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Miles to Go

...before I sleep

2012 West LA Group Four
student Joe Robinson signs
on for the Mother of All
Experience Trips

Experience Matters

So, how many Experience Trips have you reserved space on? How many have you actually completed? The two trips I'm leading already have a half dozen or so students on the waiting list. Good news: People cancel. If you're on a waiting list, chances are not bad you'll go on the trip. More good news: There are new trips in this Summer WTC Newsletter that weren't in the Spring edition. Check 'em out and send 'em your résumé.



WTC ON THE PCT

2012 West LA alum Joe Robinson reported on his idea of an experience trip: 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail immediately upon finishing WTC

classes and outings. Years ago Orange County student Chuck Ward embarked on, and completed, the Appalachian Trail living in ultralight gear and subsisting primarily on Snicker's bars. As you'll read in his photo essay on page 4, Joe didn't exactly go lightweight, which makes his accomplishment all the more impressive.

SURVEY SAYS...

WTC Publicity Coordinator Brian Decker conducted a survey among 2011, 2012 and 2013 students from all four areas — West LA, Orange County, Long Beach/South Bay and San Gabriel Valley. Respondents weren't identified by name nor by group, only by year and area.

A good deal of the survey dealt with standard but valuable information, like, "How did you hear about Wilderness Travel Course?" The front-running responses to that query from West LA (40%), Long Beach (32%) and San Gabriel Valley (41%) students reported hearing about WTC from a friend. Orange County bucked that trend, however, as 33% said they heard about the course at REI. Of course, I work at REI's Tustin store. Coincidence? Hmm...

"How would you rate the course" received very encouraging scores with Excellent and Very Good garnering 88% (WLA), 93% (SGV) and 92% (OC and LB/SB).

Snow Camp was SGV's and OC's favorite part of the course. LB/SB's fave was Joshua Tree while WLA couldn't decide between Joshua Tree and "Making new friends."

Personal comments were the most interesting part of the survey. There were plenty of positive reviews: *"All leaders brought something unique to the course."* *"Snow Camp put everything together."* *"Excellent leadership. Safety was a top priority."* *"The staff and my classmates, best people on the planet."* *"Level of instruction and care was excellent... It's like summer camp for adults."* *"Learn a lot and get a lot for what you pay for."* *"Navigation was very helpful."* *"Great guest lecturers."* *"Perfect pace for a beginner. Didn't feel intimidating at all!"* *"Great fun, made lifelong friends, learned crucial skills, saw beautiful places, inspired to continuously return to nature."*

And just to keep our heads from plumping up, there were a few sobering thoughts as well: *"I felt like class sessions were just too long."* *"The gear was expensive."* *"I would have liked to see the leaders hold the students more accountable for being prepared."* *"Leader should have had a better assessment of abilities of all students."* *"Getting up early for hikes!!"* *"I would have liked more outings!"* *"Realizing how out of shape I was in."* *"Biggest problem on outings was the range of abilities...having to wait a LONG time for some to catch up along the way."*

The most detailed answers by far came from the question, *"What would you like to see changed about the course?"* Many complain about a vacuum once the course ends. Some suggest following up with a more advanced "WTC2" or dividing groups by physical capabilities. And there are some who complain about individual instructors.

Maybe it's fatigue after preparing and teaching a comprehensive, ten-week, four-outing course that necessitates a time of disconnection and decompression. There's no way I could do this any more than once a year, though I love volunteering for this organization each year. All I hope is that I've prepared my students to plan their own trips, contact old and new friends and go forth into the wilderness prepared and found at all times.

Although I'll certainly use this survey as a tool to help me and my instructors in 2014, I'm heartened to read all the positive comments knowing that, as WTC changed my life 14 years ago, I'm part of that same change in others year after year after year.

Before I close, not sharing one particular comment would be disingenuous on my part. When asked, *"What was your least favorite part of the course?"* the student responded, *"Some of the pompous leaders..."*

I'm gonna have to work on that.

— Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Editor



WTC HIMALAYA DIVISION

2013 Orange County Modjeska Group student Kenji Uemura flying the flag on 17,584' Gokyo Peak. The tall, really snowy peak in the background is Mt. Everest. Kenji completed this trek on the heels of WTC and had this summit photo taken with his guide while displaying his WTC bandana in appreciation of his WTC leaders. Photo by Brett Smith

HEADLINE DEADLINES

For publication in the Fall 2013 WTC Newsletter: **August 23**

For publication in the Winter 2014 WTC Newsletter: **November 15**

These are the last days for outings 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.

OUTINGS

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.

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On the Cover WTC West LA student and PCT thru-hiker Joe Robinson at sunrise on the Summer Solstice at the top of Mt. Whitney. He began his climb at 1am from Crabtree Meadow.

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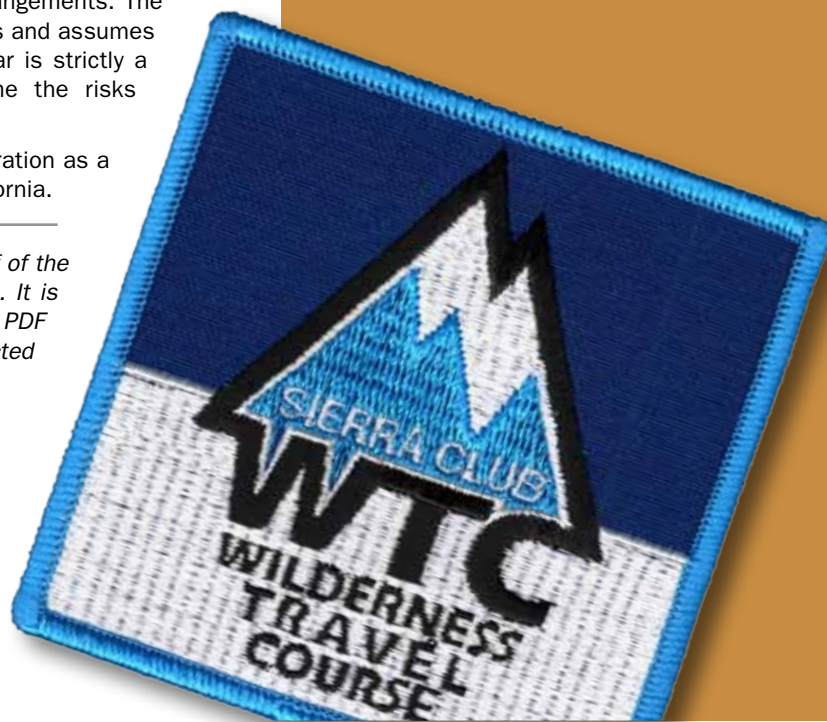
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WTC ON THE PCT

