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Where are "You" Going?

It is WTC Tripping Season - see
inside for map and navigation tips



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Parting is such sweet sorrow...

By Scott Nelson and Kay Novotny

One of our long time leaders, **Patty Rambert**, recently died in a fall while descending the east face of Mt. Mendel in the Sierras. Details of the accident and other tributes have appeared in the LA Times, Orange County Register, and within the Sierra Club. Patty was one of our most active and respected climbing leaders. Her experience and enthusiasm contributed greatly to our course. I'm sure there are many students and staff reading this newsletter that have benefited from Patty's patience and kindness as a teacher. I want to express within our WTC family our appreciation for all that Patty has done for us, and how much we will miss her.

This also leads me to thoughts of other dear friends who have lost their lives in the mountains. We who remain, will return to seek the challenge, beauty, and peace that is often found outdoors. But the mountains, oceans, and deserts we love can also be indifferent and unforgiving of a momentary lapse in attention or judgment. We must weigh the risks and consider the consequences of our actions for ourselves and our families. WTC can help us to learn more about ourselves and to better understand the forces at work around us.



Patty is survived by her husband, Carl, her children Heather and Ryan, a brother, Edward Sims, and her granddaughter, Jade.

Her presence will also be felt by every "peak bagger" who reads her journal entries at the top of each peak she summited.

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.

Mary Elizabeth Frye

Patty, we know your spirit will be with us in all our endeavors...

Graduations

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 21 and 22 at Indian Cove in Joshua Tree National Park. This schedule is subject to change, and additional information will be available in the next WTC newsletter.

Trips Liability Notice

Liability Waiver Notice To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To see a copy of this waiver prior to attending the outing, please see www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms

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

Headline Deadline

For publication in the Summer 2006 WTC Newsletter:

Aug 20 Last day for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair, Tom McDonnell (see page 8 for contact info). Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

On The Cover

WTC students Joan Rosenburg and Harmoni Simmons are assisted at Joshua Tree by Kay Novotny and Sheryl O'Rourke of WTC Long Beach Group 1. Photo by Gary Novotny.

Navigation - WTC Style!

Where are you headed for your experience trips? Hopefully you have already signed up for your trips. If not, time is running out! See page 4 for the list of outings, including some new offerings published for the first time.

'Tis the season to be trippin'...

by Kay Novotny

Hopefully, now, most of you have signed up for your experience trips. In this issue, you will find some new trips, which are tagged with a "NEW" sign on them. These are trips which were not published in the Spring Newsletter, which you received at the end of class. Contact the leaders for these trips based on the instructions at the beginning of the trip section, and based on any special instructions in the trip write-up.

On your experience trips, you will really start to see the value of the navigation training you received during class. All of the experience trips involve a significant portion of off-trail travel. Knowing where you are at all times when off trail is the best way to keep from becoming "lost". When you arrive at the trailhead for your trips, you should already have gotten any maps necessary to be able to plot the course of the trip. If you do not know which maps to get, ask the leader which ones are appropriate for your trip.

USGS topo maps can be purchased individually at REI, Adventure 16, and Sport Chalet. Perhaps the best selection of maps can be found at Allied Map Company, in Orange, CA (<http://alliedmaps.com/> phone: (714) 532-4300). You can also go to the USGS website (<http://topomaps.usgs.gov/>) and find there a comprehensive list of retailers who sell topo maps. The list is organized by state.

Other good resources for maps are the website www.topozone.com, and the software program called National Geographic Topo!. In topozone, you can enter in a terrain feature, such as "Mount Silliman", and the program will show you a map of the area. You can expand the size of the map and change the aspect (detail). Smaller numbers give you more detail for a smaller area of land. Larger numbers give you less detail on a larger area of land. If a feature does not come up, but you know it exists, try a different spelling, such as Mt instead of Mount, etc. The search feature for topozone does not have good "fuzzy logic." If you pay to join their service (about \$50.00 per year), you can download and/or print out maps which are tailored to the trip you are planning.

The National Geographic Topo! program costs around \$80.00 for all of California, and it is a one time cost. It comes with many tools for trail building, including a trail profile feature. Again, you can print maps which show specifically the route you are planning to take, even if it crosses map borders. The maps are printed in shaded relief mode, which gives a better feel for the terrain features on the map, like ridges and gullies.

While you are on the trip, you should practice your navigation skills, even if the trip leaders do not allocate time specifically for this activity (most will). Take the time to figure out where you are, based on bearings to identifiable terrain features - peaks, rivers, lakes, etc. Figure out where the leader might be going next, based on where your party is heading, and what the terrain looks like. Count the gullies and washes. Count the streams and peaks, so you can get familiar with how the physical terrain corresponds to the lines on the map.

If you haven't done it yet, now is a good time to upgrade to a compass with an adjustable declination. If you used one in class with a tape arrow, and you are planning to do any amount of off-trail hiking in the future, the adjustable declination is hard to beat - especially since the declination changes based on where you are hiking. Even the change from Joshua Tree National Park to the Sierra Nevada mountains is measurable.

Remember that the compass measures the offset from magnetic North of what you are looking at. You can think of all the terrain around you as being some degree of offset from North. If you are facing North, the terrain on your right is to the East, which will be approximately 90 degrees of offset, since 90 is 1/4 of the full circle of 360 degrees. Directly behind you is South, which is an offset of 180 degrees (1/2 of 360), and to your left is West, at an offset of 270 degrees (3/4 of 360). Of course, North is both 0 and 360. When you take a bearing, do a sanity check on the number, based on the 4 points of the compass, and the 90, 180, 270, 360 rule. If your number is way off, you probably have the dial on the compass reversed.

