



# Newsletter

Newsletter of the Wilderness Training Committee



## Breaking Trail

Gary Maxwell breaks trail near South Lake, but others in WTC are also entering new and exciting territory. See page 3 for details.

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# Reservations & Graduations

**Most WTC students** will find the Experience Outings (beginning on page 4) within their abilities. When selecting a trip read the description carefully and contact the leader for additional information. Consider the distance, elevation, duration, and destination, then contact the leader listed in the trip description. Remember that "M" level trips are a bit more technical than those you took during WTC. Trip leaders will select participants that match up well to the trip.

To reserve your place on an outing, send the leader two 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed stamped envelopes (sases) or email 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.

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 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 cannot 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 selecting participants.

*1. Two experience outings must be completed to fulfill course requirements for graduation. At least one of the two outings must be a scheduled Sierra Club outing. The second 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 two 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 reasons, 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.*

*4. WTC graduation is scheduled for October, 2005. Information will be mailed to students and staff approximately two weeks in advance.*

## Tentative Graduation Schedule:

**West LA WTC Graduation, Oct. 15-16, Sat-Sun** at the Keller Peak ski hut. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sun Graduation Ceremony. Please carpool since parking is limited. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

**Long Beach-South Bay WTC Graduation, Oct. 22-23, Sat-Sun** at Sheep Pass Campground Joshua Tree National Park. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

**San Gabriel Valley WTC Graduation, Oct. 22-23, Sat-Sun** at Indian Cove. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Please carpool, due to limited parking permits. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

**Orange County WTC Graduation, Oct. 22-23, Sat-Sun** at Indian Cove Campground Joshua Tree National Park. Car camp. Possible local trail and/or cross country day hikes. Sat evening Graduation Ceremony. Contact your WTC group leader for details.

**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)

**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.

## Tell a Friend

**You may not know this, but most WTC students first hear about the course through a friend or relative. If you've enjoyed WTC, tell a friend. Or a relative, an acquaintance, business associate, your receptionist, the UPS guy (I think his name's Brown), the annoying neighbor down the street with the yappy dog... no, wait; scratch that last one...**

## Headline Deadline

**For publication in the Fall 2005 WTC Newsletter:**

**August 15** Last day for trips to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair. Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

## On The Cover

Gary Maxwell at South Lake, photo by Gary Novotny



# WTC=Volunteers

## Cover Story -

Kay Novotny, WTC Newsletter Editor

**Last issue, we sent out a call for help**, and the response was great! Many thanks to our volunteers who will be filling these necessary WTC staff positions!

Special thanks also go out to the folks who have given their time and attention to ensure WTC continues to be a quality organization.

We would like to welcome our new treasurer, Ted Slap. Ted is stepping into the shoes of our outgoing treasurer, George Denny. Ted is a 2003 WTC graduate, has been an assistant leader with West LA group 4 since 2004, and is on track for his "I" Sierra Club leader rating. Ted brings a strong financial background to the job, since in his "real life", he is Vice President of Finance for the Tennis Channel.

Our new Discount Program Coordinator is Allison Yoon. Allison is a 2004 WTC graduate and an assistant leader for West LA group 2. Her leadership goal is a Sierra Club "M" rating. Allison is engaged to be married soon - congratulations, Allison! Allison is replacing Scott Nelson, who is moving on to become the new Publicity Coordinator.

Scott Nelson has been affiliated with WTC since taking the course as a student in 1996. He is an assistant leader and vice chair for the San Gabriel Valley section. Scott has a long history with the Sierra Club, since he took the BMTC course in 1978. BMTC was the forerunner of the current WTC course. Scott is taking over from Jane Simpson, who has either assisted or led the Publicity effort for the last 5 years. Jane is proud of the WTC 15 year anniversary campaign last year, and of the LA Times article on WTC which was published in the Outdoors Section earlier this year (Please see page 7 for more information). Jane is the chair for the West LA section.

Our new Webmaster is Gary Novotny, who is replacing Bill Valentine. Gary (Marathon Man) Novotny has 8 years of experience in web design and is a 2003 WTC graduate. Both Gary and his wife, Kay, are working toward their Sierra Club "I" leadership ratings, and are assistant leaders for Long Beach group 1.

