



# Newsletter

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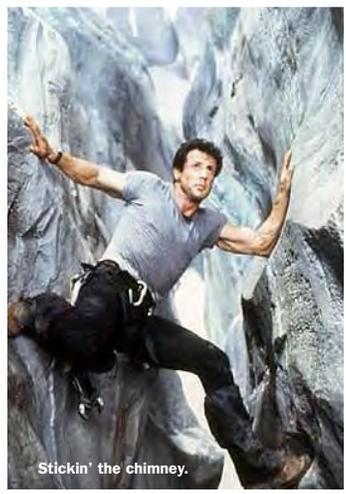
## Where do I go from Here?

Look inside for brand new Experience Trips  
to take you all the way to graduation.



# Second Step

**Congratulations.** You've completed the Course. You're physically equipped and mentally prepared for anything Mother Nature can throw at you. Survivorman? Amateur. Bear Grylls? Wannabe. You're the real deal. You're Sam dragging Frodo and that stupid ring up **Mordor**. You're **Stallone** hanging from a cliff in... well, Cliffhanger. You're the Tin Man braving flying



monkeys and bushwacking through poppy fields, recalling Steve Schuster explaining in his First Aid lecture how, "Poppies will make you sleep."

No? Okay, I lied. Truth is you'll never complete the Course. Sure, your classes are done and your four outings are over. Soon enough, you'll go home with a WTC patch and a certificate of completion. But before you can wrap your paws around those prized possessions, there's the matter

of Experience Trips – the only qualifier standing between you and said patch.

Scan the Experience Trips in this Newsletter, find one whose description appeals to your abilities, contact the leader and await a reply. Mark your calendar, prepare your body and gear the way you were taught by your dedicated instructors, then take off on an adventure that may well be the first in a lifetime of discovery.

My students are used to me waxing on about how WTC changed my life. I went from playing golf four to five times a week to only

three times in the past 12 years. I discovered the Sierra Nevada and the deserts through WTC. I've never known greater physical challenges nor deeper peace than I've experienced out there (a great deal of that peace comes from just knowing those places will always be there).

Hopefully WTC is only the beginning for you as it was for me. Sign up for the Experience Trips and don't limit yourself to just two. Contact your classmates and plan your own trips (you can even count one as an Experience Trip). Check out the individual Sierra Club outings sections -- the Sierra Peaks Section. Hundred Peaks Section, Desert Peaks Section and many, many others. Sign up for advanced instruction in snow and rock travel. Lead your family



and friends into the great outdoors now that you've demystified the wilderness. Or lead more than family and friends and become an official Sierra Club leader (see the blurb on LTC, the Leadership Training Committee).

Our job is done – the spoon feeding is over. We've provided the introduction, the first step. The second one is yours...

You still here?

— Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Editor

## Tell Me a Story

**Just got back** from a great experience trip and can't wait to tell everyone about it in 1200 words or less? Well, who doesn't?

If you have a trip report you'd like to submit for publication in the WTC Newsletter, please send it via **email only** with the subject line, "**WTC Trip Report**" to [hikinedd@yahoo.com](mailto:hikinedd@yahoo.com)

Your trip report must be 1200 words (good) or less (better) and submitted either in the body of the email or attached as a Word document; no other formats accepted (yeah, I'm lookin' at you, PDF). We (I) reserve the right to edit trip reports for spelling and length. All photos included with trip reports must be submitted as separate attachments (photos inserted into a Word document will not be used). All photos must conform to the same requirements detailed below.

We'd (I'd) also love to publish photos directly related to WTC instructors, students and activities. Photos for consideration must:

1. be of significant resolution and clarity;
2. include and identify name(s) and WTC group affiliation(s) of those in the photo;
3. include name and group affiliation of the photographer;
4. include photo location and any other pertinent information regarding the people, event, etc. for use in a caption.

Send photo and photo information (above items 1 through 4) via email only with the subject line, "**WTC Photo Submission**" to [hikinedd@yahoo.com](mailto:hikinedd@yahoo.com) (using a different subject line only confuses the editor).



## Kurt Wedberg and The Angeles Chapter

**MOUNTAINEER**, guide, outdoor enthusiast and friend of WTC Kurt Wedberg will speak at the Chapter's Annual Banquet May 4 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena (near the Rose Bowl). Reservations are \$40 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. You must reserve by April 20. See Kurt and meet the volunteers who will be honored for their extraordinary efforts last year.

