



# Newsletter

Newsletter of the Wilderness Training Committee



## Winter Wonderland

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# WTC Newsletter

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## Post WTC Snow and Rock Classes

Listed below are 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.

**Snow Travel School:** April 10-11 and April 24-25 in the Eastern Sierra. \$90.00/day per person based on a group of six or more (special WTC price). Offered by Sierra Mountaineering International: [www.sierramountaineering.com](http://www.sierramountaineering.com)

**Basic and Intermediate Rock Climbing:** May 1 and 2 in Joshua Tree National Park. \$95.00/day, or \$190.00 for the two day seminar. Offered by Vertical Adventures: [www.verticaladventures.com](http://www.verticaladventures.com).

## Graduation and a late trip:

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 16 and 17. Keep in touch with your group leader for more information regarding the location and activities associated with graduation. **Late Trip:** May 22-23 Sat-Sun I: Red Tahquitz (8720'), Tahquitz (8846'), Southwell Peak (7840'): Backpack in San Jacinto Wilderness. Leave Sat morning from Humber Park, we will take the Devil Slide Trail to Tahquitz Valley to set up camp (3.5mi, 1600' gain). After camp, we can summit Red Tahquitz and Southwell Peak; return to camp. On Sun we'll make a run to Tahquitz Pk (8846') and check out the lookout tower, then back and pack out. Send email with experience, conditioning, WTC class, phones, and rideshare info. Ldr: Jeffrey Zinn. Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback

## 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](http://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 the participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ridesharing or any similar arrangement is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

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

## Headline Deadline

**For publication in the Summer 2010 WTC Newsletter: May 15**

**For publication in the Fall 2010 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 315 Angeles Chapter Schedule (Nov 5 - Feb 28): Jul 9**

**For publication in the 316 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

Gerard Lewis and Paul Garry of West LA WTC Group 2 explain the delights and mysteries of snow travel to a group of WTC students near Mt Pinos. Photo by Sharon Moore.



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*WTC Info Line: (310) 967 - 2029*

# 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!**

Quail Mountain in Joshua Tree 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 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.



## 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.

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 the 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 information. Typically requested information includes name, address, home & work phone numbers, WTC leader's name, the name and date of the outing you wish to join, and your experience and physical conditioning. You may be placed on a waiting list if the number of persons interested in the trip is large. If you change your plans, it is very important that you contact the leaders to let them know your revised plans, even if you are on the waiting list.

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



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 13/Sat



Verdugo Hills, WTC

#### O/Brand Park Ridge Romp

Do Mt. Baldy without the drive and in sight of your car! Hike up and down steep ridges for a strenuous 10 mi, 4000' gain hike. Meet 7:00 am beside the Brand Library. Use I-5, exit Western, head east. When the road ends at the (now closed) Brand Park entrance, turn right and go to main entrance at Grandview. Park in the uppermost lot. Co-Ldrs: Garen Yegparian, Bruce Hale.

Mar 13-14/Sat-Sun



WTC

#### I/Eagle Mtn # 1 (5320)

Join us for this Riverside County desert adventure. 10 mi rt, 2300' gain in the remote Eagle Wilderness in the Colorado Desert. We will start at Cottonwood Springs and first visit the Mastodon "Gold" Mine and then travel xc to our dry campsite at the base of the Eagle Mts; 3.5 mi, 700' gain to camp. From our camp, we will travel xc 2 mi, 1700' gain to summit the highest peak in the Eagle Mts. WTC or similar experience. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Monica Suua. Assistant: Robert Myers.

Mar 19-21/Fri-Sun **NEW!**



Natural Science

#### O/Winter Ecology Workshop on Cross-Country Skis

Join us for two days of tracking and naturalizing in the spectacular Mammoth-June Lake area. Ability to ski several miles on gentle hills required. Fee of \$75 includes naturalist instruction, breakfasts and trail lunches, and accommodation at local Sierra Club member's home on Friday and Saturday nights. Send sase, email, phone, and \$75 check payable to Sierra Club Natural Science Section to leaders Ginny and Jim Heringer, 245 San Miguel Road, Pasadena, CA 91105. For more information, contact Ginny at 626-793-4727 or ginnyh@ix.netcom.com.

Mar 20/Sat



WTC

#### O/East Ridge Trail Loop – Caspers Wilderness Park

Moderately strenuous 7 mi, 500' gain loop hike to the Bell Canyon Trail. We will make our way down the Bell Canyon Trail into a nice oak woodland. Pace will be moderate with some stops to look at local wildflowers if requested. Meet at 9am at the East Ridge Trail trailhead within Caspers Wilderness Park. There is a small fee to park, so carpooling is encouraged. Bring water, a snack/lunch for the top, and entrance fee. Rain cancels. Ldr: Linda Robb. Asst: Gwen Sharp.

Mar 20-21/Sat-Sun



WTC

#### I/Cornell Peak (9750')

Snow camp in the San Jacinto area. We will be taking the tram up and camping in Tamarack campgrounds. Estimate 7.5 mi rt on snow, 1800' gain. Must have previous snow camp experience. Send email (preferred) or sase with contact info, recent conditioning to Ldr: Ron Rebensdorf. Co-Ldr Sarah Myers Rebensdorf.