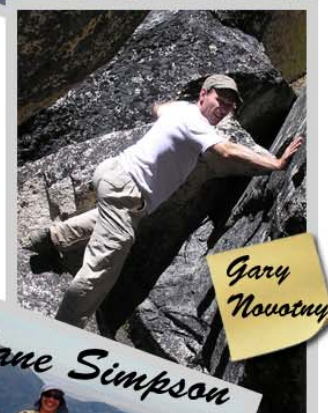
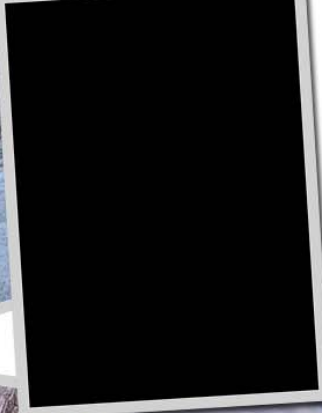
Kay Novotny is our new WTC Newsletter Editor. She is taking over from Edd Ruskowitz's capable hands. Kay is a 2004 WTC graduate, and a professional computer "geek".

Gerard Lewis will also be helping out with the newsletter, authoring a new "ETC" section, which will contain different features each quarter (see page 7). This is in addition to his responsibilities as the WTC Management Committee Secretary, and the West LA section vice chair. Gerard has been a part of West LA group 2 for five years, first as a student, then as an assistant leader.

Gwen Sharp is our new Map Coordinator. She is taking over this position from Bob Beach. Thanks, Gwen and Bob, for making sure all the WTC students know where they are going!

There are also a few people who are stepping up into new management committee positions. K. C. Reid is the new chair for the Long Beach section, and Anne Marie Richardson is the new San Gabriel Valley chair. Kirt Smoot is the new Orange County registrar.

Each of these volunteers, the new and the old, would agree that WTC is a great organization, whose heart and soul is its wonderful volunteers. There is always room for more like-minded folks, so as a student, if you want to extend your WTC experience, talk to your group leaders about becoming a Sierra Club rated leader, and about the opportunities for leaders in the WTC.



# Experience Outings

Please see Outings Leader Directory on pages 8-9 for SASE and contact information.

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

## July

### July 9-11 / Sat-Mon

#### I / Mt. Muah (11,016')

SPS introductory trip above Lone Pine geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack to Ash Meadow 7 mi, 1000 ft of gain. Sun climb Class 2 Mt. Muah 4 mi, 1500' of gain. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eve. Mon backpack out in 7 mi, 1000' of gain. Send sase, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Rick Jali.

### Sierra Peaks

### July 16-17 / Sat-Sun

#### I / Jean Pk (10,670), San Jacinto (10,834), and Folly (10,520)

Moderately paced backpack 2 mi, 800' gain from the Palm Springs Tram to Round Valley on Sat., set up camp. Day hike peaks Sat. Return to cars Sun via tram. Tigers would not be happy on this trip. Size limited due to permit. Send 2 sase with email address recent conditioning, H/W phones to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi, Asst: Susan Richmond.

### WTC

### Jul 16-17 / Sat-Sun **NEW DATE!**

#### M / Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')

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

### WTC

### July 22-24 / Fri-Sun

#### I / Pear Lake Loop Backpack

Moderately strenuous but easy paced trip in the spectacular Sequoia National Park. Friday backpack 6 miles, 2300' gain to camp near Alta Meadow (9400'). Saturday pack XC 6 miles, 2000' gain exploring alpine tablelands on the way to camp at Pear Lake to dribble your toes. Sunday pack out 6 miles to trailhead with breath-taking views of Kaweah River and Tokopah Valley. WTC or equivalent required. Send email or 2 large sase with H/W phones, rideshare info, recent backpack experience/conditioning to Ldr: Dwain Roque. Asst: Adrienne Benedict.

### WTC

### July 23-25 / Sat-Mon

#### I / Mt. Stanford (North), (12,838')

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed, casual and enjoyable. Sat backpack 6 mi and 1,400' of gain to western most Hilton Lake at 10,353'. Sun climb class 2 Stanford in 5 mi rt and 2,500' of gain, all x-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 6 mi and 500' of gain. Send sase, \$5 permit fee per person, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Kent Schwitkis. Naturalist: Sherry Ross.