Kurt Wedberg founded Sierra Mountaineering International in the fall of 1995 after returning from his first successful expedition to Mt. Everest, a feat he's accomplished three times. In addition to more than 25 years mountaineering experience in the Sierra, Kurt has guided 80-plus expeditions to high peaks in Africa, Alaska, the Alps, Antarctica, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Russia, Tibet, and Turkey. He's also completed the Seven Summits – the highest point on each of the seven continents. Come meet this extraordinary climber and hear his stories.

Contact reservationist Donna Specht at 714-963-6345 or donnaspecht@juno.com.

For the Silent Auction, remember to bring cash and/or your checkbook! Contact Mary Ann Webster (310-559-3126 or mawebster1984@sbcglobal.net) with donations to the Silent Auction. All profits benefit the Angeles Chapter.

Photo: Kurt Wedberg, right, on Mt. Everest. Courtesy Kurt Wedberg

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### **DEADLINE** for publication in the Summer 2014 WTC Newsletter: **May 23**

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

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**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 participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

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

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

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**ON THE COVER** 2014 WTC/OC Student Jim Keehn snow travelling above Idyllwild. Photo by Helene Lohr.

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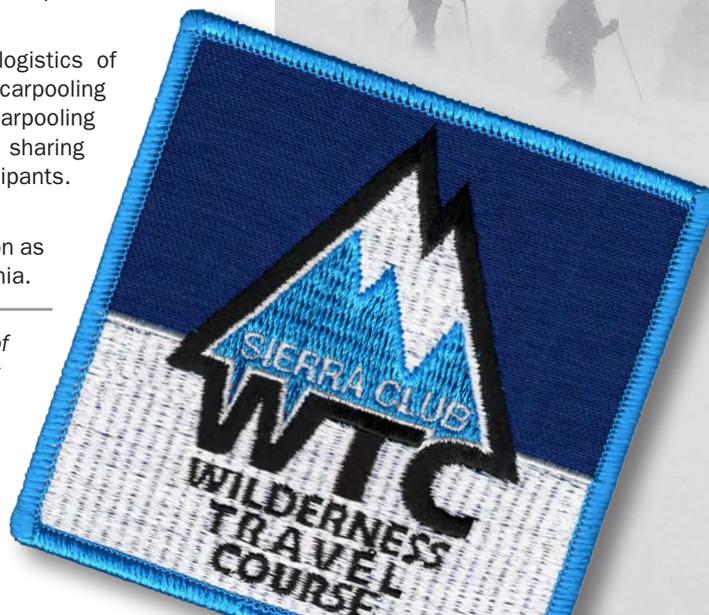
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# Outings

The outings published in this newsletter are sponsored by a variety of Sierra Club groups and sections. As a WTC student, your training places you in good standing with other groups and sections of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club who welcome your participation in their outings. For a full listing see the Chapter's Schedule of Activities or go to [angeles.sierraclub.org](http://angeles.sierraclub.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: Early sign-up (at least two weeks prior to the event) for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the Leaders Reference Book for more information. Send contact information (including mailing address) and your qualifications to the leader as soon as possible.

## March 13 | Thu

## WTC

### TI O Into the Urban Wild - Hike 4 of 5

5.0 mi, 2.5 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of Silver Lake. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the historic staircases, including the famous Music Box stairs, and enjoy the views from the top as we climb the streets of the neighborhood. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet at 6:30PM at Cafe Tropical, 2900 Sunset Blvd (90026). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: ALEX PRIETO, Co-Ldr: ANNE MULLINS

## March 22-23 | Sat-Sun

## WTC

### ET I Eagle Mountain #1 (5350)

Enjoy a mostly cross-country hike to the tallest peak in the Eagle Mountain range in southern Joshua Tree National Park on this 11 mile, 2283' gain, out and back hike. This moderately strenuous hike will start on Saturday with 2.6 miles, first on trail to Mastodon Mine and then will head across the desert to set up camp and explore nearby rock formations and hopefully some wildflowers! We'll have a happy hour and enjoy a nice sunset. On Sunday, we will hike approximately 6 miles out and back up a large gully to the summit of Eagle Mountain #1. After enjoying the view, we'll return to camp, pack up and hike back

to our cars. Bring 10 essentials, all water you will need for the weekend, and lug sole boots. Email w/ contact information and recent conditioning to Ldr: NIELS QUIST ([nquist31@hotmail.com](mailto:nquist31@hotmail.com)); Asst Ldr: VIRGIL SHIELDS.

## March 22-23 | Sat/Sun

## WTC

### MT MR Dyadic Peak (4362') and Spectre Peak (4484')

Join us for a climb of rugged 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, 1600' gain). Dyadic is the priority, Spectre will be done if time allows. 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: MONICA SUUA ([mosuua@gmail.com](mailto:mosuua@gmail.com)). Assistant: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE.

