info. Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Bill Jackson.

August 20–22 / Fri–Sun

Wilderness Adventures, Sierra Peaks

I / Pilot Knob North (12,245')

SPS Intro Trip suitable for WTC students. Start Fri morning for moderately fast-paced 3-day backpack & climb in John Muir Wilderness and Kings Canyon National Park High Country. Fri backpack from North Lake 7 mi, 2300' gain over Piute Pass to Lower Desolation Lake. Enjoy beautiful lakes and vistas as we climb up over the pass.. Sat 'bag' Pilot Knob North, 8 mi xc, 1400' gain/loss with fabulous views of Humphreys Basin and the Kings Canyon High Country.. Sun backpack out to North Lake, then return to LA. While not for beginners, this trip is suitable for people who already have some other xc trips under their boots. Send check for \$10 permit fee (payable to Wilderness Adventures), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: Keith Martin. Asst: Mark Mitchell

Sierra Peaks

August 21-22 / Sat-Sun

I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')

Sat backpack 3 mi, 1900' gain from South Lake to Saddlerock Lk. Bring appetizer or dessert to share Sat night. Sun early climb of peak, 5 mi rt, 2500' gain, class 2. Return to camp and pack out. Send 2 sase or email (preferred), recent experience and conditioning, phone and rideshare info to Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke. Asst: Kristen Mahaffey.

August 21–22 / Sat–Sun

I / Cirque Pk (12,900')

Sat backpack from Horseshoe Meadows outside of Lone Pine to Chicken Springs Lake (4 mi, 1300' gain). Sun follow PCT from camp, then xc climb to Cirque Pk (3 mi, 1600' gain). Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/email and recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Mark Roberts. Asst: Marnie O'Toole-Hinkle.

August 21–23 / Sat–Mon

I / Mt. Conness (12,590')

SPS introductory trip in Yosemite geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate, relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack from Tuolumne Meadows at 8600' to Young Lakes (6 mi, 1900' gain). Sun climb class 2 Mt Conness (6 mi, 2600') at the northeast boundary of Yosemite. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out (6 mi, 1900' loss). Send sase, \$5 permit fee per person, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Rick Jali.

August 27–29 / Fri–Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay/Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Lone Pine Pk (12,943') Thor Pk (12,306')

Combination back pack and car camp. SPS intro trip suitable for WTC students. Start Fri morning for moderately paced 2-day backpack & climb of Lone Pine Pk via Lower Meysan Lake. Fri backpack from Whitney Portal to Lower Meysan Lake 2.5 mi, 2300' gain. Sat 'bag' Lone Pine Pk 2 mi xc 2900' gain and hike out. Sat evening stay at unimproved car camp in Alabama Hills area. Sun day hike Thor via East ridge (some bush wacking) then return to LA. Send check for \$5 permit fee (payable to Leader), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: Keith Martin. Asst: Patty Rambert.

August 28–29 / Sat–Sun

I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')

SPS introductory outing for SPS prospects, WTC students, or equivalent. Meet Sat at North Lake. Backpack 4 mi, 2000' gain to camp overnight at Upper Lamarck Lake. Happy hour Sat night. Sun xc climb Mt Lamarck (5 mi rt, 2500' gain). Return to camp, break camp and hike out. WTC or equivalent required. Send check for \$6 permit fee, email or 2 sase, contact and rideshare info, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Mike Dillenback, Co-Ldr Joe Wankum.

Sierra Peaks, WTC

got shape?

Many of these trips include some hefty hiking. Ever been over Lamarck Col or Kearsarge Pass hauling a 45 lb. pack? Whether you make it comfortably or crawl into camp dragging your tongue in the scree depends on your level of conditioning. Your local gym is fine for staying in shape. But one of the best things you can do to get into hiking shape—and have fun as well—is to regularly attend one of the many conditioning hikes listed at the WTC website. Go to the site and click on “Outings,” then “Conditioning” in the drop-down menu. Find one that fits your schedule and go!

September

September 3-6 / Fri-Mon

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I / Muriel Pk Backpack Bus Trip

Leave Fri evening for a 14 mi rt, 4600' gain backpack to visit beautiful Loch Leven, Piute Lake, and Humphrey's Basin. Fri night, stay at Bishop Park Group Campground (8400') near Bishop. Sat, pack 7 mi, 2300' gain from Lake Sabrina over Piute Pass to spectacular, alpine Muriel Lake to camp, then delicious mixed veggie group salad. Sun, climb Muriel Pk (12,937'), 4 mi XC, 1700' gain via Alpine Col or The Keyhole, then back to camp for group Happy Hour. Mon, pack out to meet bus. Cost \$120 with SC# / \$135 non-member includes bus, bus snacks & drinks, all fees, Mon dinner on return trip. After 8/2, 90% of cost refundable only if suitable replacement is found. Send SC#, check (Wilderness Adventures) two 4x9 sase or email, H&W phones, recent backpack/conditioning experience, to Ldr: George Denny. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

September 10-12 / Fri-Sun

WTC

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri backpack approx 4 mi, 2000' gain on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2,500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. No tigers please. Send check for \$6 permit fee, 1 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Cheryl Gill. Co-Ldrs: Janet Yee, Jane Simpson.