### Sierra Peaks

### July 23-24 / Sat-Sun

#### I / Mount Agassiz (13,891')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from South Lake trailhead to Bishop Lake, 6 mi, 1400'. Sun climb Mount Agassiz from Bishop Pass, 6 mi rt, 2700', then pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase and e-mail, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins. Co-Ldr: Vaughn Sherman

### WTC

### Jul 23-24 / Sat-Sun **NEW!**

#### I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sat backpack from Lodgepole campground in Sequoia NP approx 3mi on trail & 1 mi XC w/2000' gain to camp by a meadow in Silliman Lake area. Group happy hour Sat evening. Sun climb 4 mi rt, 2,500' gain to Silliman Peak for a "swell view", return to camp, and pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. No tigers please. Send sase with conditioning & recent backpacking experience, H&W phones, contact & rideshare info to Ldr: Gwen Sharp. Asst: Dave Black.

### WTC

### July 29-31 / Fri –Sun

#### I / Sugarbowl Dome (7,881')

On Fri easy to moderate paced backpack in Sequoia National Park 9 miles 750' gain passing giant sequoias to camp. On Sat day hike 4 mi on trail, 2 mi xc, 800' gain through thick woods to Sugarbowl Dome for tremendous views of the Great Western Divide. Sunday pack out. WTC or similar experience required. Send sase or e-mail, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, and rideshare info to Ldr: Ted Slap. Asst: Garen Yegparian.

### WTC

### July 29- Aug 1 / Fri-Mon

#### I / Colosseum Mtn (12,451), Mt. Perkins (12,566), Mt. Pinchot (13,494), Mt. Wynne (13,179)

Join the fun and increase your knowledge of the Sierra on this ambitious mid-season climb of four remote peaks. Friday hike on trail to Mule Lake, 7 miles, 5,400'. Saturday continue over Sawmill Pass to make camp at the beautiful lakes below Mount Cedric Wright, then climb class 1 Colosseum, 6 mi, 3,200' gain. Sunday hike xc on class 2 terrain to climb Perkins, Pinchot, and Wynne, 8.5 mi, 3,750' total gain. Monday hike out, 11.5 mi, 600' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, stating experience, fitness level, and contact info to Ldr: Darrick Danta. Asst: Keith Martin.

### Sierra Peaks, NSS

### July 30-31 / Sat-Sun

#### I / Cloudripper (13,525')

Moderate backpack trip to an SPS peak. Sat backpack from South Lake to camp at Green Lake, 3+ miles, 1300' gain. Optional Sat climb to Hunchback (12,311'), 1+ miles, 1300' gain. Sunday climb to peak, 4 miles, 2900' gain, slight class 3 on summit. WTC required or equivalent. Send sase, or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

### WTC, SPS

## August 5-7 / Fri-Sun

WTC

### I / Mt Mallory (13,850')

ri backpack to camp at Meysan Lake above Whitney Portal, 4.7 mi, 3560' gain, Sat climb Mt. Mallory via 2nd class east slope, 2 mi rt, 2400' gain. Sun pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send email or sase, H&W phones, experience and rideshare info to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Ldr: Marc "RoadKill" Hertz.

## August 6-7 / Sat-Sun

WTC

### I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')

Spectacular view of the Palisades. Sat backpack 4 mi 1600' gain from South Lk to camp near Bishop Lk. Sun climb Agassiz 4 mi rt 2500' gain & backpack out 4 mi. Recent experience on Class 3 & helmet required. Send sase with email, conditioning and experience info and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Sarah Anderson. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

## August 6-7 / Sat-Sun

WTC

### I / Basin Mtn (13,181')

Saturday backpack 4 mi, 2200' gain to camp at Horton Lake. The remainder of Saturday free. Sunday early start xc strenuous climb of Basin, 5 mi rt, 3,200' gain, then break camp and hike out. WTC grads welcome. \$5 permit fee. Send sase or email (preferred) with recent conditioning and experience, day and eve phone, rideshare info to Ldr: Daniel Kinzek. Asst: David Coplen.

## August 6-8 / Sat-Mon

Sierra Peaks, WTC

### I / Red Slate Mtn (13,123')

SPS Intro trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, causal, and enjoyable. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 6 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 4 mi rt, 2,200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send 2 sase, \$5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Greg de Hoogh.

## August 6-7 / Sat-Sun

WTC

### I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sequoia National Park backpack. Sat pack in from Lodgepole, 3.5 mi, 2000' gain to Silliman Lake. Climb class 2 granite friction slabs en route to lake. Sun climb peak 4 mi rt, 2400' gain. After rest on summit, we will return to camp and head home. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, recent backpacking and conditioning info to Ldr: Will Sheehan. Asst: Vaughn Sherman.