by Joe Robinson, WTC/WLA Group 4, 2012

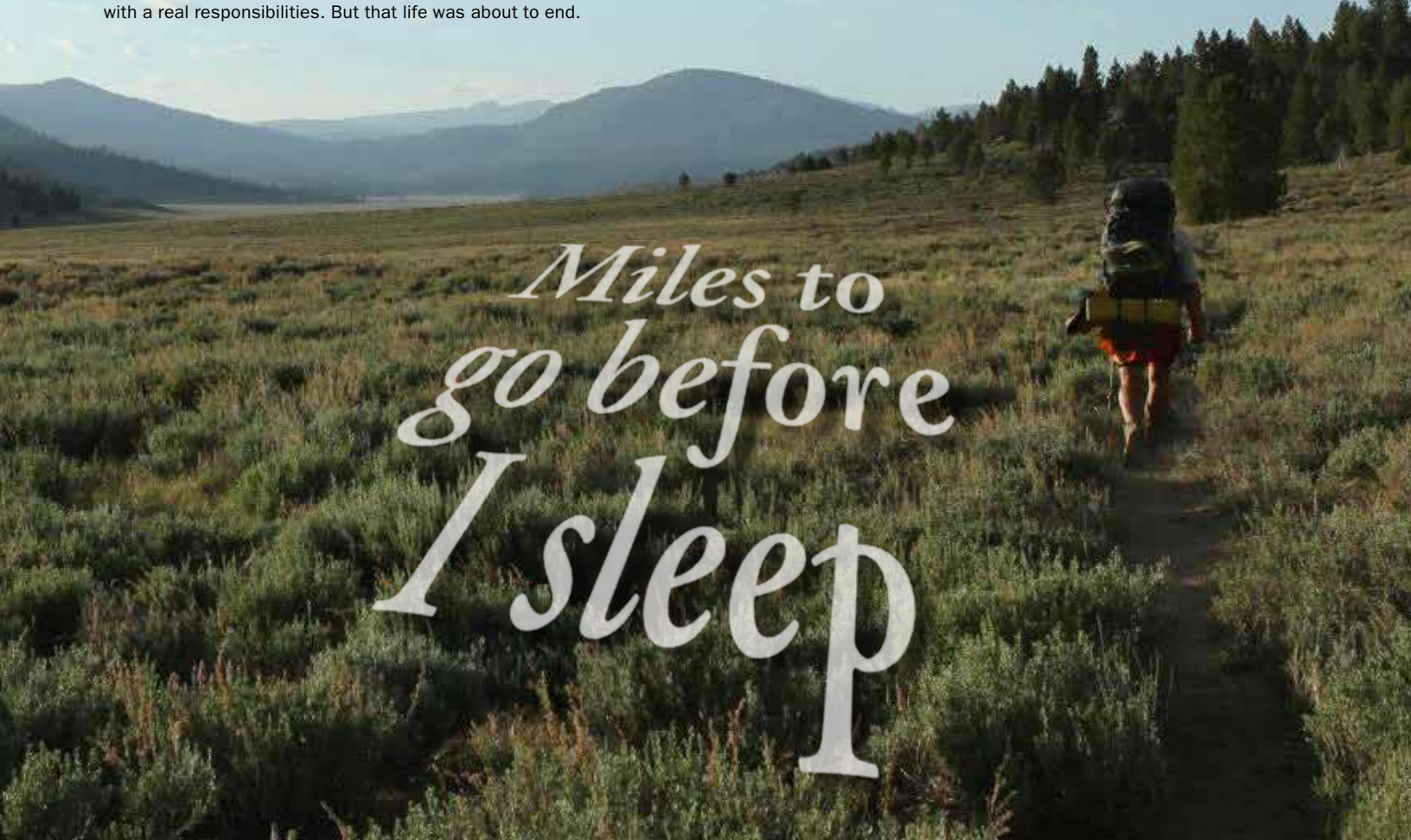
We just signed the papers." I felt my heart sink and forced a weak smile. It was the beginning of the end of my time in Los Angeles and at that moment I knew it. My roommates and best friends were moving out. And I wasn't invited. It was the weekend after Thanksgiving in 2011. It had been a great year, a crazy year, a year of success and fun in the sun. Our house in West Hollywood was in foreclosure and our landlord had skipped town. Although it was clear that a new chapter was about to unfold in all of our lives, this wasn't how I'd envisioned it happening.

I'd known of the Pacific Crest trail since I was a teenager but hadn't considered the journey until I moved to LA from my home in Oregon. I was having a tough time getting a job as a new graduate at the height of the Great Recession in 2009 and looked to my dad for advice. As we sat swilling a beer, I mentioned half-joking that I wished I could just do interesting stuff and tell people about it. He told me about a friend of his who walked the length of Oregon on the PCT and had come back with stories of adventure, solitude, and fear. As a young man struggling to find a purpose beyond selling pencils at the local art supply shop, I was inspired. Two years later I'd ditched the pencils and landed a great job with a real responsibilities. But that life was about to end.

Five days after learning that I was on my own, I pulled the mental trigger. Although I'd never once walked more than 10 miles in a day or done an overnight backpack, I decided I was a PCT hiker. And not just the Oregon section. I was a thru-hiker. The Pacific Crest Trail, 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada, would be my home for five and a half months starting at the end of April. Needless to say, I was in need of some serious new knowledge. I had four months to wrap up my work, prepare myself for my journey, and divest myself of life as I knew it.

While I had lots of outdoor experience everywhere from Alaska to Costa Rica- mostly boat camping- my family and friends were understandably concerned. I'd heard of the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course through a colleague and decided it would be best to alleviate (some) of their fears by taking part in the course and ensuring that my navigation skills were honed. I took the class (WTC Group 4 woo hoo!) and hit the trails in Griffith Park behind my sketchy East Hollywood studio apartment to prep. April approached fast and I found myself at ADZPCTKO (Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kick Off) a few miles from the Mexican border with a brand new Go-Lite pack and a whole bunch of water bottles.

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*Miles to
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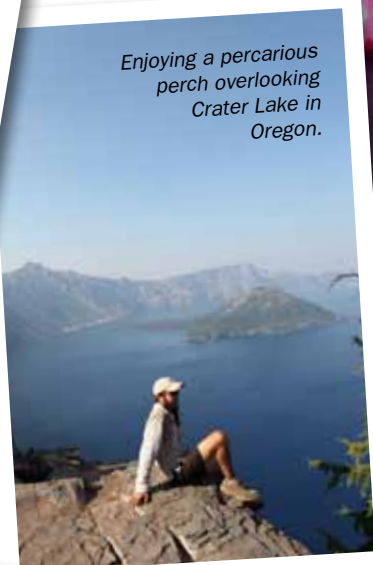
A group of hikers sets out at sunset to hike the Aqueduct, an 18 mile straight shot across the floor of the Mojave desert.



Fresh trailside huckleberries in Oregon. Miles be damned when there are huckleberries to be eaten!



Enjoying a precarious perch overlooking Crater Lake in Oregon.



The nicest signs on the PCT are for the JMT!



The Big Bear Hostel sets out a "couch cache" in the middle of the woods. It's crazy to come upon a couch and ice cold drinks in the middle of nowhere!



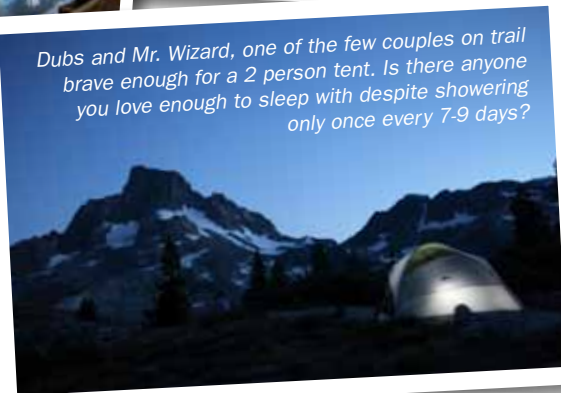
"HIKERS! Please Loiter"



The water cache at scissors crossing. Water caches are a godsend along the trail.



Dubs and Mr. Wizard, one of the few couples on trail brave enough for a 2 person tent. Is there anyone you love enough to sleep with despite showering only once every 7-9 days?