When you leave the trail to head toward a terrain feature, make sure you write down the bearing BACK to the trail, if you intend on returning via the same route. Also, pay attention to the terrain features which will help you find your way back - terrain can look quite different when looking in the other direction, and you will need to know how to navigate back to where you currently are. Try not to set up obvious rock piles or "ducks" unless absolutely necessary. This type of construction activity just spoils the wilderness experience for others. If you do set up "ducks", knock them down on your way out. This follows the Sierra Club's "Leave no trace" mantra for allowing others to enjoy the wilderness after we have been there.

This is definitely the "candy" part of the WTC course - so many trips to choose from, and so many sound interesting. Do not wait too long before contacting the trip leaders - you do not want to get your heart set on something, and then lose out because the trip is full. Happy trippin'!

LBSB WTC student Megan Laswell verifies her position.



Photo by Gary Novotny



Outings

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

Please see Outings Leader Directory on page 8 for SASE and contact information.



Trips which qualify as WTC experience trips are identified by a backpack logo.



Training opportunities are identified by a book. WTC students should find many of these trips within their abilities. Snow travel training will require prior experience.

NEW! – Indicates new trip not listed in a previous WTC Newsletter



Outings of interest will be identified by binoculars. These do not qualify as WTC experience trips, but they are very interesting.



Last, but not least, the gnarly trips are identified by an ice-axe and crampons. These are technically challenging trips – typically not suited to WTC students. Strong WTC students with prior mountaineering experience may qualify.

June

Jun 16-18 / Fri-Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC I / Florence Pk (12,432)

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced 5 mi 2800' gain backpack to Franklin Lake, set up camp. Sat Climb Florence Peak 5.5 mi rt, 2000' gain return to camp for a gourmet happy hour. Sun leisurely pack out. Preference given to WTC students. Send sase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Jun 24-25 / Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks I / Red Tahquitz (8720'), Southwell Pk (7840'), Suicide Rock (7528'), Black Mountain #1 (7772')

Beautiful hikes on trail and cross country in the San Jacinto Wilderness to enjoy views of dense forests and rugged granite cliffs. Saturday: Red Tahquitz and Southwell – 15 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Sunday: Suicide Rock and Black Mountain #1 – 8 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Bring 10 essentials and sturdy lug-sole boots, rain gear, warm clothing. You may car camp or find a motel. Permit limits group size. Send e-mail to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Pat Arredondo.

Jun 28 / Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O / Mount Baden Powell from Vincent Gap

8 miles round trip 2800' gain at a slow to moderate pace. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Ldrs: Doris Duval, Don Siminski.

Jun 30-July 2 / Fri-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks I / San Bernardino Pk (10649'), San Bernardino East Pk (10691'), Anderson Pk (10840+'), Shields Pk (10680+')

Fri long backpack at an easy pace on trail 6 mi 4000' gain to Trail Fork Camp. Sat bag the peaks in an easy 7 mi loop, 1800' total gain with much xc and minor boulder hopping. Also visit 1852 survey monument. Sun easy backpack out. Send sase/email conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Co-Ldr: Pat Vaughn.

July

Jul 7-9 / Fri-Sun WTC I / Mt Davis (12,311')

Fri backpack 8 mi, 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' gain. Sun 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: Sarah Myers. Asst: Marc "RoadKill" Hertz.

Jul 7-9 / Fri-Sun WTC I / Humphreys Basin Lake Bagging

Friday backpack from North Lake Campground to Piute Lake, 3 mi, 1500' gain, and set up camp. Sat hike with daypacks on trail over Piute Pass, 1000' gain. Students will take turns navigating on cross country lake-to-lake route, including some or all of Cony Lake, Humphreys Lakes, Forsaken Lake, Desolation Lakes, Square Lake, Tomahawk Lake, then return on trail back over pass to camp. Approximately 10 mi, moderate up and down route. Sun hike out. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning and experience to Ldr: Anne Bittner. Asst: Pat Bolde.

Jul 8-9 / Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks I / Drury Pk (10,160'), Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')

16 mi rt, 3500' gain in San Jacinto Wilderness. Moderately paced backpack along scenic Fuller Ridge Trail to Little Round Valley Campground. Hike through groves of white fir and enjoy spectacular views over the desert and down into San Geronio Pass 7000' below. Mostly cross country routes to all 3 peaks, with some boulder scrambling to reach the summits. Permit limits group size to 12. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Asst: Jason Lynch.

Jul 11 / Tue **NEW!** WTC O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #1

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm; choice of free or paid parking areas – pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz. Assts: Jan deVries, Robert Myers, Sarah Myers.

July continued

Jul 15 / Sat *NEW!*  **WTC**

0 / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #2

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on types of maps used in wilderness travel. Westsiders Meet 8 am end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 8 am; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Bill Jackson, Robert Myers. Assts: Melody Anderson, Ann Pedreschi, Eric Scheidemantle.

July 15-16 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**

I / 10th Laking Expedition

Sat backpack 3 miles, 1700' gain from Lake Sabrina to Blue Lake. We'll set up camp and explore the area, jumping in lakes as we go, on both Sat & Sun. Pack out Sunday. Send sase/esase, H&W/C phones, \$6 permit fee to Ldr: Garen Yegparian. Asst: Richard Boardman.

Jul 15-16 / Sat-Sun *NEW DATE!*  **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 Southern California'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 or equivalent required. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John H. Asst: Mike Adams.

