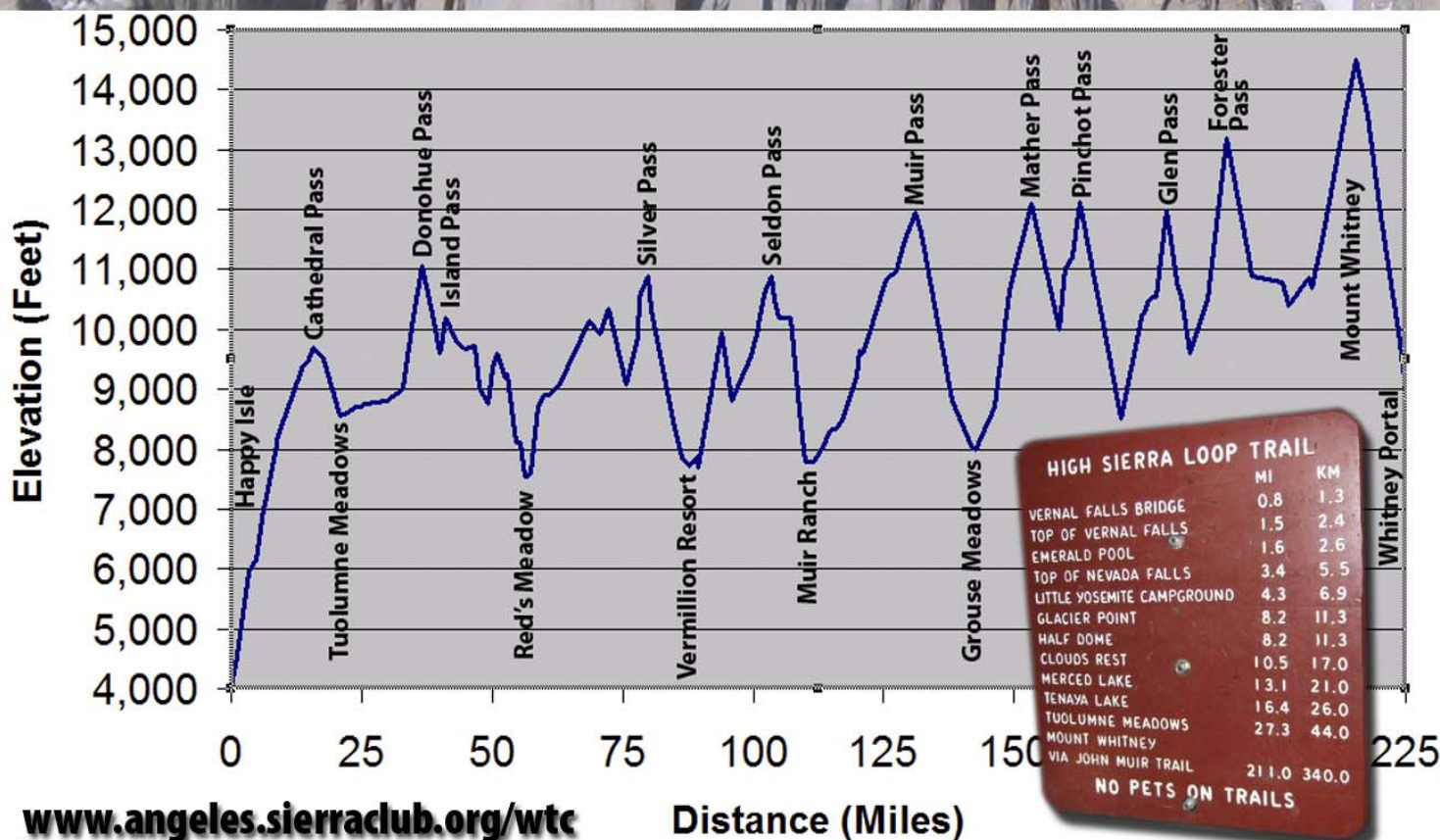




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JMT - Can you handle it?



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WTC Says Congratulations!

By Kay Novotny



WTC would like to congratulate 2 of their leaders on their recognition at the annual Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet. This event took place on May 6th, 2007, at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Barry Holchin, right, who is an "M" rated leader, and who divided his time last year between Long Beach/South Bay's WTC groups 2 and 3, received a conservation service award. These awards are given to Sierra Club members who deserve special recognition for noteworthy service they have rendered to the Angeles Chapter.

Bob Beach, left, another "M" rated leader, who is Long Beach/South Bay's Group 1 assistant leader, received the prestigious Chester Versteeg Outings Plaque, which is the highest outings leadership award conferred by the Angeles Chapter. It is awarded to a Sierra Club member who has provided long-term and outstanding leadership in furthering the enjoyment and safety of the outings program. Congratulations, Barry and Bob! We all appreciate your hard work and dedication to the WTC program.

Graduations

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 20 and 21 at Indian Cove in Joshua Tree National Park. This schedule is subject to change, and additional information will be available in the next WTC newsletter.

Trips Liability Notice

Liability Waiver Notice To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To see a copy of this waiver prior to attending the outing, please see 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.

Headline Deadline

For publication in the Fall 2007 WTC Newsletter:

Aug 20 Last day for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair. Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

On The Cover

Trail profile of the JMT, and photos of the trail head sign in Yosemite Valley, and Keeler Needle, near the southern terminus at Mt. Whitney. Photos by Gary Novotny.

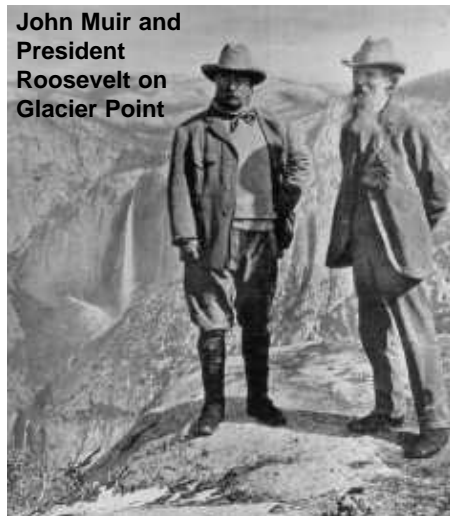
What is the JMT?