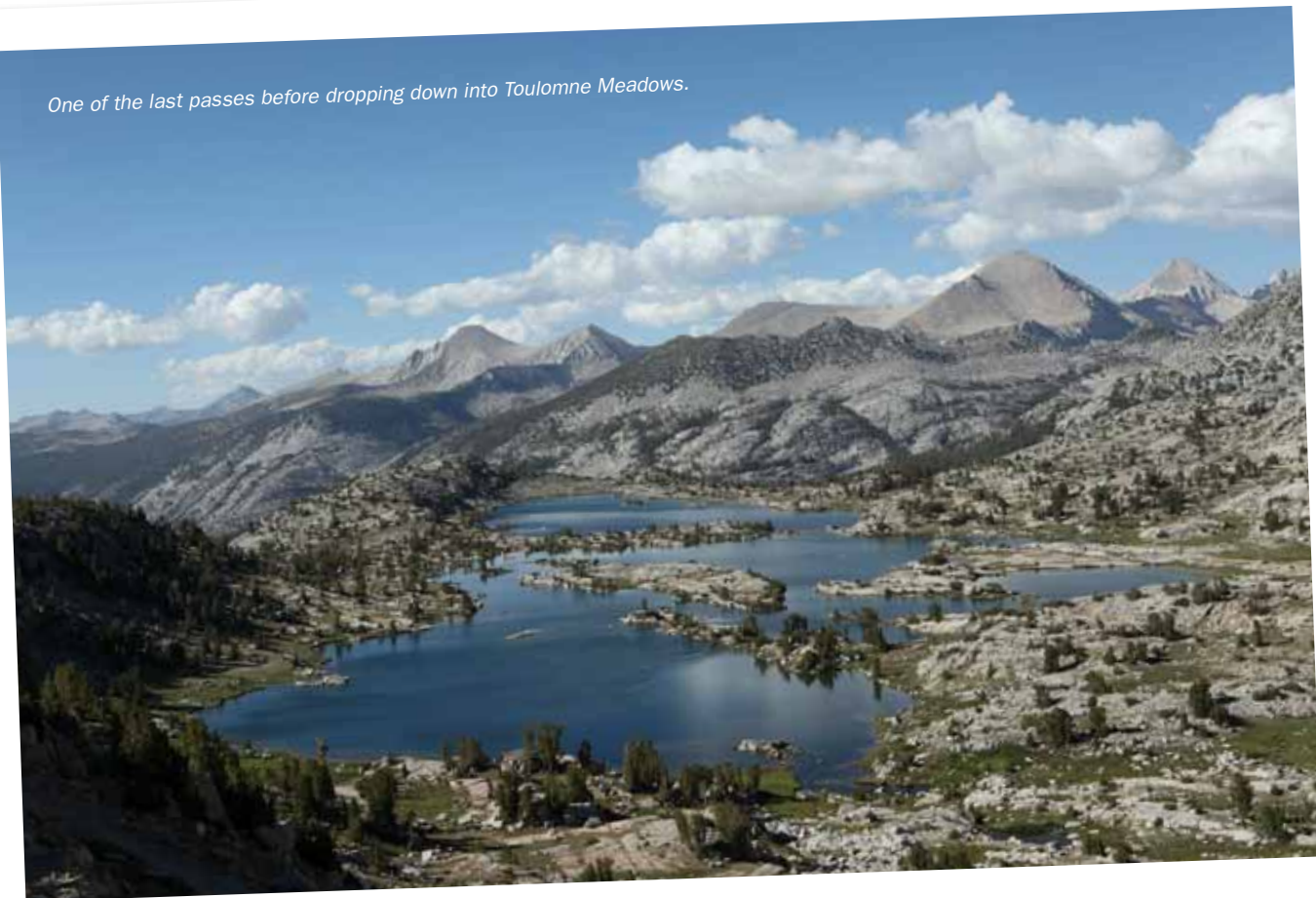
Tunnell falls on the Eagle Creek Trail from Indian Springs to Cascade Locks, Oregon. You walk behind the falls through a cool, dripping tunnel.



The knife edge in the Goat Rocks national forest in northern Washington. A thousand feet of exposure on either side, you look down at the top of the clouds when making this passage.



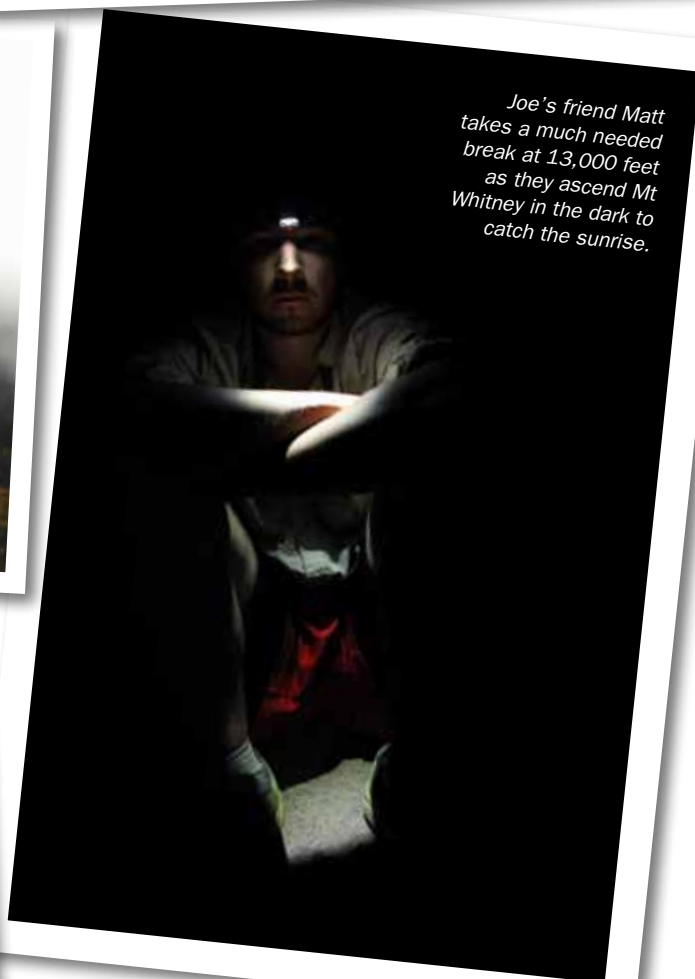
One of the last passes before dropping down into Toulomne Meadows.



A cold and foggy day in the North Cascades several days before completing the trail.



Joe's friend Matt takes a much needed break at 13,000 feet as they ascend Mt Whitney in the dark to catch the sunrise.



Endless windfarms close to Mojave and Tehachapi



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The first few weeks were rough. Really rough. Really really rough. I'd spent time in the desert and in the heat, but the first 700 miles of the trail meander through some of the hottest, driest desert in the US, including 60 miles of the famed Mojave Desert. I'd been training hard for the trip, but never more than two days in a row due to the demands of my job. During those first couple of weeks, I learned that it's not day one or two that's tough. It's day three through week three. During one of those days fell May 13, my birthday. I was walking through the Whitewater river valley and had to navigate across a recent washout somewhere in the neighborhood of a mile wide. Instead of taking the correct route angling across the washout, I walked upstream two miles.

I got found (at the cost of several hours of cool early morning hiking time) and continued toward the next water source 7 miles and over 1,000 vertical feet away. As the temperature climbed past one hundred and then one hundred and five degrees, I realized I'd made a major mistake in pushing forward. My water was running low and had heated to scalding temperatures in my exposed Gatorade bottles. I'd begun rationing, but not soon enough. I'd made it about half way when I realized I was in trouble. Rather than turning back and backtracking downhill to the last water source, a milky-white trickle that created a ribbon-like oasis through the desert, I pushed on. Over a mile away from the stream I sought, I stopped sweating. It was over 100 degrees and I knew I could quickly find myself in deep trouble. Alternating between lying in the dirt curled around sagebrush trunks to cool off and slogging through the sun, I began to feel dizzy and my vision narrowed. I had no illusions about the severity of my troubles and as I began to get really worried, I crested the last hill and a stream came into view. I slid down the side of the canyon and collapsed into the water, drinking deeply from the cool water. After regaining my senses I pulled my hands from the streambed. They were covered in hundreds of tiny wriggling black worms.