September 11-12 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Iron Mtn (11,148')

Sat backpack from Devil's Postpile (6 mi, 2100' gain) to camp at Anona Lake. Sat afternoon, relax, fish, swim or explore followed by happy hour. Sun xc climb Iron (5 mi rt, 3200' gain) then break camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/email, recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Rich Wood. Asst: Brad Hinkle.

September 11-12 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Silver Pk (11,878')

Sat backpack from near Lk Thomas Edison to camp at Big Margaret Lk (10 mi, 3400' gain), then climb cl 2 Silver mostly xc, 2.5 mi rt, 1900' gain. Out Sun (1500' gain). Send email/sase with recent conditioning and experience to Ldrs: Tina and Tom Bowman.

September 11-12 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / Basin Mtn (13,181')

SPS Intro trip, moderately paced. Sat backpack to Horton Lake, 4 mi, 2600' gain, then happy hour. Sun climb Basin by NW slope, 2.5 mi, 3200' gain. Return to camp and pack out. Send sase with carpool info, recent conditioning, experience and check for \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Gary Schenk. Asst: Patty Rambert.

September 11-12 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

I / Florence Pk (12,432')

Sat backpack 5 mi 2800' gain to Franklin Lake and climb Florence (add'l 4 mi rt, 2600' gain). Sun lounge lakeside and leisurely pack out. Send email/sase, H&W phone, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Helen Qian.

September 11-13 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

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' (7 mi, 3200' gain). Sun climb class 2 Julius Caesar (9 mi, 2600' with xc). Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out. Send sase, \$5 permit fee, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

September 17-19 / Fri-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, Sierra Peaks

I / Yosemite NP/Koip Peak (12,962')

SPS Intro Trip suitable for WTC students. Start Fri morning for moderately fast-paced 3-day backpack & climb in Yosemite's High Country. Fri backpack 6 mi, 1800' gain over Parker Pass to lakes south of Pass. Explore old shepherders cabin and abandoned mining camp near Bloody Canyon on the way. Sat 'bag' Koip Peak, 6 mi xc, 2000' gain/loss with fabulous views of Tuolumne Meadows, Cathedral Range and Minarets to the South. Sun backpack out to Tuolumne Mdw, then return to LA. While not for beginners, this trip is suitable for people who already have some other xc trips under their boots. Send check for \$10 permit fee (payable to Wilderness Adventures), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: Keith Martin. Asst: Beth Powis

September 18-19 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Tom (13,562')

SPS intro trip and Gourmet Backpack! Join us for a weekend of high-altitude decadence. Sat backpack 4 mi, 2200' to Horton Lake for an elegant dinner. Sun work off those calories with 7 mi rt, 3700' climb of Tom. Send sase/email, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Georgette Rieck

September 18-19 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / North Maggie Mtn (10,234')

Join us for a short but moderate backpack trip to North Maggie Mtn. Sat backpack from Hidden Falls in Sequoia National Forest to camp, 2 mi, 900' gain. Climb peak Sat noon or Sun morn through much xc and much brush, 3400' gain, 2 mi. Spare time can be spent exploring Tule River for Golden Trout. Send sase/email, with info on conditioning/experience, WTC leader's name, and rideshare info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

September 24-26 / Fri-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Pilot Knob #2 (12,245')

SPS intro trip. Fri backpack 6 mi, 2000' gain from North Lake to Muriel Lake. Sat 7 mi, 2100' to Pilot Knob. Happy hours both nights. Sun break camp and pack out to trailhead. Send check for \$6 permit fee (made out to leader), email or 2 sase, contact and rideshare info, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Mike Dillenback. Asst: K. C. Reid.

October

October 2-3 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Long Beach

I / Quail Mtn (5,813')

Backpack in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Sat hike 5 mi with easy gain to Juniper Flats and set up camp. Continue xc 2 mi hike 1000' gain to the highest peak in the park with stunning views all around and even a chance to see Big Horn Sheep. Dry camp — you must carry all the water you need. Sun hike out, followed by optional tour of unique Samuelson's Rocks on the way out of the park. Send sase/email (preferred), H&W phones, recent conditioning/hiking experience to Ldr: Kristen Mahaffey. Asst: Janet Yee.

October 9-10 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / San Jacinto (10,804'), Cornell (9,721')

Sat backpack 6 mi, 3300' gain, from Humber Park to Round Valley; climb Cornell to lunch ledge. Sun climb San Jacinto 1700' gain. Hike out. Send 2 sase, resume with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Mike Bolde. Asst: Pat Johantgen.

