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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 9-10 and April 23-24 in the Eastern Sierra. \$105.00/day per person based on a group of six or more (special WTC price). This school 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. Offered by Sierra Mountaineering International: www.sierramountaineering.com

Basic and Intermediate Rock Climbing: April 30 and May 1 in Joshua Tree National Park. \$108.00/day, or \$216.00 for the two day seminar. Our most popular beginner's course, this seminar combines Basic Rock Climbing on Saturday with "Intermediate One" on Sunday. Offered by Vertical Adventures: www.verticaladventures.com.

Graduation

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 15 and 16. Keep in touch with your group leader for more information regarding the location and activities associated with graduation.

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 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 2011 WTC Newsletter: May 15

For publication in the Fall 2011 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.

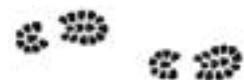
For publication in the 319 Angeles Chapter Schedule (Nov 5 - Feb 28): Jul 9

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On The Cover

Gary Novotny enjoys a snowshoe backpack in Sequoia National Park. Look in the outings section of the newsletter, starting on page 4, for similar trips.



The WTC newsletter is published quarterly for students and staff of the Wilderness Training Committee and is distributed at class sites. It is also available in color on the WTC website: <http://www.wildernesstravelcourse.org/> as a download in PDF format. All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Kay Novotny, WTC Newsletter Editor, at knovotny27@gmail.com or (562) 860 - 4078.

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!

Trip leader Joan Rosenburg relaxes on a trip to Jean Peak (see right). Jean Peak 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.



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 an email or two 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed, stamped envelopes (sases) 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.



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.



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



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

March

Mar 5/Sat *Date Change* **WTC**
I/Scodie Mountain (7294')

Easy paced day hike in the Southern Sierra's Kiavah Wilderness. From Walker Campground, 7 miles with 2300 ft gain, mostly cross country. Send esase/sase (email preferred), recent conditioning, H/W phones to: Ldr: Nicholas Hooper. Asst: Jane Simpson

Mar 5-6/Sat-Sun *NEW!* **WTC**
I/Carey's Castle

Let's go find one of the Eagle Wilderness' mysteries: the cave-castle and mine of a desert prospector. We will backpack in and make camp at 1.2 miles, then continue up multiple canyons 6mi RT 1300' gain to Carey's Castle. Must have comfort with x-country and class 2 rock scrambling. Will have happy-hour upon return to camp. Sunday morning break camp and backpack to cars. Bring 10 essentials, 4-6 liters of water (dry camp), lug sole boots, layered clothing. Email, phone, rideshare and recent experience/conditioning to: Ldr: Klaus Gerhart Asst: Adrienne Benedict

Mar 11/Fri **Orange County Sierra Singles, WTC**
Snow Saw Workshop – Fullerton

Arrive 3:00-6:00 pm for hands-on experience fabricating your own snow saw. Class ends approx. 10:00 pm. Class size limited. Send email (or 1 SASE), H&W phones, & check payable to OCSS for \$10 for materials, food, and refreshments to Ldr/Instr.: Michael Dodson, 1600 Lark Ellen Drive, Fullerton, CA 92835. Asst: Dave Evans

Mar 19/Sat **LTC**
Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC. Register for Apr 2 seminar to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Next seminar: Fall 2011.

Mar 19/Sat *NEW!* **WTC**
I/Warren Pt. (5103'), Peak 4610'

Moderate (6 mi, 1500' gain) day hike to Peak 4610 and Warren Point in the pinon pine and juniper region of the Mojave Desert in Riverside County. Practice your WTC skills while experiencing cross-country desert travel in a diverse and complex environment before the heat of summer. We'll tag 4610 and then do a pathfinding ascent of the west face of Warren Pt. to summit. For meeting time and place send SASE or email with WTC experience, conditioning, H&W phones to: Ldr: Peter Ireland, Asst: Adrienne Benedict

Mar 20/Sun **VH, PolComm, WTC**
O/Hike with your Burbank school board member & celebrate the Angeles Chapter's centennial

Easy 2 mi rt hike with Roberta Reynolds. Come discuss your concerns and issues of the day with her on the way to great views of Glendale, Burbank, the San Fernando Valley, and Hollywood Hills. Meet at 8:45 am at the entrance to Wildwood Canyon Park in

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Burbank (from the intersection of Glenoaks Blvd and Harvard Rd, drive towards the hills to the park entrance and park immediately past it). Co-leaders Garen Yegparian and Annette Kargodorian.