### March continued

Mar 20-21/Sat-Sun

**NEW!**



Desert Peaks, WTC

#### MR/Umpah (3553'), Kettle (3460')

Exploratory climbs of Umpah, the high point of the Mopah Range, and its southern neighbor Kettle, a mile long table top mesa. Both are in the Eastern Mojave northeast of Vidal Junction. Car camp in the local desert with a happy hour Sat night. Sat we will climb Umpah (9 mi rt, 2000' gain), Sun Kettle (9 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 (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Asher Waxman.

Mar 26-28/Fri-Sun



Natural Sciences, LTC, LB, WTC, Desert Peaks

#### O/Desert Ecology Workshop

Explore important waterways on the borders of Mojave and Colorado Desert during spring wildflower season. Observe birds and other wildlife, flora, and human impact on the desert. Car camp at Whitewater Preserve near Palm Springs, Ridge hike Fri, canyon hikes Sat/Sun, potluck Sat, LTC credit available. \$30 to SC Natural Sciences Section w/ SC#, \$35 w/o. Details via E-mail or SASE. Send payment, conditioning, contact, and carpool information to Ldr: Sharon Moore. Asst Ldr/ Naturalists Sherry Ross and Ginny Heringer, Asst Ldrs: Mei Kwan and Margot Lowe.

Mar 27/Sat



LTC

#### Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC. Register for Apr 10 seminar. Next seminar: Fall 2010. See ad in Chapter Schedule.

Mar 27-28/Sat-Sun



WTC

#### M/Queen Valley

Enjoy Spring wildflowers on this backpacking trip in scenic Mojave Desert of Riverside County. We will take exploratory cross-country routes in the Queen Valley area, taking in a peak along the way. Route will include Class 3 rock scrambling; helmets required. 9 mi rt, 1000' gain. WTC or similar experience. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Eric Scheidmantle.

Mar 27-28/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

#### I/Eagle Mt # 1 (5320)

11 mi rt, 2400' gain backpack trip in the remote Eagle Wilderness within the Colorado Desert in Riverside County. We will start Saturday morning with full packs at Cottonwood Springs and visit historic Mastodon Mine before traveling XC to our dry campsite at the base of the Eagle Mts; 3.5 mi, 700' gain to camp. After setting up camp, we will travel with daypacks XC 2 mi, 1700' gain to summit the highest peak in the Eagle Mts. before returning to camp and dinner under the desert stars. With a leisurely wake up call on Sunday morning, we will pack it up and backpack out to the cars. Send resume, experience and WTC leader name/group to Ldr: Joe Harvey. Asst: Mark Roberts.

## March continued

Mar 28/Sun **NEW!**  WAS, WTC

### I/Cholla Cactus Garden to Bingo Peak (2900')

Join us for a moderately paced 8 mile route trip, 1000' gain hike in our nearby Riverside County desert. Start out at Cholla Cactus Garden, which lies within the ecological transition zone between the Mojave and Colorado deserts, a great chance to see beautiful wild flowers cover the ground. Hike across several washes to the SW of Pinto Basin to climb Bingo Peak. Sturdy boots, 3 qts water and 10 essentials required. Send H&W phones, email, recent conditioning and hiking experience to Ldr: Doan-Trang Tran. Asst: Leader: David Copen.

## April

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

### I/Crafts Peak (8353')

For WTC students who enjoyed snow camp and want an early experience trip. Moderately strenuous trip, good conditioning a must. Sat, snowshoe to camp, north of Little Green Valley (1 mile, 550' gain). Sun, summit Crafts Peak (4.5 mile rt, 1300' gain), pack up and hike back out. Send email with telephone #, experience and WTC leader name/group. Leader: Gary Novotny Asst: Jean Konhoff

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

### I/Carey's Castle

Enjoy spring wildflowers while we visit this mystery, the cave-castle and mine of a desert prospector. We will make camp at 1.2 miles, then continue up multiple canyons 6 mi RT 1300' gain to Carey's Castle (Colorado Desert, Riverside County). Must have comfort with X-Country and rock scrambling. Sun morn time to practice nav in the desert. Bring 10 essentials, 6 liters of water (dry camp), lug sole boots, layered clothing. Email, H & W phone, recent experience & conditioning to Ldr: Joan Rosenberg Asst: David Meltzer

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

### I/Giant Sequoia Snow Shoe Tour (~8 miles, 1800')

This is a 3 day tour of Sequoia National Park on Snow Shoes with full winter packs. We will begin at Lodgepole Ranger Station, travel south through the Giant Forest to Crescent Meadow and then exit at the Giant Forest Museum for a return to our cars. Expect to travel about 3 miles per day with 2 overnight stays. Come prepared to be safe and have fun. Must have 4 season tent, snow shoes and waterproof boots (lug sole preferred). Please email recent experience, phone number and email address to chuck@summitbear.com. Leader: Chuck Peavey, Asst: Gary Novotny

Apr 9-11/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  Natural Science

### O/Winter Ecology Workshop on Snowshoes

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Apr 10/Sat  LTC

### Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC p. xx. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 19. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2010. See ad in Chapter Schedule.