## March 23 | Sun

## WTC

### TI I Lang Mine, Misc. Peaks (5041, 5405, 4986)

Day Hike in Joshua Tree NP. 8.5 miles RT, 1620' gain over rocky XC terrain. Route includes Lang Mine. Bring 3 liters water, snacks, lunch, lugsoles, & headlamp. Rain cancels. Send experience and conditioning, rideshare info to leader: SAVERIA TILDEN ([saveria.tilden@gmail.com](mailto:saveria.tilden@gmail.com)). Asst Ldr: BOB DRANEY

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**March 27 | Thu**

**WTC**

**TR O Into the Urban Wild - Hike 5 of 5**

5.0 mi, 2 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of Glassel Park. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the meandering staircases. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet at 6:30 PM at the Rite Aid on 4044 Eagle Rock Blvd (90065). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: NIELS QUIST, Co-Ldr: ALEX PRIETO

**March 29 | Sat**

**LTC**

**TR Deadline to register for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for April 12 seminar to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. See LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) for registration information. Next seminar: Fall 2014.

**March 29 | Sat**

**WTC**

**TR I Last Chance Mountain (8456)**

Enjoy a beautiful cross-country, springtime day hike to Last Chance Mountain at the north end of Death Valley National Park. The hike will be 7 miles round-trip with approximately 2300 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Friday & Saturday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Sandy Point on Sunday, March 30. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (BOWES.BENJAMIN@GMAIL.COM). Assistant: WILL MCWHINNEY.

**March 30 | Sun**

**WTC**

**TR I Sandy Point (7062)**

Cross-country, springtime day hike to Sandy Point near the north end of Death Valley National Park. This hike affords panoramic views of the Eureka Valley and snowcapped Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains in the distance. 11-mile round-trip with approximately 2000 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Saturday & Sunday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Last Chance Mountain on Saturday, March 29. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (BOWES.BENJAMIN@GMAIL.COM). Assistant: WILL MCWHINNEY.

**April 12 | Sat**

**LTC**

**TR Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. For information, see the LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>). Deadline for receipt of application is March 29. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Fall 2014.

**April 12-13 | Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET I Carey's Castle**

A two-day, 9-mile round trip with 1,300 foot gain from Red Butte wash through sandy canyons and moderately rocky terrain to an overnight stay near an abandoned mining homestead in southeastern Joshua Tree National Park. The return includes

peak 3468, with stunning views of Pinto Basin. Send resume/experience to: mohang@aol.com. Ldr: GEOFF MOHAN. Asst: DAVE MELTZER.

**April 12-13 | Sat-Sun**

**LTC, WTC, DPS**

**TR I Navigation: Places We've Saved Noodle in Mojave National Preserve**

Join us for our 10th navigation outing at this jewel of the Mojave which was preserved under the California Desert Protection Act as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to advanced cross-country navigation 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 Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL SHIELDS, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS, ADRIENNE BENEDICT.

**April 23 | Wed**

**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**

**TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9) Basic Safety System**

First of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of four hours reviewing ropes, 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 email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: DAN RICHTER. Assistant: PATRICK MCKUSKY

**April 26 | Sat**

**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**

**TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9) Belaying**

Second of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club 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 email or sase, phones, resume to Leader: DAN RICHTER. Assistant: PATRICK MCKUSKY

***If you don't protect Southern California from the health and safety impacts of dirty energy...***

# WHO WILL?

*The challenges we face in 2014 have never been so important. Your donation to the Angeles Chapter is spent directly on advocating for environmental concerns in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Without your financial support, many local environmental issues could go unaddressed.*

Please donate online today at:

**<http://tinyurl.com/AngelesDonate2014>**

*Less than \$1 of your annual membership dues comes to the Angeles Chapter. We rely heavily upon your direct donation to fund our important local work. Donations of any size help us reach our goal. Please donate today.*

**April 26-27 | Sat-Sun** **LTC, SPS,DPS**

**TR M/E-R Snow 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 Leader: Nile Sorenson. Co-Leader: Doug Mantle.

**April 26-27 | Sat-Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

**TR | Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle**

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

**May 3 | Sat** **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**

**TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9) Rappelling**

Third of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club 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 email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: DAN RICHTER. Assistant: PATRICK MCKUSKY

