

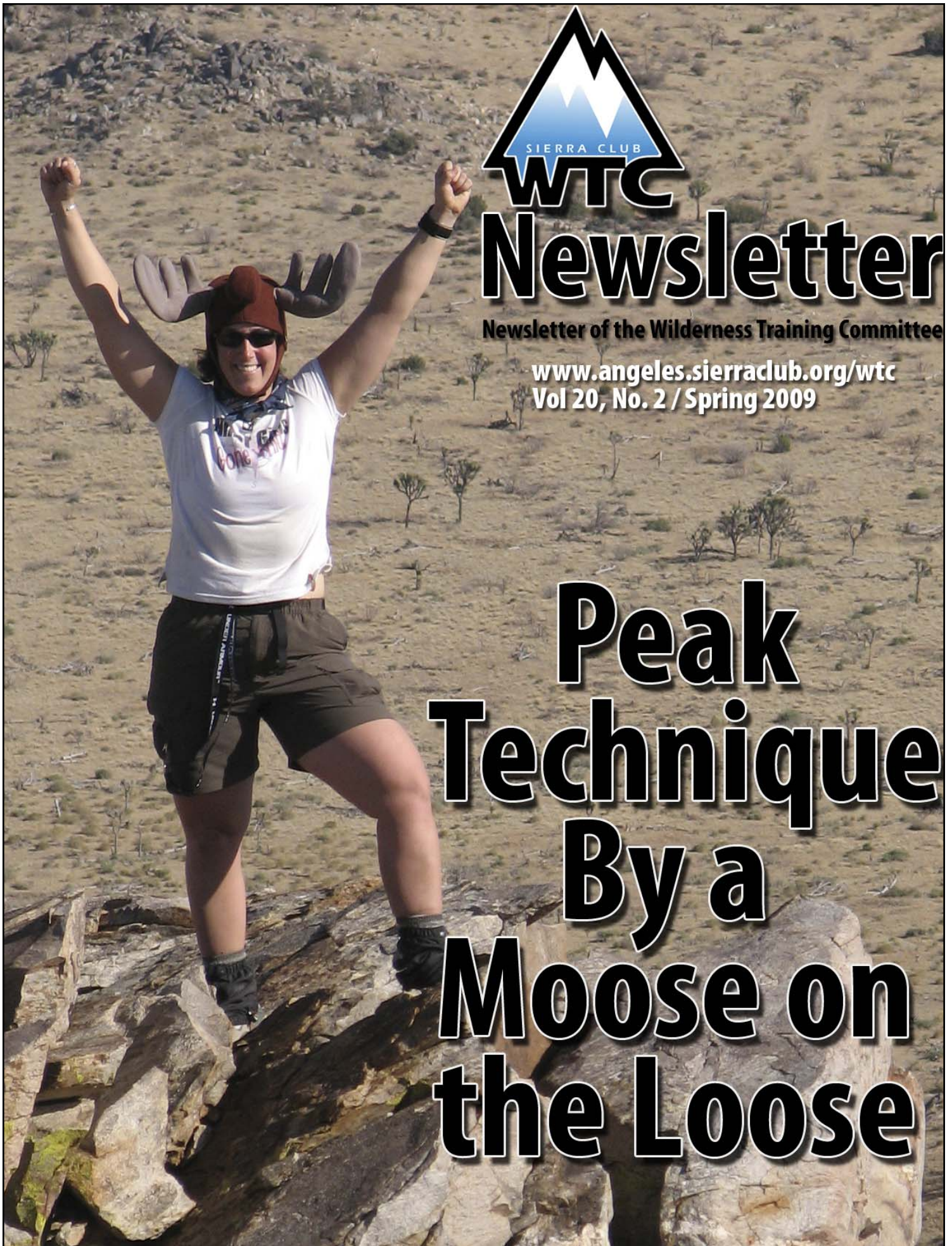


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www.angeles.sierraclub.org/wtc as a download in PDF format.

All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Kay Novotny, WTC Newsletter Editor at (562) 860-4078, or emailed to: knovotny27@gmail.com

WTC Info Line 310-967-2029

Post WTC Snow/Rock Classes

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

April 17-19 2009 - Avalanche Level 1 Course:

The course will start at 8am Friday and end Sunday at 4pm. The Friday classroom sessions will be at SMI in Bishop. Saturday and Sunday field sessions will take place above Bishop and near Mammoth Lakes. There will be ~6hrs classroom instruction and 10-12hrs of field instruction. The cost per person is \$190.00. Note: this is a special discounted price given to WTC and is based on attendance of 11 or more. Regular price would be \$255 each.

April 25-26 2009 - Snow Travel School:

BASIC SNOW TRAVEL Sat April 25th (8-4pm) \$90 This is an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of travel in the snow and ice of the Eastern Sierra. Ice axe self arrest, efficient techniques for climbing up and down on snow, rope travel, cramponing, and self care will all be covered. **SNOW ANCHORS AND CREVASSE RESCUE Sun April 26th (8-4pm) \$90** This school covers essential skills needed for anyone planning to climb on snowy terrain steep enough warrant placing anchors for protection, or on glaciated routes. Topics discussed include all types of snow anchors, and crevasse rescue systems. We will also cover related subjects such as rescue priorities and procedures, team management, and safety considerations. The advantages and disadvantages of different types of equipment will be discussed throughout the day. For more information on these classes, or to sign up, please contact **Sierra Mountaineering International** at 760-872-4929 or info@sierramountaineering.com. www.sierramountaineering.com

Rock climbing at Joshua Tree, May 2-3rd 2009:

BASIC ROCK CLIMBING Saturday, May 2 \$75 If you have never done any climbing, or need a refresher, here's where to start. This is an introduction to the world of rock climbing with an emphasis on safety and fun. The class covers the absolute essentials for safely climbing steep rock and is a valuable course for those wishing to pursue mountaineering. **INTERMEDIATE ONE Sunday, May 3 \$75** After reviewing fundamentals (knots, anchoring, and belaying) you'll complete a progression of climbs where a broad range of more challenging climbing techniques are encountered, from the subtleties of edging and smearing used in face climbing, to jamming and liebacking used in crack climbing. **2-DAY ROCK-CRAFT SEMINAR Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3 \$150** Our most popular beginner's course, this seminar combines Basic Rock Climbing on Saturday with Intermediate One on Sunday. For more information on these classes, or to sign up, please contact **VERTICAL ADVENTURES®, INC.** at 800.514.8785 or www.verticaladventures.com

Graduations

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 17 and 18 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, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version

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

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

Headline Deadlines

For publication in the Summer 2009 WTC Newsletter: May 15

For publication in the Fall 2009 WTC Newsletter: Aug 15

These are the last days for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair. Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

For publication in the 312 Angeles Chapter Schedule (Nov 1 - Feb 28): Mar 9

For publication in the 313 Angeles Chapter Schedule (Mar 1 - Jun 30): Nov 9


These are the last days for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair. Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

On The Cover

WTC student Laura Molnar "mooses it up" at the top of Quail Mountain during an experience trip in Joshua Tree National Park. Picture by Gary Novotny.

Destination... WTC Adventure!