Mar 20/Sun **WAS, WTC**
I/Cholla Cactus Garden to Bingo Peak (2900')

Join us for a moderately paced 8 mile route trip, 1000' gain hike in the desert of Riverside County. 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 Provisional Leader: Doan-Trang Tran, Assistant Leader: David Copleen

March 26-27/Sat-Sun **WTC, DPS**
MR/Tensor Peak (4418'), Spectre Peak (4480'), Dyadic Peak (4362')

Visit three rarely climbed peaks in the remote Coxcomb Mountains. Saturday, backpack into camp (5 miles, 1300' gain). Sunday, climb peaks then back to camp and out to cars (9 miles, 2000' gain). Must be comfortable on third-class rock and must carry all water for two days. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members—helmet and harness required. Send email with experience and conditioning to Ldr: Regge Bulman. Asst Ldr: Eric Scheidmantle.

Mar 27/Sun *NEW!* **WTC**
O/Reseda to Nike Missile Base

Social Sunday morning hike to this popular historic site in the Santa Monica Mountains. 8 mi rt / 1,100' gain. Catch up WTC friends, old and new. Meet 9 am at the Caballero Canyon trailhead on Reseda Blvd. From the 101 Freeway, take the Reseda Blvd exit and drive south for approx. 2.2 miles. Street parking at the trailhead. Ldr: Joseph Bell, Asst: Gerard Lewis.

April

Apr 1-3/Fri-Sun **Orange County Sierra Singles, WTC**
I/Igloo Construction Workshop/Snow Camping Trip

Learn to construct an Igloo and spend two nights out in the backcountry. Winter travel & camping experience mandatory. Ski or snow shoeing in, build Igloo, spend some time skiing or snow shoeing before leaving area. Group size limited. Send email three weeks in advance min. (or 2 SASE), H&W phones, email, & winter camping experience to: Ldr: Michael Dodson, Asst: Virgil Talbott

April continued

Apr 2/Sat **NEW!** **LTC**

Leadership Training Seminar

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 19. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2011.

Apr 2/Sat **NEW!** **Long Beach, WTC, Natural Science I/Nob Peak (4455') Wildflower Climb**

Visit Whitewater Preserve during wildflower season, hike part of the PCT, and tag a peak with views of the Whitewater River, the San Geronio Wilderness, and if we are lucky, bighorn sheep. 8 miles rt, 2200' gain on trail and XC. Meet 6am at Long Beach Rideshare or 8am at Whitewater Preserve parking lot. No beginners or tigers, please. Rain cancels. Email to: Ldr: Sharon Moore Co-Ldr: Sherry Ross.

Apr 2-3/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, DPS, Desert Committee I/Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve**

Join us for our ninth 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, Ann Shields, Adrienne Benedict.

Apr 2-3/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC, SPS MR/Mt. Morgan (5) (13,748')**

Climb Mt. Morgan via Francis Lake, 17 mile rt, 4,800' gain. Sat: backpack from Rock Creek Sno-Park to Francis Lake. Sun: climb snow and rock to summit and back to camp, then out to cars. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness and possibly snowshoes required. Send SC#, climbing resume and conditioning via email to Ldr: Regge Bulman. Asst: Gerard Lewis

Apr 2-3/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Crafts Peak (8353'), Butler Peak (8432')**

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 followed by Butler Peak (6.5 mile rt, 1600' gain), pack up and hike back out. Send email with telephone #, experience and WTC leader name/group to: Ldr: Gary Novotny Co-Ldr: Cheryl McMurray

Apr 3/Sun **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC E/MR/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, Dan Richter, Pat McKusky.

Apr 9/Sat **Palos Verdes – South Bay, Hundred Peaks, WTC I/Artic Point (8336'), Gold Mtn 8235') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5'deep)**

21st semi-annual Spring Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with more peaks. Moderately paced 11 mi with x-cntry, 3500' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Significant dirt road driving, but high clearance not required. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia via Big Bear. We'll probably be hiking back to the cars in the moonlight (nearly full moon). Possibility of doing Deleamar Mtn. and/or Bertha Peak, depending on hiking speed and road/participant condition - hot spring is priority. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable) or sase with conditioning and carpool info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Wayne Vollaire.

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Apr 9-10/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Carey's Castle**

With full packs we'll hike 4 mi, 1300' gain to the mysterious miner's dwelling in the remote Eagle Wilderness in the Riverside County desert. Make camp and explore, perhaps locating a second secret "cave," last seen more than a decade ago. Hike out Sunday. Must be comfortable with class 2 boulder scrambling and carrying all water (dry camp). Send sase/e-mail, phones, recent hiking and conditioning to: Ldr: Rebecca Cummings. Asst: KC Reid.