**May 3-4 | Sat-Sun** **WTC**

**ET | Quail Mountain (5814)**

This is an "Early Chance" to get your WTC Experience Trip in. Preference given to 2014 WTC students. Enjoy an easy paced, moderately strenuous 13 mi RT 1800' gain backpack to Quail Mountain. We may also bag nearby Minerva Hoyt if time permits. Hike to campsite (4 miles 630 gain), set up camp, bag the peak and back to camp for Happy Hour all on Saturday. Sleep late and eat big Sunday morning, then break camp and hike out to cars. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), and layered clothing. Send email with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: FRANCES PENN (fpenn@rutan.com). Asst Ldr: PAUL WARREN

**May 3-4 | Sat-Sun** **WTC, 20's & 30's Section**

**ET | Eagle Mountain #1 (5350')**

Join us for an enjoyable cross-country backpack trip into the Eagle Mountains of Joshua Tree National Park. 12-mile round-trip with 2400 ft. of gain. The Eagle Mountains are an appealing destination that mark the transition between Colorado Desert and higher-elevation Mojave Desert ecological zones. Desert saltbush, creosote bush and cholla cactus of the low-elevation Colorado Desert give way to uniquely beautiful Joshua Trees as we hike to the peak of Eagle Mountain #1. Saturday we will hike 3.5 miles off-trail to dry camp area, set up camp and then hike 4.2 miles round-trip to summit. Return to camp for happy hour and good conversation. Sunday morning will begin at a leisurely hour to break camp. On the return hike we will visit historic Mastodon Mine and Cottonwood Spring. Bring 10 essentials, all water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (BOWES.BENJAMIN@GMAIL.COM) Assistant: DWAIN ROQUE

**May 10-11 | Sat-Sun** **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**

**TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9) Rock climbing techniques and anchors**

Fourth of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club 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 email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: DAN RICHTER. Assistant: PATRICK MCKUSKY

**May 16-18 | Fri-Sun** **WTC, Long Beach**

**ET | San Gorgonio (11,490), Big Horn (10,997), Dragon Head (10,866)**

Celebrate Wilderness! Bag the highest peak in Southern California and a couple of its neighbors at an enjoyable pace. Backpack via Vivian Creek trail, 5.6 mi, 3350 ft gain to High Creek. Enjoy Happy Hour and a good night's sleep before tackling our peaks on Saturday, approximately 8.5 mi, 2900 ft gain on and off trail over steep, rocky terrain, then pack out on Sunday. Permit limits group size. E-SASE leader with recent conditioning, experience, and your WTC Group Leader's name if applicable. Leader: SHARON MOORE, Co-Leader: SHERRY ROSS.

**May 17-18 | Sat-Sun** **WTC**

**ET | Mt Waterman area "Son of a Nav Pack"**

Looking for an opportunity to improve your navigation skills? Join us on this cross-country romp to the areas around Mt. Waterman. We'll pack in about 3 miles and about 1300' to a dry camp on Saturday. We'll spend Saturday and Sunday exploring the area, practicing navigation, looking for wildflowers and taking in a peak. Sunday we will pack out. Bring enough water for two days. Send email with contact information and recent experience to Adrienne Benedict. Ldrs: ADRIENNE BENEDICT AND ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.



**WTC West LA student Bethany Carreon tops out on 4377 at Joshua Tree. Photo by Tamara Reddy**

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**May 25 – 26 | Sun-Mon****ET | Zion Narrows**

Memorial Day backpack through the Narrows of Zion, the spectacular canyon of the Virgin River in Zion National Park, Utah. Perhaps the most famous hike on the Colorado Plateau, our route takes us through one of the world's largest slot canyons. Much of the hike is done in the river. Participants must arrive in Springdale, UT the afternoon before the trip to pick up rental equipment (canyoneering shoes, wading staff, wet or dry suit as needed), and must be comfortable completing a strenuous 16 mile backpack, as there is no easy exit from the canyon once the trip is underway. Participants must also be able to swim. Budget approx. \$100 for equipment rental and shuttle bus to the start of the hike. Sun a.m. take shuttle bus to the trailhead at Chamberlain's Ranch. Hike 11 miles down canyon to campsite, and spend the night inside the canyon. Mon hike out 5 mi to canyon mouth at the Temple of Sinawava. Rain cancels this trip! Please sign up only if you are certain of your availability. Send email with contact info, conditioning and experience to Ldr: JOSEPH BELL. Asst: SARAH SCHUHQUIST.

**WTC****May 31-Jun 1 | Sat -Sun****MT MR Mount Abbot (13,704')**

Snow mountaineering outing for Sierra Club members only. Sat backpack from Mosquito Flat trailhead to camp by Mills Lake, 3.5 mi, 1,800'. Sun cross-country snow climb of Mount Abbot from Mills Lake, third-class via the Abbot glacier, 2 mi rt, 2000', then pack out. Helmets, ice ax, crampons, medical form and recent snow and 3rd class rock mountaineering experience required. Send e-mail with resume of recent mountaineering experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH. Assistant: MIKE ADAMS.

