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Introductory Classes

Listed below are two introductory classes geared specifically to offering additional snow travel and rock skills experience to WTC students. These courses are offered by Sierra Mountaineering International, and are in no way affiliated with WTC or the Sierra Club.

April 19 & 20 2008: Basic Rock Skills Course:

Two-day course designed to introduce the basics of movement on rock. Skills covered include hand and foot techniques on various mediums from face to crack climbing, belay skills, knots, travel on 3rd and 4th class terrain and rapelling. The first day starts with the basics and each new topic introduced builds on what has already been learned. The advantages and disadvantages of different types of equipment will be discussed throughout the weekend.

Location: Indian Cove, Joshua Tree National Park. Cost: $85.00 for one day, $170.00 for two days.

May 3 & 4 2008: Snow Travel Weekend School:

Day 1: Basic snow travel. An excellent introduction to the fundementals of travel in snow and ice of the Eastern Sierra. Ice axe self-arrest, efficient techniques for climbing up and down on snow, rope travel, cramponing, and self care will be covered. Each topic will include hands-on practice and critiques.

Day 2: Snow anchors and crevasse rescue. This school covers the essential skills needed for anyone to climb on snowy terrain steep enough to warrant placing anchors for protection, or on glaciated routes. The advantages and disadvantages of different types of equipment will be discussed throughout the day.

Location: Eastern Sierra between Bishop and Tioga Pass. Cost: $80.00 for one day, $160.00 for two days.

For more information on these classes, or to sign up, please contact **Sierra Mountaineering International** at 760-872-4929 or info@sierramountaineering.com. www.sierramountaineering.com

Graduations

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 18 and 19 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.

For Sale!

Top of the line Backpack, North Face Alpha Aurora, Red, Men's Medium, 6000 cu in, Excellent condition. $600 new, yours for $145. Steve Schuster, steve.n.wfac2@sbcglobal.net, 714-315-1886

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,** or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version

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.

California Sellers of Travel Disclaimer: CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Headline Deadline

For publication in the Summer 2007 WTC Newsletter:

May 20 Last day for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair for inclusion in the next WTC newsletter (Volume 19: Issue 3 - June/July). Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

Mar 9 Last day for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair for publication in next Angeles Chapter Schedule 308 (Jul 5 - Oct 31). Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application

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On The Cover

Long Beach Group 1 students Jivan Kaura and Joan Rosenburg celebrate completion of their WTC experience trip to Quail Mountain. Picture by Gary Novotny.

Destination... WTC Adventure!

Congratulations! You have made your way through the classes, and now you are ready for the next step - completing two experience trips, to earn the title of WTC Graduate!

Vogelsang Peak in Yosemite National Park (see right) is only one of the many adventurous destinations tha leaders and WTC leaders arrange summer experience trips specifically for WTC students. A listing of these WTC experience trips.

Students may also arrange to attend ate outing, as long as the outing meets the requirements listed

1. Two experience outings must be completed to fulfill course requirements for graduation. At least one Sierra Club outing or a private outing. Both outings must be overnight backpacking trips that include subs climb.

2. A peak climb outing that does not succeed in reaching the summit, due to weather or other safety-rela 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 r ence outing record form, and send it, along with your Student Record Card (after all other requirements are stamped envelope (sase) if you wish to be notified that your card was received.

Looking for Palisade Glacier

To reserve your place on an outing

The outings listed beginning on page 4 which are identified with the backpack logo, are all designed to meet the requirements for WTC experience trips. Each trip has a different level of intensity, so as you are selecting your trips, read the description carefully and feel free to contact the leader for additional information regarding elevation gain and pace, if necessary. Compare the elevation and mileage description to hikes you have completed in the past (remember that conditioning hike?) Remember that you will be carrying all the equipment and food you will need for the duration of the hike (remember snow camp?) If you feel that the distance, elevation, duration and destination are a good fit for your abilities, then contact the leader listed in the trip description. Remember that although many "M" level trips will qualify as experience trips, they are more technical on rock climbing or snow travel than the trips you took during WTC. The leaders will expect that you will have had additional training in order to participate in these trips.