Apr 11/Sat **Date Change**  P VSB, Long Beach, Natural Science, WTC

### I/Careys Castle

9 mi rt, 1400' gain. Moderately strenuous XC hike through sandy, rocky canyons to a miner's hidden home in the desert wilderness. Must be comfortable with boulder hopping. Rain postpones to 4/17. Send email or sase with phones, recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Diane Wood. Asst. Ldr: Sharon Moore.

## March continued

Apr 10-11/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  WTC, DPS

### MR/Bridge Mtn (6995')

A hop across the Nevada border for a fun climb on fantastic Red Rock sandstone. Saturday, a late start and a short backpack to camp. Sunday, climb Bridge, then back to camp and out to cars. 12 mile total rt, 3100' gain. Must be comfortable on exposed third-class rock. Helmet and medical form required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send email with experience and conditioning to Ldr: Regge Bulman (r\_bulman@fastmail.us). Asst Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle

Apr 10-11 Sat-Sun **NEW!**  WTC, DPS

### MR: Castle Dome Peak (3788') & Signal Peak (4877')

Two peaks in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. Saturday climb Castle Dome Peak, 6mi rt/w 2100' gain, with Happy hour. Sunday climb Signal Peak 3.5 mi rt/w 2100' gain. Helmets, and experience with exposed 3rd class rock required. Medical Form required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send email with Sierra Club#, medical form, climbing resume, experience with 3rd class rock, conditioning, and contact information to Ldr Jack Kieffer (Jockorock42@yahoo.com) Co-Ldr Mike Adams

Apr 11/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: Greg Mason, Pat McKusky.

Apr 17/Sat  DPS, WTC

### MR/Spectre Point (4400'), Dyadic Point (4360')

Climb these rugged peaks in the beautiful Coxcomb Mountains in Joshua Tree. From highway 62, we'll hike cross country up washes and class 2 rock to Spectre, and then class 3 rock to unlisted Dyadic Point; 16 miles r/t, 2,300 ft. gain. Expect a long day due to rugged terrain, though we should be rewarded with blooming wildflowers. Send SASE/Email with experience, conditioning, climbing resume, medical form, phone, and carpool information to Ldr: Joe Speigl (jspeigl1@yahoo.com), Co-Ldr: Kathy Rich.

Apr 17/Sat  Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes - South Bay, WTC

### I/Deer Mtn. (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep)

20th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with another shot at Deer Mtn. Moderately paced 17 mi, 5400' gain, mostly utilizing the PCT. Bring 10 essentials, lugs, (swim suit optional), and water tolerant shoes for creek crossing (could be high water – trekking poles recommended). 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 17/Sat **NEW!**  WTC

### I/Carey's Castle Mystery Hike

8 mi rt, 1300' gain on xc route in remote Eagle Wilderness. Must be comfortable with boulder hopping/rock scrambling. Send sase/esase, H&W phones, recent hiking and conditioning info to Ldr: Linda Campbell. Asst: Jean Konhoff.

Apr 17/SAT **NEW!**  LTC, WTC

### MR: Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain

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

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### Apr 17-18/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks, DPS, Sierra Peaks I/Indian Cove Navigation**

Navigation noodle 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 17-18/Sat-Sun **Desert Peaks, WTC I/Martinez Mtn (6,560+')**

Enjoy desert scenery on this challenging point-to-point backpack featuring a peak in the Santa Rosa Wilderness near Palm Springs. Water will be scarce so be prepared to carry extra. Saturday: 11 miles, w/approx 3000' gain climbing Martinez Mtn. 3+ miles will be cross-country. Sunday: 14 mile hike out with car shuttle return. Send email, phone #s, conditioning, and recent backpacking experience, including comfort w/XC travel. Ldr: Dave Scobie, Asst: Beth Epstein.

### Apr 17-18/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Queen Mtn (5680'), Eagle Cliff Mine**

Easy paced, but moderately strenuous, backpacking trip in the Colorado Desert of Riverside County. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery from the top of Queen Mtn. Sat easy paced 2 mi to camp, set up, then 6 mi rt to Queen w/1500' gain. Nav workshop on the way. We will encounter some rough, rocky sections on Queen. Sun, 5 mi rt xc trip to Eagle Cliff Mine. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), lug soles and layered clothing. sase or email, H&W phones, w/rec exper & cond to Ldr: David Meltzer. Asst: Sridhar Gullapalli

### Apr 23-25/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Canyon Point (5,890')**

Death Valley exploratory trip for leaders and WTC students or equivalent. Friday 4x4 car shuttle to setup Cottonwood to Marble Cyn loop hike. Backpack 5 miles & 900' gain to Cottonwood Springs. Saturday make water for carry to dry camp. Backpack 5 miles & 1100' to camp. Day hike 3 miles RT & 1100' gain to Canyon Point. Sunday break camp and descend 8 miles down Marble Canyon to car shuttle. Send 2 SASE or 1 plus e-mail, with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, SC#, and rideshare info to Co-Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Jean Konhoff