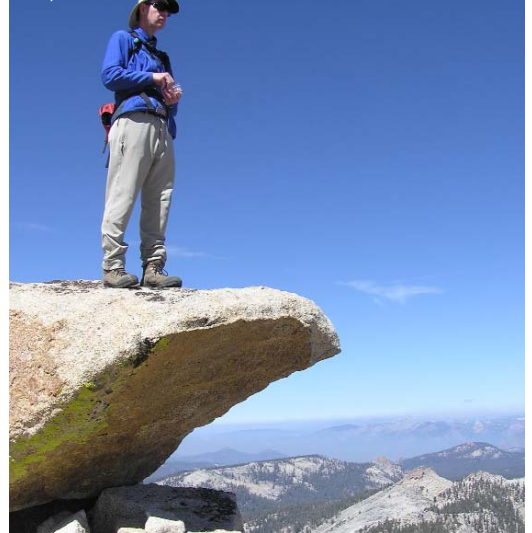
Congratulations! You have made your way through the classes, and now you are ready for the next step - completing two experience trips, to earn the title of WTC Graduate!

Mt Silliman in Sequoia National Park (see right) is only one of the many adventurous destinations that await WTC students as choices for their experience trips. Many Sierra Club leaders and WTC leaders arrange summer experience trips specifically for WTC students. A listing of these trips begins on page 4. Look for the backpack logo  which identifies WTC experience trips.

Students may also arrange to attend a private outing, as long as the outing meets the requirements listed below:

1. Two experience outings must be completed to fulfill course requirements for graduation. At least one of the outings must be a scheduled Sierra Club outing. The other may be a Sierra Club outing or a private outing. Both outings must be overnight backpacking trips that include substantial cross-country travel. At least one of the outings must include a peak climb.
2. A peak climb outing that does not succeed in reaching the summit, due to weather or other safety-related concerns, may count as an experience outing provided that most of the climb was completed and substantial off-trail terrain was encountered.
3. There is no requirement to obtain prior approval for a private outing. As long as the outing meets the requirements, simply go on the outing, complete the non-scheduled experience outing record form, and send it, along with your Student Record Card (after all other requirements are completed), to the registrar for your area. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (sase) if you wish to be notified that your card was received.

Atop Mt Silliman



To reserve your place on an outing

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

To reserve your place on an outing, send the leader two 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed, stamped envelopes (sases) or an email as specified in the trip description. Include an information sheet with the following information: Your name, address, home and work phone numbers, your WTC leader's name, the outing you wish to join, your experience, your physical conditioning program, and whether you need or can offer a ride.

As the outing approaches, the leader will send you an itinerary and a list of participants so that you can arrange your own carpool. The leader will state whether there are any permit fees that you must share. If permit fees are required, please send a check payable to the leader for your portion. These fees are not refundable if you cancel and your place can not be filled.

These outings fill up early!! Plan ahead and reserve a place. If you must cancel, please notify the leader as soon as possible so another student who wants to graduate can take your spot. Remember to take your Student Record Card with you on the outing, so the leader can sign it for you.

Participation in WTC outings may be denied by leaders for legitimate reasons. The leaders are responsible for the safe and enjoyable conduct of these outings, and will use their best judgement in selection of participants.

The outings in this newsletter are sponsored by a variety of Sierra Club groups and sections. As a WTC student, your training places you in good standing with other groups and sections of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, who welcome your participation in their outings.

Wilderness Training Committee (WTC)

These outings are open to anyone with appropriate experience and physical conditioning. WTC leaders plan these outings to help students fulfill the requirements for graduation. These outings are reviewed by the WTC Outings Coordinators to ensure that they do not exceed the abilities of WTC students on rock and ice, but still provide the students with the opportunity to summit a peak.

Sierra Peaks Section (SPS)

A number of SPS introductory outings are offered as well as joint SPS/WTC outings suitable for WTC students. WTC students who are interested in the SPS are encouraged to participate in these outings.

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS)

Most HPS outings are dayhikes in the local mountains. They are a good way to explore our local wilderness and stay in shape. Some HPS outings are overnight backpacks that fulfill the WTC graduation requirements.

Desert Peaks Section (DPS)

Because most DPS outings are dayhikes with car camps, few meet the requirements for experience trips. However, they are an excellent way to gain additional hiking and climbing experience with knowledgeable leaders.

Wilderness Adventures Section (WAS)

WAS offers a wide variety of events including dayhikes, backpacks, ski trips, car camps and bus trips. Some of their backpacks fulfill the requirements for WTC graduation.

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

Outings

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

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



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



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



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



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

March

Mar 15/Sun  **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, WTC E/M/Stoney Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff**

This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip; to participate you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have suitable rock climbing experience. Helmet and climbing gear required. Email or send climbing resume, completed medical form (2 copies-include SC# on form), address and phone # to Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldrs: Alex Amies, Dan Richter.

Mar 21/Sat  **LTC Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for Apr 4 seminar. Next seminar: Fall 2009. See ad in back pages of Schedule.

Mar 28-29/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC I/Jean Pk (10,670')**

Relive your snow camp experience! Take the Palm Springs tram (\$21) to start this weekend snow backpack. Saturday, snow shoe to base camp which is only 2.3 miles (750' gain) from the top of the tram. After camp is setup, hike to Wellman Divide (2 miles rt, 700' gain) for panoramic Southern views of the Salton Sea and into Mexico. Sunday, summit Jean Peak (4 miles rt, 1700' gain), return to camp, then back to the tram. Email contact info with conditioning and experience. Ldr: Gary Novotny, Asst: Kay Novotny

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Apr 3-5/Fri-Sun  **Hundred Peaks, WTC I/Big Four - Samon Pk (6227'), Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Pk (6536')**

Three day, two night backpack mainly on dirt roads and trails in Santa Barbara County (Big Pine is the high point of Santa Barbara County) with some steep cross-country. Total statistics: about 51 miles and 8000' gain. This trip satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience, city, and phone. Ldr: Ted Lubeshkoff, Co-Leader: Wayne Voltaire.

Apr 4/Sat  **LTC Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 21. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2009. See ad in back pages of Schedule.

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Apr 4/Sat **NEW!**  **WTC O/Strawberry Pk (6164')**

Join us for an easy to moderately paced hike to beautiful Strawberry Peak. 6 mi rt w/ elevation gain of 1,800'. Bring snack, at least 2 quarts of water and a smile. Lugssoles recommended. Meet at La Canada rideshare point at 8:00 am, or at the Red Box Gap/Ranger Station at 8:30am. Direction to Ranger Station: from 210 Fwy exit on Angeles Crest Hwy & go North about 14 mi. Rain cancels. Leader: Gee Nam, Asst Leader: Ann Pedreschi.

Apr 4/Sat **NEW!**  **WTC MR/Wonderland of Rocks**

Strenuous rock scramble to explore remote canyons looking for arches, domes and other interesting rock formations in the southeastern portion of the Wonderland of Rocks, 6 mi rt, 1000' gain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: George Faeustle.

Apr 5/Sun  **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks O/GPS Class**

Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn Nature Center, Pasadena. Apply early, no registration at door, start 9am indoors. Focus on Garmin models includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided), hands-on field practice in afternoon. We have loaner GPS. Send email/sase, phones, GPS experience & model, \$20 (LTC-no refund later than 5 days prior) to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Robert Myers.