What is the JMT? The initials JMT stand for "John Muir Trail". The terminals of the John Muir Trail are; in the north, Happy Isle in Yosemite National Park, and in the south, at the top of Mt Whitney.

How did the John Muir trail come to be? Probably no one can argue that John Muir (1838-1914) was the most influential conservationist in California history, and maybe in United States history. His conservation accomplishments are legendary, and well documented (see web link at the end of this article). In 1892, Muir founded the Sierra Club, a group of like-minded conservationists who were dedicated to the preservation of the Sierra Nevada wilderness.

One of the early members of the Sierra Club, Theodore Solomons (1870-1947), was inspired to create a trail along the crest of the Sierra when he was 14 years old, working as a cowpoke for his uncle near Fresno, CA. Later, in 1895, he realized his vision by completing a route from Yosemite to King's Canyon which later became known as the "John Muir Trail". In 1915, a year after Muir's death, the Sierra Club was successful in getting legislation passed to appropriate the first \$10,000 for the construction of the trail. Twenty-three years later, in 1938, the year of the 100th anniversary of Muir's birth, the trail was completed.

The trail is 211 miles long, and crosses six passes at the elevation of 11,000 feet or higher, the highest being Forester Pass at 13,153 feet. With the southern terminus being Mt. Whitney, in reality, a thru hiker of the JMT must hike an additional 11 miles to get from Mt. Whitney to the Whitney portal trailhead, or vice versa. The trail crosses through 3 national parks, Yosemite NP, Kings Canyon NP, and Sequoia NP. It also passes through the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas, and through Devil's Postpile National Monument, near Mammoth Mountain.



**John Muir and
President
Roosevelt on
Glacier Point**



**Theodore
Solomons**

There is a season for hiking the JMT - running from July through September. Early in the season, hikers are likely to have to contend with snow and ice in the passes, and later in the season, early snowstorms can be an issue. On any day during the summer, but particularly in July and August, afternoon monsoon thunderstorms are likely to occur, which can put a crimp in the thru hiker's plans. Probably the greatest challenge to the thru hiker, however, is keeping his supplies safe along the way. Not only are there hungry black bears to thwart, but there are also many smaller, but no less hungry rodent denizens of the wilderness, who would never turn down an easy snack. Yellow-bellied marmots, chipmunks, and squirrels are all capable of chewing through the toughest pack material. The Forest Service requires wilderness packers to carry bear-proof food storage, and this is not a place to skimp. One of the newest entries into the "bear-proof" container field is the "Bearikade" carbon-fiber canister made by Wild Ideas, LLC. These canisters are expensive, but are significantly lighter weight than any other canister by size.

There is great debate on whether it is better to attempt the JMT by hiking North to South, or vice versa. According to the website for the Pacific Crest Trail Association, most people hike north from Mt. Whitney to Yosemite Valley, taking advantage of the overall elevation loss. However, there are benefits to starting in the North, and hiking southbound. For instance, the elevations in the North are not as extreme, which allows the hiker to become acclimated over a longer period of time. Also, there are

more resupply options available in the North, allowing the hiker to carry minimal supplies during the first part of the journey.

There are many resources available to aid the hiker who wishes to accomplish the JMT. There are books, online discussion forums, and places to resupply along the way. Vermilion Valley Resort at Edison Lake offers a free night stay in their "hiker's tent cabin" for JMT hikers. The store at Red's Meadow will hold resupply packages for a small fee. Red's Meadow also has a shuttle bus which will take hikers up to Mammoth Mountain Resort, where they can resupply or spend a layover day or two in a real bed. The Muir Trail Ranch will also hold resupply packages for a sizable fee. This is the final easily accessible resupply spot on the southbound route.

I just happen to know of a hiker who is planning to complete the JMT this summer, my husband Gary Novotny, and I asked him a few questions:

WTC: Why are you hiking the JMT? How long do you expect the trip to take?

Gary: The JMT has been on my "list of hikes to do" for some time now, and I am looking forward to an awesome experience hiking it. I expect to take 11 hiking days and two layover days at Vermilion Resort.

WTC: Are you planning to hike northbound or southbound, and why?

Gary: I am hiking southbound - taking only a day pack for the first leg from Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows, and taking minimal supplies on the next few legs, resupplying at Red's Meadow, Vermilion Resort, and John Muir Ranch. Hiking southbound allows me to meet early in the hike at various points with my family.

WTC: What are you doing to minimize the weight in your pack?

Gary: I am taking only a tent fly and footprint, and I have been looking for the lightest weight equipment I can find.

WTC: Is there any special equipment you acquired specifically for hiking the JMT?

Gary: Yes, I bought a Bearikade bear canister, a jetboil cooking system, a Big Agnes Seedhouse tent, and other lightweight gear for weight savings.





Photos above were borrowed from: http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/, which features the life and contributions of John Muir.

Other web sites on Jon Muir: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/jomu/accomp.htm>, <http://www.americanparknetwork.com/parkinfo/yo/history/muir.html>


Outings


To reserve your place on an outing, follow the instructions listed in the trip description and provide all information requested by the leader. If a sase (self addressed stamped envelope) is requested, send a 9.5 x 4 inch envelope along with your other information. Typical requested information includes name, address, home & work phone numbers, WTC leader's name, name and date of outing you wish to join, your experience and physical conditioning. You may be placed on a waiting list if the number of persons interested in the desired trip is large. If you change your plans, it is very important that you contact the leader to let them know your revised plans, even if you are on the waiting list.