### Apr 23-25/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Hundred Peaks, WTC I/"Big Four" -- Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (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. Backpack on dirt road 9.5 miles to Chokecherry Spring and primitive camp. Total statistics: about 51 miles and 8000' gain. This trip satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience as well as city and phone. Leader: Bill Simpson Co-Leaders: Peter Doggett, Ignacia Doggett

### Apr 24/Sat **Palos Verdes -- South Bay, Hundred Peaks, WTC M/Strawberry Peak (6164')**

Moderate 7 mi rt, 2500' gain. New route this year because of recent fires -- more distance, less gain. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. If inclination and time permit, we'll also do Josephine Peak (5558'), adding 3 mi and 700' gain. Meet 9 am parking area at Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction (11mi from La Canada). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Barry Holchin, Bob Beach.

### Apr 24-25/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, Desert Peaks, Desert Committee I/Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve**

Join us for our eighth 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 area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500' elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Shields, Harry Freimanis.

## April continued

### Apr 24-25/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 30-May 2/Fri-Sun **WTC I/Pear Lake (9500')**

WTC Experience Trip: Snow shoe in beautiful Sequoia National Park from Wolverton to Pear Lake and enjoy stunning alpine lakes and rock formations. Fri hike 6 mi, 2250' gain to Pear Lake past Heather, Aster and Emerald Lakes. Sat leisure at camp with optional trip to meadows above Pear Lake. Sun pack out. Send email with experience and conditioning to Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle. Asst: Ron Rebensdorf.

### Apr 30 - May 2/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Snow Camping/San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Cornell Pk (9750')**

Moderately paced backpack trip that includes snow camping and peak climbing in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Beginning Friday afternoon, we will start at the Palm Springs Tram for a 3-4 mile, 1500' gain backpack on snowshoes to our campsite at Round Valley. Saturday, 5-7 mi, 2000' gain snowshoe climb to San Jacinto peak and across to catch Cornell before returning to camp for a much deserved "Happy Hour." Sunday morning, pack out 2.5 mi to the tram. Participants should expect a lot of XC on snowshoes. Please note Tram fee is roughly \$23. Send resume, experience and WTC leader name/group to Ldr: Joe Harvey. Asst: Ed Ruskwitz

## May

### May 1-2 /Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, DPS MR/Bridge Mtn (6995')**

Saturday climb Bridge Mtn near Las Vegas, 6.5 mile total rt, 2700' gain. Saturday night happy hour and Sunday drive back. Must be comfortable on exposed third-class rock. Helmet, climbing harness and medical form required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send email with Sierra Club #, climbing resume, experience with third-class rock, conditioning, and contact information to Ldr Rod Kieffer (rocketteck@yahoo.com) Co Ldr Mike Adams

### May 8/Sat **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks I/Beginning Navigation Clinic**

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

### May 8/Sat **NEW!** **LTC, Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks, WTC MR/E/C/Sierra Snow Training**

Come train for a day with an AMGA-certified guide in the Sierra near Bishop. Most of your fee will be subsidized by the Sierra Club. Training includes techniques of snow mountaineering and leading groups on snow climbs. Open to SC members who are M- or E-rated OR aspiring mountaineering leaders with appropriate experience. Space is limited; Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, check for \$25 made out to SMI (non-refundable deposit if a replacement for your spot isn't found), contact info. to reservationist: Nile Sorenson. Asst: Tina Bowman.

### May 15-16/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Quail Mountain (5813')**

Backpack. Moderately paced, moderately strenuous 13 mi. r.t. 1800' gain backpack to highest peak in the Riverside County desert. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep rocky portions and brush obstacles. Participants will enjoy spectacular desert scenery and views from summit peak. Sat morning hike via Lost Horse Valley to base camp east of Pk. 4859 (4.5 mi. 435' gain). Leave heavy gear at base camp before climbing Quail Mountain

## May continued

(2.2 mi. & 1375' gain to Pk.). Return to base camp for Happy Hour, dinner and rest. Sunday morning after breakfast break camp and return to cars. This is a dry campout. Participants must carry all water necessary for trip. Send e-mail (preferred) or 2 S.A.S.E. with any WTC experience, recent conditioning and backpacking experience, contact info, e-mail, H&W phones to: Ldr. Peter Ireland, Asst. Gerard Lewis

### May 21-23/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 April 16). For application contact Ldr: Steve Schuster.

### May 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, SPS** **MR/Mt Whitney (14,496')**

Climb Mt Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route, 8.5 mile rt, 6200' gain. Fri backpack up the North Fork drainage to camp. Sat climb snow and rock to summit and back to camp. Sun hike out. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness and possibly snowshoes required. \$15 permit fee at trailhead. Medical form required. Send SC#, climbing resume and conditioning via email to Ldr: Regge Bulman (r\_bulman@fastmail.us). Asst: Gerard Lewis.