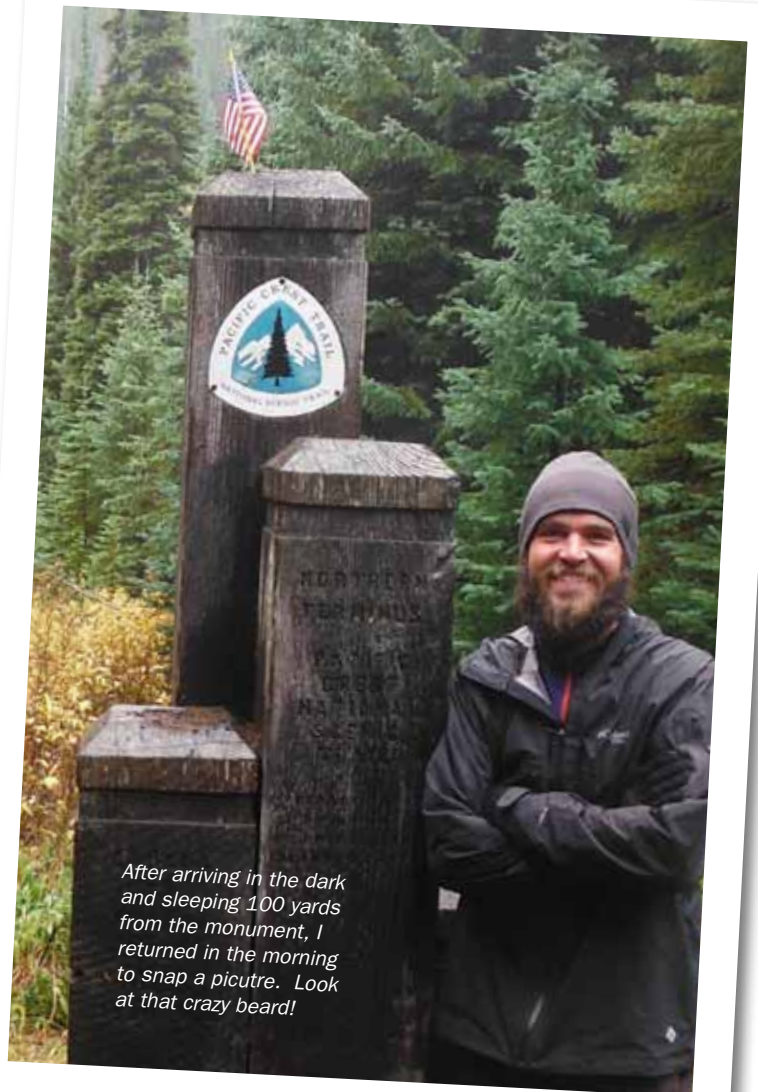
Not long after the worm incident, from which I thankfully escaped without illness, I emerged from the desert and arrived at a spring where a small group of hikers were resting and "cameling up," or binge-drinking water to prepare for the next desert leg. They were filthy. However, I'd somehow managed to stay shockingly clean and emerged from the burning desert in my sparkling white shirt. One of the hikers commented that it was pretty Hollywood of me to stay so clean in the midst of so much dust. When I mentioned I'd last lived in Hollywood, my trail name was born. For the next 2,200 miles, I would be known simply as Hollywood- my real name falling by the wayside with the rest of my societal artifacts like showers chairs.

As I made my way toward Canada my feet toughened and my non-essential muscles withered as my body adapted to daily life on the trail. Somewhere in Northern California I realized that I was losing weight too fast to finish. By that time I'd befriended several other hikers who realized this about themselves around the same time. We began adding 1000 calories (about ½ cup) of olive oil to our breakfast shakes (a daily ritual for long-distance hiking) to increase fat intake and stem weight loss.

Five months in to the trip, my beard showing the miles almost

as much as my emaciated frame, I was two weeks from completing my journey. The first of October had come and gone and with it my certainty of success. Northern Washington, while beautiful, was beginning to show the onset of winter. Water became uncertain as streams froze during ten degree nights. As the few straggling hikers I was with (the fun bunch, as we called ourselves) approached the Canadian border, the season's first major rain began to fall. As we crossed the last pass on the last day, the snow set in. Fighting exhaustion and eager for a cold beer and a warm bed in Manning BC, we walked 30 miles in a day to reach Monument 78 at the Canadian border sometime around 9:30 pm on October 13, 2012. A tiny metal replica of the Washington Monument, Monument 78 reflected our LED headlights as we stumbled forward to finally touch it and snap a quick photo. The top of the monument is removable. Inside is a trail register along with various items carried thousands of miles by hikers and deposited at the end of the journey. When I hoisted the top of the monument from its base and looked inside, there sat a big red button. A promotional toy from Staples, the "Easy Button." With the last of my strength, I pulled the button from the monument and cradled it in my rain-soaked palm. With one finger I pressed the button. From the back of the button rang out a man's voice:

"That was easy."



After arriving in the dark and sleeping 100 yards from the monument, I returned in the morning to snap a picture. Look at that crazy beard!



Outings

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. For a full listing see the Chapter's Schedule of Activities or go to angeles.sierraclub.org

ET WTC Experience Trip Trips that qualify as WTC experience trips.

TI Trip of Interest Outings of interest do not qualify as WTC experience trips, but can be... well, very interesting.

TR Training Opportunity WTC students should find many of these trips within their abilities.

MT Mountaineering Technically challenging, typically not suited to WTC students. Strong students with prior mountaineering experience may qualify.

June 22-23 | Sat-Sun

ET | Cirque Peak (12,900')

On Saturday, backpack to Cirque Lake by a mostly cross country route to camp at Cirque Lake (4 miles/ 1000 ft.). On Sunday, we'll practice navigation and route finding up a class 2 route to Cirque Peak (2 miles/1800 ft.), then return to camp and hike out. Standard happy hour on Saturday. Email climbing resume to leader: JOE SPEIGL Co-lidr: ANNE MARIE RICHARDSON

WTC

June 22-23 | Sat-Sun

ET | Kern Peak (11,480')

Get in some early season conditioning on this moderate climb to Kern Peak in the Southern Sierra. Sat. backpack on trail 8 mi., 1,500' gain to Redrock Meadows. Sun. class 2 climb to Kern Peak 8 mi. round trip, 2,900' gain on trail and cross-country, then pack out to cars another 8 mi and 1,800' gain. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: PAUL GARRY Asst: EDD RUSKOWITZ

WTC

June 22-23 | Sat-Sun

TR M/E-R Rock Alabama Hills Checkout, Lone Pine

M and E level rock practice and checkout for LTC leadership candidates. Practice Saturday, checkout Sunday. Restricted to Sierra Club members with technical rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to Ldr: PATRICK MCKUSKY. Asst: DAN RICHTER

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

June 28-30 | Fri-Sun

ET | Mt. Silliman (11,188')

Enjoy one of Sequoia's scenic areas on a backpack covering 26+ miles over 3 days exploring panoramic views of the Western Sierra. Fri backpack from Lodgepole in Sequoia National Park to Clover Creek. Set up camp and continue to Twin Lakes in search of wildflowers and glacial moraine (8.5mi 2600' gain) Return to camp for happy hour. Sat day hike, part trail/part xc to Mt. Silliman for picturesque views and nav practice opportunities (9.5mi rt 4600' gain) Sun pack out from Clover Creek. Comfort with mileage and class 2 required. Priority given to current WTC students. Send email with contact info, recent experience/conditioning and WTC info to LDR: DENA NESTLERODE (gardengirltoo@sbcglobal.net), Assistant: BOB DRANEY

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WAS Wilderness Adventures Section | **PVSB** Palos Verdes South Bay Group | **LB** Long Beach Group | **OCSS** Orange County Sierra Singles | **SPS** Sierra Peaks Section | **HPS** Hundred Peaks Section | **LPC** Lower Peaks Committee | **WTC** Wilderness Travel Committee | **LTC** Leadership Training Committee | **DC** Desert Committee | **NS** Natural Science | **PG** Pasadena Group | **VH** Verdugo Hills | **BC** Backpacking Committee | **MP** Mule Pack

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON AN OUTING, follow the instructions listed in the trip description and provide all the information requested by the leader, typically your name, address, home & work phone numbers, WTC leader's name, the name and date of the outing you wish to join, and your experience and physical conditioning. If a SASE is requested, send a 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) along with your information. You may also sign up for an outing through the Chapter's new OARS application (see article in this Newsletter).

You may be placed on a waiting list if a trip is full. If your plans change and you need to cancel your reservation, it's very important that you contact the leaders to let them know your revised plans, even if you are on the waiting list.