Please see Outings Leader Directory on page 8 for SASE and contact information. **NEW!** - Indicates a new trip not published before.


-  Trips which qualify as WTC experience trips are identified by a backpack logo.
-  Outings of interest will be identified by binoculars. These do not qualify as WTC experience trips, but they are very interesting.
-  Training opportunities are identified by a book. WTC students should find many of these trips within their abilities. Snow travel training will require prior experience.
-  Last, but not least, the gnarly trips are identified by an ice-axe and crampons. These are technically challenging trips - typically not suited to WTC students. Strong WTC students with prior mountaineering experience may qualify.

June


Jun 15-17/Fri-Sun  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I/San Bernardino Pk (10649'), San Bernardino East Pk (10691'), Anderson Pk (10840'+), Shields Pk (10680'+)
 Fri long backpack at an easy pace on trail 6 mi 4000' gain to Trail Fork Camp. Sat bag the peaks in an easy 7 mi loop, 1800' total gain with much xc and minor boulder hopping. Also visit 1852 survey monument. Sun easy backpack out. Send sase/email conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Co-Ldr: Pat Vaughn.



Jun 16/Sat **CANCELLED**  **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**
0/GPS Class
 Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn Nature Center, Pasadena. Start 9AM indoors, no registration at door, apply early. Includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided) in field, hands-on field practice in afternoon. Bring a GPS, but we have loaners. Send sase, phones, email, GPS experience & model, \$15 (LTC-no refund later than 5 days prior) to Co-Ldrs: Harry Freimanis, Phil Wheeler.


Jun 16-17/Sat-Sun  **WTC**
I/North Maggie Mtn (10,234')
 Climb North Maggie from the East. Sat hike in to Maggie Lakes from the vicinity of Quaking Aspen (highway 190 from Porterville) 9 mi 2800' gain. Make camp, relax, enjoy the scenery. Bring something to share for happy hour. Sun climb class 1 peak 2 mi rt 900' gain and pack out. Email or sase conditioning, experience to Ldr: Steve Curry. Assistant Leader: Helen Qian.


Jun 22-24/Fri-Sun  **Long Bch, Hundred Peaks, Natural Sciences, Palos Verdes-South Bay, WTC**
I/Castle Rocks (8,600'), Drury (10,160'), Marion (10,362'), Jean (10,670')
 Strenuous but sanely paced backpack to explore the other side of the San Jacinto Wilderness from the Fuller Ridge Trail and Little Round Valley. We'll have time for naturalizing along the way and happy hours in camp. Optional car camp Thurs with opportunities to bag extra peaks. Permit limits group size. E-mail (preferred) or sase with conditioning, experience, and carpool info to Ldr Sharon Moore. Asst Ldr Kent Schwitkis, Naturalist/Asst Ldr Sherry Ross


June continued

Jun 23/Sat  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I/Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'), Middle Hawkins (8505')
 11 mi rt 3500' gain moderate pace on trail and xc from Islip saddle to peaks. Send sase/esase with experience and conditioning to Ldr: Patrick Vaughn. Co-Ldr: Sarah Meyers.

Jun 23-24/Sat-Sun   **WTC**
M/University Pk (13,632')
 Sat easy backpack 2 mi 1300' gain from Onion Valley to camp at Robinson Lake, relax, acclimatize, fight mosquitoes. Sun climb pk 3 mi 3200' gain. Fitness and comfort on steep rock/talus required. Send email or sase, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Asst: George Faeustle.

Jun 23-25/Sat-Mon  **Sierra Peaks**
I/Kern Peak: (11,510')
 SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 9 mi, 1500' of gain to camp at Redrock Meadows at 8600'. Sun climb class 2 Kern Pk in 8 mi, 3000' gain rt, all x-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, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Assts: Joe Wankum, Gary Schenk.

Jun 30/Sat  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I/Pallett Mtn (7660'+), Goodykoontz Pk (7558')
 Strenuous approximately 15 mi rt, 4500' gain on trail and xc by way of Burkhart trail. We will ascend up a seldom ventured ridge route to Goodykoontz. Send sase/esase with experience and conditioning to Ldr: Patrick Vaughn. Co-Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle.

Jun 30-Jul 1/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **Sierra Peaks, WTC**
I/Kern Pk (11,510')
 Explore the meadows and creeks of the Southern Sierra and visit Jordan Hot Springs in this long loop backpack. Saturday hike from Blackrock to Jordan Hot Springs for lunch, 6 mi, 2400' loss, then 3.5 mi, 2300' gain to camp at Redrock Meadows. Potluck happy hour Sat night. Sun climb Kern Pk, 4.5 mi, 2800' gain. Return to camp and pack out, 8.5 miles, 1600' gain for a total of 13 mi, 4400' gain for the day. Send sase or email (preferred) with experience & conditioning, H&W phones, carpool info to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Co-Ldr: Kim Gimenez.

July

Jul 7/Sat 

Hundred Peaks, WTC

I/Mt Lewis (8396'), Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'), South Mt Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), Mt Islip (8250')

Strenuous grand tour dayhike in the forested San Gabriel Mtns high country. 20 miles, 6500' gain/loss. Mix of road, trail, and off-trail. Email city, phone, recent conditioning, and experience to leader. Ldr: Ted Lubeshkoff, Co-Ldr: Kathy Rich.

Jul 10/Tue 

WTC

O/Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #1 WTC Introductory Hike

Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base. Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6.30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Cabellero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 6.30 pm (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar Country Club); free street parking. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz, Robert Myers, Sarah Myers, Kim Homan.

Jul 14-15/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/equiv. reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John Hinz, Asst: Mike Adams.

Jul 14-15/Sat-Sun 

WTC

I/Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')

Let the Palm Springs Tram take you up to the trailhead. This will be a moderately strenuous but picturesque route. Traveling the trail to Wellman Cienega then we will xc to Marion Mtn and Jean Pk. Camp at Little Round Valley. Sun on the way out we can capture San Jacinto Pk then back to the tram. Sat 6.5 mi 3000' gain (1.25 miles xc). Sun 5.5 mi 1100' gain. Permit limits group size. Send esase/sase (email preferred) & conditioning to Ldr: Ron Rebensdorf. Asst: Chi Choi.