Apr 15-17/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 \$210 (full refund through March 11). For application contact (e-mail preferred) to Ldr: Steve Schuster

Apr 16/Sat **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: Jack Kieffer

Apr 16-17/Sat-Sun **NEW!** **WTC I/Queen Mtn (5677')**

Backpack 1 mi to dry camp in the Mojave Desert in Riverside County. Sat navigation in the desert to find nearby mine shafts. Sun hike 4 mi 1000' gain xc to Queen Mountain and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email (preferred), H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to: Ldr: Nicholas Hooper Asst: Eric Scheidemantle.

Apr 16-17/Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS 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: Phil Wheeler

Apr 17/Sun **VH, PolComm, WTC O/Hike with your Los Angeles city council member & celebrate the Angeles Chapter's centennial**

Easy 2 mi rt hike with Paul Krekorian. Come discuss your concerns and issues of the day with him on the way to La Tuna Peak and great views of the Burbank, Glendale, the San Fernando Valley, and more. Meet at 8:45 am at the Northeast corner of Glenoaks Blvd and Lanark St. Co-leaders Garen Yegparian and Evelyn Alexander.

Apr 20/Wed **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC M/ER/Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP3) – 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. 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. Asst: Pat McKusky

Apr 23/Sat **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP3) – 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. 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. Asst: Pat McKusky

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Apr 23-24/Sat – Sun



LTC, SPS, DPS

M/ER/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 23-24/Sat-Sun



WTC

I/Quail Mtn (5814')

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mtn, 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 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. Co-Ldr: Gary Maxwell

Apr 30/Sat



LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP3) – 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. 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. Asst: Pat McKusky

Apr 30-May 1/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Quail Mountain (5814')

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. WTC or similar experience required. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to: Ldr: Bernie Fox. Asst: Sarah Myers Rebensdorf.

Apr 30-May 1/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC, DPS

I/Pinto Mtn (3983')

Enjoy desert scenery and wildflowers on a backpack in the Mojave Desert near Twentynine Palms. Sat late-morning start and ~3 mi backpack to camp. Sun climb a wash to the summit and descend a ridge back to camp and then to cars. All cross-country route with some steep and rocky sections, but at a steady, reasonable pace. 13 mi rt, 2400' gain. Send e-mail with contact info and recent experience to: Ldr: Homer Tom. Asst: Misha Askren

May

May 7/Sat



LTC, SPS, DPS

M/ER/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 7-8/Sat – Sun



LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP3) – 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. 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. Asst: Pat McKusky

May continued

May 14/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 14-15/Sat-Sun



WTC, SPS, PVS

M/Smith Mountain (9533'), Crag Peak (9420') and Jackass Peak (9277')

Get some introductory M-level climbing in the Kennedy Meadows area of the Southern Sierra. Sat backpack from Hooker Meadows Trailhead to Albanita Meadows, 5 mi, 1300'. We'll pitch tents; then continue 4 mi rt, 1500' gain to Smith Mtn and Jackass Peak. Happy hour/potluck follows at camp. Sun climb 7 mi rt and 1800' gain to Crag Peak, then pack gear and hike the 5 mi back to cars. Comfort on easy 3rd class required, WTC students welcome. Send sase (preferable) or 2 sase, recent experience and conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle

May 14-15/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Local Wilderness Hot Springs Tour

20-mi overnight hike in Ventura County to Sespe Hot Spring, Willett Hot Spring and waterfall indicated on map. Leave Sat. morning from Mutau Flat near I-5. 6 mi, 2000' loss, half off-trail to waterfall and Willett Hot Spring. Soak or not, then 7 mi on river trail to Sespe Hot Spring. Camp there and back to cars (7 mi, 2,000' gain) in timely fashion Sunday morning. Send email and hiking/climbing resume to: Ldr: Joel Kilpatrick. Asst: Jack Kieffer

May 14-15/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Eagle Mt # 1 (5320')

11 mi rt, 2400' gain backpack in the remote Eagle Wilderness of southeastern Riverside County. We will start at Cottonwood Springs and travel cross country to our dry campsite at the base of the Eagle Mts; 3.5 mi, 700' gain to camp. From our camp, we will travel cross country 2 mi, 1700' gain to summit the highest peak in the Eagle Mts. WTC or similar experience required. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to: Ldr: Bernie Fox. Asst: Regge Bulman.