Outings Leader Directory

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*A convenient gully leads to Peak 4377 in the Wonderland of Rocks.
Why is it called the Wonderland of Rocks? Gee, I dunno...*



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OC Leader Melissa Kane roams Joshua Tree

Training Opportunities

Most WTC students will find these trips within their abilities.

March 20 / Sat

LTC

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in April 3 Seminar. Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. Next Seminar Fall 2004. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc> Registrar: Steve Botan.

April 2-4 / Fri-Sun

LTC, Harwood, WTC

C / Wilderness First Aid Short Course

Fee includes lodging and meals. CPR within previous 2 years required. Satisfies LTC WFA requirement for I, M, and E ratings. Runs 7:30 pm Fri to 6 pm Sun. For application and fee info send email/sase to Ldr: Steve Schuster.

April 3 / Sat

LTC

Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc> Deadline for application submittal is Mar 20 prior to seminar date. Registrar: Steve Botan.

April 17-18 / Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC

I/M / Indian Cove Navigation

Navigation Noodles to satisfy Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice. Sunday for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst: Bob Bradshaw

May 8-9 / Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC

I / "Places We've Saved" Navigation Noodle in the Mojave National Preserve

Join us for our journey through this jewel of the Mojave now preserved, under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. An intermediate xc navigation workshop will be conducted out of a car-camp in the pinyon and juniper forests of the Mid Hills. Potluck and social on Sat and also for those arriving early on Fri. Send sase/email to Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Harry Freimanis.

May 15 / Sat

LTC, WTC

I / Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic

5 mi 500' Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. Send sase early, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club—refunded at trailhead), H&W phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman

May 23 / Sun

LTC, WTC

I / Grinnell Ridge

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send sase, navigation experience/training, any WTC. Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst: Bob Bradshaw

June 11-13 / Fri-Sun

LTC, Harwood, WTC

C / Wilderness First Aid Course

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging and meals. CPR within previous 2 years required. Satisfies LTC WFA requirement for I, M, and E ratings. \$165 with SC#/\$175 non-member (full refund through May 7) For application, send email/sase to Ldr: Steve Schuster.

September 26 / Sun

LTC, WTC

I / Grinnell Ridge

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send sase, navigation experience/training, any WTC. Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst: Bob Bradshaw

October 2 / Sat

LTC

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in Oct 16 Seminar. TBD location. Next Seminar is Spring 2005. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc> Registrar: Steve Botan.

October 16 / Sat

LTC

Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! TBD location. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc> Deadline for application submittal is two weeks prior to seminar date. Registrar: Steve Botan.

October 24 / Sun

LTC, WTC

I/M / Sheep Pass Navigation

Navigation Noodles to satisfy Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice or checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst: Bob Bradshaw

October 29-31 / Fri-Sun

LTC, Harwood, WTC

C / Wilderness First Aid Course

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging and meals. CPR within previous 2 years required. Satisfies LTC WFA requirement for I, M, and E ratings. \$165 with SC#/\$175 non-member (full refund through) For application, send email/sase to Ldr: Steve Schuster.



Orange County Group 2 leaders Cathy Threadgill and Melissa Kane love taking the bus on outings. To gaze out the window, mile after mile, at the incredible wonders passing by... just breathtaking!

Outings of Interest

Most WTC students should find these outings within their abilities.

Unfortunately, these trips do not qualify for WTC graduation; they're just really, really interesting.

March 13 / Sat

0 / Trippet Ranch-Eagle Rock Loop

Moderately paced 7 mi, 1200' gain hike to the most impressive landmark in all of Topanga State Park. Ending with an airy perch overlooking the upper watershed of Santa Ynez Canyon and the ocean beyond. Meet 8:30 am Woodland Hills ride share point, or 9:15 am at trail head (Topanga Cyn Blvd to Entrada Road) driving 1 mile east on Entrada Road. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. Rain or shine. Bring 2 quarts water, snacks, lugs. Ldr: Sharon Evans. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

WTC

March 13 / Sat

1 / XC Snowshoe in the San Gabriels

Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one of the local peaks in the Chilao area of the San Gabriels. Anticipate 6-8 mi, 1000-1500' gain, depending on forest access and snow conditions. Bring water, lunch, lugsoled boots, winter clothing, snowshoes with trekking poles. Send sase/email with recent conditioning/experience to: Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Asst: George Denny.

WTC

April 10 / Sat

Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

0 / Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail

Strenuous 7 mile round trip, 3300' gain hike to the highest point in the Los Angeles city limits, with great views and beautiful wildflowers. Meet 8:30 am supermarket parking lot (NE corner Foothill Blvd and Mount Gleason Rd in Sunland, Thomas Guide page 503, H3) with water, lunch, suitable clothing, footwear. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Southern Courtney

April 10 / Sat

1 / Sheephole Mtn (4593'+)

Dayhike and boulder hop to a desert peak with exquisite views high above Twentynine Palms in the beautiful Mojave. Only 4.5 mi rt, but the 2300' gain and a few SUV-sized boulders near the peak make for a good day's work. You must be comfortable on second-class rock and slippery scree. We may camp in Joshua Tree Fri and Sat nights. Send email/sase, experience info, H&W phones, and carpool info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Kristen Mahaffey.