**WTC/SPS****June 1 | Sun****LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Noodle**

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 Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

**June 7-8 | Sat-Sun****WTC****ET | Mt. Morrison (12,296')**

Moderately-paced class-2 scramble to the top of the "Great White Fang" via the east route. Saturday we'll travel cross country 2 miles, 2,250' gain to the base of Morrison where we'll make camp and enjoy a potluck dinner. Same-day optional class-2 summit of nearby McGee (10,886). Sunday hike 1.5 miles, 2,300' gain to the top of Morrison. Expect loose scree and steep terrain. Return to camp and pack out. Please send hiking/conditioning resume to Rebecca.cummings@csulb.edu. Leaders: REBECCA CUMMINGS and TONYCE BATES. Asst. Leaders: JACK KIEFFER and PHIL BATES.

**May 31 | Sat****LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR | Navigation: Heart Bar Peak (8332')**

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 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 Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS



*Teamwork wins the four-legged snowshoe race for WTC Orange County students Jenny Lee, Suzette Sutton and May Tang. Photo by Vickie Hunt*

**June 14 | Sat**

**LTC, WTC**

**TR | Navigation: 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, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (payable to Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

**June 21-22 | Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET | Cirque Peak (12,900 ft.)**

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

**June 27-29 | Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET | Marion Mtn (10,382'), Jean Peak (10,670'), San Jacinto (10,842')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Fri afternoon backpack from top of Palm Springs Tram to camp at Round Valley (2 miles and 680'). Set up camp and relax Fri night. Sat hike to San Jacinto via trail (3.5 miles and 1,742'), traverse xc to Jean Peak (1 mile and 200'), traverse xc to Marion Mtn (1 mile and 270'), hike xc back to camp (2 miles) and Happy Hour. Sun pack out, (2 miles and 680' loss). WTC or equivalent req'd. If accepted on trip will be req'd to send \$29.95 (for tram ticket and permit). Send e-mail, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: ERIC GRANLUND. Ass't: LINDA CAMPBELL.

**July 3-6 | Thu-Sun**

**Backpacking Committee**

**ET | Yosemite Tamarack Flats High-Country Adventure (Bus Backpack)**

Join us this 4th of July 2014 weekend for this three-day epic adventure from Tamarack Flats to the Valley floor. Along the way we will hike up El Capitan, Eagle Peak and to the top of Yosemite Falls, before descending to the Valley to be picked up for our journey home. Expect a mileage of around 20 miles and an elevation gain of about 3800 ft for the weekend. Eagle Peak ("most comprehensive of all the views to be had on the north...". The Yosemite, John Muir (1912)) is a Class 2 approach with some scrambling. Optional side trips will involve additional distance and gain. We will hike by several beautiful creeks, encounter seasonal flowers, abundant greenery some stunning vistas of the Yosemite back country. Some trails are eroding, expect to work on our route finding skills. Leave LA area on the 3rd of July aboard our luxury bus and return on the 6th. On the bus, enjoy complementary snacks and beverages. Hiking pace will be WTC moderate, with some fun ascents thrown in for good measure. This fun trip is especially suitable for fit WTC students as well as fit graduates of the Sierra Club's Beginning Backpacking Class. No beginners. Group size limited due to permit restrictions. Make check payable to "Backpacking Committee" for \$250 if

you are a current Sierra Club member (include your SC number) or \$275 for non-members. Please include recent conditioning and hiking info, contact e-mail & cell number along with the city you live in, to Leader SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI (gnsridhar@hotmail.com). Co-Leader: SHERRY ROSS.

**July 4-6 | Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET | Thousand Island Lake / Mt. Davis (12,303)**

Starting Friday from Agnew Meadows near Mammoth Lakes, enjoy magnificent views of the Minarets, Mt Ritter and Banner Peak along 9 mi, 2000' gain High Trail portion of PCT en route to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9840') in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Saturday class 2 cross country route to Mt. Davis via North Glacier Pass, 8 miles round trip and 2500' gain. This will be a long strenuous day crossing boulder and possibly snow fields. Sunday pack out 10 mi via JMT and Shadow Creek Trail. Priority given to 2014 WTC students. Wilderness permit \$5; shuttle bus \$7. Send e-mail with contact info, experience, recent conditioning and WTC group leader info to leader: CASEY SAKAMOTO. Ass't: DANIEL KINZEK.