Apr 11-12/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC I/Quail Mtn (5813')**

Overnight backpack approaching from the west side. Moderately paced cross-country scramble up to the peak, providing panoramic views of the desert along with quintessential rock formations and other natural wonders. Possible side trip to Samuelson's Rocks before heading home. Trips is approximately 12 mi and 1817' gain. Please send an email or sase including name, address, phone and recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Carol Tucker. Asst: David Meltzer.

Apr 11-12/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **Hundred Peaks, OCSS, WTC I/Cooper Canyon & Pawnee Mine Backpack**

Join us for a two day backpack to the Pawnee Mine area east of Temecula. We'll enter the area via scenic Cooper Canyon and visit the historic Pawnee Mine location (6 miles, 1000') before dropping off our camping gear and continuing on an adventurous exploration of another nearby canyon (2 miles, 500'). Sunday with an early

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morning start we will bag the nearby Beauty Peak (5548') and Iron Spring Mountain (5755') (10 miles, 3000') before returning to camp for our gear and hiking back out to the cars (5 miles, 800'). Contact leader for details. Ldr: Matthew Hengst (mhengst@hotmail.com). Asst: Peter Doggett.

Apr 18/Sat **Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes - South Bay, WTC I/Deer Mtn (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep)**

19th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another peak. Moderately paced 17 mi, 4300' gain, utilizing another exploratory x-cntry loop. Bring 10 essentials, lugs, (swim suit optional). High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool and recent conditioning info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Wayne Vollaire.

Apr 18-19/Sat-Sun **I/Quail Mtn (5814')** **WTC**

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt, 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mtn, highest point in this region of the desert using mostly cross-country route. Sat easy paced 4 mi to camp, set up, then 5 mi rt to Quail and back to camp for happy hour. We will encounter some steep, rocky sections on Quail. Great opportunity to practice your Nav skills and photograph desert wildflowers! Send esase or sase, contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Kim Homan. Asst: Charles Irving.

Apr 18-19/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, Hundred Pks, Desert Pks, Sierra Pks I/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: Harry Freimanis.

Apr 18-19/Sat-Sun **Desert Peaks, WTC MR/Clark Mtn (7907'), New York Mtns (7532')**

Climb two classic 3rd class dessert peaks in beautiful settings in the Eastern Mojave with a car camp in the local dessert. Happy hour Sat night. Both climbs are moderate 3rd class. Sat we will climb Clark (2 mi rt, 1900' gain), Sun New York (4 mi rt, 1900' gain). Class 3 rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members (medical forms required). Send email/sase, detailed resume including class 3 rock experience to Ldr: Dan Richter. Asst: Asher Waxman.

Apr 18-19/Sat-Sun **I/Whale Pk (5349'), Granite Mtn #2 (5633')** **WAS, WTC**

Join us to climb two desert-type peaks in Anza Desert SP which is known for its wildflowers and variety of desert plants. Sat climb Whale Peak, 9 mi rt, 1700' gain. Sun do Granite from the south (Oriflamme Canyon), 8 mi rt, 3000' gain. Both are moderately paced but strenuous hikes. Car camp Fri and/or Sat nights. Sat evening potluck. Bring goodies to share, water, lunch, 10 essentials, all-weather gear for day-hikes. Send 2 sase or email, with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Doan-Trang Tran. Asst: Neal Robbins.

Apr 24-25/Sat-Sun **I/Bernard Pk (5430'), Little Berdoo (5440')** **WTC, Hundred Peaks**

Relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack through the spring flowers of Joshua Tree NP. Late Sat morning backpack 6 mi to the Canyon opening leading to Bernard. This will be an exploratory route from the north. Sat evening happy hour. Summit on Sun, 6 mi rt with 2000' gain. This is a dry camp; bring all your water (minimum 3 liters/day). Relaxed hike out to reach TH late afternoon Sun. Send esase/sase, email, phone, recent conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: James Montross. Asst: Ed Cottone.

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Apr 25/Sat **WTC**

O/Leave No Trace Workshop

Join us for a short hike in O'Melveny Park to learn more about using Leave No Trace ethics in your outdoor activities. The workshop strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts. Material will be provided. Includes Environmental Awareness credit for prospective I rated leaders. Meet at 8.30 am in parking lot of O'Melveny Park, 17300 Sesnon Blvd. just west (0.6 miles) of Balboa Blvd. in northern San Fernando Valley above Granada Hills. All day workshop, will end at 4 pm. \$5 fee for materials. Space limited, contact ldrs for reservation. Bring water, lunch, notebook and pen. Rain cancels. Contact Ldr: Gerard Lewis Co-Ldr: Melody Anderson

Apr 25-26/Sat-Sun **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks M/E/Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice**

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

Apr 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **I/Quail Mtn (5814')** **WTC**

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 10-12 mi rt 1800' gain, all cross country to Quail Mtn, the highest point in Joshua Tree NP. Cross-country 3 mi in desert terrain to camp. Practice nav near Juniper Flats. Potluck happy hour. Sun 4 mi rt cross country to Quail encountering rocky sections then back to camp and pack out. Since it's a dry camp bring minimum 6 liters water. Bring 10 essentials, lug soles and layered clothing. Send email, H&W phones, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Edie Jaranilla. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

April 26/Sun **NEW!** **O/Verdugo Pk (3126')** **WTC**

8 mi round trip, 1600' gain. Enjoy a relaxed and moderately paced hike up La Tuna Canyon trail to Verdugo Peak, returning via the La Tuna Foot trail. Meet 7:30AM in the parking area just south of the La Tuna Canyon exit from the 210 Freeway. Bring water, food, lugsoles, sun protection. Ldr: Dawn Burkhardt. Asst: George Faestle.

May

May 2/Sat **WTC, LTC**

I/Nav 'till it Hertz

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

May 2-3/Sat-Sun **Hundred Peaks, WTC I/The Big Three - McKinley Mtn (6200'), San Rafael Mtn (6593'), Santa Cruz Pk (5570')**

Very strenuous, moderately paced backpack in central Santa Barbara County, two-day total 33 miles, 8600' gain, following roads and often overgrown trails. This trip satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience, city, and phone. Leader: Ted Lubeshkoff, Co-leader: Wayne Vollaire.

May 2-3/Sat-Sun **I/Quail Mtn (5814')** **WTC**

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mtn, highest point in this region of the desert using mostly cross-country route. Sat easy paced 4 mi to camp, set up, then 6 mi rt to Quail and back to camp for happy hour. We will encounter some rough, rocky section on Quail. Sun, 2 mi rt xc trip to

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Samuelson's Rock. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), lug soles and layered clothing. sase or email, H&W phones, w/recent experience & conditioning to Ldr: David Meltzer. Asst: Sridhar Gullapalli.

May 9-10/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, Desert Peaks, Desert Comm I/Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve**

Join us for our seventh annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave; preserved under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to intermediate xc navigation day-hike workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills campground in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500' elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Friday. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Virgil Shields.