## August 12-14 / Fri-Sun

WTC

### I / Florence Pk (12,432')

Introductory outing, with preference given to current WTC students. Meet Friday morning in Mineral King. Backpack to Franklin Lakes, 5 mi, 2700'. Saturday climb Florence Pk, 5.5 mi rt, 2000'. Sunday pack out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase plus email, with recent experience, conditioning, H&W phones, \$5 permit fee, and rideshare info to Co-Ldr: Cheryl Gill, Co-Ldr: Greg de Hoogh.

## August 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC

### I / Mt Langley (14,027')

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Sat backpack from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to upper Cottonwood Lake, 6 mi, 1200'. Sun climb Mt Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000', then pack out. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Jeff Dhungana. Co-Ldr: Neal Robbins.

## August 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC, Sierra Peaks

### I / Mt. Mallory (13,850'), Mt Irvine (13,770')

Sat backpack 4+ mi, 3500' gain to Meysan Lake area, set up camp, fish, explore and relax. Sun climb Mallory and Irvine, 4.5 mi, 3700' gain with rock scrambling and backpack out. Good conditioning required, Send 2 sase/e-mail, experience, H&W phone, rideshare info to: Dan Bovee, Co-Ldr: Greg Roach.

## August 13-14 / Sat-Sun

WTC

### I / 5th Laking Expedition

Sat backpack 3 mi, 1900' gain from South Lake to Saddlerock Lake. We will make camp then explore the area jumping in lakes we missed in previous years. Along the way we will scramble up Chocolate Peak (11,862) 900' gain. Sunday we will look to add to our lakes on our hike out. Send one SASE or ESASE H&W phones email and \$6 permit fee to Ldr: Richard Boardman Asst: Garen Yegparian

## Aug 13-14 / Sat-Sun **NEW!**

WTC

### I / Marion Mtn (10,362')

Hike trail and cross country from Tram to setup base camp in Tamarack Valley. Possible cross-country to climb Cornell and return to camp for happy hour. Sunday hike to Marion Mtn. Other peaks possible if time and conditions permit then hike out. Moderately paced weekend 11 miles, 3700' gain. WTC or equivalent. Send esase (preferred) or sase, H&W phones, ride share info and recent conditioning/hiking experience. Ldr: Patrick Vaughn Asst: Bob Beach.

## August 19-21 / Fri-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

### I / Lone Pine Pk (12,944') Backpack

Moderately strenuous 11-mile rt backpack to Meysan Lake area with climb of one of the most prominent peaks in the Sierra when viewed from Hwy. 395. Fri backpack 5.5 mi, 3000' gain from Whitney Portal up steep trail to over 11,000' near Meysan Lake and set up camp. Sat xc, talus, and scree climb of Lone Pine Peak. Sun pack out and drive home. WTC grads welcome. Not suitable for beginners. Send \$10 permit fee (Wilderness Adventures), recent backpacking experience/conditioning info, 2 sase or email, H&W phones to Ldr: David Coplen. Co-Ldr: Mark Mitchell.

## August 19-21 / Fri-Sun

WTC, Wilderness Adventures

### I / Mt Davis (12,311')

Friday moderate backpack 8.5 miles via River Trail from Agnew Meadows to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake (9840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth, total gain 1500'. Saturday climb class 2 route to Mt Davis from North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2500' gain cross country. Sunday pack out via beautiful scenic High Trail (PCT). WTC or equivalent required. Shuttle bus fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mt ski area to trailhead required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Ldr: Adrienne Benedict.

## August 19-21 / Fri-Sun

WTC

### I / Mt Silliman (11,177')

Fri moderate 6.5 mi, 2600' gain backpack to Twin Lakes (9430'). Sat begin very early for xc climb to Mt Silliman, 6 mi, 1800' gain rt. Sun backpack out. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. Send check for \$5 permit fee, 2 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Karl Blette. Asst: Garen Yegparian.

## August 20-21 / Sat-Sun

Wilderness Adventures, WTC

### I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Poetic Peak Experience. Backpack 3+ mi, 1600' gain from North Lake to camp at Upper Lamarck Lake. Climb 3 mi, 2500' gain on class 2 route to summit. Share your favorite poems at the summit and evening Happy Hour. Backpack out on Sun. Send 2 sase, or email, w/complete contact info and resume of recent backpacking and climbing experience to Ldr: Jason Lynch. Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson.