### May 21-23/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **MR/Split Mtn (14,058')**

Climb the eighth highest peak in the Sierra Nevada Range early spring and avoid the talus slog. Eastern approach via Red Lake. 7,500 ft of altitude gain over roughly 8 mi. 4x4 possibly needed to access trailhead. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets, ice ax and crampons required. Send esase or sase, SC #, phone #s, experience/conditioning, climbing resume, medical form, carpool info to Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

### May 22-23/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 22-23/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, Long Beach Group** **I/Southern San Gorgonio romp**

Enjoy late spring in the high reaches of the San Gorgonio Wilderness at lesser-used Dobbs trail camp. Cross-country bag of a nearby named or unnamed peak; optional reconnoiter down streambed to numerous waterfalls. Geared toward WTC students for experience trips. Total distance for the weekend about 17 mi, elevation gain/loss about 5000'. Permit limits group size, WTC students given priority. Send name, contact & conditioning information to leader Sharon Moore. Leaders: Sharon Moore, Sherry Ross.

## June

### Jun 4-6/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, SPS, PV-South Bay, Long Beach Group** **I/Olancha Peak (11,923')**

Discover the beautiful & historic southern Sierra during this somewhat strenuous, late spring backpack of a Sierra Peaks Section emblem peak, geared toward energetic WTC students for experience trips. Total distance for the weekend about 22 mi, elevation gain/loss about 6000'. Permit limits group size, WTC students given priority. Send name, contact & conditioning information to leader Sherry Ross. Leaders: Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis.

### Jun 5/Sat **NEW!** **Hundred Peaks** **I/Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,161')**

Meet at Lost Creek Trailhead (6320'). 5.3 miles on trail to Grinnell Ridge (8132'), then cross-country up to peak. Optional side trip to Lake Peak before continuing down to Dry Lake (9065') and then out via trail. A moderately strenuous 15.5 miles with 4000-4400' gain. Send esase/sase (email preferred), recent conditioning, H/W phones to Ldr: Nick Hooper (hoops225@gmail.com). Asst: Eric Scheidemantle.

## June continued

### Jun 5/Sat **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks** **I/Heart Bar Peak (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, Ann Pedreschi Shields

### Jun 5-6/Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **MR/Mt McAdie (13,799')**

An impressive and beautiful peak on the southern end of the Whitney zone, usually overlooked by the thousands heading to Mt. Whitney. Sat, hike up the main Mt Whitney trail to camp at Consultation Lake (5 mi, 3700'). Sun, climb snow and 3rd class rock via Arc Pass and McAdie's east side (2 mi, 2000'), then pack out. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members with experience on exposed third class rock at altitude. Helmets, ice axe, and crampons required. Send SASE/ESASE with experience, conditioning, climbing resume, medical form, phone, and carpool information to Ldr: Joe Speigl, Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

### Jun 6/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: Robert Myers. Asst: Harry Freimanis.

### Jun 11-13/Fri-Sun **NEW!** **WTC** **I/Sugarbowl Dome (7,881')**

On Fri easy to moderate paced backpack in Sequoia National Park 9 miles 750' gain passing giant sequoias to camp. On Sat day hike 4 mi on trail, 2 mi xc, 800' gain through thick woods to Sugarbowl Dome for tremendous views of the Great Western Divide. Sunday pack out. Send sase/esase, H&W phones, recent backpacking and conditioning info to Ldr: Linda Campbell. Asst: Neal Robbins.

### Jun 12-13/Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks, Palos Verdes – South Bay** **M/Sirretta Peak (9,977') and Taylor Dome (8,802')**

Get some introductory M-level climbing in the Domeland Wilderness of the Southern Sierra. Sat backpack from Big Meadow to Sirretta Pass, 2.5 mi, 1700'. We'll pitch tents; then continue 1 mi, 500' gain to Sirretta Peak. Happy hour follows at camp. Sun pack out to cars, drive short distance to TD trailhead, then climb 5 mi rt and 1200' gain to Taylor Dome. Comfort on easy 3rd class required, WTC students welcome. Send esase (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or 2 sase, recent experience and conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle.

### Jun 12-13/Sat-Sun **WTC** **I/San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), Newton Drury (10,172)**

Let the Palm Springs Tram take you up to the trailhead. This will be a moderately strenuous but picturesque route. Traveling the trail to Round Valley we will set up tents and resupply with water. We will travel on trail towards Jacinto and head south off trail to Jean Peak. We will head towards Newton Drury and if time allows Marion Mt. After our cross country travels we will head up the trail to San Jacinto Peak. Sat 6.5 mi 3000' gain (1.25 miles xc). Sun 5.5 mi 1100' gain. Permit limits group size. This trip fulfills requirement for graduation from WTC. Send esase/sase (email preferred) & conditioning to Ldr: Robert Gunn. Asst: Regge Bulman.

## Outings Leader Directory

Unless indicated by a letter "c" (cell), "w" (work), the numbers listed are home phone numbers and should be respected as such. To reserve your place on an outing, contact the leader as specified in the trip description. Include an information sheet with the following information: your name, address, home & 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.