May 16-17/Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC M/Rockhouse Pk (8,360'), Taylor Dome (8,802')**

Climb these two peaks situated in the Southern Sierra. We will climb these as 2 day hikes with a car camp Sat night. On Saturday climb Rockhouse Peak via the class 2 north slope. On Sunday climb Taylor Dome via the class 2 west ridge and a class 3 summit block. Experience with class 3 rock and good fitness required. WTC OK. Send email with conditioning and experience to Ldr: Greg Mason, Co-Ldr: Alex Amies.

May 16-17/Sat-Sun **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks M/E/Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice**

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

May 16-17/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Grinnell Mtn (10284'), Lake Pk (10161'), 10,000 Ft. Ridge (10094')**

13.5 mi. rt, 3350' gain overnight backpack. Enjoy a fun weekend in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We'll hike 4.5 mi and set up camp at Fish Creek Saddle. Then bag Grinnell Mtn via xc route and back to camp for happy hour. Sunday, take xc route to Lake Pk and 10,000 Ft. Ridge. Then we'll head back to the saddle, break camp and return to the trailhead. Send esase with telephone, recent experience, ride share info to Ldr: Jeffrey Zinn (jeffreyzinn@lordleiter.com). Asst: Jack Kieffer

May 23/Sat **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks I/Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic**

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

May 23-25/Sat-Mon **Desert Peaks, WTC I/Inyo Crest Traverse (Mt Inyo, Keynot Pk, New York Butte, Pleasant Mtn)**

On Saturday, set up car shuttle then backpack from Cerro Gordo to the Inyo crest and out to Pleasant Mtn (9,690'); explore Salt Tram on the way. Sat eve camp near New York Butte (10,668'), climb peak Sun am, then continue 4 mi along crest to Keynot Pk (11,101'). Spend Sun eve at Bedsprings Camp, Mon climb Mt Inyo (10,975') and head down to cars. Total stats ~15mi, 2000', mostly xc, carry own water. Send email detailing experience, conditioning and rideshare info to: Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldrs: Barbee and Larry Tidball.

May 30/Sat **Hundred Peaks, WTC O/Baldylocks and the Three Ts**

June

Our sixth annual - for Big Bad Wolves only! You know the story: Baldylocks heads out from her Mount Baldy Village home at the strike of dawn and hikes up 6000' in 6 miles to the top of Mount Baldy (10,064') where, gazing eastward, she spies Mama T, Papa T and Baby T, aka the Three Ts. "A T party!" she exclaims, then scrambles over Devil's Backbone, past the ski lift and up Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985') and Timber Mountain (8303') before descending Icehouse Canyon to Grandma's house and a waiting car shuttle. "Only 20 miles and 8000' gain - this hike was ju-u-u-u-st right!" Long, strenuous and paced to complete pre-dark. But if you think this hike is just right, too, email your conditioning, experience and contact info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane..

Jun 6/Sat **WTC, Hundred Peaks, LTC I/Heart Bar Pk (8332')**

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile rt, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Adrienne Benedict.

Jun 6/Sat **NEW!** **WTC MR/ University Pk 13,632'**

Start out with 2 mi, 1300+' gain from Onion Valley campground to Robinson Lake on trail. Then cross-country to climb peak via University Pass, additional 2.5 mi, 3100+' gain. Return same way. Fitness and comfort climbing snow/talus required along with ice axe experience. Open to Sierra Club members. Medical form required. Send resume of climbing experience and conditioning to Ldr: Allison Dryden. Asst: Tina Bowman

Jun 6-7/Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks MR/Mt Abbot (13,715')**

Join us for a fun filled two day snow climb of Mt Abbot (an SPS Emblem peak) by the North Couloir. This trip will involve approximately 1000' of snow climbing followed by third class as we approach the summit. Depending on weather and snow conditions, we will either climb the peak on Sat or Sun. Restricted to Sierra Club members with suitable ice axe, crampon, and class 3 rock experience. Medical form required. Please send email with contact information and climbing resume to Ldr: Jennie Thomas. Assts: Tom McDonnell, Ed Cottone.

Jun 6-7/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks M/Rockhouse Pk (8,360') and Taylor Dome (8,802')**

Get your mountaineering legs on these introductory M-level peaks. From Big Meadow in the Domeland Wilderness, Sat backpack 6 mi, 480' gain to Little Manter Mdw. We'll drop packs and continue 4 miles, with some xc and 1560' gain to Rockhouse Pk. Happy hour follows at camp. Sun pack out via a different trail 4 mi, drop packs and climb 0.8 mile and 1200' gain to Taylor Dome. Return to packs and 1.5 mi, 200' gain to car shuttle. Comfort on easy 3rd class required, WTC students welcome. Send esase or 2 sase, recent experience and conditioning, phone to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Barry Holchin.

Jun 6-7/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Olancha Pk (11,923')**

Discover the beautiful & historic southern Sierra during this late spring backpack of a SPS emblem peak, geared toward WTC students. Total distance for the weekend about 22 mi, elevation gain/loss about 6000'. Send name, contact & conditioning information, \$5 check made out to "WTC" to Ldr: Sherry Ross. Co-Ldr: Sharon Moore.

Jun 7/Sun **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks I/Grinnell Ridge Navigation**

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr:

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Robert Myers. Asst: Harry Freimanis.

Jun 12-14/Fri-Sun **LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC** **C/Wilderness First Aid Course**

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5.30 pm Sun. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Proof of CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. Fee \$205 with SC#/\$215 non-member (full refund through May 8). For application contact Ldr: Steve Schuster.

Jun 13-14/Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **MR/Mt Abbot (13,704'), Mt Dade (13,600')**

Saturday backpack from Rock Creek to camp at Treasure Lakes; climb Dade via The Hourglass (5 mi, 3400 gain). Sunday climb Abbot via Southeast Buttress, hike out (5mi, 2,500 gain). Trip restricted to Sierra Club members having experience with 3rd class rock, ice axe and crampons. Send email with Sierra Club #, medical form and resume detailing experience, conditioning and rideshare info to: Ldr: Kathy Rich. Co-Ldr: Alexander Smirnoff.

Jun 13-14/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), Newton Drury (10,170')**

Let the Palm Springs Tram take you up to the trailhead. This will be a moderately strenuous but picturesque route. Traveling the trail to Wellman Cienega then we will xc to Marion Mtn and Jean Pk. and Newton Drury Pk. Camp at Little Round Valley. Sun on the way out we may capture Cornell Peak then back to the tram. Sat 6.5 mi 3000' gain (1.25 mi xc). Sun 2.5 mi 965' gain. Permit limits group size. Send esase/sase (email preferred) & conditioning to Ldr: Robert Gunn. Asst: Kim Homan.