May 15/Sun



Verdugo Hills, PolComm, WTC

O/Hike with your Glendale school board member & celebrate the Angeles Chapter's centennial

Easy 2 mi rt hike with Christine Walters. Come discuss your concerns and issues of the day with her on the way to great views of the Crescenta Valley, Glendale, and threatened local woodlands. Meet at 8:45 am at the entrance to the Beaudry fire road in Glendale (from the intersection of Canada Blvd and Country Club Rd, drive West towards the hills to Beaudry Blvd., turn left to the gated drainage basin entrance and park there). Co-leaders Garen Yegparian and Annette Kargodorian.

May 21/Sat



Hundred Peaks, WTC, Wild. Adventures, West LA

O/Thunder (8587'), Telegraph (8985') and Timber (8303)

10 miles. 2,700' gain, 3,400' loss. Hike all THREE of the T's and enjoy High T(ea) on the trail (really!!!...an assortment of goodies at tea time!!). A sumptuous pot luck dinner will await you at the Harwood Lodge HPS Centennial Spring Fling. After taking the ski lift to Baldy Notch, you will summit three peaks and enjoy continuous vistas, while walking amongst Pine, Fir and Cedar. Descend Icehouse Canyon for a car shuttle. WTC students, Wilderness Adventures, West LA members (and all others) are extended a hearty welcome to join weekend HPS Spring Fling activities. Contact Marlen Mertz for meeting time and other details. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Terry Ginsberg, Mark Allen

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May 21-22/SAT-SUN

MR/Excelsior Mtn (12,446'), Dunderberg Peak (12,374')  SPS, WTC

Two moderate snow- (we hope) climbs, 3-6 mi rt, approx 3000' gain each. Restricted to Sierra Club Members, medical form required. Ice axe, crampon experience required. Carcamp and Happy Hour, probably at Trumbull Lake. Send resume w/experience, training, to Leader: Asher Waxman. Co-leader: Dan Richter

May 22/Sun



**Hundred Peaks Section, WTC
O/Ontario Peak (8693')**

12 miles, 3,700' gain. Special invitation to WTC students. Join the fun festivities at the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Spring Fling (Sat and Sun) and choose from a range of hikes in the Mount Baldy area. Come one day or both and stay overnight. Sunday's outing to Ontario Peak is led by WTC leaders. Hike beautiful, lush Icehouse Canyon to the Saddle, then onto Ontario Peak. Don't get out of shape before you embark on WTC experience trips this summer. Here's a great local opportunity to hike at elevation, enjoy a fabulous spring weekend at a great historic Sierra Club Lodge and learn about the Hundred Peaks Section. Write either leader for meeting time and place and weekend details. No cost. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Wayne Vollaire

June

June 4/SAT



LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

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 4-5/ Sat-Sun **NEW!**



SPS/WTC

ER/Mt Dana (13,057')

Climb the 2nd tallest mountain in Yosemite by a classic snow route. Sat morning easy backpack to Dana Lake, afternoon snow climbing practice. Sunday ascent Mt Dana by way of the Dana Glacier, return to camp and pack out. Participants must be experienced with ice ax, crampons and roped travel. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Provisional Ldr: Neal Robbins, Asst-Ldr: Doug Mantle

Jun 4-6/Sat-Mon **NEW!**



WTC, Long Beach

I/Olancha Peak (12,123')

Discover the beautiful & historic southern Sierra during this somewhat strenuous but moderately paced 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: Ldr: Sherry Ross. Co-Ldr: Sharon Moore.

June 5/Sun



LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

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: Phil Wheeler

Jun 11-12/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Red Tahquitz (8720'), Tahquitz (8846')

From Humber Park, we'll take the Devils Slide Trail to beautiful Tahquitz Valley and make camp (3.5 mi, 1600' gain). With a lighter load, hike xc to Red Tahquitz, then xc down northeast ridge to pick up trail. Return to camp for happy hour (5 mi rt, 1,600' gain). Sun morning Tahquitz and lookout tower (4 mi rt, 800' gain), then pack out. Send sase/e-mail, phones, recent hiking and conditioning to: Ldr: Rebecca Cummings. Asst: Barry Holchin.

June continued

Jun 19/Sun



Verdugo Hills, PolComm, WTC

O/Hike with your Los Angeles community college board member & celebrate the Angeles Chapter's centennial

Easy 2 mi rt hike with Mifuel Santiago. Come discuss your concerns and issues of the day with him on the way to great views of the Crescenta Valley, Glendale, threatened local woodlands, and more. Meet at 8:45 am at the south end of Whiting Woods Road. Co-leaders Garen Yegparian and Delphine Trowbridge

Jun 24-26/Fri-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Olancha Pk (11,923')

Discover the beautiful & historic southern Sierra with this early summer backpack of a SPS emblem peak, geared toward fit WTC students. Total distance for the weekend about 22 mi, elevation gain/loss about 6000'. Send e-mail or SASE, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, and contact info to: Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Linda Campbell

Jun 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



WTC, Long Beach

I/Southern San Gorgonio Wilderness Romp

Enjoy early summer 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: Ldr: Sharon Moore, Co-Ldr: Sherry Ross.