Jul 22 / Sat *NEW!*  **Long Beach, WTC**

I / Shields Pk (10,680+'), Anderson Pk (10,840+'), San Bernardino East Pk (10,691'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649')

Bag the 4 western peaks of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Moderately-paced, but 20 mi, 5000' gain hike with much xc and minor boulder hopping. We'll also visit the 1852 survey monument and utilize a car shuttle. Hiking starts pre-dawn and ends (perhaps) post-dusk. Permit limits group size. Send resume of recent hiking experience to Ldr: Sherry Ross, Co-Ldr: John Hinz.

Jul 22 / Sat  **Desert Peaks, WTC**

I / Charleston Pk (11,915'), Mummy Mtn (11,528')

Our second annual. A mere 45 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip awaits an alpine forest offering a wealth of Aspens, gnarled Bristlecone pines and enormous ridge top views. This truly is one of the most beautiful hikes you'll ever do. We'll head up the South Loop Trail and down via the North Loop, picking up Mummy Mtn. off trail on the way down encompassing 19 miles and 4600' gain. This will be a long, strenuous day. Camp Fri and/or Sat nights and Sunday's all yours to explore, gamble or beat the crowd back to L.A. Send 2 sase or email (preferred), conditioning, experience, H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Wayne Voltaire. Asst: Edd Ruskowitz.

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun  **WTC, Sierra Peaks**

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sat strenuous but moderately-paced backpack from Lodgepole in Sequoia National Park to camp at Silliman Lake and group happy hour, 5 mi 3300' gain. Sun climb the class 2 south slope to the summit (1200' gain) and pack out. This trip involves much cross-country travel and comfort with friction hiking on steep granite slabs is required. Send sase or email with H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpack experience and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson. Co-Ldr: Scott Nelson.

July continued

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun  **WTC**

I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Sat backpack from trailhead at North Lake to camp near Upper Lamarck Lake, approx 2 mi, 1700' gain, explore lake & relax. Sun climb peak by class 1 and 2 route with some scrambling, enjoy views of Evolution Valley, 5 mi rt, 2400' gain, and backpack out. Mail resume w/ recent experience & conditioning, email address, phone, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Sarah Anderson. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun  **WTC, Sierra Peaks**

I / Mt Morgan S. (13,748')

A prominent peak along the ridgeline above Rock Creek Lake, Mount Morgan is easy to attain and offers spectacular views. Sat backpack to Francis Lake, 4 mi, 1200' gain. Climb the peak via north ridge Sat pm or Sun am (4.5 mi, 2900' gain). Pack out on Sun. WTC or equivalent required. Send experience, conditioning, H&W phones, email address, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldrs: Helen Qian, Scott Leavitt.

Jul 22-24 / Sat-Mon  **Sierra Peaks**

I / Cirque Pk (12,900')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPers 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 Pk (5 mi rt, 1800' gain). Sun evening legendary community happy hour. Mon hike out 6 mi, 1200' loss. Send sase with \$5.00 permit fee, conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Rick Jali.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun  **WTC**

I / Basin Mtn (13,181')

Fri backpack 4 mi, 2100' gain to camp at Horton Lake. Sat afternoon relax, fish, swim or explore nearby mines, followed by happy hour. Sat cross country climb Basin (5 mi rt, 3200' gain). Sun break camp and pack out. This will be a slow/moderate-paced trip; tigers will not be happy. WTC or equivalent required. Send email (preferred) or sase w/recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Melody Anderson. Asst: Marc Hertz.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun  **WTC, Sierra Peaks**

I / Mt Davis (12,311')

Fri backpack along the scenic River Trail from Agnew Meadows near Mammoth Lakes to camp at Thousand Island Lake, 8 mi 2100' gain. Sat climb Davis, class 2 with much talus and scrambling, 6 mi rt, 2400' gain, spectacular views of Ritter, Banner and the Minarets. Sun hike out. Send email/sase with experience, conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Co-Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun  **Wilderness Adventures, WTC**

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced approx 4 mi 2000' gain backpack on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**

I / Sugarbowl Dome (7,881')

On Fri easy to moderate backpack in Sequoia National Park 11 mi 3800' gain passing giant sequoias and waterfalls to camp. On Sat hike 4 mi cross country with 200' gain to Sugarbowl Dome with tremendous views of the Great Western Divide. On Sun pack out. WTC or equivalent required. \$5 permit fee collected at trail head. Send three sase or email with H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, and rideshare info to Ldr: Ted Slap. Co-Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle.

July continued

Jul 29-30 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
M / Mt. Abbott (13,704')

Restricted to Sierra Club Members with ice/crampons & exposed Class 3; helmets required. Meet Sat 7:00 am at Mosquito Flat. Pack in 3.5 mi, 1600' gain to camp at Mills Lake. Sun climb Abbot via east couloir, 1.5 mi, 2000' gain and pack out. Not for WTC students. Send climbing resume, recent conditioning, sase/esase, H&W/C phones, \$6 permit fee to Garen Yegparian. Asst. Georgette Rieck.

Jul 29-30 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I / North Maggie Mtn (10,234')

Short but strenuous backpack to North Maggie Mtn. Sat backpack from Hidden Falls in Sequoia National Forest to (2mi, 900' gain). Steep bushy xc peak climb Sat afternoon or Sun morning (4mi rt, 3400' gain). Send esase (perferred) or sase conditioning and experience, WTC Leader's name, rideshare info to Ldr: Jack Kieffer. Asst: Bob Beach.