June 29-30 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Marion Mtn, (10,382'), Jean Peak, (10,670'), San Jacinto (10,842')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from top of Palm Springs Tram to camp at Round Valley (2 miles and 680'), set up camp and then hike to San Jacinto via trail (3.5 miles and 1,742') traverse xc to Jean Peak (1 mile and 200'), traverse xc to Marion Mtn (1 miles and 270'), hike xc back to camp (2 miles). Sun pack out, (2 miles and 680' loss). If accepted on trip will be req'd to send \$28.25 (for tram ticket and permit). Send e-mail, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH. Co-Ldr: LINDA CAMPBELL.

July 3-7 | Wed-Sun**Backpacking Committee****ET | YOSEMITE ADVENTURES Backpacking bus trip- Vogelsang Pk (11516') & Fletcher Pk (11408')**

Join us for a 4 day fun-filled adventure in Yosemite high country splendor on this bus backpacking trip for the 4th of July holiday 2013. We will leave LA area on the 3rd of July on our luxury bus and return on the 7th. On the bus, we provide snacks and beverages. We plan to backpack July 4th-7th setting up camp by Fletcher Lake near Vogelsang High Sierra Camp. Legendary happy hours. Day hikes of Vogelsang and (possibly) Fletcher Peaks by trail and x-country. Trip total over the 4 days is about 20 miles & 3300' gain at a WTC moderate pace. This trip is especially suitable for fit WTC students, and will count as an experience trip. No beginners. Group size limited due to permit. Make check payable to "Backpacking Committee" for \$250 if you are a current Sierra Club member (include your SC number) or \$275 for non-members; please include recent conditioning and hiking info, e-mail & cell number along with the city you live in, to leader SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI (gnsridhar@hotmail.com). Co-Ldr SHERRY ROSS

July 4-7 | Thu-Sun**WTC****ET | Soldier Lake Loop**

Strenuous 32 mile backpack, including significant x-country travel in High Sierras. From Cottonwood Pass hike 12 miles on trail to Soldier Lake (10,400'). We'll make camp here for two days. On Friday climb nearby Mt Pickering (13,474') and Joe Devel (13,327) (9mi. Rt 3800'). Saturday break camp and travel 6.5 miles via New Army Pass to Long Lake. Sunday pack out 5.3 miles. Send email with contact info and recent conditioning, experience to Ldr: SARAH SCHUH sarahschuh@gmail.com, Asst: HOMER TOM.

July 5-7 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | University Peak (13,589')**

Climb University from the Kearsarge Lakes starting at Onion valley via the Kearsarge Pass. 15 total miles and 5,300 ft. of gain for the weekend. Send email with contact information and recent conditioning to leader rudy.fleck@gmail.com; co-leaders WILL MCWHINNEY and BOB DRYDEN

July 12-14 | Fri-Sun**SPS, WTC****MT | MR Matterhorn Pk (12,279'), Whorl Mtn (12,033'), Twin Pks (12,323')**

Friday backpack 5.5 miles, 3700' gain to camp near Horse Creek Pass. Friday afternoon climb Matterhorn Pk, 2 mile & 1600'. Saturday climb 3rd class Whorl Mtn via southeast chute, 4.5 miles & 3100' gain. Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning

climb Twin Pk, 2 mile, 1400' gain. Sunday pack out and head to Whoa Nellie Deli to celebrate. Totals for the outing are 19 miles & 6700' gain. Comfort and experience on 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus is required. Send e-mail with climbing resume, Medical Forms and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS Neal.Robbins@l-3com.com CoLdr: STEPHANIE SMITH

July 13-14 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Peak (10,161')**

Sat: Overnight backpack in scenic San Geronio Wilderness starting from the South Fork Trailhead following South Fork Trail (5.5 mi, 2200' gain) to Dry Lake. Set up camp at nearby Lodgepole Springs then XC travel to Grinnell Mtn (1 mi, 1140' gain) to enjoy sweeping views of neighboring peaks. Continue traverse XC to Lake Peak (1 mi, 300' gain) and return XC to camp. Gourmet happy hour encouraged. Sun: Possible additional exploration in the morning. Pack out and return to trailhead. Send email, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: KATHERINE YI. Asst: ROBERT MYERS

July 13-15 | Sat-Mon**WTC****ET | Silver Peak (11,878)**

Experience trip for strong WTC students. Sat backpack from Lake Thomas Edison to the Devils Bathtub (5 mi, 1600'). Enjoy two nights of lakeside campfire and happy hour. Sunday, travel cross country to climb Silver Peak, (9 mi r/t, 2700' gain). Easy pack out on Monday. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience, H&W phones, SC#, and carpool. Bring \$5 permit fee at trailhead. Ldr: JEFF ATIJERA. Asst: MATT HENGST

July 19-21 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Moose Lake (10,550+'), Alta Peak (11,204')**

Friday backpack from Wolverton trailhead in Sequoia National Park to camp at Alta Meadow (7.2 miles, 2200' gain), wildflowers and eye-popping scenery. Saturday we go cross-country to Moose Lake and surroundings (7 mi rt, 2,150' gain) to enjoy some spectacular views of the Great Western Divide. We'll return to our camp at Alta Meadow in the afternoon for some lively conversation, relaxation, and happy hour. Sunday morning we'll sidetrack to Alta Peak (5.2 mi rt, 2,000' gain) on our way out to the cars. Send experience and conditioning, phone number info to leader. Ldr CHUCK CURRIER, Asst. Ldr JANE SIMPSON

July 19-20 | Fri-Sat**WTC****ET | Mt Agassiz (13,893')**

Enjoy spectacular views of the Palisades and Palisade Glacier. Friday start at South Lake up Bishop Pass trail to camp Bishop Lake (4mi and 1600' gain) Fri evening happy hour. Saturday we go to Bishop Pass then climb Mt Agassiz via the 2nd class route on the west side (3 mi 2600 gain). Then return to camp and pack out the way we came in. Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning as well as WTC info to Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH (rbstephs@gmail.com). Co-Ldr: LINDA CAMPBELL.

July 19-20 | Fri-Sat**WTC****ET | North by Southwest (12,242)**

Experience the beautiful Twenty Lakes Basin on the northeast edge of Yosemite and bag a classic Sierra peak. Friday we will backpack from Saddlebag Lake 2.8 miles to set up camp at lovely Greenstone Lake. We will spend the day exploring the basin and studying native flora, with time for photography, fishing and swimming. Saturday we will climb North Peak (12,242') via the SW ridge, a moderately strenuous 4.4 miles Class 2 xc with 2,100' gain, then pack out to Saddlebag Lake for a particularly festive happy hour. Total 14 miles, 2,450' gain/loss. You may also wish to stay over and join us on Sunday for a second and more challenging outing, a climb of adjacent Mt. Conness (12,590'), 5 miles 2,700' gain. WTC or equivalent required. Please email conditioning, recent and high altitude experience, and your WTC Group Leader's name to leaders JIM HAGAR and SHARON MOORE.

July 20-21 | Sat-Sun**WTC****I | Iron Mountain (11,153)**

ET Strenuous backpack in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Trailhead is located in Devil's Postpile NM. Saturday morning hike to camp (about 5 miles and 1,800 ft gain). Early start on Sunday morning to hike cross-country to Iron Mountain (about 6 miles RT and 2,700 ft gain) and hike out (about 5 miles and 500 ft gain). Email leader with recent conditioning, experience and phone number. Ldr: LAURENT HOFFMAN. Asst: MATT HENGST.