To reserve your place on an outing, send the leader two 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed, stamped envelopes (sases) or an email as specified in the trip description. Include an information sheet with the following information: Your name, address, home and 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 that 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 can not 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 selection of participants.

The outings 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 the 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 WTC graduation requirements.

Desert Peaks Section (DPS)

Because most DPS outings are dayhikes with car camps, 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 and bus trips. Some of their backpacks fulfill the requirements for WTC graduation.

For more information on Angeles Chapter groups and sections, go to the Angeles Chapter website at: http://angeles.sierraclub.org

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 with 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 mnay 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.

March

Mar 14-16/Fri-Sun **Natural Science**

O/Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake

Join us for two days of xc skiing, tracking, and naturalizing in the spectacular Mammoth-June Lake area. Intermediate ski touring ability required. This trip satisfies the Natural Science requirement for the I-rating. Fee of $60 includes naturalist instruction, breakfasts and trail lunches, and accommodation at local Sierra Club members' homes on Fri and Sat night. Reserve a place by Mar 1st, by sending sase and $60 check payable to Sierra Club Natural Science Section to leaders Ginny and Jim Heringer, email: ginnyh@ix.netcom.com.

Mar 15/Sat **WTC**

I/ Snowshoe in the San Gabriels

Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one of the local peaks in the Chilao/Waterman area of the San Gabriels. Exact location to be determined by snow conditions. Anticipate 6-8 mi rt, 1000-1500' gain. Bring water, lunch, waterproof lugsoled boots, winter clothing (layers), snowshoes, trekking poles with powder baskets. Send sase or e-mail (preferred) with recent conditioning & experience to Ldr: Melody Anderson, Asst: Eric Scheidemantle.

Mar 29-30/Sat-Sun **WTC**

I/Quail Mtn (5814'), Samuelson's Rocks

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mtn, highest point in Joshua Tree NP using mostly cross-country route. Sat easy paced 4 mi to camp, set up, then 6 mi rt to Quail and back to camp for happy hour. We will encounter some rough, rocky sections on Quail. Sun, 2 mi rt cross country trip to Samuelson's Rocks. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), lug soles and layered clothing. sase or email, H&W phones, w/recent experience & conditioning to Ldr: David Meltzer. Asst: Gary Novotny.

April

Apr 5/Sat ***NEW*** **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

O/GPS Class

Introduction to Global Positioning System at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Apply early, no registration at door, start 9 am indoors. Focus on Garmin models includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided), hands-on field practice in afternoon. We have Loaner GPS. Send sase, phones, email, any GPS experience and model, $20 (LTC no refund after Mar 31) to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Myers

April continued

Apr 5-6/Sat-Sun **WTC**

I/Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,362'), Cornell Pk (9,750')

11 mi, 3,700'. Sat 8am ride Palm Springs Aerial Tram to San Jacinto State Wilderness. Will there be snow? Backpack 2 mi, 700' to Round Valley campground. Set up camp then hike or snowshoe 6 mi, 2200' xc to first two peaks. Return to camp for happy hour. Sun pack out 3 miles, 800' via Cornell Peak. Preference given to WTC students. Number of participants limited by permit. $22 Tram. Email backpacking experience, conditioning, phones to Ldr: Peter Lara, Asst: Sandy Sperling.

Apr 6/Sun **WTC**

I/Nav 'till it Hertz

Intermediate level Navigation Clinic, Malibu Creek State Park . 5 mi, 300' gain. Spend most of day with Navigation Instructors sharpening your skills with map & compass. Not a checkoff - but you'll be prepared. Send email (or sase) for required materials to Ldr: Marc "Roadkill" Hertz. Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Robert Myers, Adrienne Benedict.