August

Aug 4-6 / Fri-Sun  **Sierra Peaks, WTC**
I / Four Gables (12,245) Pilot Knob N. (12,720)

Fri 7 mi, 2,000 gain to camp from North Lake near Bishop. Sat climb both peaks totaling 14 mi rt, 3,000 gain; Sun pack out. Send email (preferably) or sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Sara Danta at s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Ldrs: Darrick and Sara Danta.

Aug 4-6 / Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I: Mt Conness (12,590')

Backpack trip to one of the more prominent peaks on the Eastern side of Yosemite National Park. Will serve as an experience trip for WTC students. Fri backpack from Tuolumne Meadows to Young Lakes, 5 mi, 1200 ft gain. Sat climb Conness, 7 mi rt, 3000 ft gain via cross-country route. Sun pack out. Send \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, email address (or SASE), and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Berson. Asst: David Coplen.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun  **Sierra Peaks, WTC**
I / Mt Johnson (12,871), Mt Gilbert (13,106)

Moderate 11 mi rt, 5220' total gain. Sat backpack to upper Treasure Lake (3 mi, 1700' gain). Set up camp and head out to Johnson (2 mi round trip, 1550' gain). Return to camp for happy hour. Sun, early start to Gilbert (3 mi rt, 2000' gain). Return to camp and leisurely pack out. Send email (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning and experience, H&W phone, rideshare to: Ldr: Greg Mason, e-mail, nosamgatcharter.net Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun  **WTC**
I / Four Gables (12,720')

Sat backpack 5.8 mi, 3000' gain from Horton Ck trailhead to Upper Horton Lake. Bring appetizer or dessert to share Sat night. Sun early climb of peak, 2.5 mi rt, 1800' gain, class 2. Return to camp and pack out. Send 2 sase or email (preferred) recent experience and conditioning info, phone and rideshare info to Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke. Asst: Kristen Mahaffey

August continued

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
M / Mt LeConte (13,960')

Just shy of 14,000' but one of the Mountaineer's Peaks. Sat backpack 4.7 mi and 3280' elevation gain to camp below Meysan Lake. Sun early start climbing up eastern slopes to Mallory/LeConte plateau. Ascend peak via 3rd class northwest chute and waterfall pitch, 2.5 mi, 2,800' gain. Experience with ice axe and crampons, helmet required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form required. Send email/sase, H&W phones, SC#, relevant snow/rock and conditioning experience to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I / Mt Morgan (South) (13,748')

Sat backpack 2.5 mi 1200' gain from Rock Creek Lake to Francis Lake, set up camp, optional hike nearby. Sun climb peak, 4.5 mi 2900' gain then pack out. \$5 permit fee, bear canister required. Send email/sase, H&W phones, conditioning, WTC experience, ride share info to Ldr: Taka Ohyama. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **Sierra Peaks, WTC**
I / Basin Mtn (13,181'), Mt Tom (13,652')

Depart trailhead early Sat for Horton Lake base camp (4 mi, 2,200' gain), then climb Basin Mtn (5 mi rt, 3,200') class 2 to summit views of Mt Humphries and Mt Tom. Sun climb Mt Tom (5 mi rt, 3,600') class 2 and hike out. Send email (preferred) or sase, recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Charles Irving. Asst: Will McWhinney.

Aug 5-7 / Sat-Mon  **Sierra Peaks, WTC**
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 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 4 mi rt, 2200' 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: Kent Schwitkis.

Aug 8 / Tue *NEW!*  **WTC**
O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #3

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on the best compasses for wilderness travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz. Assts: Robert Myers, Sarah Myers.

Aug 11-13 / Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I / 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, 6 mi, 2723' gain. Sat cross country to Payne Lake and Peaklet 11,818, 3.2 miles, 1000' gain. Happy hour Sat night. Sun optional trip to Middle Palisade Glacier, 3.5 miles, 2000' gain, and pack out. \$5 permit fee per person. Send sase/esase with H&W phone numbers, email and conditioning to: Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Jane Simpson.

August continued

Aug 11-13 / Fri-Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC I / Mt Muah (11,016')

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced 7 mi, 1000' gain backpack to Ash Meadow. Sat climb class 2 Mt Muah 4 mi, 1500' gain. Return to camp for community happy hour. Sun pack out. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Aug 11-13 / Fri-Sun WTC, Wilderness Adventures I / Mt. Davis (12,311')

Friday moderate backpack 8.5 miles via River Trail from Agnew Meadows to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake (9840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth, total gain 1,500'. Saturday climb class 2 route to Mt. Davis from North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain cross country. Sunday pack out via beautiful scenic flowered High Trail (PCT). WTC or equivalent required. Shuttle bus fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mt. ski area to trailhead required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')

Sat backpack from South Lake trailhead to Bishop Lake, 4 mi 1400' gain. Sun climb Mt Agassiz from Bishop Pass, 6 mi rt, 2700' gain, then backpack out 4 mi. Send sase or email, H&W phones, \$5 permit fee, recent conditioning/ and experience and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Pack in from North Lake to beautiful Upper Lamarck Lake (4 mi, 2000'); happy hour to ensue. Sun climb Lamarck cross country (5 mi rt, 2500') and pack out. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Co-Ldr: Melissa Kane.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks M / Temple Crag (12,975'), Mt Gayley (13,510')

Sat rugged cross-country backpack 5 mi, 3200' gain from Glacier Lodge to camp near Elinore Lake. Climb Temple Crag via SE face, 1.5 mi, 1800' gain. Sun climb Gayley 3.5 mi, 2100' gain via "Yellow Brick Road" and out. Recent class 3 rock, snow experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 check for permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Ed Cottone.