July 21-22 | Sun-Mon**WTC****TI | Mt. Conness (12,590)**

Come and join us for an exciting climb of a classic Sierra peak, alone or together with our 7/19-20 trip to adjacent North Peak and Twenty Lakes basin. This trip DOES NOT qualify as a WTC experience trip. Come up Saturday evening to car camp at Saddlebag Lake, where we will have a particularly fine happy hour. Sunday climb Mt. Conness (12,590') via the south slope and return to camp. There will be campsites available Sunday night if you want to stay over and explore other areas on your own on Monday. Total 5 miles, 2,700' gain/loss. WTC or equivalent experience required. Please email conditioning, recent and high altitude experience, and your WTC Group Leader's name, if any, to leaders JIM HAGAR and SHARON MOORE

July 26-28 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Upper Yosemite Photography & Wine Adventure: Tuolumne Meadows-Vogelsang-Lyell Canyon**

3-day backpacking trip leaves Fri from Tuolumne Meadows to Vogelsang - 7 miles & 1400' gain. Keeping a steady pace, we will take "photo ops" along the way. Happy Hour will include wine-tasting and great appetizers. Sat explore the area via cross-country route including Bernice Lake. Early start on Sun AM for a return via Lyell Canyon - 13.3 miles - 950' gain & 2,200' loss. This is a permit-restricted trip. Please send email with hiking/conditioning resume to: tonycebates@yahoo.com or Linda Robb - kingfisherfan1@cox.net. Leaders: LINDA ROBB, TONYCE & PHIL BATES

July 26-28 | Fri-Sun**SPS, WTC****MT MR Split Mtn (14,042'), Mt Prater (13,471'), Mt Bolton Brown (13,491'), Mt Tinemaha (12,520')**

Come join us in climbing a classic Emblem peak and one of California's 14'ers. Friday backpack to Red Lake, 5 miles & 4100' gain. Saturday climb a semi-loop of Split Mtn, Mt Prater and Mt Bolton Brown, 7.5 miles & 5700'. Sunday climb Tinemaha, 2.5 miles & 1900' and then pack out 5 miles. Totals for the outing are 20 miles & 11.7K'gain. Participants must be in excellent condition and be comfortable on 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus. High-clearance vehicle and possibly 4x4 needed to access trailhead. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co Ldr: MATT HENGST

July 27-28 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | San Jacinto (10,852'), Newton Drury Peak (10,160'), Jean Peak (10,670'), Marion Mtn. (10,362')**

Strenuous but moderately paced trip up Marion Mountain Trail (4 mi, 3400') to Little Round Campground. Set up camp then continue to San Jacinto (1 mi, 1100 gain) to enjoy views that John Muir called a sublime spectacle in the late afternoon sun. Return to camp for happy hour. Early Sunday traverse XC to Newton Drury Peak (.3 mi, 200' gain), XC Marion Mtn (1 mi, 150' gain) and continue XC to Jean Peak (1 mi, 300' gain) and return XC to camp. Pack up and return to cars. Send email, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: KATHERINE YI. Asst: DWAIN ROQUE. If accepted on trip participant will be required to send \$5 for permit.

August 2-4 | Fri-Sun**Long Beach, WTC****ET M Mt. San Gorgonio (11,499'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')**

Especially planned for WTC students who enjoyed climbing the rock at J-Tree and want to gain more experience on class 3 rock. We will climb Charlton Peak by the mountaineers' route. Fri, comfortably paced trail hike from South Fork to base camp, 6.5 mi, 2600' gain while enjoying our local San Gorgonio Wilderness. Sat, ascend 1600' on Charlton's north side, half of it class 3. Then go on to summit a bonus peak and the two highest peaks in Southern California by 3 miles of cross-country and some trail, 2700' total gain for the day. Hike back to camp, 5 miles on trail. Sun morning return to cars. WTC/equiv. reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, \$1 for materials, and name of Sierra Club leader as reference to Ldr: JOHN H. Asst: MIKE ADAMS.

August 2-4 | Fri-Sun**WTC, WAS****ET | Mt. Tyndall Backpack (14,025')**

Climb Mt. Tyndall (14,025') on this three-day backpack. Friday backpack 6 miles gaining 4,600' up Shepherd Pass. Saturday hike 7 miles RT gaining 3,700' to climb Mt. Tyndall. About half of this is off trail and includes some exposure high on the slopes of Mt. Tyndall. Sunday hike out the way we came in. The hike will be strenuous but our pace will be moderate. Send conditioning and experience information to leader DANIEL KINZEK, co-leader MARK MITCHELL.

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Regge Bulman, West LA Group 4 instructor, demonstrates "The Human Chockstone" technique in Joshua Tree. This selfless position is ideal for students needing a class 1 bridge from one boulder to another (class 5, unfortunately, for "The Human Chockstone"). *Photo by Katherine Yi*

August 3-5 | Sat-Mon

ET | Big Pine Lakes

Backpack to explore the upper reaches of Big Pine Creek Basin with great views of some of the Sierra Nevada's high peaks and Palisade Glacier (12,200'). Lakeside camping along the North Fork of Big Pine Creek. From our camp, we can touch the seven numbered lakes plus two other lakes. Substantial cross-country travel over Class 2 terrain, including the climb of a nearby unnamed peak and a glacier overlook. 22 mi rt, 4200' gain for the weekend. Send email with contact info and recent conditioning and experience to Ldrs: HOMER TOM, DAVE SCOBIE

August 4 | Sun

TR | Mt. Pinos Navigation

Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info,

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navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: KIM HOMAN

August 8-11 | Thu-Sun

SPS, WTC

MT ER Mt. Clarence King (12,907'), Mt. Gardiner (12,907') and Mt. Cotter (12,713')

Restricted mountaineering outing over Kearsarge Pass and into Sixty Lakes Basin to climb a classic Emblem Peak (CK) and a mountaineers peak (Gardiner). Thursday backpack from Onion Valley over Kearsarge & Glenn Passes to camp in Sixty Lakes Basin, 12 miles & 5000' gain. The next three days we'll climb Clarence King (5.4 cl), Gardiner (4thcl), Cotter (2nd cl) and potentially Fin Dome (3rd cl) before packing out. Totals for the outing are 37 miles & 15K gain. Participants must have 4thclass roped alpine climbing experience, and be comfortable on exposed 3rdclass and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: JACK KIEFFER, Assistant: NEAL ROBBINS.

Another Way To Find Sierra Club Events

OARS lets you look for events and outings as a listing, on a map or on a calendar. Search tools allow you to look for things to do within a certain geographic area, on selected dates, by the type of activity, by the leaders and Sierra Club groups involved. Go to <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/outing/OARS.asp>. Events are added continuously.

OARS can also be found at the Hundred Peaks Section site (angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outing.asp) and the WTC site (<http://www.wildernesstravelcourse.org/outing>)

To have your Sierra Club group's events listed on OARS please contact Melody Anderson at melodygrace1@gmail.com or Susan Heitman at susan.heitman@ca.rr.com.

August 8-12 | Thu-Mon

WTC, WAS

ET | Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne

An experience+ trip! Thursday backpack 6.4 miles from Tuolumne Meadows to Glen Aulin, visiting a nearby volcanic formation along the way. Friday venture XC to hidden Mattie Lake with a possible side trip to Wildcat point to check out the amazing view. 8.5 miles rt with 1400' gain/loss and happy hour to follow. Saturday pack 4 miles to Waterwheel and California Falls, camping at Return Creek, with plenty of time to swim and fish. Sunday 10.4 downhill miles through spectacular Muir Gorge to Pate Valley where we will search for Indian pictographs. Monday is hump day, packing out to White Wolf, 9.8 miles with 3500' gain, then taking a shuttle back to Tuolumne Meadows. Total 39 miles, 5700' gain / 5000' loss. Leaders: JIM HAGAR, SHARON MOORE.

August 9-11 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Koip Peak (12,962'), Kuna Peak (13,002')

Friday backpack 6 miles, 1,500' to Parker Pass Lake where we will camp and enjoy a traditional SC happy hour. After a night of rest at 11,000', we will rise early Saturday for a day hike of 9 miles, gaining 2,700' to ascend Koip Peak and Kuna Peak before returning to camp. We should enjoy views of Mono Lake as well as Mt. Ritter and Mt. Banner along the way to our two peaks. Wake up Sunday for a relaxed hike out to our trailhead. Plan a possible stop at the gourmet gas station on our way out or extend your stay and visit Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite NP. Total distance for the weekend is 21 miles with 4,200' of gain. Send email with contact info and recent conditioning to Leaders WAYNE VOLLAIRE and/or LISA BUCKLEY.