Jul 20-21/Sat-Sun **NEW!** 

WTC

I/Alta Pk (11,204')

Easy paced introductory backpack/summit climb. Sat depart Wolverton trailhead in Sequoia NP 6 mi, 2000' gain to Pear Lk via Watchtower overlook of Takopah Falls. Sat night pot luck/happy hour dinner. Sun climb peak via cross country route 3.5 miles with 1500' gain. Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase/esase with H&W phones, backpacking resume, and rideshare info to Ldr: Charles Irving. Co-Ldr: Marc "RoadKill" Hertz.

Jul 21-23/Sat-Mon 

Sierra Peaks

I/Cirque Pk (12,900')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat. Backpack from Horseshoe Meadows at 10,000' to Long Lake at 11,160' (6 mi, 1200' gain). Sat evening legendary community happy hour. Sun climb class 1 Cirque Peak (5 mi rt, 1800' gain). Sun evening legendary community happy hour. Mon hike out 6 mi, 1200' loss. Send sase with \$5.00 permit fee, conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Greg De Hoogh

July continued

Jul 21-22/Sat-Sun 

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Mt Goode (13,085'), Mt Johnson (12,871')

Sat backpack from South Lake to near Saddlerock Lake (5 mi, 1500' gain); climb Goode (4 miles rt, 2000' gain, class 2). Evening happy hour at camp. Sun climb Johnson, (3 mi rt, 2500' gain, class 2), hike out 5 mi. Send email or 2 sase with phones, address, experience and current conditioning, carpool info, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldr: Ron Hudson

Jul 28-29/Sat-Sun 

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Mt Goode (13,085')

A popular WTC destination. Sat backpack from South Lake to camp near Bishop Lake 4 miles, 1400' gain. Sun summit climb via south ridge, 2000' gain. Then pack out and return to cars. Send sase, or use email, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning/carpool info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: John Cyran.

Jul 28-29/Sat-Sun **NEW!** 

WTC, OCSS

I/Cirque Pk (12,900')

What is a cirque anyway? Learn about cirques and other geologic features in the area by backpacking with a geologist from Horseshoe Meadows, 4 mi, 1300' gain in to Chicken Springs Lake. Group happy hour Sat evening. Sun climb Cirque Pk, 5 mi rt, 1600' gain, then backpack 4 mi, 1300' loss back to trailhead. Send sase with \$5 permit fee, conditioning, and experience to Ldr: Gwen Sharp. Co-Ldr: Lisa Buckley.

Jul 28-29/Sat-Sun **NEW!** 

WTC

I/6th Laking Expedition

Sat backpack 3 mi, 1100' gain from South Lake to camp south of Lake Ruwau. Some 50 bodies of water beckon our bottoms within a 1.5 mi radius. Sat and Sun we'll wet ourselves in as many of those waters as possible. Chocolate Pk (11,682') a possible bonus. Sun break camp and pack out 2 pm. WTC or equivalent required. Send 2 sase (+postcard if you want receipt acknowledgment), hiking resume, H&W phones, email rideshare info, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Garen Yegparian. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

August

Aug 3-5/Fri-Sun 

WTC

I/Vogelsang Pk (11,493'), Fletcher Peak (11,410'), Rafferty Peak (11,110')

Fri moderately paced backpack 8 mi one-way, 1624' gain from the Tuolumne Meadows trailhead to Vogelsang Lake. Climb Vogelsang Pk, (1169' gain), happy hour in camp. Sat climb Fletcher Pk, (1086' gain). Sun climb Rafferty Pk, (953' gain), and hike out. Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Gary Novotny.

Aug 3-5/Fri-Sun **NEW!** 

WTC, Sierra Peaks

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

Fri backpack over Kearsarge Pass to camp, 12 mi, 4000' gain. Sat climb Mt Brewer, North Guard, 7 mi, 4900' gain. Sun out. Recent experience on class 3 rock required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form and helmet required. Send email or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Aug 4-5/Sat-Sun 

WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Mt. Langley (14,042')

Join us to climb the southern most 14,000' peak in the Sierras. Backpack to camp near the Cottonwood Lakes from Horseshoe Meadows on Sat (5 miles, 1000'). Sun alpine start, 2 mi, 3000' gain to summit via the southeast slope. Return to camp and hike out. Send email or sase, experience/conditioning to Ldr: Scott Leavitt. Co-Ldr: Helen Qian.

August continued

Aug 4-5/Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Silver Pk (11,878')

Backpack in the Western Sierra on Sat from Lake Thomas Edison to Devil's Bathup (5 mi, 1500' gain). Sun climb class 2 Silver in 7 mi rt and 3300' of gain, all cross country, then pack out to cars. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: Paul Garry. Asst: Edd Ruskowitz.

Aug 4-5/Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC

I/Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Pack in from N Lake to Upper Lamarck Lake (4 mi, 2000' gain). Happy hour. Sun climb Lamarck xc (5 mi rt, 2500' gain) and pack out. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning/experience, WTC students given preference, phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Jack Kieffer, Co-leader Rod Kieffer.

Aug 10-12/Fri-Sun NEW!



WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I/Mt Davis (12,311')

Fri moderate backpack 8.5 mi via River/Low Trail from Agnew Meadows to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake (9840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth Mtn, total gain 1500'. Sat climb class 2 route to Mt Davis from North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain cross country. Sun pack out via beautiful scenic High/PCT trail. WTC or equivalent required. Shuttle bus fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mt ski area to trailhead required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to: Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Leader: Adrienne Benedict.

Aug 11/Sat NEW!