Aug 12-14 / Sat-Mon WTC I / Alta Peak (11204'), Alta Mdw (9200'), Moose Lake (10560'), Pear Lake (9560')

Join us for a scenic climb of this fine peak and rest at the beautiful meadows and lakes of Sequoia National Park. Moderately paced 22-27 mi rt backpack. We will pack in via the Wolverton/Alta peak trail. Sat hike 11 mi, 4200' gain to Alta Peak and Alta Mdw, stopping at Panther Gap for vistas of the Great Western Divide. Sun pack xc over rock / talus 6 mi, 2100' to Pear Lake. Optional 2.5 mi loop around Moose Lake to eastern shore. Mon 6 mi downhill pack out past two lakes. WTC or equivalent. Send ESASE, H&W phones, ride share info, \$4 for permit fee and recent conditioning/hiking experience. Ldr: Patrick Vaughn, Asst. Leader: Eric Scheidemantle.

August continued

Aug 17-20 / Thu-Sun **NEW!** WTC I / Clouds Rest (9926')

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

Aug 18-20 / Fri-Sun WTC I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri Moderate 7 mi, 2600' gain backpack to Twin Lakes (9430') from Lodgepole Campground in Sequoia National Park. Sat begin early for strenuous climb to Mt Silliman, 6 mi rt, 1800' gain. Sun backpack out. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. Camping at Lodgepole on Thursday night recommended. This trip can be combined with a visit to the giant Sequoias. This exquisite adventure qualifies for a WTC experience trip. Send email/sase with hiking/climbing experience to Ldr: Jan de Vries. Asst: Garen Yegparian.

Aug 19 / Sat **NEW!** WTC O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #4

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on reading topographic maps. Westsiders Meet 8 am end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 8 am; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Bill Jackson, Robert Myers. Assts: Ann Pedreschi, Eric Scheidemantle, Ted Slap.

Aug 19-20 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Clouddripper (13,525')

Gourmet backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend IV. Sat backpack 2.5 mi, 1800' gain to Green Lake for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 4 mi, 2500' gain to Clouddripper. Send email or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

Aug 19-20 / Sat-Sun Sierra Peaks, WTC I / Florence (12,432') Vandever Mtn (11,947')

Mineral King weekend backpack. Sat 5 mi, 2,400' to camp and another 2,300' and 6 mi rt to Florence; community happy hour. Sun climb Vandever and pack out 11.5 rt and 2,600 gain. Send email (preferably) or sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Sara Danta at s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Ldrs: Darrick & Sara Danta.

Aug 19-20 / Sat-Sun **NEW!** WTC I / Three Sisters (10,619)

This is a trip on the western side of the Sierra. Sat backpack from Courtright Reservoir 5 miles, 1500 feet gain to camp at Cliff Lake. Sun climb peak 4 miles rt 1200 feet gain, plus 5 miles back to cars. Time for relaxing, fishing and/or exploring nearby Dinkey Lakes. Send sase or email to leaders: Will Sheehan. Asst: Vaughn Sherman.

Outings Leader Directory

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



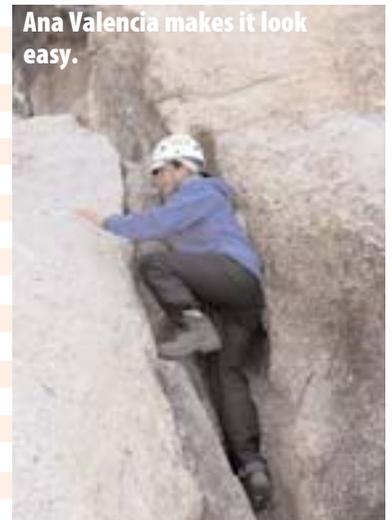
Long Beach WTC Group 1 tries to identify North and South on the diorama.



Harmoni Simmons in a tight spot.



Long Beach WTC Group 1 always eats well! Pancakes by Kay Novotny, photos by Gary Novotny



Ana Valencia makes it look easy.

Outings Leader Directory

Sunrise at Joshua Tree.

First Aid & CPR Requirements for WTC Leaders

WTC Group Leader:

Must hold appropriate Angeles Chapter leader rating per the WTC Policies and Procedures (i.e. M or E)
Must hold current CPR certificate (Red Cross - adult, or equivalent) (currency as stated on certificate) (WTC Safety Policy)
Must have taken Wilderness First Aid training within 3 years (effective January 2007) (WTC Safety Policy) (this supersedes the National requirement listed after)

WTC Assistant Group Leader:

Must hold appropriate Angeles Chapter leader rating per the WTC Policies and Procedures (i.e. I, M, or E)
Must hold current CPR certificate (Red Cross - adult, or equivalent) (currency as stated on certificate) (WTC Safety Policy)
Must have taken Wilderness First Aid training within 3 years (effective January 2007) (WTC Safety Policy) (this supersedes the National requirement listed after)

WTC Assistant (Instructor):

Must be current member of Sierra Club
No CPR or first aid requirement

Trip Outings Leader:

Non-restricted-trip - both leaders must be current with Basic First Aid (currency last 4 years) (National)
Restricted-trip leaders in 2006 - both must be current with Basic First Aid, and one leader must have taken WFA (currency last 4 years) (National)
Restricted-trip leaders in 2007 - one leader must be current with WFA, and the other leader must be current with Basic First Aid (currency last 4 years) (National)

Special CPR and First Aid Note:

All leader CPR and First Aid certifications must be submitted in order for WTC to obtain permits for Joshua Tree National Park and Inyo National Forest. Therefore, all WTC instructors are requested to send copies of their current certificates to the Outings Chair (Tom McDonnell). This item is not part of the WTC policies but is necessary for obtaining permits. Sign certificates. Copy both sides of certificates.