Jun 25-26/Sat-Sun **NEW!**



SPS, WTC

M/Moses Mtn (9,331'), N Maggie Mtn (10,234')

Join us for an introductory M rated trip to the Golden Trout Wilderness. Perfect WTC experience trip for students wanting to get back out on the rocks. Saturday we'll hike in (3 miles, 1000') to set up camp and then head for North Maggie Mountain (5 miles, 3000'). Sunday we'll do a 3rd class scramble up Moses Mountain (5 mi, 2000') before returning to camp to pack up and head for home. Comfort on 3rd class rock required. Send recent experience, conditioning, and carpool info to: Ldr: Matthew Hengst Co-Ldr: Ron Campbell

July

July 2-4/Sat-Mon



WTC

I/Mt Tyndall (14,018')

Come celebrate the Chapter Centennial on this trip to Mt Tyndall which is a loose re-creation of a trip done over Fourth of July in 1931 by Norman Clyde, Alice Knapp, H. R. "Bob" Sturdevant, Niles Werner, D. D. Chalmers & Kasper Casperson, among others. Sat pack in 6 mi, 4,000' gain on trail to camp at Anvil Camp. Sun hike on trail 3 mi, 2,000' gain to Shepherd Pass (12,025'), then xc climb Tyndall via 2nd class NW ridge, approx. 2 mi, 2,000' gain. Mon pack out on trail. Total for weekend is approx. 22 mi rt, 8,000'+ gain. This will be a moderately paced but strenuous trip. Strong WTC students welcome. Send contact info & recent conditioning/experience to: Ldr: Melody Anderson, Co-Ldr: Dwain Roque

Jul 8-10/Fri-Sun **NEW!**



WTC

I/Mt Tom (13,652')

Climb the most prominent mountain visible from Bishop and the upper Owens Valley. Friday backpack from Pine Creek 4 miles and 3100' gain to Gable Lake. Saturday ascend 7 miles RT and 3250' gain to summit Mt Tom. Late season snow may divert peak to Four Gables (12,720'). Sunday pack out. Send e-mail or SASE, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, and contact info to: Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict

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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Jul 9-10/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC**
I/Mt. Silliman (11,188')

Strenuous but moderately paced backpack from Lodgepole in Sequoia National Park to camp at Silliman Lake. (5 mile, 3300' gain).

Sunday climb the class 2 south slope to the summit (1200' gain) and pack out. Cross country travel and friction climbing steep granite slabs necessary. Email, phone, conditioning, experience, \$5 permit fee to: Ldr: Steve Curry Asst: Joe Speigl

July 16-17/Sat-Sun  **WTC,SPS**
I/Mt Agassiz (13,893')

From South Lake trailhead, backpack to Bishop Lake (4 mi 1600' gain) and set up camp followed by an afternoon happy hour. Sunday we'll climb Mt. Agassiz via class 2 route (4 mi RT 2650 gain) then pack out. Please send ESASE/SASE with recent experience and conditioning info to Ldr: Bob Draney. Co-Ldr: Joe Speigl.

Jul 16-17/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC, SPS**
I/Mt. Silliman Show and Tell (11,188')

Enjoy two moderately paced days backpacking in Sequoia National Park totaling 10 miles of mixed trail and cross country travel with an elevation gain of 4,403 feet. Starting early Saturday morning we will backpack from Lodgepole Campground to Silliman Lake via trail and cross-country travel. Saturday night happy hour and gear show and tell (share with the group your favorite backcountry gear; light weight or luxury item). Sunday it's up before dawn for our cross country climb to the top of Mt. Silliman. Then we will return to Silliman Lake to break camp and hike out to our cars. Send email with contact info, experience, and recent conditioning to: Ldr: Bill Payne Asst: Matthew Hengst

Jul 22-24/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC, SPS**
I/Mt. Davis (12,311')

Friday backpack from Agnew Meadows Campground (7 miles 1200' gain) to Thousand Island Lake. Saturday climb class 2 route to Mt. Davis from North Glacier Pass (6 mile rt 2500' gain xc). Sunday backpack out on the PCT High Trail. Email, phone, experience, rideshare to: Ldr: Steve Curry Asst: Joe Speigl.