WTC

April 10-11 / Sat-Sun

Desert Peaks

1 / Corkscrew Pk (5804')

Join us for a weekend in Death Valley National Park. Sat climb aptly-named Corkscrew, (7 mi, 3300' gain, class 2), that night camp and enjoy happy hour near a dry waterfall. Sun explore far-reaching parts of Death Valley. Send sase with H&W phone numbers, carpool information to Ldr: Scot Jamison Asst: Henry Arnebold

April 17 / Sat

Hundred Peaks, Verdugo

0 / Vetter Mtn (10) (5908')

A beautiful trail hike to one of the most spectacular viewpoint in the Angeles National Forest via the Mount Vetter Trail. Beginners are welcome on this very moderately paced 3 miles round trip, 700' gain hike to the renovated lookout tower at the peak. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. (Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2), Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.) Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, appropriate clothing. Co-Ldrs: David F. Eisenberg, Frank Dobos.

April 17 / Sat

0 / Chaparrosa Pk (5541')

Enjoy a relaxed-paced hike to a beautiful peak in a nature preserve near Yucca Valley, 7 mi rt, 1300' gain. Newcomers welcome!! Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Send sase/sase to Ldrs: Winnette Butler (Winneteb@Earthlink.Net), Kathy Cheever (Cheever@Ucla.Edu)

April 17 / Sat

Hundred Peaks

1 / Cleghorn Mtn (5333'), Cajon Mtn (5360'), Sugarpine Mtn (5478'), Monument Pk #2 (5290')

Come survey forest regrowth on this series of small hikes along a driving loop east of Cajon Pass, 6 mi rt, 2500' gain total. Do one or all, including an ascent of Cleghorn via the new firebreak route up the south ridge. Much dirt road driving: high clearance vehicles recommended. Call or email leader week of hike. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, George Wysup.

April 24 / Sat

Hundred Peaks

0 / Ryan Mtn (5457'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313')

8 mi rt, 2000' gain. Join Greg on his "0" provisional and see if he's got what it takes, while enjoying a couple nice hikes in Joshua Tree at the same time. Meet 9:30 am in the parking lot next to the Denny's in Yucca Valley. Ldr: Greg De Hoogh. Co-Ldr: Wolf Leverich.

May 1 / Sat

WTC

1 / Stoney Point Scramble

3 mi scramble around Stoney Point Park- A Place We've Saved ^ come and play on the rocks. Part of the GREAT EARTH WALK fundraising hikes day. Meet 8:00 am at the entrance to the park, approximately 11 mi south of Route 118 on Topanga Canyon Blvd in Chatsworth. Park along either side of the road. Bring water, lug soles, a great attitude, and lots of sponsors! Co-Ldrs: Virgil Shields, Garen Yegparian.

May 16 / Sun

Hundred Peaks

0 / Mt Baldy (10,064'), Mt Harwood (9552')

Hike the high point of the San Gabriel Mountains. Strenuous but moderately paced 9 mi loop, 4100' gain total with short car shuttle. Meet 8 am in Claremont at the Vons shopping center, Baseline Avenue at Mills, about 1/4 mile west of the Baseline Exit of the new 210 Freeway. Park in the back (north) of the parking lot. Bring min 2 qts water, lunch, money for the tram ride down to cars, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Ldr: Dave Beymer. Co-Ldr: Maura Raffensperger.

September 10-12 / Fri-Sun

Sierra Peaks

1 / Mt Hoffman (10,850'), Tuolumne Pk 10,845')

Leisurely paced, xc ascents of two prominent unlisted, cl 2 peaks northwest of Tenaya Lake in Yosemite NP. Meet Fri pm for group happy hour or Sat am in NP campground. Sat caravan to trail head for ascent of Tuolumne, 2000' gain, 7 mi rt; Sun caravan to trail head for Hoffman, 2500' gain, 4.5 mi rt. Send 2 sase with H&W phones & email address to Asst Ldr: Jerry Keating. Co-Ldrs: Barbara Lilley & Gordon Macleod

The Gnarly Stuff

Technically Challenging Trips – not suited for WTC students

WTC staff will find these trips of particular interest. Generally, WTC students will find these trips are beyond their abilities. Recall that "M" level trips involve a slightly more technical type of climbing than the type presented during WTC. "E" level trips involve a significantly more technical type of climbing than the type presented during WTC. Trip leaders are charged with selecting participants that are appropriately matched to the trip description and objectives. Strong WTC students with prior mountaineering experience may contact the trip leader for consideration.

March 14 / Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt Baldy (10064) Snow Climb

Strenuous 3900' gain, 8 miles. Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe & crampon proficiency. Group size limited. Call leaders for reservation & verification of qualifications. Ldr: Don Croley. Co-Ldr: Will McWhinney.