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**Jun 26-28/Sat-Mon** **NEW!**  **Sierra Peaks**  
**I/Olancha Pk(12,123')**

Relaxed and enjoyable pace for climb of SPS Emblem Pk in the S Sierra. SPS intro trip geared to new SPS climbers and WTC students. Sat backpack 8 mi, 3900' gain from Sage Flat to base camp off PCT Trail at approx 9700'. Sun climb 2nd class Olancha, trail and x-country in 7 mi rt and 2400' of gain. Mon backpack out 8 miles and 3900' of loss. Total gain for wkend 6300' in 23 mi rt. Sat and Sun eve legendary community happy hours. Send sase, H,W and cell phones, recent cond, altitude experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Jim Fleming.

## July

**Jul 2-5/Fri-Mon** **NEW!**  **Backpacking Committee**  
**I/Yosemite North Rim Bus Backpacking Trip**

Leave Fri afternoon for a moderate 3-day trip from Porcupine Flat to see some of the most magnificent vistas from the North Rim of Yosemite National Park. View Half Dome, Clouds Rest, Glacier Point, Yosemite Falls from vantages not seen from the Valley floor. The backpack is 15 mi with 1700' gain/5800' loss from Porcupine Flat to Yosemite Valley. Please mail a SASE, your backpacking and cond. experience and your check payable to Sierra Club c/o David Meltzer, 611 E Pine Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245 to complete your reservation. I will forward you a confirmation if you are approved for the trip or on the waitlist. Fee includes bus ride, park entrance and permit fees and Mon dinner. \$210 with SC#/\$230 non-member (Sierra Club) I will forward additional information once approved for the trip. Ldrs: David Meltzer, Sridhar Gullapalli

**Jul 9-11/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Pear Lake Loop Backpack in Sequoia NP**

Moderately strenuous but easy paced trip in spectacular Sequoia NP. Friday backpack 6 miles, 2300' gain to camp at Pear Lake (9500'), enjoying breath-taking views of the Kaweah River and Tokopah Valley. Saturday pack XC 6 miles, 2000' gain/loss exploring alpine tablelands on the way to camp near Alta Meadow. Sunday pack out 6 miles to trailhead with plenty of wildflowers and views of the Great Western Divide. WTC or equivalent required. Send email (preferred) or 2 lg sase with H/W phones, rideshare info, recent backpack experience/conditioning to Ldr: Dwain Roqué. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict

**Jul 10-11/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/San Jacinto (10,834'), Newton Drury Pk (10,160'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,362')**

12 mi rt, 5000' gain. The San Jacinto Wilderness will provide a fairly-strenuous overnight backpack featuring 3 cross-country peaks. We'll get our bearings and hike up Marion Mtn Trail to Little Round Valley to setup camp. Cross-country navigation and some rock scrambling will get us to Newton Drury Pk, Jean Pk, and Marion Mtn. Send email or sase with contact information and conditioning to Ldr: Dave Scobie. Asst: Robert Myers

**Jul 16-18/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC, Long Beach Group, PV-South Bay**  
**I/Muriel Peak (12,937')**

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

**Jul 30-Aug 1/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **Long Beach, WTC**  
**M/San Gorgonio Pk (11,499'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')**

Did you enjoy climbing the rock at J-Tree? Come gain more experience on class 3 rock by climbing Charlton Peak by the mountaineers' route. Fri, comfortably paced trail hike from South Fork to base camp, 6.5 mi, 2600' gain while enjoying our local San Gorgonio Wilderness. Sat, ascend 1600' on Charlton's north side, half of it class 3. Then go on to summit a bonus peak and the two highest peaks in Southern California by 3 miles of cross-country and some trail, 2700' total gain for the day. Hike back to camp, 5 miles on trail. Sun morning return to cars. WTC/equiv. reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John H. Asst: Mike Adams

## July continued

**Jul 31- Aug 1/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WAS, WTC**  
**I/Cloudripper (13,525') Backpack**

Join us to visit the South Lake area in the summer time. Climb Cloudripper peak and marvel at the grand views of the North Palisades and other peaks in John Muir Wilderness on this trip suitable for WTC students or equivalent. Sat backpack from South Lake 3+ mi, 1750' gain to basecamp. Sun climb Cloudripper peak 4 mi, 2500' gain rt, at a moderately paced, but strenuous high elevation hike with rock hopping and steep scree slopes. Then pack out to the trailhead late Sun afternoon. Good conditioning is a must. \$5 permit fee. Please send email with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to: Ldr: Doan-Trang Tran. Asst Ldr: Michael Dillenback.

**Jul 31-Aug 1/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Alta Peak (11,204')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from Wolverton Trailhead in Sequoia National Park to camp at Pear Lake, 7 mi, 1700'. Sun climb Alta Peak, 5 mi rt, 1700', then pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 SASE and e-mail, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: David Meltzer.