**July 11-13 | Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET | Moose Lake (10,550+')**

Friday backpack from Wolverton Trailhead (7283') in Sequoia National Park to camp at beautiful Alta Meadow (9356', 6.5 miles, 2200' gain), with wildflowers and eye-popping scenery. Saturday we go cross-country to Moose Lake and surroundings (7 mi rt, 2000' gain) to enjoy some spectacular views of the Great Western Divide. We'll return to our camp at Alta Meadow in the afternoon for some lively conversation, relaxation, and happy hour. Sunday morning there will be an optional x-c adventure to Alta Peak (2.5 mi rt, 1,900' gain) for a memorable 360 degree view, then out to the cars. Send experience and conditioning, phone number, info to leader. Ldr CHUCK CURRIER, Asst. Ldr BOB DRYDEN

**July 11-13 | Fri-Sun**

**WTC, SPS**

**ET | Pilot Knob (12,245')**

Come join us for a fun outing in the Humphrey's Basin west of North Lake in the eastern Sierras. The trip will begin on Friday at the Bishop Pack Station near North Lake (elevation 9345') with a backpack over Piute Pass to the Lower Desolation Lake area (approx. 8 miles, 1855' gain). Saturday we will travel cross country east through the Humphreys Basin to Pilot Knob and return to camp for a fun happy hour (approx. 8 miles round trip, 1,050' gain/loss). Pack out on Sunday. Send email and hiking/backpacking resume to co-leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, LINDA ROBB.

**July 12-13 | Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

**ET | Mt. Silliman Backpack and Navigation (11,188)**

Enjoy two moderately paced days backpacking and navigating 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'll backpack from Lodgepole Campground to Silliman Lake via trail and cross-country travel. Saturday night happy hour and navigation presentation (map, compass and GPS). Sunday it's our cross-country climb

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to the top of Mt. Silliman. Then we'll return to Silliman Lake to break camp and hike out to our cars. Perfect for a WTC experience trip. Send email to PAUL WARREN at pwarren@janusetcie.com. Co-Leader FRAN PENN at fpenn@rutan.com.

**July 18-20 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET | Midnight Lake (10,988')**

Enjoy a tour of high alpine lakes on a three-day backpack trip in the John Muir Wilderness spanning over 640,000 acres thanks to the Wilderness Act passed 50 years ago. Starting Saturday from Lake Sabrina (9,128') and climbing 1800' over 6.5 miles to camp by Midnight Lake. On Sunday we will tour cross-country over Class 2 terrain to explore lakes such as Hungry Packer Lake, Topsy Turvy Lake, Pee Wee Lake and Dingleberry Lake. Hike out Monday. Send email with contact info and recent experience to Ldr HOMER TOM. Co-Leader: DAVE SCOBIE

**July 25-27 | Fri-Sun** **Long Beach, WTC**  
**ET | M Mt. San Gorgonio (11,503'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')**

Especially planned for WTC students who enjoyed climbing the rock at J-Tree and want to gain more experience on class 3 rock. 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 by the mountaineers' route, half the gain by 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, allowing you to rest up and be ready for the old grind on Monday morning. WTC/equiv. reqd. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, \$1 for materials, and name of Sierra Club leader as reference to Ldr: JOHN H. Asst: MIKE ADAMS.

**July 26-27 | Sat-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET | Clouddripper (13,525')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Moderately paced but strenuous trip in the South Lake area. Early Sat backpack from South Lake (3 miles, 1750') to Green Lake. Set up camp before heading out to climb Clouddripper (7 miles rt, 2500'). Return to camp for Happy Hour. Sun morning pack out (3 miles and 1750' loss). Send e-mail, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: ERIC GRANLUND. Ass't: STEPHANIE SMITH.

**August 3 | Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**  
**TR | Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle**

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 or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Leader: ROBERT MYERS, Assistant: PHIL WHEELER.

**August 7-10 | Thu-Sun** **SPS/WTC**  
**MT | ER Mt Goddard (13,568'), The Hermit (12,328')**

Strenuous outing into the Evolution area of the central Sierra to climb a pair of the most remote emblem and mountaineer's peaks in the range, Mt Goddard and The Hermit. On Thursday we'll pack from North Lake over Lamarack Col and through the upper Evolution basin to reach Wanda Lake, 12

miles & 4600' gain with much XC. On Friday we'll climb Mt Goddard following the 3rd class Starr's Route, 6 miles and 2800' gain. On Saturday we'll climb The Hermit, which is mainly 2nd class but with a 4-5th class summit block, 7 miles & 1800' gain. Sunday we'll reverse the backpack, 12 miles & 2800' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition, have alpine roped climbing experience, and be comfortable on 3rd class and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: MATT HENGST