Apr 12/Sat ***NEW*** **LTC**

O/I/M/E/Leadership Training Seminar

Location - Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium. Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 31. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2008. Leader/Registrar: Steve Botan

Apr 12-13/Sat-Sun **WTC**

I/Queen Mtn (5680'), Samuelson's Rocks

Easy paced, but moderately strenuous, backpacking trip in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery from the top of Queen Mtn. Sat easy paced 2 mi to camp, set up, then 6 mi rt to Queen w/1500' gain. Nav workshop on the way. We will encounter some rough, rocky sections on Queen. Sun, 2 mi rt cross country trip to Samuelson's Rock. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), lug soles and layered clothing. Send sase or email, H&W phones, w/recent experience & conditioning to Ldr: David Meltzer. Asst: Sridhar Gullapalli

Apr 12-13/Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC**

I/Rockhouse Peak (8,360') and Sirretta Peak (9,977)

Come climb these two peaks situated in the Southern Sierra with us. We will climb them via class 1 and 2 day hikes. On Saturday climb Rockhouse Peak via the north slope. On Sunday climb Sirretta. Experience with class 2 travel and good fitness required. Send email with conditioning, experience. Ldr: Alex Amies, Asst: Greg Mason.

April

Apr 19-20/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: Robert Myers.

Apr 26-27/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks**

M/E/Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: T. Bowman. Asst. T. McDonnell.

May

May 2-4/Fri-Sun **WTC**

I/Hetch Hetchy Dome (6165')

Fri afternoon 7 mi 1000' backpack by Tueeulala Falls and Wapama Falls to Rancheria Falls backcountry campsite. Sat 6 mi rt 2200' exploratory to Hetch Hetchy Dome. Comfort on steep class 2 cross country required. Happy hour both nights. Sun 7 mi pack out. The Hetch Hetchy Valley was comparable to Yosemite Valley prior to the completion of the O'Shaughnessy Dam in 1923. Learn about the effects of creating a reservoir and see the amazing domeland that remains above water. Preference given to WTC students. Number of participants limited by permit. $20 Yosemite NP entrance fee per car. Email or send sase with backpacking experience, conditioning, phones to Ldr: Peter Lara. Asst: Sandy Sperling.

May 3/Sat ***NEW*** **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

I/Mt. Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic

4 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. Send sase, $25 deposit (Sierra Club refunded at trailhead), phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

May 3-4/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, DPS, HPS**

I/Indianhead (3960'), San Ysidro Mtn (6147')

Enjoy desert scenery in Anza Borrego Desert State Park . On Sat dayhike up beautiful Palm Canyon to DPS peak Indianhead (8 mi, 3200' gain). Car camp at Borrego Palm Canyon with happy hour and potluck dinner. Sun am drive short distance to trailhead for HPS peak San Ysidro Mtn (4 mi, 2300' gain). Send SASE or email (preferred) to leader with contact information, recent experience and conditioning. Ldr; Kathy Rich; Co-Ldr: Will McWhinney.

May 10/Sat **Palos Verdes - South Bay, HPS, WTC**

I/Shay (6714'), Little Shay (6635'), Ingham (6355') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep)

18th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 13 mi, 3100' gain w considerable cross country via exploratory routes. Some 4wd driving. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send esase (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase, along with carpool info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Wayne Vollaire.

May continued

May 10-11/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **LTC, WTC, Desert Peaks, Desert Committee**

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

Join us for our fifth annual 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 day-hike workshop will be conducted out of a carcamp in the pinyon and juniper forests of the Mid Hills. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Send email/sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Virgil Shields

May 16-18/Fri-Sun **LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC**

C/Wilderness First Aid Course

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5.30 pm Sun. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. CPR required within previous 4 years to enroll. Fee $190 with SC#/$200 non-member; (full refund through April 11). Course is expected to fill 3 months in advance. For add'l info and application see website at http://wildernessfirstaid-course.org/ or send email to Ldr: Steve Schuster.

May 17/Sat **WTC, Hundred Peaks**

I/Lake Pk (10,161')

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 13.5 mile rt, 3500' gain hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We will take a cross-country route to Lake Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Adrienne Benedict.

May 17-18/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks**

M/E/Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Asst: Doug Mantle.

May 18/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: Robert Myers.

May 31-June 1/Sat-Sun **WTC**

I/Newton Drury Pk (10,160'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,362')

12 mi rt, 5000' gain. Enjoy a prudently-paced, but fairly-strenuous overnight backpack in the nearby San Jacinto Wilderness. Start at Marion Mtn Trail to Little Round Valley to set up camp, then cross-country routes and some rock scrambling to get up all three peaks. Send email or sase with contact information and conditioning to Ldr: Regge Bulman. Asst: Robert Myers.