March 14 / Sun

LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks

E/M / Stony Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff

This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M & E leadership. Checkoffs for M & E rock must be prearranged. Restricted trip. Send sase/email, SC#, climbing resume, \$15.00 deposit (refunded when you show) Ldr: Ron Hudson Asst: Patty Rambert

April 17-18 / Sat-Sun

WTC

M / Mt. San Gorgonio (11,499')

Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe/crampon experience only. Sat hike in from Southfork Trailhead 6 mi, 2500' of gain most likely on snow with snowshoes. Sun alpine start climbing 1 mi, 2000' gain using ice axe and crampons to summit via north slope. Descend to camp and pack out. Send sase/email, climbing resume, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Brad Hinkle. Asst: Tony Pond.

April 24 / Sat

Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

M / Strawberry Pk (6164')

Moderate 6 mi rt, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 am Colby Canyon parking area (11 mi from La Cañada, 1 mi beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Richard Boardman, Bob Beach.

April 24-25 / Sat-Sun

LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks

M/E / Sierra Snow Checkoff

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted trip. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 sase or 1 sase and email, H&W phones to Tom. Ldr: Randall Danta Asst: Tom McDonnell.

May 1-2 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Gould (13,005')

Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe/crampon experience only. Sat hike in 2.5 mi, 2000' of gain from Onion Valley to Golden Trout Lake. Sun alpine start 1 mi, 2000' gain using ice axe and crampons. 3rd class summit block. Descend to camp and pack out. Send climbing resume, H&W phones, email and rideshare info to Ldr: Brad Hinkle. Asst: Tony Pond.

May 1-2 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Diamond Pk (13,127')

Snow climb using ice axe and crampons. Sat backpack up Baxter Pass trail (near Independence); 4000' gain, 6 mi to camp. Sun climb Diamond (2000' gain), and pack out. Black Mtn (13,291') may also be ascended if time allows. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send SC#, climbing resume with relevant experience and current conditioning, 2 sase or 1 sase and email, home address, H&W phones to Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert.

May 8-9 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks

M / Bloody Mtn (12,552')

Sat backpack 2 mi, 1,000', depending on snow conditions to camp. Share happy hour. Sun climb peak via prominent north couloir. Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe and crampon experience. Send sase/email with H&W phones, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson. Asst: Asher Waxman.

May 8-9 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Black Mtn. (13,289'), Diamond Peak (13,126')

Sat backpack to camp below Baxter Pass (7 mi, 5000'). Sun climb Black by class 3 snow north slope then traverse to Diamond (6 mi rt 3500') and pack out. Ice axe, crampon, and recent 3rd class snow experience required. Climbing helmet recommended. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email with SC #, H&W phone, climbing resume, current conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Scott Leavitt. Asst: Nile Sorenson.

May 15-16 / Sat-Sun

LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks

M/E / Sierra Snow Checkoff

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted trip. Send Sierra Club #, climbing resume, 2 sase or 1 sase and email, H&W phones. Ldr: Nile Sorenson Assts: Doug Mantle, Duane McRuer.

May 22-23 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks

M / Stanford #2 (12,838'), Morgan #2 (13,002')

Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe and crampon experience. Easy backpack: 6 mi, 600' gain then snow climb to Morgan, 3200' gain. Sun climb Stanford 2800' gain and long glissade back to camp prior to packing out. Send sase with experience, conditioning, & \$3 permit fee to Ldr: Larry Tidball. Asst: Barbee Tidball.

May 22-23 / Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC****M / Dome Lands Ramble - Rockhouse Peak (8383'), Taylor Dome (8774')**

Backpack loop from Big Meadow to climb two rocky peaks in the Dome Lands Wilderness north of Kernville. Sat set up car shuttle at Big Meadow, hike to camp at Little Manter Meadow, 5.5 mi, 500' gain. Set camp, climb Rockhouse, 6.5 mi rt, 1640' additional, some brushy cross-country, some class 3. Celebratory happy hour on return. Sun pack out, 5 mi, 1200' gain, with optional cross-country climb of Taylor Dome adding 2.8 mi, 700'. Comfort scrambling on class 3 rock required. Send sase/email with details of experience and conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Asst: Kim Gimenez.

June 4-6 / Fri-Sun **Sierra Peaks****M / Mt Powell, Mt Thompson**

Backpack from Lake Sabrina to Baboon Lakes area. Climb Powell via 30 degree snow chute, then schlep over to Thompson. Curse sloppy snow on return. Pack out Sun. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email, SC#, H&W phones, climbing resume, current conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Greg Vernon. Asst: R.J. Secor.