Hundred Peaks, WTC

I/Mt Baldy (10,064')

Taking a rarely hiked route we'll climb Baldy from Manker Flats via the so-called and view-filled Harwood Trail (HPS Guide Route 4), then head down via the scree-filled Baldy Bowl to the Ski Hut. Extraordinarily steep going up - exhilarating coming down! 7 mi, 4,000' gain. Strong quads and calves, and comfort on descending steep, sandy scree highly recommended. Send your conditioning, experience and contact info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane.

Aug 11-12/Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC, Sierra Peaks

M/Mt Russell (14,086')

Follow in the footsteps of Norman Clyde up one of California's fourteeners. Hike in 3.5 mi w/ some xc and 2880' gain to Upper Boy Scout Lake. Sun climb 2 mi xc and 2841' gain to Russell's summit via east ridge knife edge. Return to camp and pack out. Participants must be Sierra Club members and comfortable on high 3rd class rock.

Medical form required. Send recent conditioning, experience, sase/ease to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Asher Waxman.

Aug 10-12/Fri-Sun



WTC

I/Big Pine Lakes

Backpack to explore the upper reaches of the Big Pine Creek Basin and the Palisades Glaciers. On Fri pack in to Third Lake along the North Fork of Big Pine Creek (past Lon Chaney's cabin) and set up camp. First day is 6 miles, 2700 feet gain. On Sat we will ascend to explore Sam Mack Meadow, an alpine meadow with Sam Mack Lake. From there we will go cross country to the glacial lakes from the Palisade Glacier (12,200 feet). Great views of higher ranges in the Sierra and the Big Pine Basin. Travel is 4 mi, 1400' gain that day. On Sun consider a side trip to bag a peak before packing out. Send sase or email with conditioning, recent experience, WTC class, contact and rideshare info. Ldr: Misha Askren. Asst: Jane Simpson.

Aug 11-12/Sat-Sun



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Trail Pk (11,605'), Muah Mtn (11,016')

Gourmet backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend V. Sat backpack 7 mi, 1600' via Trail Peak to Diaz Meadow for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those

August continued

calories with 1 mi, 1200' gain to Muah. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Assts: Georgette Rieck, Ed Cottone.

Aug 11-12/Sat-Sun



Sierra Peaks, WTC

I/San Joaquin Mtn (11,061'), Bloody Mtn (12,552')

Climb these two class 2 peaks near Mammoth as day hikes. Sat climb San Joaquin (3500' gain, 9 mi rt) via xc route from the east. Great summit views. Car camp Sat night in local forest. Sun climb Bloody via Laurel Creek (4000' gain, 9 mi rt) via trail and xc. Send email or 2 sase with phone #s, address, resume with experience and current conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldr: Ron Hudson.

Aug 11-12/Sat-Sun



WTC

I/Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Sat backpack from North Lake trailhead to upper Lamarck Lake, approximately 2 miles 1700' of gain. Set up camp. Sun climb Mt Lamarck, 5 miles rt with 2400' of gain, some scrambling required. Return to camp and pack out. Send resume with email address h&w numbers, recent conditioning and experience to Ldrs: Ann Pedreschi and Virgil Shields.

Aug 11-14/Sat-Tue



WTC

I/Clouds Rest (9926')

Breathtaking vistas of Yosemite Valley, Tenaya Cyn & Clark Range from atop Clouds Rest. Sat backpack 6 mi, 2500' gain to camp near Lake Nelson. Sun backpack 5 mi 1400' gain, mostly xc to Sunrise High Camp. Mon hike on trail to Clouds Rest, 10 mi 600' gain. Tue hike out 8 mi for a total of 29 mi & 4500' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info, experience & recent conditioning to Ldr: Marc "Roadkill" Hertz. Asst: Susan Richmond.

Aug 14/Tue



WTC

O/Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #2 WTC Introductory Hike

Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on types of maps used in wilderness travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Cabellero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar County Club); free street parking. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz, Robert Myers, Paul Garry.

Aug 17-19/Fri-Sun



WTC, 20s&30s

I/Mt Langley (14,026')

Backpack trip to the southernmost 14'er in the Sierra for spectacular views in all directions, from Whitney to the north, to the Great Western Divide, to Owens Valley 10,000' below. Fri backpack from Horseshoe Meadows to Long Lake, 6.5 mi, 1400' gain. Sat climb Langley, 9 mi, 3200' gain in xc route. Sun pack out. Send \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, email or sase, and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Berson. Co-Ldr: David Meltzer.

Aug 17-19/Fri-Sun NEW!



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I/Mt Conness (12,590')

Climb Mt Conness from Young Lakes. Leaving Fri morning from Tuolumne Meadows, we'll hike 5 mi, gaining 1200' to Young Lakes. Sat will be spent climbing Mt Conness from its southern flank. We'll begin by climbing to the uppermost Young Lake, then heading north, then east to gain a gentle valley that leads due north to the summit plateau. The route involves cross-country and some class 2 scrambling. (7 mi rt, 3000' gain). Return to Young Lakes for happy hour and spending the night. Sun group will pack out. Send sase with conditioning/experience to Ldr: Bob Draney. Asst: Helen Qian.

August continued

Aug 17-19/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Wilderness Adventures, Sierra Peaks I/Twin Peaks (12,323)**

Opportunity to explore country at northeast edge of Yosemite. SPS Intro Trip suitable for WTC students. Friday, moderate 6.5 mile, 1,500 ft gain trail backpack from Virginia Lakes, passing Summit Lake and dropping to camp near Return Creek. Saturday, strenuous xc 6 mi, 3,000 ft climb of Twin Peaks with possible climb of nearby Virginia Peak. Sunday, return to cars. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Keith Martin.