August continued

Aug 19-21 / Sat-Mon 
I / Mt Bago (11,870')

Sierra Peaks

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack over Kearsarge Pass to Charlotte Lake at 10,370' in 8.5 mi and 2600' gain. Sat and Sun evenings legendary community happy hours. Sun climb Bago in 2.5 mi and 1500' gain and explore spectacularly scenic surrounding areas. Mon backpack out in 8.5 mi, 1500' gain. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell &W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

Aug 25-27 / Fri-Sun 
I / Mt Langley (14,027')

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

Fri backpack from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to upper Cottonwood Lake, 6 mi, 1200'. Sat climb Mt Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000' of gain. Return to camp for community happy hour. Sun pack out. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Susan Richmond. Asst: Ann Pedreschi.

Aug 25-27 / Fri-Sun 
I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')

WTC

Friday backpack 3 miles, 1,900' gain from South Lake to Saddlerock Lake. Sat climb Agassiz, 5 mi rt, 2,600 gain for one of the best views of the Sierras and the Palisades, return to camp and celebrate happy hour. Sunday easy packout to trailhead at South Lake. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Ldr: Eric Scheidmantle.

August continued

Aug 25-27 / Fri-Sun **NEW!** 
I / Pilot Knob # 2 (12,245')

WTC

Moderately fast paced 3 day backpack into the John Muir Wilderness. Fri backpack 6 mi 2000' gain from North Lake to Muriel Lake. Sat 7 mi xc 2100' gain to Pilot Knob. Happy hour both nights. Sun break camp and pack out to trailhead. Send email (preferred) or sase. H&W phones, ride share info, recent conditioning, backpacking experience to Ldr: Rod Kieffer. Asst: Bob Beach.

Aug 26-27 / Sat-Sun 
I / Mt Langley (14,026')

WTC

Experience the southernmost 14'er and enjoy great views of the south Sierra. From Horseshoe Meadow we'll moderately pack in 6 mi, 1200' gain to upper Cottonwood Lake. Early Sun climb Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000', then backpack out 6 mi. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Melissa Kane. Co-Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz.

September

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon 
M / Split Mtn, (14,058')

WTC, Sierra Peaks

Climb another 14'er in the fall. Sat backpack up to Red Lake, approx 5 mi, 3700' gain. Sun climb the peak via the north slope, some steep class 3 along the way, approximately 10 mi rt, 3600' gain. Mon pack out. Send email or sase with resume, conditioning, contact and rideshare info to Ldrs: Scott Leavitt, Helen Qian

September continued

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Julius Caesar (13,200')

Labor Day weekend will find us packing out of Bishop to Honeymoon Lake Sat (5.7 mi, 3200'), then ascend the glorious viewing perch that is Julius Caesar Sun (6.6 mi rt, 2700') and pack out Mon. Et tu? Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Co-Ldr: John Cyran.

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC

I / Blue Lake and Sunset Lake Trek

Sat enjoy a moderate backpack from the Lake Sabrina trailhead to camp at scenic Blue Lake, 4.5 mi 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. Send sase/esase, \$5 permit fee, H&W phones, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Susan Richmond.

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Langley (14,026')

Relatively relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Late Sat morning pack in to Long Lake from Cottonwood Lakes Trailhead, 7 mi, 1500' gain (1200' net). Summit on Sun, 8 mi rt with 3600' gain (2900' net), followed by celebratory happy hour. Relaxed hike out to reach trailhead early afternoon Mon. Send 2 sase/1 sase & email, conditioning, recent experience, & altitude experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Asst: Wayne Vollaire.

Sep 9-10 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Morgan (South) (13,748')

Sat backpack 2.5 mi 1200' gain from Rock Creek Lake to Francis Lake, set up camp. Sat day hike to Tamarack Lakes, 6 mi route 1000' gain, to view more wildflowers. Sun climb peak, 2900' gain, then pack out. WTC or equivalent necessary. Send SASE, or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Sep 9-10 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Alta Pk (11,204')

Introductory SPS climb. Easy paced trip. Sat backpack in via Wolverton /Alta Peak trail in Sequoia NP 5 miles with 2000' gain. If time permits, explore Alta Meadow. Sat night shared pot luck salad before dinner. Sun climb peak via cross country route 5 mi rt with 2500' gain. Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send esase with H&W phones, backpacking resume, and rideshare info to Ldr: Cheryl Gill. Co-Ldr: Greg DeHoogh.

Sep 9-11 / Sat-Mon



Sierra Peaks

I / Bloody Mtn (12,552')

SPS Intro trip geared to new and prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 pk south of Mammoth. Sat backpack 8 mi, 2600' gain to Dorothy Lake. Sun climb Bloody in 4 mi rt, 2400' of gain, mostly cross country. Mon backpack out 8 mi, 2600' of loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & Work phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Keith Martin.