**August 8-10 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET | Mt. Davis (12,303)**

On Friday, meet and backpack 8.5 miles via the River Trail from Agnew Meadows (8300') to set up camp at beautiful Thousand Island Lake (9840') in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. We'll have a happy hour and enjoy a Sierra sunset. On Saturday, we will hike a class 2 cross-country route to Mt. Davis (12311') from North Glacier Pass (11,158'), approximately 6 miles roundtrip and 2500' gain. On Sunday we'll pack up and hike out via the scenic High/PCT trail. WTC or equivalent required. Shuttle fee needed for transport from Mammoth Mt. Ski area to trailhead required. Email w/ contact information and recent conditioning to Ldr: NIELS QUIST nquist31@hotmail.com; Asst Ldr: DAVE SCOBIE.

**August 8-10 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET | Joe Devel Peak (13,325), Mount Pickering (13,485), Miter Basin**

Join us for a trip to bag up to three SPS peaks in the Sequoia NP area. Friday we will depart from Horseshoe Meadow and ascend to Soldier Lake, hiking over Cottonwood Pass to a section of the PCT with views of Big Whitney Meadow and Siberian Outpost, 10.7 miles, 1400' gain, 1000' loss. Saturday we will pass through scenic Miter Basin and climb Mount Pickering, then cross the ridge to Joe Devel Peak, 8.8 mi xc Class 2 with 3200' gain, and back to camp for a well-deserved happy hour. Sunday we will return via New Army Pass with an optional detour to nearby Cirque Peak (12,900') on the way, 3.6 miles and 700', and out through beautiful Cottonwood Lakes basin past lakes, meadows, and an old miner's cabin. Total 30 miles, 6,400' gain/loss. WTC or equivalent required. Please email conditioning, recent and high altitude experience, and your WTC group leader's name, if any, to leaders JIM HAGAR and SHARON MOORE

**August 15-17 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET | 20 Lakes Basin Photography/Navigation Backpack**

Spend a weekend photographing nature and practicing navigation in this gorgeous part of the Hoover Wilderness, designated as such under the 1964 Wilderness Act. Friday hike from Saddlebag Lake 2.5 miles to camp at one of the lakes and enjoy shared potluck dinner; Saturday explore the lakes, find a peak, 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-leader: ADRIENNE BENEDICT.

**August 15-17 | Fri-Sun** **WTC, SPS**  
**ET | Let's Climb Clouddripper! (13,525')**

Join us on this adventurous backpack in the John Muir Wilderness, with views of the Palisades Glacier, stunning alpine lakes and a fun climb of Clouddripper-the highest

peak in the Inconceivable Range of the Palisades with a superb payoff- views of several peaks including Mt. Sill, North Pal, Mt. Agassiz, Goode, Humphreys and many more. Friday morning begin backpacking from the North Fork of Big Pine Creek (at Glacier Lodge) to camp at 5th Lake (6 miles 3200 ft of gain on trail). Saturday hike 2.8 miles 2800 ft all cross-country to climb Cloudripper and then return to camp for our legendary Happy Hour. Sunday pack out, and return home. This exciting trip is especially designed for fit WTC students and will count as an experience trip. The gain and elevation make this trip a challenge, good conditioning is a must, but we are taking our time over three days to enjoy the stunning vistas all along the way. Pace will be WTC moderate. Permit limits group size. This is a WTC outing co-sponsored by SPS. Send email with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info along with WTC Group (if any) & Leaders names to Leader: MAT KELLIHER (mkelliher746@gmail.com). Co-leader: SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI. \$7 permit fee.

**August 20-24 | Wed-Sun** **SPS/WTC**  
**MT ER Mt Brewer (13,570'), North Guard (13,327'), South Guard (13,232'), Mt Jordan (13,320'), Mt Geneva (13,054')**

Strenuous outing into the remote Great Western Divide to climb Mt Brewer, an emblem peak along with other interesting peaks as time and stamina allow. Wednesday backpack from Roads End to Reflection Lake, 13.5 miles & 5500' gain. Thursday climb South Guard, Brewer and North Guard, 9.5 miles &

6300' all XC. Friday climb Geneva and Jordan, 5.5 miles & 3700' all XC. Saturday pick up what we missed, or Mt Francis Farquhar. Sunday pack out 13.5 miles. Totals for the outing are 42 miles & 15,500' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition, have alpine 4th class roped climbing experience, and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: JACK KEIFFER

**August 22-24 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET 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: DWAIN ROQUE.