Aug 17-19/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Sierra Peaks, WTC I/Mt Eisen (12,160+'), Lippincott Mtn (12,265') and Sawtooth Pk (12,343')**

Fri backpack from Mineral King over Glacier Pass and Black Rock Pass xc & on trail to camp at Little Five Lakes (8.75 miles 5274' & 2670' loss). Saturday climb Mt. Eisen (1.4 miles 1600' gain via SE ridge), return to camp and continue to Mnt Lippincott (2.5 miles 1730' gain via SE slope). Sunday backpack out and climb Sawtooth Peak from Glacier Pass (1.25 miles and 1344' gain via NW ridge). This is a strenuous and rewarding trip with dramatic views of the Kaweahs and more. \$4 permit fee. Send email or sase, recent conditioning / experience, H&W phones, and ride share info to Ldr: Doug Owens. Asst: Darrick Danta.

Aug 18-19/Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks I/Mt Morgan S. (13,748')**

A great climb to spellbinding views. From Rock Creek Lake near Tom's Place we'll pack in 4 mi. with 1200' gain to camp at Francis Lake. Climb peak 8 mi rt, 2900' gain, happy hour Sat. evening then pack out Sunday. Send experience, conditioning, phones, email, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldr: Melissa Kane. Asst: Edd Ruskowitz.

Aug 18-19/Sat-Sun **WTC I/Alta Pk (11,204')**

Sat backpack from Lodgepole/Wolverton, on to Alta Peak trail to Pear Lake, 7 mi 1700' gain. Sat afternoon or Sun morning, xc climb to summit 5 mi rt, 1700' gain. Send sase, or use email, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning/carpool info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Aug 18-20/Sat-Mon **Sierra Peaks I/Bloody Mtn (12,552')**

SPS Intro Trip geared to new and prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 pk south of Mammoth. Sat bkpk 8 mi, 2600' gain to Dorothy Lake. Sun climb Bloody in 8 mi rt, 2800' of gain, some cross-country. Mon bkpk out 8 mi, 2600' of loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send \$5.00 check for permit fee along with SASE or email plus conditioning and high altitude experience, home, cell and work phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline, Asst: Kent Schwitkis.

Aug 24-26/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Long Beach, WTC I/Cloudripper (13,525') Via North Slope**

Climb the highest peak in the Inconceivable Range and be consoled by views of some of the most beautiful peaks and basins in the eastern Sierras. Fri hike from South Lake on trail to Green Lake 3 mi, 350' gain and set up camp, with time to explore & enjoy. Sat to peak 7 mi 2500' gain with much Class 2 terrain & short (optional) section of easy Class 3. Moderate pace. Very limited group size. E-mail (preferred) or SASE Ldr with contact info and recent conditioning. Ldr: Sharon Moore, Asst: Pat Arredondo.

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Aug 24-26/Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks I/Mt Mallory (13,850'), Mt Irvine (13,770')**

Backpack from Whitney Portal 4 miles, 3500' gain to camp near Meysan Lake, followed by happy hour and sound sleep. Climb Mallory and Irvine Saturday, then pack out Sunday morning -- maybe in time for a pancake at the Portal. Good conditioning a must. Send 2 sase or email, \$5 permit fee if confirmed, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information if applicable), H&W phones and rideshare info to Leader: Edd Ruskowitz, Co-Leader: Ron Campbell.

Aug 25-26/Sat-Sun **WTC I/Mt Langley (14,026')**

Southernmost California 14'er with excellent views. Sat backpack from Cottonwood Lakes Trailhead, 6.5 mi, 1500' gain to camp at Upper Cottonwood Lake. Evening happy hour. Climb Langley via Old Army Pass on Sun, 7 mi rt with 3000' gain, then backpack out. Send email or 2 sase with phones, address, experience and current conditioning, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Will McWhinney.

Aug 25-26/Sat-Sun **WTC I/Kaiser Pk (10,310')**

Sat backpack from Potter Pass Cutoff Trailhead (near Huntington Lake) to Upper Twin Lake (3.6 mi, 1,400' gain). Sun hike to George Lake, then xc climb to Kaiser Pk (2.5 mi, 1700' gain). Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email with recent experience / conditioning to Ldr: Mark Roberts. Asst: Lisa Buckley.

Aug 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Alta Pk (11,204')**

Sat backpack in from Wolverton Trailhead in Sequoia National Park to camp at Pear Lake (7 mi 2800'). Sun xc to Alta Pk (5 mi rt 1650') and backpack out. \$5 permit fee. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Bruce Michaels. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Aug 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Tahquitz Pk (8846), Red Tahquitz (8720)**

Come join us for a moderate pace hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild. Sat backpack 4 mi, 1600' gain to Tahquitz Valley. Then hike to Tahquitz Peak. 2.5 rt 900' gain. return to camp for happy hour. Sun hike to Red Tahquitz Pk. 2 mi xc, 800' gain. Return to camp and pack out. Must carry all water for weekend. Send sase/email and conditioning/experience to Ldr: Rod Kieffer, Asst: Jack Kieffer.

Aug 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **Sierra Peaks I/Iron Mtn (11,149')**

Moderately paced introductory trip geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Sat backpack from Devils Postpile to Anona Lk, 9100', 6 mi, 2100' gain. Happy hour in evening. Sun class 2 climb of peak, 3 mi round trip, 2400' gain, and backpack out, 6 mi, 500'. Send SASE, recent conditioning, rideshare info, phone, email, \$5.00 permit fee, payable to Ldr: Ed Lubin. Co-Ldrs: Marlen Mertz and Wayne Voltaire.