Jun 13-14/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **MR/Mt Mills (13,451'), Mt. Abbot (13,704)**

Climb Mt Abbot, an SPS emblem peak and Mt Mills. Early departure from road's end at Rock Creek. Hike Sat to Mills Lake, set up camp, then ascend Abbot via NE Couloir. Sun, early start to ascend Mills via East Couloir, if possible via a 3rd class rock variation. Descend and return to cars. 3rd class rock, Ice ax and Crampon experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Completed medical form required. \$5 permit fee at trailhead. Send email/sase with experience/conditioning and SC# to Ldr: Bob Draney. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

Jun 13-14/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **MR/Mt Haeckel (13,418'), Mt Wallace (13,377')**

Sat backpack 9 mi, 2100' gain to basecamp North of Echo Lake. Sun travel 2.8 mi xc, 2400' gain to Wallace and Haeckel, traversing between the two. Return to camp and pack out. These are snow and rock climbs requiring Sierra Club membership, experience with ice axe and crampons, waiver and medical questionnaire. Send esase or 2sase, resume, recent experience and conditioning, phone to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Tina Bowman.

Jun 20-21/Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **MR/Mt McAdie (13,799')**

Sat. hike 3880' elevation gain to Consultation Lake at 11,680'. Sun climb to Arc Pass 13,120'. From pass climb McAdie, 3rd class rock near summit. Return to camp and out to cars. June could be a snow climb. Restricted to SC membership, experience with 3rd class rock, ice ax and crampons, waiver and medical questionnaire. Send sase or email with experience and conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Barbee Tidball. Co-Ldr: Kathy Rich.

Jun 20-21/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), and Tahquitz Pk (8846')**

Moderately paced 15 mi rt, 1824' gain for San Jacinto Mountains Peak Bagging: From Humber Park in Idyllwild climb the Devils slide Trail to Saddle Junction, drop packs at our camp site location near Saddle Junction. With day pack climb Tahquitz Pk. Return to packs and set up camp for Sat night happy hour and overnight. Sun morning climb

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Marion and Jean. Return to campsite to pick up packs and return to Humber Park via the Devils Slide Trail. Send email with experience to Ldr Bill Payne at leakycanoe@yahoo.com. Asst: Mark Roberts.

Jun 26-28/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I/Angora Mtn (10,198), Coyote Pk (10,892')**

Strenuous 37 mile backpack to the Great Western Divide to two seldom visited peaks. Friday start at Lloyd Meadows trailhead north of Johnsonville and pack in to camp (11.2 mi, 3,300' gain). Sat climb class 2 Angora and Coyote in 16 mi and 5,000' of gain, on trail and cross country. Sun head back to the cars and well earned foot massage. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: Paul Garry. Asst: Tina Bowman

Jun 27/Sat **WTC** **O/Leave No Trace Workshop**

Join us for a short hike in Griffith Park to learn more about using Leave No Trace ethics in your outdoor activities. The workshop strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts. Material will be provided. Includes Environmental Awareness credit for prospective I rated leaders. Meet 8:30 am at Griffith Park Ranger Station, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive. All day workshop, will end at 4:00 pm. \$5 fee for materials. Space limited, contact ldrs for reservation. Bring water, lunch, notebook and pen. Rain cancels. Contact Ldr: Gerard Lewis Co-Ldr: Melody Anderson

Jun 27/Sat **NEW!** **Long Beach, WTC** **I/Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997')**

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

Jun 27-29/Sat-Mon **NEW!** **WTC, HPS, Long Beach** **I/San Gorgonio Mtn (11,490), Big Horn (10,997), Dragon Head (10,866)**

Bag the highest peak in Southern California and a couple of its neighbors at a saner pace than usual. Backpack via Vivian Creek 4.8 mi, 3360 ft gain to High Creek. Enjoy Happy Hour and a good night's sleep before tackling our peaks on Sun, approximately 13.5 mi, 2900 ft gain on and off trail over steep, rocky terrain, then pack out on Monday. Permit limits group size. email/esase leader with recent conditioning, experience, and your WTC Group Leader's name if applicable. Ldr: Sharon Moore, Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Bruce Michaels.

Jun 27-28/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Mt Goode (13,085')**

Sat backpack from South Lake to Saddleback Lake (5 mi, 1500" gain); Set Camp and hike to Bishop Pass to enjoy the panoramic view. (3.5 mi rt 900' gain) Sat evening happy hour at camp. Sun climb Goode (4 mi rt 2000'gain) return to camp and hike out 5 mi. Send email, phones, address, experience, current conditioning, rideshare info and \$5 permit fee to Ldr Rod Kieffer. Co Ldr Jack Kieffer, K.C Reid.

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Jul 10-11/Fri-Sat **NEW!** **Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes - South Bay, WTC**

O/Palm Springs Tram (8450'), Mt San Jacinto (10,804') Moonlight Hike

Strenuous hike, 10 mi, 8300' gain to tram with additional 10 mi rt, 2400' gain to the peak. We'll start hiking before midnight Friday. With the advent of the moonlight aspect of the hike, we've been getting many more successful peak baggers, so we'll attempt to have two groups, hopefully both SJ bound, one faster, the other naturaliz-

Outings Leader Directory

Please see the Outings Leader Directory on page 8 of the WTC Newsletter print version, contact the newsletter editor, Kay Novotny, at knovotny27@gmail.com, or call the WTC info line at 310-967-2029 for SASE and leader contact information.



WTC Long Beach Group 1 and mascots on the road to South Lake

WTC Long Beach Group 1 leader Mike Adams is a dynamic instructor



Late Trips

Mar 21 SAT HPS, WTC


I: Quail Mountain (5813'): Enjoyable, moderately paced day hike to highest point in Joshua Tree National Park. 10 miles rt, 1700' gain. Weather will not cancel. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. Send email with contact info & recent conditioning to Bob Dryden at bobisayoon@yahoo.com. Ldr: Bob Dryden. Asst: Robert Myers. this trip DOES NOT qualify as a WTC experience trip, due to no overnight portion.

Apr 11 Sat WTC

I: Pinto Mtn (3983'). Enjoy a peak in Southern Joshua Tree with magnificent views of surrounding area. Hike is 9 miles, 2400' gain. Good introduction to hiking desert peaks. Most is cross country and some very steep sections. Bring 3 - 4 liters water, lunch and snacks plus ten essentials. Send WTC group, conditioning and recent hiking info to Misha at misha.askren@gmail.com or 323-935-1492. Ldr: Misha Askren. Asst: Dave Coplen. This trip DOES NOT qualify as an experience trip, because it is not an overnight trip.

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ing along the way. Of course, any who wish can head back down at the tram after a mere 8300' gain. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info, cond/exper to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Kent Schwitkis. [Please note that this is an extremely difficult hike. Discuss your preparation with the leader. - WTC Outings Coordinator]

Jul 10-12/Fri-Sun NEW!  **WTC, 20s&30s**
I/Mt Goode (13,085')

This is why we take WTC! Join us for a Sierra high altitude adventure with spectacular lakes, waterfalls, stunning vistas, wildflowers, some nav practice, swimming, time to relax as well as bagging a 13'er for good measure. Frid backpack to Saddlerock Lake, 5 mi, 1400 ft gain. Sat enjoy gorgeous views with climb of Mt Goode, 4 mi rt, 1900 ft gain via class 2 route, and return to camp for legendary happy hour. Sun pack out. \$10 trip fee. Will serve as an experience trip for WTC students. Send WTC group and leader (if applicable), recent conditioning and experience, H&W phones, email address, and rideshare info to leader(s). Ldr: Steven Berson. Co-Ldr: Sridhar Gullapalli.