**August 22-24 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET I Payne Lake and Big Pine Lakes**

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

**September 4-6 | Thu-Sat** **WTC, SPS**  
**ET I Dicks Pk (9974'), Mt Tallac (9735), Freel Pk (10,881')**

Ever wonder what it's like north of Yosemite? Here's an opportunity to explore peaks in the Desolation Wilderness SW of Lake Tahoe. Thursday we'll pack into Gilmore Lake via the Glen Alpine Trail (5 miles, 1800'), make camp and climb Dick's Peak (5 miles, 1600'). Friday we'll climb Mt. Tallac (4 miles, 1400') then pack out (5 miles, 0'). Friday night we'll car camp at the Armstrong Pass Trailhead before day hiking Freel Peak on Saturday (11 miles, 2800'). Totals for the trip are 30 miles and 7600' gain. Send recent experience, conditioning, and contact & carpool info to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Asst' Leader: SANDY LARA

**September 5-7 | Fri-Sun** **WTC**  
**ET I Cloudripper (13,525')**

Backpack from Glacier Lodge approx. 6 miles, 3100' gain to camp at Big Pine Lakes, followed by happy hour and sound sleep. Climb Cloudripper Saturday (3 mi./3,000'), then pack out Sunday morning. Good conditioning a must. \$5 permit fee if confirmed. Email conditioning, experience (including WTC group information if applicable), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr EDD RUSKOWITZ. Co-leader: JOHN CYRAN.

**Interested in Becoming a**  
**Sierra Club**  
**Outings Leader?**

The Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, April 12 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

The seminar covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The application is online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. The all-day class costs \$25. Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

**Applications and checks are due March 29!**

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

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**September 13-14 | Sat-Sun****WTC****ET | Golden Trout Lakes (11,391')**

Discover high alpine basins on a backpack trip near Kearsarge Pass. Enjoy 640,000 acres known as the John Muir Wilderness thanks to the 1964 Wilderness Act. Saturday start from Onion Valley (9,200') and climb up 2200' in 2.2 miles on the Golden Trout Lakes trail to a lakeside camp. From camp we will tour cross-country over Class 2 terrain to explore a nearby moraine and touch a glacier. Hike out Sunday after a brisk morning hike. Send email with contact info and recent experience to Ldr HOMER TOM. Co-leader: ANNE MULLINS.

**September 20-21 | Sat-Sun****WTC****ET | North Maggie Mtn (10,234')**

Join us for a casual ramble into the west side of the Golden Trout Wilderness, Southern Sierra. This is an easy paced outing with opportunities for fishing and exploration. Sat we'll hike in to Maggie Lakes (9 miles, 1200'). The afternoon will be at leisure to fish and explore Peck's Cabin. Sunday we'll head for North Maggie Mountain (3 miles, 1100') before breaking camp and packing out (9 miles, 500'). Send recent experience, conditioning, and contact & carpool info to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH

# Outings Leader Directory

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

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**September 21 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle**

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 Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

**October 1 | Wed LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP10) – 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 e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

**October 4 | Sat LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP10) – 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 e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

**October 4-5 | Sat-Sun WTC****ET | Lake Peak (10,161) - Pushing The Limit**

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

**October 11 | Sat LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP10) – 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 e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

**October 11-12 | Sat-Sun WTC****ET | 'Really Last Chance' Graduation Trip**

Easy paced backpacking trip in scenic California desert. We will take exploratory cross-country routes in the Queen Valley

area, taking in a peak along the way. Satisfy WTC requirements on this "really last chance" graduation trip. 9 mile rt, 1000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.

**October 18-19 | Sat-Sun LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP10) – 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 the Alabama Hills and focuses on climbing and anchors. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

**November 1 | Sat LTC, WTC****TR | Navigation: 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, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (payable to Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

**November 15 | Sat LTC, WTC****TR MR Navigation: Workshop on 3rd class terrain**

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

**November 15-16 | Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR | Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle**

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

**December 7 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR | Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle**

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

## GIVE YOURSELF SOME CREDIT

If you are working on an advanced leadership rating for the Sierra Club, you know that to earn an I or higher rating you need 2 days worth of Environmental Awareness credits. Fortunately, the Natural Science Section is offering a variety of options in 2014. Please see the Outings page for more information, visit the online Schedule of Activities, or check these links:

**Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake March 21-23**

<http://bit.ly/1a2Ye9K>

**Channel Islands Adventure March 29-31**

<http://bit.ly/1j4fqyh>

**Nature Knowledge Workshop June 6-8**

<http://bit.ly/19qoSbW>