Aug 25-27/Sat-Mon **NEW!** **Sierra Peaks, WTC M/Mt Lyell (13,114'), Mt Maclure (12,880')**

Sat hike from Tuolumne Meadows on the John Muir Trail to camp below Donohue Pass (11 mi, 2000' gain). Sun climb the Lyell Glacier and ascend both summits from the Lyell-Maclure col and return to camp (7 mi rt, 4000' gain). Mon pack out (11 mi) to Tuolumne Meadows trailhead. Ice axe, crampons, class 3 rock experience needed. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form required. Send recent conditioning, resume, rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

Outings Leader Directory

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



Pictures from Devil's Slide Trail and Tahquitz Peak, by Gary Novotny





September

Sep 1-2/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **I/Cloudripper (13,525')**

WTC

Sat backpack from South Lake trailhead to Green Lake (3 mi, 1450' gain) on trail. Sat fish, hike, explore? Sat happy hour. Sun hike xc to Cloudripper (2 mi, 2470' gain), return to camp, and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send conditioning & recent experience, rideshare info, H&W phones, email, sase and \$6 permit fee to Ldr: Edith Jaranilla. Asst: Helen Qian.

Sep 2-4/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **I/Mt Langley (14,026'), Cirque (12,900')**

WTC, Sierra Peaks

Relatively relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Sat morning pack in to Long Lake from Cottonwood Pass Trail, 7 mi, 1800' gain (1400' net). Summit on Sun, 8 mi rt with 3600' gain (2900' net), followed by celebratory happy hour. Relaxed hike out to reach TH early afternoon Mon. Send 2 sase/1 sase & email, conditioning, recent experience, & altitude exposure (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldrs: Wayne Voltaire and Gary Bickel.

Sep 7-9/Fri-Sun  **I/Mt Davis (12,311')**

WTC

Fri backpack 8 mi, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Sat climb xc, class 2 route to Mt Davis from southwest of North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2500' gain. Sunday pack out. Shuttle fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mountain to Agnew Meadows trailhead required. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Sarah Myers.

Sep 7-9/Fri-Sun  **I/Mt Silliman (11,188')**

WTC, 20s30s


Moderately paced backpack Fri 4 mi one-way, 2000' gain from Lodgepole to below the Silliman Lake area. Sat (4 mi rt, 2500' gain) climb slabs, bag the peak for stunning vistas of the Great Western Divide and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out; explore sights of Sequoia National Park. Comfort on class 2 granite slab is essential. Permit fee \$6 per participant. Participants will take turns practicing navigation. Send esase (preferred) or sase with contact and rideshare info, recent backpacking and conditioning experience to Ldr: Sridhar Gullapalli. Asst: Jane Simpson.

Sep 8-10/Sat-Mon  **I/Mt Baldwin (12615')**

Sierra Peaks


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SPS Intro Trip geared to new and prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 pk south of Mammoth. Sat bkpk 6 miles, 2500' gain to Mildred Lake at 10,000'. Sunday climb Baldwin in 5mi rt, 2600' gain. Mon bkpk out 8 mi, 2500' of loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, conditioning and high altitude experience, home, cell and work phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Keith Martin.

Sep 11/Tue  **O/Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #3 WTC Introductory Hike**


WTC

Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. Bring headlamp or flashlight. The hike will include info on the best compasses for wilderness travel. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Cabellero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar County Club); free street parking. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz, Robert Myers, Georgette Rieck.

Sep 14-16/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **I/Goat Mtn (12,207')**

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

Travel less-frequented trail out of Kings Canyon and peer back down over terrain 7,000 feet below from the peak! Friday, strenuous 5.5 mile, 5,300 ft gain trail backpack from Kings Canyon to Granite Basin (killer gain, but we'll take a moderate pace). Sat moderate xc 5 mi, 2,200 ft climb of Goat Mtn with possible climb of nearby Kid Pk or stroll to Granite Lake. Sun return to cars. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Ldr: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: David Coplen.

Sep 14-16/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **I/Mt Johnson (12,871')**

Sierra Peaks, WTC

Sat backpack to Upper Treasure Lake and establish camp (3.5 miles 1740' gain), then climb Mt. Johnson (2 mi rt 1500' gain). Return to camp for happy hour. Sun backpack out. Send \$5 permit fee, email or SASE, recent conditioning / experience, H&W phones, and ride share info to Ldr: Doug Owens. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Sep 15-16/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **I/Cirque Peak (12,900')**

WTC

Sat start at Horseshoe Meadows Campground above Lone Pine. Hike in to Cirque Lake approx. 6 mi and make camp. Relax, enjoy the scenery. Sun climb Cirque Pk via class

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1 south saddle. Return to camp and pack out. Ideal for WTC students seeking to fulfill experience hike requirements. Contact Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Sep 15-17/Sat-Mon **NEW!** **I/Iron Mtn (11,148')**

WTC

Moderately strenuous backpack to Iron Mtn in Inyo National Forest. Sat hike 4.3 mi to Fern Lake from Devil's Postpile (1600'). Over night at Fern Lake, summit Iron Mtn on Sun, 9 mi rt (2500'). Mon we will pack out, returning to cars by early afternoon. Participants need to be comfortable on class 2 rock and traveling cross country. \$6 permit fee collected at trailhead. Send email or sase, H&W phone, recent conditioning and hiking experience to Ldr: Bob Dryden. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Sep 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Wilderness Adventures, WTC I/Twin Lakes-Silliman Nav Challenge Sequoia NP**

Improve your navigation skills, get a peak and get happy on a moderately paced 6.5 mi, 2600' gain backpack to beautiful Twin Lakes. Sat xc explore both sides of Silliman Crest, and climb a no-name peak, 1400' net gain via 7 mi loop. Return to camp for shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. Sun head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Send check for \$7 permit fee (payable to Wilderness Adventures), 2 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

Sep 22-23/Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks I/University Pk (13,632')**

The longer way via Kearsarge Pass. Sat backpack from Onion Valley, over Kearsarge Pass to camp at Kearsarge Lakes, 5.5 miles, 2600' gain. Sun steep xc climb to summit, 2 mi rt, 2500' gain. Then pack out and return to cars. Send sase, or use email, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: John Cyran.