Jul 11-12/Sat-Sun NEW!  **Long Beach, WTC**
M/Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')

Enjoy our local San Gorgonio Wilderness; gain experience on class 3 rock; climb So. Calif's 2nd-highest pk. Sat, comfortably paced trail hike from South Fork to base camp, 6.5 mi, 2600' gain. Sun bag Charlton via class 3 route then hike the others, 2 mi xc, 2300' gain. WTC/equiv. reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John H., Asst: Mike Adams.

Jul 11-13/Sat-Mon NEW!  **Sierra Peaks**

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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 1/2 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 4 mi rt, 2,200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send sase with \$5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell &W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Jim Fleming.

Jul 17-19/Fri-Sun NEW!  **WTC**
I/Arrow Pk (12,958')

Strenuous and challenging backpack to climb an SPS Mountaineer's Peak. Fri: backpack from trailhead, over Taboose Pass to Bench Lake (11.5 miles, 6200' gain). Sat: climb class 2 route to Arrow Peak (6 miles, 2600' gain). Sun: pack up and return to trailhead (11.5 miles, 1100' gain). Must be comfortable with altitude and significant mileage (29 miles and 10,000' gain total). Send email with conditioning, recent hiking experience and WTC leader name (if applicable) to Ldr. Regge Bulman, Co-Ldr Sarah Myers.

Jul 18-19/Sat-Sun NEW!  **WTC**
I/Muriel Pk (12,937')

Enjoy southern Humphries Basin and a climb of Muriel Peak via Alpine Col. Geared toward WTC students. Total distance for the weekend about 18 mi round trip, elevation gain/loss about 3,800'. Permit limits group size. Send name, contact & conditioning information, \$5 check made out to "WTC" to Ldr: Sherry Ross. Co-Ldr: Kent Schwitkis.

Jul 18-19/Sat-Sun NEW!  **WTC**
I/Ytee Lakes, Table Mountain, Thompson Lake and Peak 12,744'

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Introductory Sierra backpack in an alpine lake area. On Sat we will backpack from Bishop Creek to the Tyee Lakes, about 2.5 miles and 1800' gain to make our camp near one of the lakes. We will then continue on the trail to the top of Table Mtn to explore the land features, flora and fauna and practice our navigation skills. Return to base camp to swim, fish, relax and have a happy hour and potluck dinner. On Sun morning we will hike cross-country 2.5 miles and 2200' to Thompson Lake and Peak 12,744'. Return to break camp and pack out to the trailhead. WTC or equivalent experience required. Send email with WTC info and group, recent experience to Ldr: Charles Irving Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson

Jul 24-27/Fri-Mon *NEW!*  **WTC, Sierra Peaks**
MR/Mt Ruskin(12,920)', Cardinal Mtn (13,296)', Striped Mtn (13,179)', Goodale Mtn (12,772')


From basecamp near Taboose Pass, climb four SPS list peaks. Friday, strenuous hike to Taboose Pass (6,000' gain) and camp near pass. Sat ascend Ruskin via east ridge route, class 3. Return to camp. Sun ascend Cardinal Mtn, then over to conquer Goodale and Striped before ending the day back at camp on Taboose. Monday brings a long descent back to trailhead. Helmet and class 3 rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Completed medical form required. \$5 permit fee at trailhead. Send email/sase with experience/conditioning and SC# to Ldr: Bob Draney. Asst: Dan Richter.

Jul 25-26/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Mt. Gould (13,005'), Mt Rixford (12,887')


Enjoy a challenging overnight backpack in the Sierra 13 mi rt, 5700' gain. Hike from Onion Valley to below Kearsarge Pass (3.2 mi, 2000') on Sat, then rest and acclimatize. Early start Sun, over Kearsarge Pass to Mt. Rixford, then Mt. Gould (but not summit blocks) and back to camp. Return to the trailhead by sundown. Must be comfortable with strenuous Class 2 hiking at elevation. Send email with contact information, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Regge Bulman. Co-Ldr: Robert Myers.

Jul 25-26/Sat-Sun *NEW!* **Sierra Peaks, Palos Verdes - South Bay, WTC**
I/Mt Baldwin (12,615') 

Pack in 5 mi, 2200' gain to Mildred Lake via spectacular Convict Canyon and set up camp. We'll then decide whether to ascend the peak (2 mi, 2200' gain), or wait till next a.m. Happy hour Sat eve. in any case. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info, recent cond/exp to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Neal Robbins.

Jul 25-26/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Mt Stanford (N) (12,838')

Moderately paced 15 mi round trip, 4000' elevation gain. Sat backpack from Rock Creek to Hilton Lakes, 5 mi 1500' gain. Good fishing at Hilton Lakes and a great location for our Sat night happy hour. Sun it's up before dawn for a long day including a climb to the moonscape of Mt Stanford (5 mi rt xc, 2500' gain) followed by a 5 mi pack out to our cars at Rock Creek. Send email with experience to Ldr Bill Payne at leakycanoe@yahoo.com. Asst: John Cyran.

Jul 25-27/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **Sierra Peaks**
I/Cirque Peak(12,900')

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

Jul 31 - Aug 2/Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I/Mt Stanford (N) (12,836')

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Fri leisurely paced hike from Rock Creek to camp at Hilton Lakes, 5 mi, 1500' gain. Relax and enjoy Hilton Lakes...and happy hour! Sat, boulder hop and talus climb our way to the summit, 5 mi rt, 2500' gain, then back to lakes for another group happy hour. Sun pack out, 5 mi to cars. Send email experience/conditioning to Ldr: Nicole Bunni. Asst: Kim Homan.

Jul 31-Aug 2/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Mt Pickering (13,485')

WTC experience trip, eastern Sierra out of Lone Pine. Strenuous long days, excellent conditioning a must with some recent high altitude experience. Fri hike over Cottonwood Pass approximately 11 mi, 1600' gain to base camp near Rock Creek Lake, Fri. evening happy hour. Sat early start for Mt Pickering, up slab and talus on east ridge, 4 mi rt, 1800' gain. Must be comfortable with class 2 climbing. Return to camp for some r&r. Sun hike out to cars. Send resume, experience and WTC leader name/group to Ldr: Cheryl McMurray. Asst: Ron Campbell.

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Aug 1-3/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Sawtooth Pk (12,393'), Needham Mtn (12,520')

Sat backpack to 4.2 mi, 2580 gain to Monarch Lakes, set up camp, Sun climb Sawtooth Pk and Needham Mtn, 8 mi rt, 2880 gain. Mon break camp and backpack back to trail head. Send sase/email, conditioning/experience, phones, rideshare, info to Ldr: Jack Kieffer. Co-Ldrs: Rod Kieffer, KC Reid.

Aug 8-9/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **Wilderness Adventures, WTC**
I/Cloudripper (13,465')

Experience trip for WTC students or equivalent. Join us to visit the South Lake area and climb Cloudripper peak in the summer time. Enjoy the grand views of the North Palisades and other peaks in the nearby John Muir Wilderness. Sat backpack from South Lake area to camp, 3+mi, 1750' gain. Sun climb Cloudripper peak 4 mi rt, 2500' gain. Then pack out late afternoon. Sun climb will be moderately paced, but is a strenuous high elevation hike with rock hopping and scree debris to pass thru. Good conditioning is a MUST. Send sase or email with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Doan-Trang Tran. Asst Ldr: David Coplen.