June 12-13 / Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC****M / Mt Keith (13,977')**

Sat backpack from Shepherd Pass Trail Head to the Pot Hole (10,827) 4500' gain, 7 mi. Enjoy Happy Hour. Sun climb to Junction Pass and climb the south face class 2 or the southwest ridge class 3 depending on conditions to the summit of Mt Keith 3100' gain with ice axe and crampons. Return to camp & pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email with snow climbing experience, recent conditioning, rideshare information, H&W phones, mail \$5 check for permit fee to Ldr: John Cheslick. Asst: Patty Rambert.

June 12-13 / Sat-Sun **Desert Peaks****I/M / Charleston Pk (11,915'), Mummy Mtn (11,528')**

Trip difficulty to be determined based on snow conditions. Ice axe experience required if snow remains. Backpack for summer conditioning and a great excuse to getaway and enjoy this beautiful mountain area in Toiyabe NF, Nevada. Trip will involve 6200' elevation gain and 21.5 mi of hiking. Group happy hour Sat night. Send sase to Ldr: Barbee Tidball. Co-Ldr: Larry Tidball.

June 14-15 / Mon-Tue **Sierra Peaks, WTC****M / Mt Morgan (13,748'), Mt Mills (13,451')**

Mon backpack 4 mi, 1000' gain from Rock Creek trailhead, camp in Little Lakes Valley, climb Mt Morgan (4 mi, 2500' gain). Tue climb Mills (4 mi, 2500' gain) and pack out. Expect snow climb using ice axe and crampons. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send SC#, climbing resume with relevant experience and current conditioning, 2 sase or 1 sase and email, home address, H&W phones, \$5 for permit fee to Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert.

June 16-18 / Wed-Fri **Sierra Peaks, WTC****M / Striped Mtn (13,179'), Goodale Mtn (12,772')**

Wed backpack up Taboose Pass trail (N of Independence); 6000' gain, 7 mi to camp. Climb the two peaks Thu (2500' gain). Pack out Fri. Goodale was class 3 summit block. Expect snow climb using ice axe and crampons. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send SC#, climbing resume with

relevant experience and current conditioning, 2 sase or 1 sase and email, home address, H&W phones, \$5 for permit fee to Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert

June 19-20 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks****M / Mt Conness (12,590')**

Fantastic snow climb in Northern Yosemite. Sat hike from Saddlebag Lake to camp (5 mi, 1000'). Sun climb Conness via class 3 Glacier Route and East Ridge (3 mi rt 2000'). Return to camp and pack out. Third class snow and rock experience, ice ax, and crampons required. Climbing helmet recommended. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email, SC#, H&W phone, climbing resume, current conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Scott Leavitt. Asst: Randall Danta.

June 24-27 / Thu-Sun **Sierra Peaks****M / Eisen (12,160'), Lippincott (12,265') and perhaps more**

Join list seekers in grueling backpack from Mineral King. Class 3, ice ax, crampons. Send sase including qualifications and conditioning to Ldr: Doug Mantle Asst(s): Tom Bowman, Tina Bowman

June 25-27 / Fri-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC****M / Mt Ritter (13,143') Snow Climb**

Strenuous 17 mi rt 5000' gain. Fri pack into Lake Ediza. Sat climb peak via the SW glacier route. Sun pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe and crampon proficiency. Group size limited. For reservation, verification of qualifications, call Ldr: Don Croley. Co-Ldr: Tom McDonnell.

June 26-27 / Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks****M / Mt Darwin (13,831')**

Climb the emblem of the Evolution region. Sat backpack from North Lake above Bishop to camp over Lamarck Col, short, steep, possible snow in 5.5 mi, 3700' gain. Sun climb glacier and west ridge to exposed class 3 summit, 4 mi, 2800' round trip, and then pack out 500' gain additional. Restricted to Sierra Club members with crampon, ice axe and roped climbing experience. Send experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and SC# to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Asst(s): Kim Gimenez.

July 1-4 / Thu-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC****E / Disappointment Pk (13,917'), Middle Palisade (14,012')**

Thu hike in along South Fork of Big Pine Creek past Willow Lake and Brainard Lake to camp above Finger Lake 7 mi, 3400' gain. Fri climb Middle Palisade via glacier & strenuous class 3 NE face, 1 mi, 2850' gain. Sat ascend steep snow chute of Southfork Pass and traverse Balcony Pk to climb Disappointment 2 mi, 2750' gain. Mon pack out to trailhead. Restricted to Sierra Club members with class 3, crampon & ice axe experience. Send sase/esase, H&W phones, SC#, details of experience & conditioning to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co-Ldr: Nile Sorenson.

July 2-6 / Fri-Tue **Sierra Peaks****M / Matterhorn Pk (12,279'), Whorl Mtn (12,033'), Twin Pks (12,323'), Virginia (12,001')**

Fri backpack 6 mi, 4000' up Horse Creek to camp. Sat climb Matterhorn followed by happy hour for double emblem celebration. Sun class 3 Whorl, Mon Twin and Virginia, Tue out. Send sase/email with class 3 experience, rideshare information, H&W phones to Ldr: Barbara Sholle. Asst: Don Sparks.