June

Jun 7-8/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks Section**

M/Mt Emerson: (13,204')

Introductory SPS M-rated trip with ice axe & crampons. Sat backpack 2 mi from North Lake (9360') to Loch Leven Lake at 10,743' and set-up camp. Afternoon ice axe practice to refresh skills. Sunday - up climb peak 2461 feet of gain on snow and 3rd class rock and hike out to road head. Send SASE with conditioning, climbing experience, home, cell & work phones, ride share information, Sierra Club #, medical form and $5 permit fee to Ldr: Barbee Tidball. Assts: John Cheslick and Larry Tidball.

Jun 7-8/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks Section, WTC**

M/Mt Goethe (13,264')

Saturday backpack from North Lake trailhead to below Piute Pass (4.5 miles, 1750'gain), possibly climb Emerson (13,204') en route, (1.5 miles, 2400' gain). Share happy hour. Sunday - climb Goethe, alpine start via Alpine Col, 9 miles round trip, 2250' and pack out. Snow climb requiring Sierra Club membership, experience with ice ax and crampons and medical form. Send sase or e-mail with experience and conditioning, home and work phones and rideshare information to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Co-Ldr: Asher Waxman.

Jun 7-8/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks, WTC**

M/Mt Conness (12,590'), Mt Dana (13,053')

Visit the beautiful snowy reaches of upper Yosemite National Park. View Half Dome from the summit. Saturday hike 3.5 miles with possible snowshoe cross-country, 2470' gain to summit from Saddlebag Lake along East Ridge. Camp at Lake. Sunday drive to Tioga Pass, hike 3 miles cross country, 4000' gain to Mt. Dana. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and moderate 3rd class rock. Send recent conditioning, experience, medical form and sase/ease to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Tina Bowman.

Jun 14/Sat ***NEW*** **Long Beach, WTC**

O/San Bernardino Pk (10,649')

Enjoy hiking a gradual although unrelenting but otherwise nice and usually well-maintained scenic trail in our local San Gorgonio Wilderness. Moderately-paced, but 16 miles total, with 4700' gain and maybe snow near summit. We'll also visit the 1852 survey monument. Permit limits group size. Forest parking permit required. Contact Ldr: John H, or Co-Ldr: Jeff Kenyon.

Jun 14-16/Sat-Mon ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks**

I/Kern Peak (11,510)

SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Enjoy studying flora and fauna with naturalist Sherry Ross. Sat backpack 9 mi, 1500' of gain to camp at Redrock Meadows at 8600'. Sun climb class 2 Kern Peak in 8 mi, 3000' gain rt, with considerable x-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 9 mi, 1800' gain (road head higher than camp). Send SASE, recent conditioning, H,W & cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Sherry Ross.

Jun 21-22/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **Long Beach, WTC**

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

Enjoy our local San Gorgonio Wilderness; gain experience on class 3 rock; climb So. Calif's 2nd-highest peak. 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 cross country, 2300' gain. WTC/equivalent required. Deep residual snow postpones four weeks. Forest parking permit required. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John H. Asst: Mike Adams.

July

Jul 11-13/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks, WTC**

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

Climb a classic Sierra and SPS Emblem peak. Leave Agnew Meadows Friday, backpack 6 miles, 1100' gain to Lake Ediza. Saturday hike 6 miles cross-country round trip and 6000' gain from Lake Ediza up the southeast glacier. Sunday pack out. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and high 3rd class rock. Send recent conditioning, experience, medical form and sase/ease to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Will McWhinney.

Jul 12/Sat ***NEW*** **Long Beach, WTC**

I/Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997')

Enjoy our local San Gorgonio wilderness, learn of its flora and fauna. Moderately-paced hike, but 11 miles on trail, 4 miles cross-country, with 5600' total gain. Permit limits group size. Forest parking permit required. Email resume of recent hiking experience to Ldr: Sherry Ross, or contact Co-Ldr: John H.