Sep 22-23/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **I/Alta Pk (11,204')**

WTC

Hike beautiful Sequoia National Park visiting lovely alpine lakes along the trail to cross-country ascent to Moose Lake (10,545') (8 mi, 4000' gain). Fish, explore, enjoy the scenery. Community happy hour. Sun, break camp, climb class 2 Alta Pk, (3.8 mi rt, 1910' gain), and return to trailhead (8 mi, 2100' gain). Good conditioning required. Email or sase conditioning, experience, home and work phone, rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Sep 22-23/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks M/Mt LeConte (13,680')**

Restricted to Sierra Club Members with third class climbing experience; helmets required. Pack in 4 mi, 3500' gain to camp at Meysan Lake from Meysan Lake trailhead. Sun climb LeConte, 2 mi, 2600' gain and pack out. Medical form required. Send climbing resume, recent conditioning, sase/esase, H&W phones, \$6 permit fee to Garen Yegparian. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Sep 22-24/Sat-Mon **WTC I/Mt Silliman (11,188')**

Sat backpack 4 mi, 2000' gain on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia National Park to camp. Time to relax or explore. Sun 4 mi, 2500' gain to summit for spectacular views. Mon pack out. Comfort on class 2 rock required. There will be a \$5 permit fee collected at the hike. Send sase/esase, phones, rideshare info, recent backpacking/conditioning to Ldr: Pat Vaughn, Co-Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle.

Sep 28-30/Fri-Sun **WTC I/Florence Pk (12,437'), Vandever Mtn (11,937')**

Fri backpack 5 miles and 2800' gain to Franklin Lake. Set up camp. Sat climb Florence Pk, 5 miles round trip and 2100' gain. Sun break camp and backtrack to Farewell Canyon, 2 miles. Climb Vandever Mtn, 6 miles round trip with 2900' gain.

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Backpack remaining 3 miles descending back to the trailhead. Ldr: Mike Dillenback. Asst: KC Reid.

Sep 29/Sat **LTC**

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar

Last day for receipt of application and payment, by LTC Registrar for Oct 13 seminar. Next seminar: Spring 2008. See ad in back pages of the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities. Registrar: Steve Botan.

Sep 29/Sat **WTC**

O/Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #4 WTC Introductory Hike

Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on wilderness first aid. Westsiders Meet 8:00 am end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Cabellero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 8:00 am (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar County Club); free street parking. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Bill Jackson, Robert Myers, Georgette Rieck, Melody Anderson.

Sep 29-30/Sat-Sun **WTC, Hundred Peaks I/Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Peak (10,161) 10K Ridge (10,094')**

Three great peaks in the nearby San Geronio Wilderness. Saturday we'll pack to camp and happy hour at Dry Lake (7 mi, 2700'). Sunday we'll climb 6 mi., 1800' gain cross country to our peaks, then pack out. Send experience, conditioning, phones, email, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane.

Sep 30/Sun **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

I/Grinnell Ridge Navigation

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 navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Phil Wheeler

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Oct 9/Tue **WTC**

O/Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #5 WTC Introductory Hike

Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on winter travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Cabellero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar County Club); free street parking. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz, Robert Myers, Georgette Rieck, Paul Garry.

Oct 13/Sat **LTC**

Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC section in front of Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Sep 29. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2008. Registrar: Steve Botan

Oct 13/Sat **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

I/Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic

5 mi, 500' gain. Spend the day one on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a check off. Many expert leaders will attend; many "I" rated leaders started here in the past. Recent no-shows require a \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with

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check made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

Oct 13-14/Sat-Sun **WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Queen Mtn (5680'+)**

Easy paced, but moderately strenuous, backbacking trip in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery from the top of Queen Mt, visit historic Pine City and learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC requirements on this "really last chance" graduation trip. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. 10 mi rt, 1500' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Chi Choi.

Oct 20/Sat **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Indian Cove Navigation Practice**

This navigation practice will take place during the Wilderness Travel Course graduation in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. We will travel cross-country to practice navigation skills learned in the class and develop new skills. Participation limited to WTC students. For more information, send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Adrienne Benedict, Chi Choi, Susan Richmond, Jane Simpson, Marc "RoadKill" Hertz, Misha Askren.

Oct 21/Sun **LTC, WTC** **I/Indian Cove Navigation**

Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, prefer by email to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Phil Wheeler.

November and Beyond

Nov 2-4/Fri - Sun **LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC** **C/Wilderness First Aid Basics**

Runs from 8 am Sat to 5.30 pm Sun with optional airway/breathing skills Fri evening. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Airway/breathing skills (7.30-9.30 pm Fri) required for those without CPR during previous 4 years. Fee \$160 with SC#/\$170 non-member; airway breathing skills \$15 additional (full refund through Sept 28). For application send email to Ldr: Steve Schuster.

Nov 17-18/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Indian Cove Navigation**

Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, sase prefer by Email, to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Phil Wheeler.

Dec 8/Sat **NEW!** **WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Warren Pt (5103')**

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 6 mi rt, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to Warren Pt and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Susan Richmond, Jane Simpson.

Dec 9/Sun **NEW!** **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Warren Pt Navigation**

Navigation Noodle in Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Phil Wheeler

November and Beyond

Jan 5/Sat **NEW!** **WTC, LPC** **O/Temescal Pk (2126')**

Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this hike through oak glens and chaparral in Topanga State Park. Info will be provided on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. We will hike to the park's highest peak with spectacular views. 8 mi rt, 1100' gain on fireroad and trail. Meet 9:00 a.m. at Trippet Ranch fee parking lot (from Topanga Cyn Blvd, east on Entrada Dr for about 1 mi, turning left at every opportunity until parking lot). Ldrs: Robert Myers, Jane Simpson.

Jan 12/Sat **NEW!** **WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Warren Pt (5103')**

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 6 mi rt, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to Warren Pt and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Susan Richmond, Jane Simpson.

Jan 13/Sun **NEW!** **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I/Warren Pt Navigation**

Navigation Noodle in Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Phil Wheeler

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