Sep 9-11 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Matterhorn Pk (12,279'), Twin Pks (12,323'), Whorl Mtn (12,033')

Sat backpack 5 mi, 3600' gain to camp near Horse Creek. Sun climb Matterhorn 1 mi, 1600' gain by southeast slope. Optional climb of Twin Peaks 1 mi, 1700' gain. Mon climb Whorl 2 mi, 1400' gain via southeast chute and out. Recent class 3 rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$3 check for

September continued

permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Sep 9-11 / Sat-Mon



WTC

I / Iron Mtn (11, 149')

Visit two lakes, Minaret Falls, Devil's Postpile and see, but not touch, a glacier all on one trip! Moderately paced 6 mi, 1300' gain from Devil's to Anona Lake on Sat. Sun. climb class 2 Iron, skirting south end of glacier, 6mi, 2050' gain xc over possible snow. Mon pack out different route 8 mi on Becks Lake trail, passing Minaret Falls before returning to Devil's. Send esase, H&W phones, ride share info, \$6 for permit fee and recent conditioning/hiking experience to, Leader: Eric Scheidemantle, Assist. Leader: Patrick Vaughn

Sep 12 / Tue NEW!



WTC

O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #5

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on using a map and compass together. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz. Assts: Misha Askren, Robert Myers, Sarah Myers.

Sep 16 / Sat NEW!



WTC

O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #6

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on wilderness first aid. Westsiders Meet 8 am end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 8 am; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Bill Jackson, Robert Myers. Assts: Melody Anderson, Ann Pedreschi, Kathy Rich, Eric Scheidemantle.

Sep 16-17 / Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC

M / Mt. LeConte (13,930)

Restricted to Sierra Club Members with third class climbing experience; helmets required. Meet Sat 7:00 am at Meysan Lakes trailhead. Pack in 4 mi, 3500' gain to camp to Meysan Lake. Sun climb LeConte, 1.5 mi, 2500' gain and pack out. Not for WTC students. Send climbing resume, recent conditioning, sase/esase, H&W/C phones, \$6 permit fee to Garen Yegparian. Asst. Virgil Shields.

Sep 16-17 / Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Chocolate Pk (11,862')

Be awed by fall foliage, practice route-finding and get a peak in Bishop Creek drainage. Sat backpack 3.5 miles 1400' gain to Saddlerock Lake and explore lakes in the area. Sun pack out, climb Chocolate via x-country route 1.5 miles, 400' loss, 800' gain, and return to trailhead. Send sase > with \$7 permit fee, excess refunded at trailhead, to Ldr: Jane Simpson, Co-Ldr Adrienne Benedict.

Sep 22-24 / Fri-Sun



WTC

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri backpack 4 mi, 2000' gain on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. There will be a permit fee of approx \$3 each collected at the hike. Send sase/esase with contact and rideshare info, recent backpacking and conditioning experience to Ldr: Gary Novotny. Asst: Mike Adams.

October

Oct 1 / Sun NEW!



WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / San Rafael Pk (6666')

Moderately strenuous 10 mi rt, 2400' gain hike in the Sespe Wilderness (Los Padres National Forest). via trail and cross country route to San Rafael Peak. Apart from forest dominated by Jeffrey pines, pinyons and sagebrush, the area contains many fascinating geological formations-including Mutau Flat Rock, a sacred site to the Chumash Indians. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Asst: Jane Simpson.

Oct 7-8 / Sat-Sun NEW!



WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I / Last Chance Backpack to Tahquitz Peak

This is your last chance to graduate WTC! Sat backpack, 4 mi 1600' gain, frm Humber Park in Idyllwild to Tahquitz Valley and set up camp. Then dayhike to the summit of Tahquitz Peak Sat afternoon and return to camp and enjoy a garbage-bag salad. Sun hike to Skunk Cabbage Meadows and Red Tahquitz Peak, return to camp and pack out. Must carry all the water you need for the weekend. (not as bad as it sounds!) Send 2 sase (or email), resume of conditioning & experience, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Georgette Rieck Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch.

Oct 10 / Tue NEW!



WTC

O / Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike #7

WTC Introductory Hike: Westridge Road to Nike Base; Reseda Blvd. to Nike Base: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. The hike will include info on winter travel. Bring headlamp or flashlight. Westsiders Meet 6:30 pm end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at top of Reseda Blvd. at 6:30 pm; choice of free or paid parking areas - pay attention to signs. Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Marc Hertz. Assts: Robert Myers, Sarah Myers.

Oct 13-14 / Fri-Sat NEW!



DPS, WTC

M / Bridge Mtn (6988'), Moapa Pk (6471')

Join us on some excellent desert rock in Nevada. Comfort on Class 3 rock required. Restricted to SC members. All restricted trips now require everyone's complete medical info for the National Sierra Club. Send email w/ recent experience and conditioning, SC#, completed Medical Form to Ldr: Jeff Dhungana. Co-Ldr: Doug Mantle.

Oct 14-15 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / Quail Mtn (5813')

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt, 1800' gain, to the highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery and learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC graduation requirements. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ted Slap.

November

Nov 4 / Sat



LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C / Intro to Wilderness First Aid

Runs from 8 am to 5:30 pm Saturday. Fee includes instruction, notes, lunch and snacks. Existing leader rating or proof of previous CPR course required to enroll. Fee \$50 (full refund through Oct 1). For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster

Nov 5 / Sun



LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C / Wilderness First Aid Refresher

Runs from 8 am to 5:30 pm Sunday. Fee includes instruction, notes, lunch and snacks. Wilderness first aid course of at least 24 hours within previous 8 years required to enroll. Fee \$50 (full refund through Oct 7). For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster .



Jason Lynch, Dave Endres, Georgette Rieck, and Wendell Hall

WTC LEADERS HONORED AT ANGELES CHAPTER BANQUET By Jane Simpson

Each year the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club honors a select group of outstanding members at a festive banquet. This year, WTC had no less than four honorees in attendance at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena on May 7th, 2006, to receive outings awards for 2005.