Jul 12-13/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Basin Mtn (13,181')

Sat backpack from trailhead to Horton Lake (4 mi, 2200' gain). Bring appetizer or dessert to share Sat night. Sun early climb of peak (5mi, 3200'gain), then break camp and return to cars. WTC or equiv required. Send sase or email (preferred) with recent experience and conditioning, phone and rideshare info, and WTC leader to Ldr: KC Reid. Asst: Mike Dillenback.

Jul 18-20/Fri-Sun ***CANCELLED*** **WTC**

M/Mt McAdie (13,799')

Meet at Whitney Portal Friday morning. Backpack to Consolation Lake and set up camp (3300' gain). Early start Saturday morning heading south over moraine and talus to the saddle. Gain Arc Pass nearly to the top of the south summit, then negotiate class 3 climbing to the north summit (2100' gain). Back to camp for R&R. Sunday pack out to Whitney Portal. Class 3 experience, helmets, medical form required; restricted to Sierra Club members. Excessive snow may cancel. Send esase/sase, climbing resume/recent conditioning to Ldr: Josh Hibbard. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Jul 18-20/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **Long Beach, WTC**

I/Chocolate Pk (11,682')

Backpack the beautiful Bishop Pass trail to camp, 2.5 mi, 2000' gain. Share chocolate on Chocolate Peak, 2.3 mi 1100' gain over Class 1 & 2 terrain. We'll have time for photography, fishing, and explorations to off-trail lakes. $5 permit fee. Send E-mail (preferred) or SASE with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Sharon Moore. Asst: Jean Konnoff.

Jul 18-20/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, 20s&30s**

I/Florence Pk (12,432')

Mineral King is a spectacular Alpine region of Sequoia National Park, with majestic peaks and beautiful lakes. And >if our timing is right, the area will be bursting with flowers. Join us for a backpack to Florence Peak, the highest point in Mineral King. Fri backpack from Mineral King to Franklin Lakes, 5.5 mi, 2700' gain. Sat climb Florence 4 mi rt, 2100' gain (and time permitting, Rainbow Mountain) via trail and class 2 route. Sun pack out. Will serve as an experience trip for WTC students. There is a $5 permit fee for the trip. Send WTC group and leader (if applicable), recent conditioning and experience, H&W phones, e-mail address, and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Berson. Co-Ldr: Sridhar Gullapalli.

July continued

Jul 19-20/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, SPS**

I/Lone Pine Pk (12,943')

From Meysan Lakes Trailhead at Whitney Portal, Sat backpack 5 mi, 3600' gain to Meysan Lake, relax, enjoy group happy hour. Sun climb peak by class 2 route, 2 mi, 2300' gain to peak, then out. WTC or equiv reqd. Send email or sase with recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Josh Hibbard. Co-Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson.

Jul 19-21/Sat-Mon ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks**

I/Cirque Peak(12,900')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat. Backpack from Horseshow 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, home, cell & work phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Kent Schwitkis.

Jul 26-27/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, Sierra Peaks**

I/Cirque Peak (12,900')

Gourmet Backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend VI. Sat backpack 4 mi, 1300' via Cottonwood Pass to Chicken Springs Lake for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 2.5 mi, 1700' gain to Cirque. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Assts: Georgette Rieck, Ed Cottone.

August

Aug 1-3/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Backpack to Payne Lake, Peaklet 11,818'

Follow in the footsteps of impressionist painter Edgar Alwin Payne on a backcountry ramble to Payne Lake, near Seventh Lake. Fri, backpack to Third Lake via North Big Pine Creek, 5.5 mi, 2723' gain. Group dinner Friday night. Sat cross country navigate to Payne Lake and Peaklet 11,818, 2 miles on-trail, 3 miles off trail round trip, 1000' gain. Happy hour Sat night. Sun optional trip to Middle Palisade Glacier, 3 mi rt, 2000' gain, and pack out. $7 permit fee per person. Send e-mail (preferred) or SASE with H/W phone numbers, e-mail, WTC group and conditioning to: Ldr: Kay Novotny, Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson.