August 9-11 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Matterhorn Peak (12,279)

Friday meet at Mono Village trailhead. Backpack up Horse Creek at moderate pace with some talus and 3500 feet of gain to camp. Saturday morning we will climb Matterhorn Peak, (1600) feet of gain from camp. Steep scree and rock scramble will lead us to the summit. Sunday morning we will return to cars. Permit limits group size. Parking fee of \$5.00 per night for parking at Mono Village. Send e-mail or sase, phone, experience and condition to Leader: CHUCK CURRIER (Agr8skier@verizon.net). Asst: BOB DRYDEN

August 10-11 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET | Cloudripper (13,525)

Strenuous but moderately paced trip in the South Lake area. Early Sat backpack from South Lake 3 mi, 1750' gain to base camp at Green Lake. Set up camp and chill before heading out to climb Cloudripper, 7 mi rt, 2500' gain. Return to camp for happy hour. Sun morning, pack out to trailhead. WTC or equivalent required. Email recent backpack experience, conditioning, phone number, and ride share information to Ldr: VICTORIA OVERBEY (overbeyvr@rocketmail.com). Asst Ldrs: TONYCE BATES (tonycebates@yahoo.com), ROD KIEFFER, PHIL BATES.

August 16-18 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Blue Lake and Sunset Lake Trek

Sat enjoy a moderate backpack from the Sabrina Lake trailhead to camp at scenic Blue Lake, 4.5 miles, 1300' gain. Explore and practice navigation, happy hour after. Sun cross-country trek to Sunset Lake (11,464') via Baboon Lakes, 6 mi rt, 1200' gain. Great fishing opportunities. Mon pack out. \$5 per person permit fee. Send WTC group, conditioning and experience, contact information to Ldr: KAY NOVOTNY. Co-Ldr: JANE SIMPSON.

August 16-18 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Mt. Bago (11,870)

Friday backpack over Kearsarge Pass to camp at picturesque Kearsarge Lakes (5.5 miles, 2600' gain). Saturday climb cross country route to Mt. Bago (7 mi rt, 1300' gain) and return to camp with plenty of time to relax at the lakes. Sunday return to trailhead (5.5 mi, 800' gain). Send email with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: DWAIN ROQUE.

August 16-18 | Fri-Sun

WTC, SPS

ET | Mt. Rixford (12,887), Mt. Gould (13,005')

Spectacular Eastern Sierra views plus picturesque lakeside camping on this no-rush rendezvous with destiny. Friday we'll pack in over Kearsarge Pass to camp and happy hour at Kearsarge Lakes (5 mi, 2600'). Saturday we go 4.5 mi., 2500' gain cross-country in a loop to our peaks and back to camp. Sunday pack out. \$6 permit fee. Send experience – including WTC affiliation if you're a student – conditioning, phones, email and rideshare info via email to Ldr: EDD RUSKOWITZ. Asst: TOM MCDONNELL.

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August 17-18 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Stanford (N) (12,383')**

Join us for a two-day jaunt out of Rock Creek offering breathtaking views and a lofty peak. Saturday we'll hike to Hilton Creek Lakes (5 mi, 1200') and set up camp, swim, fish, and share a happy hour. Sunday we'll set off early and climb nearby Mt Stanford (6 mi, 2500'), said to be "one of the shyest major peaks" because it is visible from only a few spots. We'll return to camp, pack up and pack out to the cars (5 mi, 400'). Priority given to WTC students. Ldr: CHRIS COBB. ChrisLCobb@gmail.com, Asst: SARAH SCHUH sarahschuh@gmail.com

August 17 - 19 | Sat - Mon WTC**ET | Red Slate Mountain (13,123')**

Join us for this 3-day/2-night backpacking trip up beautiful McGee Creek following a 'non-mountaineering' route to the summit of Red Slate Mountain near Mammoth Lakes, CA. Saturday we'll pack in 7.5 miles and gain 2,700' following McGee Creek to our campsite at Big McGee Lake (10,600'). Sunday we'll hike up above tree line to McGee Pass where we'll head off cross-country to summit Red Slate via its southeastern slope. After enjoying the spectacular views on top, we'll return to camp for a day's total of 5.0 miles and 2,500' gain. Festive Happy Hours both nights, with prizes awarded to the tastiest contributions! Monday we'll sleep in a little and then pack back out to our cars. Email mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, recent conditioning and experience, including high altitude experience and vehicle/rideshare information, for trip status and details. Permit limits group size and permit fee (\$46) will be split among the group. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, PAT VAUGHN.

August 17-19 | Sat-Mon**WTC****ET | Thousand Island Lake/Mt. Davis (12,303')**

Sat relaxed pace backpack 10 mi, 2000' gain via incredibly scenic portion of PCT (High Trail) from Agnew Meadows to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9,840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness. Sun class 2 xc route to Mt. Davis via North Glacier Pass, 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain. This will be a long, strenuous day, but the views will be well worth it! Mon pack out via River Trail. WTC



Former San Gabriel Valley Group 5 instructor Tommy O'Connor introduced his son Finn to hiking from the get go near their home in Flagstaff, AZ. Good thing Finn has a designated driver. Photo by Tommy O'Connor

or equivalent required; priority given to 2013 WTC students. Shuttle bus fee (currently \$7) from Mammoth Mtn ski area to trailhead required; \$5 for wilderness permit. Send e-mail with contact info, experience, recent conditioning and WTC year & group leader info to Ldrs: MELODY ANDERSON & PAUL WARREN.

August 18-20 | Sun-Tue**WTC****ET | Payne Lake and Big Pine Lakes**

A chance to immerse yourself in an enchanting area of the Sierras. Edgar Payne, an artist of the first half of the 20th century, loved to come here to draw and paint. (edgarpaynegallery.com). On Sunday we hike in to Fourth Lake along the north fork of Big Pine Creek, about 6.5 miles, 3100' gain. On Monday, about 1.5 miles to Payne Lake. Bring your pencils, your paints, your camera, or just your appreciation. We'll also bag a peak so WTC students can get credit for experience trip. Hike out on Tuesday. Happy hours a must. No artistic experience necessary. Send recent backpacking experience, WTC group and leader. Leader: MISHA ASKREN, misha.askren@gmail.com. Co-leader: ANN SHIELDS, apedreschi@sbcglobal.net.

August 21-25 | Wed-Sun**SPS, WTC****MT MR Mt Kaweah (13,802'), Black Kaweah (13,680'), Red Kaweah (12,713'), Grey Kaweah (13,680')**

Restricted mountaineering outing into the remote Great Western Divide to climb Mt Kaweah, an emblem peak, Black Kaweah a mountaineer's peak, and also Red & Grey Kaweahs. On Wednesday we'll backpack from Mineral King over 3rd class Glacier and Hands & Knees passes, descend to the Big Arroyo and then climb to a basecamp lake at 11K', 13 miles & 6600'/3500' gain & Loss. Over the next 3 days we'll climb Mt Kaweah, Black Kaweah, Red Kaweah & Grey Kaweah and possibly other area peaks as time allows before packing out on Sunday. Totals for the outing are 38 miles & 18,600' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: PAUL GARRY

August 23-25 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10344**

Friday backpack 8 miles, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Saturday climb cross-country, class 2 route to Peak 10344, 6 mi rt, 800' 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-Ldrs: SARAH MYERS REBENS DORF, ANN SHIELDS.

August 23-25 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Stanford (N) (12,836')**

Experience trip for WTC students and leaders. Friday enjoy a leisurely paced hike from Davis Lake Trailhead at Rock Creek to camp at Hilton Lakes, 5 mi, 1500' gain. Relax, fish and enjoy Hilton Lakes that afternoon with traditional happy hour! Saturday strenuous x-country boulder hopping and scree/talus climb to the summit 5 mi rt, 2500' gain then back to camp for another group happy hour. Sun pack out 5 mi to cars. \$5 permit fee required. Send email of experience, conditioning, and WTC group and leader name (if applicable) to Ldr: DAVE EVANS Asst-Ldr: WAYNE VOLLAIRE.