The Gnarly Stuff *continued*

July 9-11 / Fri-Sun

WTC

M / Bear Creek Spire (13,713')

Fri pack from Mosquito Lake Trailhead to Dade Lake (4 mi, 1000' gain). Optional climb of Pyramid Pk via 3rd Cl North Ridge (2 mi rt, 1400' gain). Sat climb Bear Creek Spire via class 3 "Ulrich's Route" (2 mi rt, 2200' gain). Sun leisurely pack out. This trip is intended for WTC staff members and others pursuing advanced leadership ratings who have previous class 3 experience. Send sase/email, recent experience, conditioning to Ldr: Will McWhinney. Co-Ldr: Don Croley.

July 24-27 / Sat-Tue

Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Clark (11,522'), Gray Pk (11,573'), Red Pk (11,699'), Merced Pk (11,726')

Join us for strenuous 4 day backpack and climb of 4 class 2-3 peaks in Yosemite. Sat hike to base of Mt Clark (10 mi, 3,500' gain) from Mono Meadows trailhead. Clark involves an exposed move, must be comfortable on rock. Over the next 3 days climb the peaks and pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase, SC#, and a \$5 check payable to John for the permit. Ldr: John Cheslick. Asst: Patty Rambert.

July 30 - August 1 / Fri-Sun

Sierra Peaks /Ski Mountaineers

M / Mt Ansel Adams, Electra

Climb two remote, beautiful, and not frequently visited peaks in Yosemite N.P. Exploratory trip to consider A.A. for the SPS List. Approach from south with basecamp at Sadler Lake. 30mi, 6000' rt. Good conditioning and class 3 rock experience required. Send email with climbing experience, current conditioning, phones to Co-Ldrs: Reiner Stenzel, Mark Goebel.

July 31-August 1 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Dragon Pk (12,955'), Mt Gould (13,005')

Sat backpack 2 mi to camp north of Golden Trout Lake then climb Gould. Sun climb Dragon via South Ridge (exposed summit block) and pack out. 3rd class climbing experience required. Climbing helmet recommended. Send sase/email with resume of recent 3rd class climbing experience, H&W phone, SC#, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Helen Qian. Asst: Will McWhinney.

August 7-8 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt Sill (14,153')

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

August 19-22 / Thu-Sun

Sierra Peaks

E / Mt Clarence King (12,905'), optional other peaks Mt Cotter (12,721') and Mt Rixford (12,887')

Backpack 2700' elev gain and 4 mi over Kearsarge Pass, then down to Bullfrog Lake, on to the John Muir Trail and over Glen Pass to Sixty Lakes Basin 1200' gain and 8+ mi to camp. Pick up Mt Rixford class 2 on trip into camp Thu from Glen Pass 912' elev gain. Fri climb Mt Cotter class 2 and Sat Mt Clarence King, Cl 5.4, rock climbing experience a must. Sun pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase to Leader: Larry Tidball. Co-Leaders: Tom & Tina Bowman.

August 20-23 / Fri-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / McAdie(13,799'), Mallory(13,845'), Irvine(13,780')

Backpack to Meysan Lakes (4 mi, 4100'), day hikes to McAdie (cl 3, 4 mi, 3700') and Mallory and Irvine (3 mi, 3000'). Climb of McAdie limited to qualified individuals - comfort on 3rd class rock required. Send 2 business sase (better yet esase) resume with experience and recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Joe Wankum.

August 21-23 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Middle Palisade (14,012')

Sat backpack 6 mi, 3000' gain to Finger Lake & group happy hour. Sun climb Mountaineers list peak via glacier & strenuous class 3 NE face, 3250' gain. Enjoy spectacular views and return to camp. Mon pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members with class 3, crampon & ice axe experience. Send sase, H&W phones, email, SC#, carpool info, resume w/experience & conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

September 4-6 / Sat-Mon

WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Tyndall (14,018')

Climb in autumn up a 14'ner. Strenuous 8 mi 4000' gain up Shepard Pass Trail to Anvil Camp on Sat. Sun climb Tyndall via class 3 north rib and back to camp (6mi rt, 4000' gain). Mon hike out. Recent 3rd class rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email with SC#, H&W phone, climbing resume, current conditioning and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Scott Leavitt. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

September 18-26 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Guyot (12,300'), Joe Devel Pk (13,327'), Mt Pickering (13,474'), Mt Chamberlain (13,169'), Mt Newcomb (13,422'), Mt Whitney (14,491'), Mt Muir (14,012'), Mt Young (13,176'), Mt Hale (13,494')

...and possible other peaks and time for fishing in the area. Week long back pack lots and miles and lots of elevation gain, bit also a beautiful area with lots of peaks. Participants must be comfortable with cross country travel and 3rd class rock, fishing poles optional. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase to Ldr: Larry Tidball. Co-Ldr: Barbee Tidball.