Jul 22-24/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC**
I/Moose Lake (10,550+')

Friday backpack from Wolverton Trailhead in Sequoia National Park to Alta Meadow (7.2 miles, 2200' gain). Saturday take a cross country outing to Moose Lake for some relaxing, swimming, fishing, and exploring. We'll return to camp at Alta Meadow in the afternoon (7 miles rt, 2,150' gain). Bring appetizers and drinks for happy hour Saturday night. Sunday morning backpack out to trailhead. \$5 permit fee. Send experience and conditioning, phone number info to: Ldr: Linda Robb. Asst: Bill Payne.

July 22-24/ Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC, SPS**
M/Mt. Sill (14,153')

Fri rugged cross-country backpack 5 mi, 3500' gain from Glacier Lodge to camp near Elinore Lake. Sat climb Sill via SW slope, 3 mi, 3200' gain. Sun out. Happy hour both nights. Recent 3rd class rock experience, helmet, medical form required; restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 check for permit fee to: Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Jack Kieffer

Jul 22-24/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **SPS, WTC**
MR/Mt Stanford (13,963'), Mt Ericsson (13,608'), Deerhorn Mtn (13,281')

Climb these significant backcountry peaks. Fri backpack from Onion Valley over Kearsarge Pass and on to camp near Vidette Lakes; 11 mi, 4500' gain. Sat climb Stanford, 6 mi, 5500' and Ericsson, 2 mi, 1800'. Sun pack out, 11 mi, 2500'. Climb Deerhorn also if time allows. All peaks class 3. Helmets, experience with exposed 3rd class rock, excellent conditioning, medical form required. Send climbing resume with SC#, contact info to: Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldrs: Matthew Hengst and Kathy Rich

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Jul 29-31/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **Long Beach, WTC**
M/Mt. San Gorgonio (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.

Jul 31-Aug 6/Sun-Sat  **Mule Pack, Sierra Peaks, WTC**
O/I/Soldier Lakes Mule Pack, Joe Devel Peak (13,327'), Mt Pickering (13,474'), Mt Newcomb (13,422'), Mt Chamberlin (13,169')

Trip designed for strong hikers who desire cross-country routes and peakbagging. From Cottonwood Pack Station at Horseshoe Meadow (9,900'), hike 10 miles over Cottonwood Pass (11,128') to Soldier Lakes (10,400'). Joe Devel Peak, Mt Pickering, Mt Newcomb, and Mt Chamberlin, as well as Mt Langley and Cirque Peak, are accessible from campsite. Mon-Fri climb peaks with leaders, hike near camp, photo, fish, or relax in camp. Enjoy nightly organized dinners. Sat hike out. \$300. Mules will carry 50 lbs gear per person. Participants selected will be asked to complete the Participant Medical Form found at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/forms.html>. Note reserve/cancel policy at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/mps/Reservation_Policy.htm. To apply, email high altitude and distance conditioning to Co-Ldr: Sandy Lara. Co-Ldr: Peter Lara.

August

Aug 4-7/Thu-Sun **NEW!**  **SPS, WTC**
I/Electra Peak (12,442), Foerster Peak (12,057')

Unusual route to these distant peaks in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Thursday start from the Clover Meadow area and hike to Bench Canyon along the North San Joaquin River, 11 miles and 3300 ft. gain with a 2000 ft. loss. Next two days climb peaks, 7 miles and 3,400 ft. gain each. Sunday pack out. Contact leader with hiking resume and recent conditioning: Ldr: Rudy Fleck Asst: Gary Schenk.

Aug 5-7/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC**
I/Moose Lake (10,550') and Tablelands in Sequoia NP

Explore a remote and seldom-visited corner of Sequoia NP. Fri pack in 7 mi / 2,200' gain from Wolverton to Alta Meadow via Alta Trail. Sat 10 mi xc rt, 2,000-3,000' gain to Moose Lake, Table Meadows and, time permitting, the 'rim' of Tableland for a day exploring high terrain near the Kings-Kaweah Divide. Enjoy spectacular 360 degree views of the Sierras. Sun pack out on trail. Send contact info and recent conditioning and experience to: Ldr: Joseph Bell, Asst: Eric Scheidemantle.

Aug 5-7/Fri-Sun **NEW!**  **WTC**
I/Big Pine Lakes

Backpack to explore the upper reaches of the Big Pine Creek Basin and the Palisades Glacier. On Friday, pack in to Third Lake along the North Fork of Big Pine Creek (past Lon Chaney's cabin) and set up camp. On Saturday we will ascend to explore Sam Mack Meadow, an alpine meadow with Sam Mack Lake. From there we will go cross-country to the glacial lakes from the Palisade Glacier (12200 feet). Great views of higher ranges in the Sierras, and the Big Pine Basin. On Sunday, consider a side trip to bag a peak before packing out. 16 miles, 4100 feet of gain for the weekend. Send e-mail or sase with conditioning, recent experience, WTC class, contact and rideshare info to: Ldr: Misha Askren. Co-Ldr: Georgette Rieck.