Aug 8-9/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I/Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,161'), 10,000 Ft Ridge (10,094')

Moderate backpack to three peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Sat hike 7 mi, 2700' gain to Dry Lake and set up camp. Sat evening happy hour. Sun 6 mi, 1800' gain xc to peaks, then pack out. Send experience/conditioning, phones, email, rideshare, email to Ldr: Victoria Overbey. Asst: Jack Kieffer.

Aug 8-9/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC, Sierra Peaks**
MR/Mt Robinson (12,967)

Tired of peaks on lists? Join us as we climb the nether regions of unlisted Sierra Peaks. Sat backpack 8.5 mi, 2800' gain to Sam Mack Mdw. Sun climb 1 mi, 2000' SE Face to summit, then back to camp and pack out. This is a 3rd class rock climb requiring Sierra Club membership, waiver and medical questionnaire. Send esase or 2sase, resume, recent experience and conditioning, phone to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Ron Campbell.

Aug 8-10/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **Sierra Peaks**
I/Four Gables (12,720')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack from North Lake over Piute Pass to Lower Desolation Lake at 11,157', 8 mi, 2000' of gain. Sun do Four Gables in 8 mi rt, 1500' of gain with use trail and x-country, some class 2 on pk. If time, for those interested a possible climb of Pilot Knob North. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun

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evenings. 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 14-16/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I/Mt Langley (14026')**

Relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Late Fri morning backpack to Upper Cottonwood Lake from Cottonwood Lakes Trailhead, 6 mi, 1200' gain. Summit on Sat, 7 mi rt with 3000' gain, followed by celebratory happy hour. Relaxed hike out to reach TH early afternoon Sun. Send esase/sase, email, phone, recent conditioning/experience, & altitude experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: James Montross, Asst: Gary Bickel.

Aug 14-16/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10,571'**

Friday backpack 8 mi, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Saturday climb cross country, class 2 route to Peak 10,571', 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-Ldr: Sarah Myers.

Aug 14-16/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Wilderness Adventures, WTC** **I/Lake Sabrina to Dingleberry Lake (10,489') Backpack**

Start Fri AM for moderate 5 mi backpack (1800' gain) to camp at Dingleberry Lake. Sat xc exploratory of spectacular lakes in glaciated Sabrina Basin followed by group Happy Hour. Sun, a relaxed departure out. Send 2 checks (Payable Wilderness Adventures: \$5 for permit fee, and \$15 -returned at trailhead - to hold reservation), 2 SASE or email with recent backpacking/conditioning info, H, C & W phones to Ldr: George Denny. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict

Aug 15-16/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Mt Silliman (11,188')**

Sequoia NP backpack. Sat pack in from Lodgepole, 3.5 mi, 2000' gain to Silliman Lake. Climb class 2 granite friction slabs en route to lake, comfort with friction hiking on steep granite slabs is required. Set up camp, climb pk 4 mi rt, 2400' gain, return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Send sase/esase, H&W phones, recent backpacking and conditioning info to Ldr: Linda Campbell. Asst: Neal Robbins.

Aug 16-22/Sun-Sat **NEW!** **WTC** **O/I/Bernice Lake Mule Pack, Vogelsang Peak (11,516'), Mt Florence (12,561')**

Use Bernice Lake your base camp. Hired packers carry 50 lbs of your gear from Tuolumne Meadows trailhead to camp. Sun morning hike 11mi, 2600' gain with your day pack over Tuolumne Pass (9992') and Vogelsang Pass (10,670') to camp at 10,200'. This will be a superior peak bagging opportunity with Vogelsang Peak, Mt Florence, and possibly others. Many streams, lakes, a few trails, and many cross country options in area for strong hikers. Mon-Fri hike, climb peaks, photo, fish, or relax in camp. Enjoy nightly organized potlucks with wine provided. Sat hike out. \$270. Due to logistics of obtaining backcountry permits in Yosemite National Park, date of this trip is subject to change. Note reserve/cancel policy at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/mps/Reservation_Policy.htm. To apply, complete Participant Medical Form found at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lc/forms.html> and email your recent high altitude and distance conditioning to Co-Ldr: Sandy Sperling. Co-Ldrs: Peter Lara, Laura Joseph.


Aug 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I/Mt Conness (12,590')**

Leaving Friday morning from Tuolumne Meadows, we'll hike 5 miles, gaining 1200 ft to Young Lakes. Saturday will be spent climbing Mt. Conness via its southern flank.

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We'll climb to the uppermost Young Lake, then head northeast to gain the summit plateau. The route involves cross-country and some class 2 scrambling. (7 miles round trip, 3000ft gain). Return to Young Lakes for happy hour and spend the night. Sunday, group will pack out. Send email to rrdraney@yahoo.com (joshuahibbard@hotmail.com) for RSVP along with recent conditioning and experience. Ldr: Bob Draney. Asst: Josh Hibbard.

Aug 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Wilderness Adventures, Sierra Peaks, PV** **South Bay**

I/Mt Goode (13,085), Mt Agassiz (13,893) 
Climb two peaks near Bishop Pass. Fri, moderate 4 mi, 1400' gain trail backpack to camp near Saddlerock Lake. After set up camp, steep xc 2.8 mi, 2000' climb of Mt Goode. Sat, strenuous 5 mi, 2800' climb to Bishop Pass and then xc up Mt Agassiz. Sun, return to cars. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$10 permit fee (payable Wilderness Adventures), 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Ldr: Mark Mitchell. Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

Aug 22-23/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Chocolate Pk (11,862')**

Practice navigation and get a peak on this easy-paced backpack in the Eastern Sierra. Sat backpack from South Lake 2 mi, 1000' gain to camp. Afternoon cross country exploration of lakes in the area (3 mi, 600' gain), returning to camp for shared gourmet happy hour. Sun, climb peak (3 mi, 1000' gain), then pack out. \$5 permit fee. Send email with experience/ conditioning, rideshare, contact info to Ldr: Adrienne Benedict. Co-Ldr: Ann Pedreschi Shields.

Aug 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **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 email with contact and rideshare info, recent backpacking and conditioning experience to Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Gary Novotny.

Aug 29-31/Sat-Mon **NEW!** **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I/Four Gables (12,720'), Pilot Knob N (12,245')**

Saturday meet at North Lake trailhead and pack in 8 miles and 2,500 feet of gain over Piute Pass to camp at Desolation Lake. Sunday climb via xc Four Gables 3 miles, 1,300 feet gain, Pilot Knob 5.5 miles and 1,900 feet gain and return to Desolation Lake base-camp 3 miles. Monday pack out to trailhead. WTC or equivalent experience required. Send e-mail with WTC info and group, recent experience to Ldr: Charles Irving Co-Leader: Daniel Kinzek

September

Sep 4-7/Fri-Mon **NEW!** **Wilderness Adventure Section, WTC** **O/I/Boothe Lake, Rafferty & Johnson Pks Backpack Bus trip**

Join us for a backpack to these seldom climbed peaks in the Yosemite High Country. Leave Fri evening on chartered bus shared with 2 other backpack groups. Sat morning moderately paced 7 mi, 1200' gain backpack from Tuolumne Meadows to less-visited Boothe Lake, starting Sat morning. Sun xc day hike to Rafferty (11,096') & Johnson (11,064') Peaks, 6 mi rt, 2200' elevation gain, at a moderate pace, but with some rock scrambling and slab walking to reach both summits. Mon morning break camp and trek downhill 7 mi to Tuolumne Meadows to catch the bus. Cost \$190 w/SC#, \$210 non-member, include bus, bus snacks, all fees, dinner on way home. After Aug 3, 10% cancellation penalty; balance refundable only if trip is full and suitable replacement is found. To sign up, send check (payable Wilderness Adventures), recent backpacking experience, contact info, email address (or 2 SASE) to Ldr: David Coplen. Co-Ldr: Doan-Trang Tran.