## August

**Aug 1/Sun**  **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks**  
**I/Mt. Pinos Navigation**

Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Kim Homan

**Aug 13-15/Fri-Sun**  **WTC**  
**I/Big Pine Lakes, Palisades Glacier Area**

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

**Aug 13 - 15/Fri - Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/ Mt Stanford (N) (12,836')**

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, strenuous x-country boulder hop and scree/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. \$5 permit fee. Send email of experience, conditioning, and WTC group and leader name (if applicable) to Ldrs: Nicole Bunni and Kim Homan

**Aug 14-15/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Mount Morgan, (13,748')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from Rock Creek trailhead to camp in Little Lakes Valley, 4 mi, 1000'. Sun climb Mount Morgan, 4 mi rt, 2500', then pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 SASE and e-mail, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback

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**Aug 20-22/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Pilot Knob (12,245 ft)**

WTC experience trip, Eastern Sierra out of North Lake Trailhead. Moderately strenuous trip, good conditioning and high altitude experience a must. Fri backpack from North Lake Trailhead over Piute Pass @ 7 mi, 2,300' gain to camp near Lower Desolation Lake. Fri. evening happy hour. Sat early start hike to Pilot Knob, @7 mi rt cross country. Must be comfortable with class 2 rock. Return to camp for some r&r. Sun backpack out to cars. \$5 permit fee required. Send resume, experience and WTC leader name/group to Ldr: Cheryl McMurray (cherylamcmurray@gmail.com). Asst: Gary Novotny

**Aug 21-23/Sat-Mon** **NEW!**  **Sierra Peaks**  
**I/Red Slate Mtn (13,123')**

SPS Intro trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, causal, and enjoyable. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 7 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 8 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, W and Cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum

**Aug 27-29/Fri-Sun**  **WTC**  
**I/Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10,344'**

Friday backpack 8 mi, 2000' to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Sat climb cross country, class 2 route to Peak 10,344', 6 mi rt, 800'. 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: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Sarah Myers Rebensdorf.

## September

**Sep 17/Fri** **NEW!**  **WTC, DPS**  
**I/White Mountain Peak (14,256')**

Join us on this hike to the third highest peak in California and highest desert peak in the United States. We will start at the locked gate to the Barcroft Station and our hike will entail 15 mi rt, 2,600' elevation gain. Reaching the trailhead requires a long dirt road drive through the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. If time permits, we may climb Mount Barcroft (13,040') on the way back to the trailhead. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Regge Bulman.

**Sep 17-19/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **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 shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. Sun head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Send check for \$7 permit fee (payable to WTC), 1 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict

**Sep 17 - 19/Fri-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC, SPS, Long Beach**  
**I/Red Slate Mountain (13,123')**

Enjoy a late summer weekend in this colorful, high-elevation setting. Friday morning hike 7.5 miles 2500' gain up McGee Creek through aspens, pines and meadows to the beautiful red rock mountains of upper McGee Creek Canyon. We'll camp alongside Big McGee Lake at 10,500' elevation. Sat. morning hike to McGee Pass, climb Red Slate Mountain (Class 2, approx. 2700' gain, 6 miles roundtrip), and return to camp for happy hour. Sunday morning hike out. Total mileage approx. 25 miles roundtrip, 5200' gain, moderate pace. \$5 permit fee collected at trailhead. E-mail both leaders with experience and conditioning. Ldrs: Sharon Moore and Pat Arredondo

## September continued

**Sep 18-19/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Split Mtn (14,042')**

Climb California's 10th highest peak in the Palisades region of the Sierras. Lots of elevation gain but the views are worth it. Sat backpack to Red Lake (5 mi, 4000' gain). Sun climb Split (2 mi, 3500' gain, class 2), and pack out. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Regge Bulman

**Sep 25-26/Sat-Sun** **NEW!**  **WTC**  
**I/Silver Peak, (11,878')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from Lake Thomas Edison to camp at the Devil's Bathtub, 5 mi, 1600'. Climb Silver Peak, 9 mi rt, 2700'. Sunday pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 SASE and e-mail, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: Mike Dillenback

**Sep 26/Sun**  **LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks, Desert Pks, Sierra Pks**  
**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: Robert Myers. Asst: Harry Freimanis

**Sep 29/Wed** **NEW!**  **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**  
**O/Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Basic Safety System**

First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. Based on Ch. 9 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

## October

**Oct 2/Sat** **NEW!** **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**  
**M/E R/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Belaying** 

2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. Based on Ch. 10 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

**Oct 9/Sat** **NEW!**  **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**  
**M/E R/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rappelling**

3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. Based on Ch. 11 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

**Oct 9-10/Sat-Sun**  **WTC**  
**I/"Really Last Chance" Graduation Trip**

Easy paced backpacking trip. 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 mi rt, 1000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Chi Choi.

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Oct 16-17/Sat – Sun **NEW!**

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

### M/E R/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors



4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. Based on Chaps. 12 & 13 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, photos to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

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Oct 29-31/Fri-Sun **NEW!**

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 Sept 24). For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster

## *A Mythical Beast, a Real Animal, and the Highest Point in Southern California* by Sharon Moore

A quick look at any Spring or Summer WTC newsletter might give the impression that all our experience trips take place in the Sierra Nevada. But it's very possible to enjoy a successful experience trip in the local mountains, not to mention greener. The drive is only two hours instead of four or five, and participants will learn to enjoy and want to protect the wilderness in their own back yard. Last summer four WTC students and other Sierra Club peak baggers enjoyed a trip in the San Gorgonio Wilderness that took in the highest mountain in Southern California, and two other 10K+ HPS peaks.