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Aug 6-8/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **WTC, SPS**
I/Hengst Peak (11,196'), White Chief Peak (11,159')

Join us for two unlisted peaks and help one of the leaders bag his namesake peak in this slow paced three day jaunt out of Mineral King. Saturday we'll hike in (4.5 mi, 2200' of gain) and camp at Mosquito Lakes so we can bag the two nearby peaks (3 mi, 1000') and (5 mi, 1500') before hiking out Monday. Send recent experience, conditioning, and carpool info to: Ldr: Matthew Hengst Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict

Aug 6-8/Sat-Mon *NEW!*  **Sierra Peaks**
I/Red Slate Mtn. (13,123')

SPS Intro Trip geared to WTC Students and prospective SPS'ers. Relaxed, casual and enjoyable with slow to moderate pace. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to Big McGee Lake at 10,472' in 7 mi, 2300' gain. Sun climb class 2 Mountaineers Peak, 6 mi rt, 2700' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hours 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 7/Sun  **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**
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 12-14/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Basin Mountain (13,181')

Celebrate the Chapter Centennial by climbing the same route taken by Norman Clyde on his first ascent of Basin on November 9, 1930. Fri backpack 4 mi, 2100' gain to camp at Horton Lake. Fri afternoon relax, explore nearby mine, followed by happy hour. Sat XC climb Basin, 5mi rt, 3200' gain. Sun break camp & pack out. This is a fairly strenuous ascent, so WTC or equivalent required. Send email w/recent conditioning & experience to: Ldr: Klaus Gerhart Asst: Daniel Kinzek

Aug 12-14/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Mt Silliman, (11,145')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Fri backpack from Lodgepole, Twin Lakes trailhead to camp at Silliman Lake, 4 mi, 3300'. Sat climb Mount Silliman, 4 mi rt, 1100', then fish. Sun fish and 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: Stephanie Smith Asst: Mike Dillenback

Aug 13-14/Sat-Sun  **WTC, SPS**
M/Mt Gayley (13,510')

Climb an SPS peak that provides a great climb to one of the best views of the Palisades. From the South Fork of Big Pine Creek we'll travel 5.8 miles, 3900+ ft gain via trail and cross country to camp and afternoon happy hour. Sunday we'll climb Mt. Gayley via a class 3 route dubbed, The Yellow Brick Road, to gain our peak (3 mi RT 2350 gain/loss) then pack out. Send ESASE/SASE with recent experience and conditioning info to: Ldr: Bob Draney Co-Ldr: Joe Speigl.

Aug 13-14/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **SPS, WTC**
I/M/North Peak (12,242')

Gourmet Backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend IX. Sat backpack 3 mi, 500 ft gain from Saddlebag Lake to Conness Lakes for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 1-mi, 1700' gain to North Peak. Depending on group's strength and experience we will take either the 2nd class southwest slope or the 3rd class southeast face. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning, recent experience on 3rd class rock and your most outrageous culinary ideas to: Ldr: Ron Campbell Assts: Gergette Rieck, Ed Cottone, Lisa Buckley

August continued

Aug 19-21/Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I/Thousand Island Lake, Mt. Davis (12,311')

Fri relaxed pace backpack 10 mi, 1500' gain via incredibly scenic portion of PCT (High Trail) from Agnew Meadows to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9,840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness. Sat class 2 xc route to Mt. Davis via North Glacier Pass, 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain. This will be a strenuous day, but the views will be well worth it! Sun pack out via River Trail. WTC or equivalent required; priority given to 2011 WTC students. Shuttle bus fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mtn ski area to trailhead required; \$5 for wilderness permit. Send e-mail (preferred) or SASE with contact info, experience, recent conditioning and WTC group leader info to Ldr: Melody Anderson, Co-Ldr: Bob Draney

Aug 19-21/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/20 Lakes Basin Photography / Navigation Backpack

Spend a weekend photographing and practicing navigation in this gorgeous part of the Hoover Wilderness near Yosemite's eastern entrance. Friday hike or boat from Saddlebag Lake 2.5 miles to camp at one of the lakes and enjoy shared quesadillas; Saturday explore the lakes, find a mine and a hidden lake, approx 5 miles of hiking, followed by happy hour festivities. Sunday, pack out. Send experience and conditioning info to: Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

Aug 19-21/Fri-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC, SPS**
I/Caltech Peak (13,832')

Strenuous three day trip to climb a recent addition to the SPS peaks list. Fri pack in 6 mi / 4,000' gain to Anvil Camp. Sat hike 3 mi / 2,000' gain to Shepherd Pass (12,025') then 5 mi xc / 2,000-3,000' gain to Caltech Peak. Summit via class 2 SE ridge. Sun pack out on trail. Total for the weekend is approx. 28 mi round trip, 9,000'+ gain. Send contact info and recent conditioning and experience to: Ldr: Joseph Bell Asst: Paul Garry.