Aug 1-3/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, Sierra Peaks**

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

Fri backpack from Cedar Grove to camp at Sphinx Lakes, 8.5 mi, 5500' gain. Sat climb North Guard, 3 mi, 4200' gain, and, if possible, Brewer, 1 mi, 650' gain. Sun hike out. Happy hour both nights. Class 3 experience, helmets, medical form required; restricted to Sierra Club members. Send email (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning, climbing resume, rideshare info and $5 permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Aug 2-3/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Mt Lamarck (13,417')

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

August continued

Aug 8-10/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Mt Lamarck (13,417)

"Lamarck- the Return." Fri moderately paced backpack from North Lake trailhead to upper Lamarck Lake, 4 mi and 1800' gain. Set up camp. Sat climb Mt Lamarck, 14 mi rt with 2400' gain, some scrambling required. Return to camp for celebratory happy hour. We'll pack out on Sunday. Designed for WTC students. Send resume with email address h/w numbers, carpool, recent conditioning and experience to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Co-leaders Virgil Shields, Jane Simpson.

Aug 15-17/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Big Pine Lakes, Palisades Glacier Area

Backpack to explore the upper reaches of Big Pine Creek Basin and the Palisade Glacier with great views of some of the Sierra's high peaks. We will camp near Third Lake along the North Fork of Big Pine Creek. From our camp, we will ascend to explore Sam Mack Meadow, Sam Mack Lake, and the glacial lakes at the base of Palisade Glacier (12,200'). Substantial cross-country travel over Class 2 terrain, including the possible climb of an unnamed peak in the vicinity. 16 mi rt, 4100' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning and experience to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Sarah Myers.

Aug 16-17/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Backpack to Chicken Foot Lake, Peaklet 11,645

Let's go lake bagging in the Little Lakes Valley, above Tom's Place. Sat, backpack to Chicken Foot Lake via Rock Creek, 3 miles, 600' gain. After setting up camp, 3 mile RT cross country exploration of Treasure Lakes, peaklet 11,645, and Gem Lakes, 1000' gain. Group potluck dinner Saturday night. Great fishing opportunities! Sunday morning, optional trip to the top of Morgan pass, and check out Morgan Lakes - 3 mi RT, 400' gain, then pack out. $7 permit fee per person. Send e-mail (preferred) or SASE with H/W phone numbers, e-mail, WTC group and conditioning to: Ldr: Gary Novotny, Co-leader: Kay Novotny.

Aug 16-17/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, SPS**

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

Sat backpack from Rock Creek to Hilton Lakes, 5 miles 1500' gain. Sunday it's on to summit 5 mi round trip, 2500' gain. Then pack out, 5 mi. to cars. Send SASE, or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, conditioning, and carpool info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: John Cyran.

Aug 16-18/Sat-Mon ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks**

I/Red Slate Mtn. (13,123')

SPS Intro trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, causal, and enjoyable. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 6 ½ mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 4 mi rt, 2,200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send sase with $5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell &W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

Aug 23-24/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'gain). Happy hour Sat night. Sun xc to Alta Pk (5mi rt 1700' gain) and backpack out. $5 permit fee.WTC or equivalent required. Send email, phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Rod Kieffer. Asst: Jack Kieffer.

Outings Leader Directory

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

Cloudripper reflected in Fifth Lake

Mt Sill and Palisade Glacier

August continued

Aug 23-24/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **Sierra Peaks, WTC**

I/Split Mtn (14,042'), Tinemaha Pk (12,520')

Come climb this 14-er and SPS Emblem peak. Sat backpack to Red Lake (5 mi, 4000' gain); climb Tinemaha (1.5 mi, 2000' gain, class 2). Sun climb Split (2 mi, 3500' gain, class 2), and pack out. 4-WD may be required on trailhead road. Send SASE or email (preferred) to leader with: contact information, carpool info, climbing resume with recent experience/conditioning. Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldr: Ron Hudson .