August 23 – 25 | Fri – Mon WTC, SPS**MT MR Mount Clark (11,522'), Gray Peak (11,573')**

Join us on an adventure into the southern Yosemite to climb these two classic peaks in the Clark Range. Friday pack in 8.1 miles, losing 1,200' and then gaining 1,700' to our camp between Red and Gray Creeks in the Illilouette Drainage. Saturday we'll scramble up to the summit of Mt Clark via its airy and exposed 3rd class southeast arête, where we'll marvel at the spectacular views of the seemingly numberless granitic domes, spires, ridges and faces that surround us. If time is available we'll continue from Clark to the summit of Gray Peak by traversing the southern ridge that connects the two peaks, and then return to camp via the western slopes of Gray Peak. Expect 8.3 miles and 4,450' gain for the day (6.5 miles and 3,600' if only Mt Clark). Sunday we'll pack out via the same route we came in. Must be a current Sierra Club member in excellent condition and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class rock with experience climbing on belay. Helmet, harness and belay device required. Permit limits group size and permit fee (\$65) will be split among the group. Email Sierra Club number, contact info, climbing resume, recent experience and conditioning, and carpool info to Mat Kelliher for trip status and details. Leader: MAT KELIHER, Assistant: BETH EPSTEIN.

August 24-25 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET Alta Peak (11,204')**

Join us for two leisurely days backpacking Sequoia National Park. We'll come in from Wolverton and camp at Alta Meadows (6 miles, 2300' gain) with a quick visit to the peak the second morning (4 miles rt, 2000' gain) and back out 5 miles to the trailhead. Space extremely limited. Ldr: MATT HENGST Co-Ldr: PAUL WARREN.

August 31-September 2 | Sat-Mon**WTC, SPS****ET Mt. Mallory (13,851'), Mt. Irvine (13,770')**

Climb two namesake peaks in the Mt. Whitney region. Depart early Sat. from the Whitney Portal Rd. and hike Meysan Lk trail to camp near Lake 10,850 (3mi, 3400' gain). Sunday climb Mt. Irvine via drainage west of camp and northeast ridge (1.6mi, 2900' gain). Then traverse down southeast class 2 slope into a bowl to Mt. Mallory (1 mi, 900' gain) via class 2 east ridge, returning the same route. Saturday and Sunday evening happy hours. Monday hike out. Email current conditioning, altitude tolerance and contact info. Ldr: Philip Bates, Asst. Ldr: K.C. REID, TONYCE BATES.

August 31–September 3 | Sat-Tue**WTC****ET Seven Gables (13,060), Gemini (12,866)**

Join us for a long haul and 4 spectacular days deep inside Sierra National Forest. After a strenuous backpack in (12 miles, 4000') we'll set up a lakeside camp for three nights near Lake Lour Beverly. Day excursions to Seven Gables (5 miles, 3000') and Gemini (8 miles, 3000') on Sunday and Monday will give spectacular views and once back in camp enjoy lake swimming followed by an awesome happy hour. Tuesday stroll out (12 miles, 1500'). Suitable only for fit WTC students with previous backpacking experience. Ldr: MATT HENGST. Co-Leader: BILL PAYNE

September 6-8 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET Three Sisters (10,612')**

Friday backpack to Cliff Lake, 5 miles, 940'. Sat climb Three Sisters, 5 miles round trip xc, 1200' then fish. Sunday pack out. \$5 permit fee will be collected. Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, phone number, and rideshare info to Co-Ldrs: MIKE DILLENBACK, STEPHANIE SMITH, and LINDA CAMPBELL.

September 7-8 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET Mt. Silliman (11,188')**

Strenuous but moderately paced backpack from Lodgepole in Sequoia National Park to Silliman Meadows (3 mile 2300" gain). Set up camp and then climb Silliman (4 miles rt, 2100'gain) Sat night happy hour. Sunday break camp and pack out 3 miles. WTC or equivalent required. Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, H,W, and cell phones to Ldr: ROD KIEFFER (rodkieffer@yahoo.com) Co Ldr: PHIL BATES (philipabates@gmail.com

September 14-15 | Sat-Sun**WTC, HPS****ET Lake Peak (10,161), 10K Ridge (10,094')**

Two lovely 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., 2500' 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: JOHN CYRAN

September 21-22 | Sat-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET M Moses Mtn (9,331'), N Maggie Mtn (10,234')**

Join us for an M rated trip into the west side of the Golden Trout Wilderness, Southern Sierra. Perfect M-level WTC experience trip for students wanting to get back out on the rocks. Sat we'll hike in (3 miles, 1000') to set up camp & head for North Maggie Mountain (5 miles, 3000'). Sun we'll do a 3rd class scramble up Moses Mtn (5 mi, 2000') before returning to camp to pack up. Helmets and comfort on 3rd class rock required. Send recent experience, conditioning, and contact & carpool info to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH

September 21 | Sat**LTC****TR Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for the October 5 seminar to be held at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center. See LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) for registration information. Next seminar: Spring 2014.

September 22 | Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR 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. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

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September 28-29 | Sat-Sun

ET | Carey's Castle

Travel cross country back in time through dry washes over 70 years to Mr. Carey's cabin constructed from stones in the SW corner of Joshua Tree National Park (4 miles with 1,300 feet gain). Once there, we will set up camp and explore. Far from city lights we will enjoy an amazing star filled night. Sunday AM we will climb nearby peak 3468 (420' gain) before packing up camp and hiking out. Must be comfortable with boulder scrambling and be willing to carry a minimum of 6-7 liters (13-15.5 lbs.) of water to our dry camp. 10 mile, 1720' foot gain total overnight trip. Email contact info and recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: SUZANNE DWYER. Asst: BERNIE FOX

October 5 | Sat

TR | Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center. For information, see the LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>). Deadline for receipt of application is September 21st. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Spring 2014.

October 5-6 | Sat-Sun

ET | Lake Peak (10,161) - Pushing The Limit

Are you pushing the limit? Do you need to get one more backpack trip before graduation? Join us for late-season backpack with a gourmet food demo and sunset on Lake Peak. Sat hike 6 miles and 2,100' gain, via the South Fork Trail to Dry Lake (9,065). Set-up camp and then hike XC to Lake Peak. Return to camp for gourmet happy hour demo. Sun a.m., gourmet breakfast demo, pack up and hike 6 miles back to TH. Send hiking resume to tonycebates@yahoo.com. Leaders TONYCE BATES AND VICTORIA OVERBEY.

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October 12-13 | Sat-Sun

ET | "Really Last Chance" Graduation Trip

Easy paced backpacking trip in scenic California desert. We will take exploratory cross-country routes in the Queen Valley area, taking in a peak along the way. 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-Ldr: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.

November 16 | Sat

LTC, WTC

TR | MR Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain

This navigation workshop is limited to individuals participating in the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle and is intended to explore special navigation issues that arise on 3rd class terrain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required/group size limited. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: JACK KIEFFER

November 16-17 | Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR | Indian Cove Navigation

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

December 8 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR | Warren Pt Navigation

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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IN COSTA MESA**

***Interested in becoming a
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Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on **Saturday, October 5** at the **Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center**.

The seminar covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings. You can find out more about the advanced ratings and other leadership information on the LTC website. <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>

The all-day class costs \$25 and includes a copy of the LRB. The application is online at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/ltc_application.pdf

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

Applications and checks are due September 21, 2013.

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

Outings Leader Directory

To reserve your place on an outing, contact the leader as specified in the trip description. Include your name, address, home & work phone numbers, your WTC leader's name, the outing you wish to join, your experience, your physical conditioning routine and whether you need or can offer a ride to the outing.

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WTC students Robert Wei, Larry Mayer and Cynthia Cannady move up the east ridge of Kern Peak during their June Experience Trip. *Photo by Edd Ruskowitz*