Aug 20-21/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Muah Mtn (11,016')

14 mi rt, 3,500' gain for weekend. Sat AM backpack from Horseshoe Meadow camp (10,000') over Trail Pass to PCT, then to Diaz Creek area (9,600') to setup camp. Cross country climb to Muah Mtn. Return to camp for happy hour. Sun break camp, pack out for an earlier return to LA. Email leader with phones, recent backpacking, conditioning, altitude tolerance to: Ldr: Sandy Lara Co-Ldr: Peter Lara

Aug 20-21/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC**
I/Iron Mountain, (11,148')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from Devils Postpile/Fern Lake trailhead to camp by Fern Lake, 5 mi, 1800'. Sun climb Iron Mountain, 5 mi rt, 2400', 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: Stephanie Smith Asst: Jack Kieffer.

Aug 26-28/Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I/Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10344

Friday backpack 8 miles, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Saturday climb cross country, class 2 route to Peak 10344, 6 mi rt, 800' gain. Sunday pack out. Shuttle fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mountain to Agnew Meadows trailhead required. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Sarah Myers Rebensdorf.

Aug 27-28/Sat-Sun *NEW!*  **WTC, SPS**
I/Mt. Mallory (13,850') Mt. Irvine (13,770')

Overnight backpack to climb two challenging peaks in the John Muir Wilderness via the Meysan Lake trail (12.5 mile rt, 7,000' gain). Sat: backpack from Whitney Portal to Meysan Lake. Sun: climb peaks, then back to camp and out to cars. Send experience and conditioning via email to: Ldr: Monica Suua Asst: Regge Bulman.

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Aug 27-29/Sat-Mon **NEW!**  SPS, WTC

MR/Temple Crag (12,999'), Mt Gayley (13,510')

Sat rugged cross-country backpack 6 mi, 4100' gain from Glacier Lodge to camp below Contact Pass. Sun climb Temple Crag via SE face, 1 mi, 1200' gain. Either Sat pm or Sun am climb Gayley 2.5 mi, 2100' gain via "Yellow Brick Road." Out Sun. Happy hour both nights. Recent 3rd class rock experience, helmet, medical form required; restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 check for permit fee to: Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Matthew Hengst

September

Sep 17-18/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  WTC

I/Mt Langley (14,026')

Sat backpack from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to camp at upper Cottonwood Lake, 6 mi, 1200' gain. Group happy hour Sat evening. Sun climb Langley, 7 mi rt, 2000' gain, then pack out. This is the southernmost 14er in the Sierras, with spectacular views in all directions from the top, including views of Mt. Whitney, the Great Western Divide and the Owens Valley 10,000 feet below. Send e-mail with recent conditioning and experience -- and WTC group & group leader name, if applicable -- to: Ldrs: Melody Anderson, Will McWhinney

Sep 23-25/Fri-Sun **DATE CHANGE**  WTC, Wilderness Adventures

I/Twin Lakes-Silliman NavPack Sequoia NP

Improve your navigation skills, get a peak and get happy on a moderately paced 6.5 mi, 2600' gain backpack to beautiful Twin Lakes. Sat xc explore both sides of Silliman Crest, and climb a no-name peak, 1400' net gain via 7 mi loop. Return to camp for shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. Sun head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Email contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to: Ldr: Jane Simpson. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

Sep 28/Wed **NEW!**  LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4) – 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. 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 Asst: Pat McKusky

October

Oct 1/Sat **NEW!**  LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4) – 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. 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 Asst: Pat McKusky

Oct 8/Sat **NEW!**  LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4) – 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. 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 Asst: Pat McKusky

October continued

OCT 8-9/Sat-Sun  WTC

I/"Really Last Chance" Graduation Trip

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

Oct 15-16/Sat-Sun **NEW!**  LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/ER/Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4) – 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. 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 Asst: Pat McKusky

Oct 28-30/Fri **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 \$210 (full refund through Sept 23). For application send e-mail to: Ldr: Steve Schuster

Chocolate Peak. Photo by Gary Novotny



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Tuolumne River, Yosemite NP. Picture by Gary Novotny