Leader: Sharon Moore

Co-leader: Bruce Michaels

Participants: Roshawn Bowers, John Cederberg, Peter Ireland, Dave Levine, Cheryl McMurray, Asamanja Mallik, Elaine Shaw, Robert Wallsgrove

Class Clown: John Cederberg

Trooper Award: Elaine "Big E" Shaw -always had a cheerful smile, even though she felt awful

Ultralight Award: Peter Ireland

Congeniality Award: Everyone!

Saturday got off to a rough start. Diana Rankin called at 4:45 AM to say she couldn't come. She had food poisoning. Ugh! I couldn't blame her, and we were both disappointed. So our carpool was down to two. Dave Levine picked me up, and we stopped to grab a quick breakfast at Starbucks. Turkey bacon, mozzarella, and egg sandwich on wheat ciabatta turned out to be an expensive but healthier alternative to an Egg McMuffin. Not bad!

The group gathered at the trailhead. The day was warming up already, but fortunately we were only 15 minutes late out of the gate. I always forget how dang far it is to the start of the trail from the parking lot: half a mile up a rough road, then across Mill Creek. Then the fun part starts: almost a mile of steep switchbacks, which are tough even with just a daypack. We got up them, though. Then the really beautiful part of the trail starts. It was an enjoyable hike after that, but I ran out of water as we hit camp. I should have filtered water immediately. I suffered a bout of altitude sickness that night, which rendered me incapable of enjoying happy hour or eating dinner. High Creek is in a gully just off the Vivian Creek Trail at about 9500', before you cross the creek and head up a long set of switchbacks. I don't normally get sick at that elevation, but I hadn't had a decent night's sleep for a week, and setting up my tent in the hot sun got me dehydrated. But after going to bed early, emptying my stomach (after an initial nap), nursing my way through most of a 2-liter Platypus, and a dose of Diamox, I recovered fully by morning. I felt able to lead the peaks on Sunday, so off we went!

Following Sherry Ross's route advice for Dragon's Head, we hiked up the trail to a specific elevation, then traversed around a gully, dropping only a small amount until reaching an easy crossing point to where we could head up another gully that leads to the saddle below Dragon's Head peak. My mistake here was to get impatient and start heading up before we reached the saddle. Rather hair raising! We eventually found the use trail to the summit, which made descending very easy. If I do that peak again, I'll use the standard route and call it an "explorer." The route to Bighorn was easy to find. It was mostly a duck hunt (for you non-hikers, ducks are rocks or small cairns placed in obvious locations to mark a route. Mars Bonfire, maybe? His name was in the register for June 24, noting his 15th ascent. That name might be familiar to any Steppenwolf fans out there. Yes, he's the Mars Bonfire who wrote Born To Be Wild. We reached the summit right in time for lunch. The route I had chosen to Gorgonio meant crossing The Tarn (a high altitude dry lake bed) and heading up a gully past Summit Camp. It looked very intimidating from the top of Bighorn, but turned out to be very doable. I huffed and puffed up the gully, feeling my lack of dinner. Most of the group was huffing and puffing behind me. We intersected the Mine Shaft Saddle Trail about 2/3 of the way up, stopping there briefly to catch our breath before the final haul to the summit of San G. We reached it at about 2:15 PM. Clouds had drifted in, but this was a relief after the bright morning. We all enjoyed a round of summit euphoria, signing the register, getting a group shot taken, and digging into our remaining snacks. We returned to camp via the trail to relax, have dinner, and turn in early.

We broke camp Monday morning. I had a new tent, and although I practiced setting it up at home, I obviously needed to practice stowing it, too. But I eventually got my act together, and everyone else was waiting patiently, so we departed around 8:20 AM. The hike out took under three hours. We had partly cloudy skies, and slightly higher humidity. We ran into Diana on the trail right after crossing Vivian Creek. She decided to head in solo and camp at High Creek, then do Gorgonio Tuesday and hike out. She was preparing for an upcoming trip, and although it looked and felt a little tropical out there, she told me later that the weather was good for her summit trek.. We were out before noon, and most of us met in Redlands for lunch at Chipotle for a final trip postmortem and farewells. After that we had photo links to exchange, and some great memories to keep.

Weekend stats, thanks to Cheryl McMurray's GPS:

Trailhead to High Creek Camp: 5.67 mi. 3347 ft. elevation gain

Day Hike: 8.3 mi 2920 ft. elevation gain

Camp to Trailhead: 5.67 mi.

Total: 19.64 mi., 6267 ft. elevation gain

Peaks:

Dragon's Head: 10,866 ft.

Bighorn: 10,997 ft.

San Gorgonio: officially 11,499 ft., latest GPS measurements 11,501.6 ft.



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San Geronio Vista - photo by Sharon Moore

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