October 1-4 / Fri-Mon

Sierra Peaks, Ski Mountaineers

M / North Guard (13,327'), Francis Farquhar (12,893')

Enjoy High Sierra in the Fall. Fri backpack (6 mi, 5500' up) to Sphinx Lakes for base camp. Climb Sat and Sun, N. Guard (8 mi rt, 4000'), Farquhar (4mi rt, 2000'). Mon pack out. Send sase/email (preferred) to leader with class 3 experience, conditioning to Ldr: Jim Crouch. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

October 9-10 / Sat-Sun

WTC

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

Two desert peaks in the East Mojave area. Restricted to Sierra Club members with class 3 rock experience only. Sat climb New York Mtn 4 mi rt, 2000' gain, class 3 crack near summit. Drive to base of Clark Mtn. Happy hour and campfire. Sun climb Clark Mtn 2 mi rt, 1900' gain, steep class 3. Applicants submit SC#, climbing resume, email/sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Brad Hinkle. Asst: Patty Rambert.

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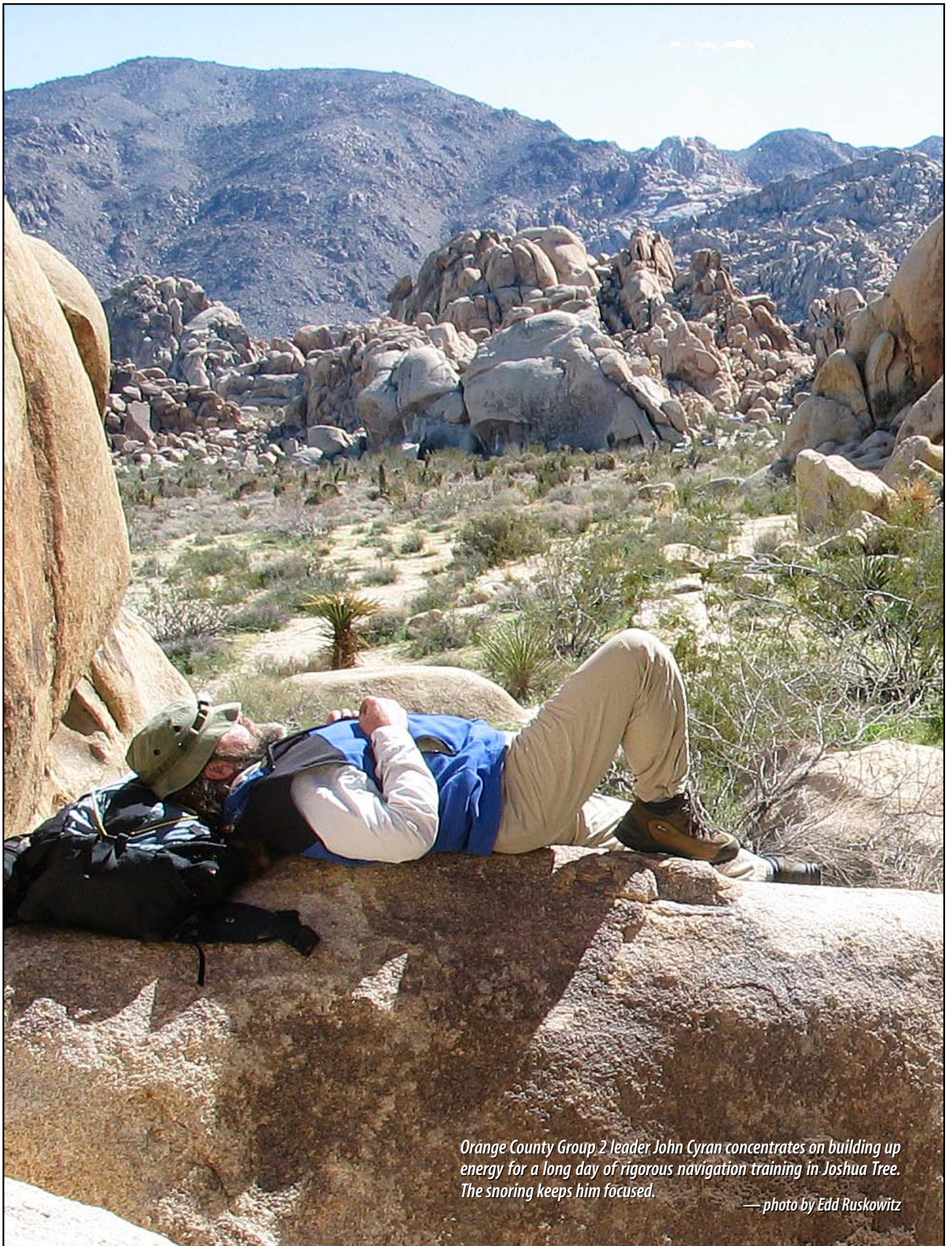
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Orange County Group 2 leader John Cyran concentrates on building up energy for a long day of rigorous navigation training in Joshua Tree. The snoring keeps him focused.

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