Cheered on by a large contingent of WTC staff including outgoing Chair Tom McDonnell and incoming Chair Scott Nelson, three WTC leaders were presented with Outings Service Awards: Georgette Rieck, Dave Endres and Wendell Hall. Capping the evening was the presentation of the Chapter's highest outings accolade, the Chester Versteeg Outings Award, which went to Jason Lynch.

WLA Group Leader for Group 1, Georgette Rieck, was recognized for her 20 years as a group leader for BMTC and WTC. She was instrumental in WTC's beginnings and served as SGV's first Area Chair. Georgette - also known for her ability to carry ice cream to the top of Sierra peaks - has taught hundreds of students over the years.

Dave Endres, LBSB Group Leader for Group #3, was singled out for his 20 years as a Group Leader with BMTC and then WTC. Since the early 1990s, Dave has generously lent his time and his outdoors skills to a series of private annual introductory snow climbs in an effort to advance WTC leaders mountaineering experience.

SGV Group 5 staffer Wendell Hall was honored for his seven years on staff and his years on WTC management, along with his position as LTC CPR First Aid Coordinator. As the Environmental Awareness Lecturer, all WTC students and staff have been treated to Wendell's special warmth and extensive knowledge.

Chester Versteeg awardee Jason Lynch, WTC WLA assistant group leader from 2000-2006 and Outings Chair for the Wilderness Adventures Section (WAS), has lead over 151 Club trips and vetted or coordinated over 1500 trips during his 11 years with WAS. Jason is retiring from active WTC leadership, but continues with WAS and will always be out there wherever the wilderness takes him.



Scott Nelson and Tom McDonnell



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Long Beach Group 1 WTC relaxes at the top of "4377" in Joshua Tree National Park

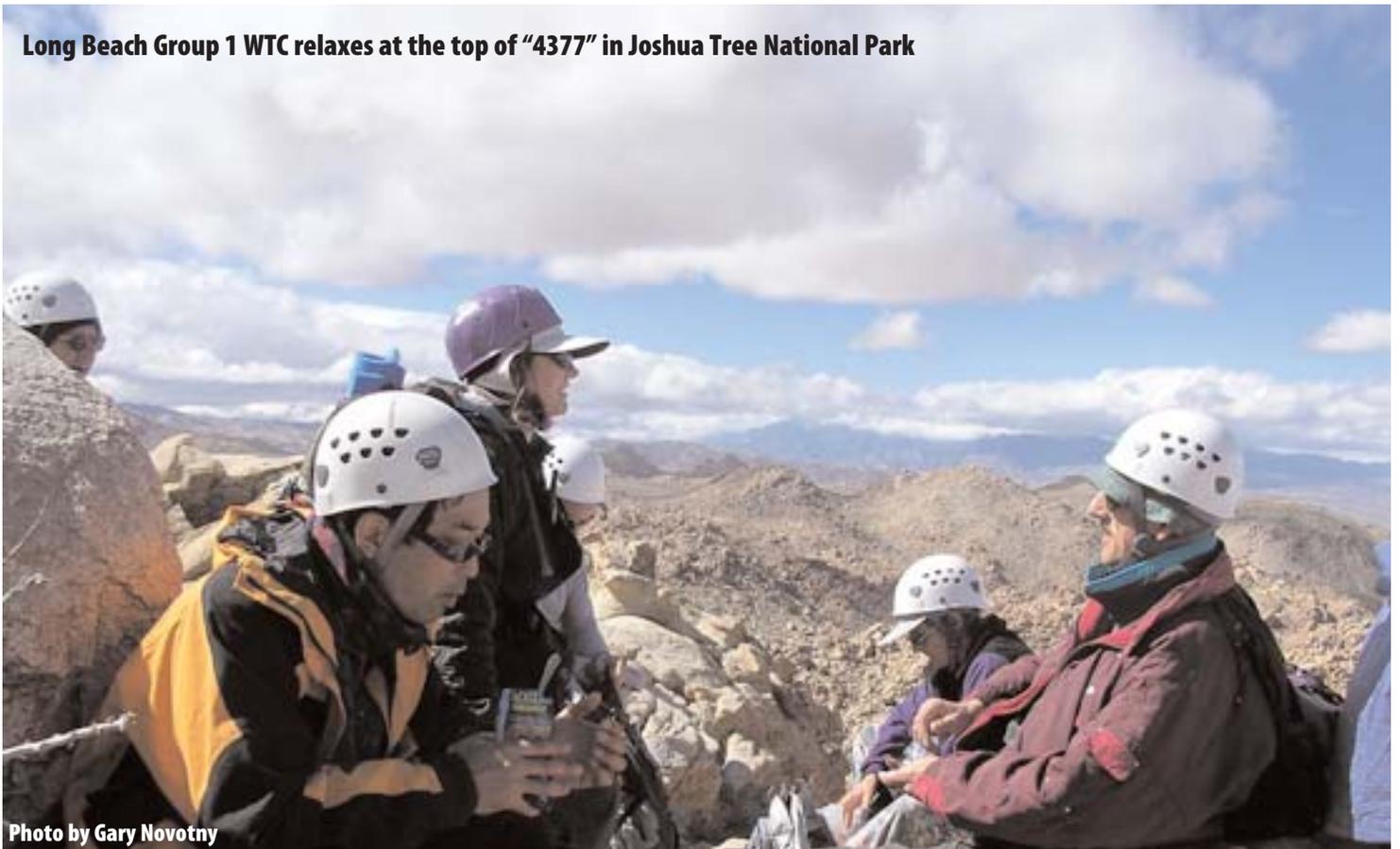


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