Aug 30-Sep 1/Sat-Mon **WTC**

I/Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sat backpack 4 mi, 1,500' gain from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Meadow. Sun 5 mi, 3,000' gain to Mt. Silliman then return to camp. Happy hour both nights. Mon pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slabs required. Send email with phone # and rideshare info, recent backpacking/conditioning experience to Ldr: Peter Lara, Asst: Sandy Sperling

Aug 30-Sep 1/Sat-Mon ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Cloudripper (13,525'), Vagabond Pk (13,374'), The Hunchback (12,311')

Sat morning moderate to easy pace backpack from South Lake trailhead to Green Lake (3 mi, 1300'). Sat afternoon hike to Hunchback (2mi rt cross-country). Sat happy hour. Educational topic the Sierras.. Sunday hike xc to Vagabond, then to Cloudripper (6 mi rt, 2470'). Sun happy hour, relax. Conservation topic: endangered species. Mon pack out. WTC or equivalent required. No tigers. Send conditioning & recent high altitude experience, rideshare info, H&W phones, email and $6 permit fee to Ldr: Edie Jaranilla. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson .

September

Sep 12-14/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Mt. Davis (12,311')

Fri backpack 8 miles, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Sat climb cross country, class 2 route to Mt. Davis from southwest of North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2500 ft.gain. Sun pack out. Shuttle fee of $7 from Mammoth Mountain to Agnew Meadows trailhead required. Wilderness permit fee of $5 collected at trailhead. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Gunn. Asst. Ldr: Robert Myers.

Sep 13-14/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, HPS**

I/Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,161') 10K Ridge (10,094')

Three great peaks in the nearby San Gorgonio Wilderness. Saturday we'll pack to camp and happy hour at Fish Creek Camp (5 mi, 1800'). Sunday we'll climb 7 mi, 2800' gain cross country in a loop to our peaks, then pack out. Send experience, conditioning, phones, email, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane.

September continued

Sep 13-14/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, SPS**

I/Mt Tom (13,652')

Strenuous climb to the top of massive Mt Tom out of Bishop. Sat backpack 4 mi, 2200' to camp at Horton Lake. Sun climb Mt Tom 7 mi round trip, 3700' gain, then pack out 4 mi. Send SASE or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, conditioning, and carpool info to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: John Cyran.

Sep 19-21/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

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

Fri backpack 5 mi, 2800' gain to Franklin Lake, set up camp. Sat climb Florence Pk, 5 mi rt, 2100' gain. Sun break camp and backpack to Farewell Cyn, 2 mi. Climb Vandever Mtn, 6 mi rt, 2900' gain, WTC or equivalent. Send sase or email, conditioning/experience, phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Jack Kieffer Co-Ldrs: Rod Kieffer, KC Reid.

Sep 19-21/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC, Wilderness Adventures**

I/Twin Lakes-Silliman NavPack 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), 1 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

Sep 19-21/Fri-Sun ***NEW*** **Wilderness Adventures, WTC**

I/Mt Mallory (13,850') and Mt Irvine (13,770')

Moderately strenuous 11 mi rt backpack to Meysan Lake area with climb of two of the more interestingly named peaks in the Sierra. Fri backpack 6 mi, 3000' gain from Whitney Portal up steep trail to over 11,000' near Meysan Lake and set up camp. Sat xc, talus and scree climb of Mallory & Irvine with steeply sloping traverse between the peaks. Sun pack out and drive home. WTC grads welcome. Not suitable for beginners. Send $10 permit fee (Wilderness Adventures), recent backpacking experience/conditioning, 2 sase (or email), H&W phones to Ldr: David Coplen. Co-Ldr: Mark Mitchell.

Sep 28/Sun ***NEW*** **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: Robert Myers.

October

Oct 4/Sat ***NEW*** **LTC**

O/I/M/E/Leadership Training Seminar

Location - TBD. Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Sep 20. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2009. Leader/Registrar: Steve Botan.

Oct 11-12/Sat-Sun ***NEW*** **WTC**

I/Joshua Tree "Really Last Chance" Graduation Trip

Easy paced backpacking trip in scenic Joshua Tree National Park. We will take exploratory cross-country routes in the Queen Valley area, taking in a peak along the way. Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC requirements on this "really last chance" graduation trip. 9 mile rt, 1000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Chi Choi, David Meltzer.

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