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Sep 4-7/Fri-Mon *NEW!* Wilderness Adventures Section, WTC

O/May Lake to Glen Aulin Backpack Bus trip

Camp at 2 of the wonderful High Sierra Camps on this backpack in the High Country of Yosemite NP. Leave Fri evening on our chartered bus with 2 other backpack groups. Sat morning backpack 3 mi, 1100' gain to camp at May Lake High Sierra Camp. After lunch day hike to Mt Hoffman (10,850') 4 mi rt, 1450' gain, or explore the local area. Sun, backpack 9 mi, 600' gain/2100' loss to camp at serene Glen Aulin near Tuolumne Falls & the White Cascade. Mon morning pack out 7 1/2 mi, 1000' gain to meet the bus. Cost \$190 w/SC#, \$210 non-member, include bus, bus snacks, all fees, dinner on way home. After Aug 3, 10% cancellation penalty; balance refundable only if trip is full and suitable replacement is found. To sign up, send check (payable Wilderness Adventures), recent backpacking experience, contact info, email address (or 2 SASE) to Ldr: Adrienne Benedict. Co-Ldr: George Denny.

Sep 4-7/Fri-Mon *NEW!* Wilderness Adventures Section

O/I/Young Lakes, Mt Conness Backpack Bus trip

Leave Fri evening on our chartered bus shared with 2 other backpack groups, for a 3-day high altitude backpack in Yosemite's High Country. Sat backpack 8 mi, 1200' gain to Young Lakes (10k'). Sun optional xc day hike to Mt Conness (12,590'), 6 mi, 2500' gain/loss with fabulous views on both sides of the Sierra Crest. (While not for beginners, this day hike is suitable for people who already have some xc trips under their boots, and recent high altitude experience.) Otherwise, relax & enjoy the lakes and explore the local area. Mon morning backpack out to Tuolumne Mdns to meet bus. Cost \$190 w/SC#, \$210 non-member, include bus, bus snacks, all fees, dinner on way home. After Aug 3, 10% cancellation penalty; balance refundable only if trip is full and suitable replacement is found. To sign up, send check (payable Wilderness Adventures), recent backpacking experience, contact info, email address (or 2 SASE) to Ldr: Brent Costello. Co-Ldr: Harvey Ganz.

Sep 12-13/Sat-Sun *NEW!* WTC, Hundred Peaks

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

Two great peaks in the nearby San Geronio 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: Melissa Kane.

Sep 12-13/Sat-Sun *NEW!* WTC

I/Kearsarge Pinnacles (11,680')

Strenuous backpack to explore some rarely visited pinnacles in the High Sierras. Sat backpack from Onion Valley to Bench Lake (3 mi, 1800' gain). Sun early start with a cross-country route to Pinnacle 10 (and possibly others) before returning to camp in time to pack up and return to trailhead by sundown. Must be comfortable with 10,000'+ altitude and cross-country hiking over rugged terrain (13 mi and 6000' gain total rt). Send email with conditioning, recent hiking and altitude experience and WTC leader name (if applicable) to Ldr: Monica Suua. Asst: Eric Scheidemantle.

Sep 12-13/Sat-Sun *NEW!* WTC

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

Experience trip for WTC students and leaders. Sat backpack to western most Hilton Lake, 6 mi, 1400'. Sun climb Mount Stanford, 5 mi rt, 2500', then pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase and email, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback.

Sep 18-20/Fri-Sun  WTC

I/Twin Lakes-Silliman NavPack Sequoia NP

Improve your navigation skills, get a peak and get happy on a moderately paced 6.5 mi, 2600' gain backpack to beautiful Twin Lakes. Sat xc explore both sides of Silliman Crest, and climb a no-name peak, 1400' net gain via 7 mi loop. Return to camp for

September and Beyond

shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. Sun head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Send check for \$5 permit fee (payable to WTC), 1 sase (or email preferred), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldrs: Adrienne Benedict, Ann Pedreschi.

Sep 18-20/Fri-Sun *NEW!* WTC

I/Cloudripper (13,525)

Climb the highest peak in the Inconsolable Range and be consoled by views of some of the most beautiful peaks and basins in the Eastern Sierra. Fri hike from Glacier Lodge to Fifth Lake to setup base camp (6.5 mi 2800'). Sat hike to Seventh Lake and then go cross country up a steep challenging scree slope, then take the ridge over to the peak. This has much class 2 terrain and a short (optional) section of class 3 at the summit (6 mi 2900'). Hike out Sun and have ice cream at Glacier Lodge! Email contact info with conditioning and experience. Ldr: Gary Novotny. Asst: Mike Adams.

Sep 25-27/Fri-Sun *NEW!* Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I/University Pk (13,632)

Climb a classic with great views above Onion Valley. Fri, strenuous 5.5 mi, 2700' gain trail backpack over Kearsarge Pass and then down to the Kearsarge Lakes. Possible ramble to Bullfrog Lake. Sat, strenuous xc 5 mi, 2700' climb of University. Sun, return to cars. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Leader: Mark Mitchell. Co-Ldr: David Coplen

Oct 3-4/Sat-Sun *NEW!* WTC

I/Marion Mtn (10,362'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Cornell Pk (9750')

8.5 mi. rt, 3100' gain overnight backpack. A "last chance" outing before graduation! Take Palm Springs Tram up to San Jacinto Wilderness. Hike 2 mi to Round Valley, set up camp. Then 4 mi trail and xc to Marion and Jean. Back to camp for happy hour. Sunday break camp, bag Cornell and return to tram via 2.5 mi xc route. Send esase with telephone, recent experience, ride share info to Ldr: Jeffrey Zinn (jeffreyzinn@lordleiter.com). Asst: Rod Kieffer

Oct 9-11/Fri-Sun *NEW!* WTC

I/Basin Mtn (13,181')

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

Oct 10-11/Sat-Sun *NEW!* WTC

I/Joshua Tree "Really Last Chance" Graduation Trip

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

Nov 14/Sat  Palos Verdes - South Bay, Hundred Peaks, WTC

I/Slide (7841'), Keller (7882'), possibly Mill (6670') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep) *NEW!*

19th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 9 mi, 2000' gain (maybe more depending on road conditions) w some dirt road driving - Adventure Pass reqd. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase, along with carpool info, cond/expert to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Wayne Voltaire.