## August 20-21 / Sat-Sun

Sierra Peaks, WTC

### I / Mt Tom (13,652')

Strenuous climb to the top of massive Mt. Tom out of Bishop. Sat. backpack 4 mi., 2200' to camp at Horton Lake. Sun. climb Tom 7 mi. rt, 3700', pack out 4 mi. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Melissa Kane. Asst: Edd Ruskowitz.



## August continued

**August 20-21 / Sat-Sun**

**Sierra Peaks**

### **I / Mt Baldwin (12,615), Bloody Mtn (12,552)**

Enjoy great scenery and a full moon on this trip in the beautiful Convict Lake area. Saturday pack to Mildred Lake, set up camp, then climb Baldwin, 8.7 mi (4.2 xc), 5,000' gain. Sunday climb Bloody, then pack out, 10.7 mi (2.2 xc), 4,000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, stating experience, current fitness level, and contact info to Ldr: Darrick Danta. Asst: Barry Holchin.

**August 20-21 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

### **M / Mt. Emerson (13,204')**

From North Lake trailhead. Sat. bkpk 3.5 mi, 1430' gain to Loch Leven lake. Sun climb peak by class-3 route, 2400' gain, then out. Send 2 sase, resume w/recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones and email if prefer & \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Mike Bolde. Asst: Pat Bolde.

**August. 20-21 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / Alta Peak (11,204')**

Sat. backpack in via Wolverton/Alta Pk trail. If time permits, explore Alta Meadow. Sat night shared happy hour. Sun climb peak via xc route. Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equiv required. Send e-sase or two sases with H & W phones, backpacking resume and rideshare info to Ldr: KC Reid Asst: Mike Dillenback

**Aug 20-21 / Sat-Sun *NEW!***

**WTC**

### **I / Cirque Pk (12,900')**

Sat backpack 5.5 mi, 1200' gain from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to Third Lake. Bring appetizer or dessert to share Sat night. Sun early climb of peak, 4 mi rt, 1700' gain. Return to camp and pack out. Send email (preferred) or 2 sase of recent experience and conditioning, phone and rideshare info to Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke. Asst: Kristen Mahaffey

**August 20-22 / Sat-Mon**

**Sierra Peaks**

### **I / Mt Julius Caesar (13,200')**

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack above Honeymoon Lake, camping at 10,600' (7 mi and 3200' gain). Sun climb class 2 Julius Caesar (9 mi rt, 2600' gain with xc.) Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 7 mi and 3200' loss. Send sase, \$5 permit fee per person, conditioning and experience, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Greg De Hoogh.

**August 26-29 / Fri-Mon**

**Sierra Peaks**

### **I / Mt Brewer (13570'), Mt Bago (11870')**

Visit this SPS emblem on 4 day pack, bagging Bago on the way just because it's there. 35 miles, 12,000' gain from Onion Valley. No plans to climb North Guard. Email or sase to George with recent conditioning, contact, and rideshare info Ldrs: George Wysup, Pat Arredondo, Gary Schenk.

**August 27-28 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC, SPS**

### **I / Mt Goode (13,085'), Mt Agassiz (13,893')**

Gourmet Backpack! Join us for a weekend of high-altitude decadence. Sat backpack 5 mi, 1400' to Bishop Lake for an elegant dinner. Sun work off those calories and enjoy gorgeous views with 2 mi, 1900' climb of Goode; depending on conditions may ridge-hop 3 mi, 2000' gain to Agassiz. Send e-mail or sase with recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

**August 27-28 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / North Maggie Mtn (10,234')**

Easy backpack, moderate SPS peak climb. Late Sat morning pack in from Shake Camp trailhead, Mountain Home Forest, through Sequoia grove (3+ mi, 1300' gain, 600' loss). Sun early start, climb peak xc and through much brush (5 mi rt, 3000' gain), break camp and pack out. Send sase/email conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Asst: Richard Boardman.

## August continued

**August 27-28 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / Mt Stanford (North), (12,838')**

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

## September

**September 9-11 / Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / Ediza and Thousand Island Lakes Loop**

Lake-bagging in the Ansel Adams Wilderness after the crowds and mosquitoes have gone. Fri moderate 7 mi backpack to camp at Ediza Lake. Sat 5 mi xc backpack to Nydiver Lakes, Garnet Lake and camp at Thousand Island Lake. Sun backpack out 9 mi via high trail. Send 2 sase (or email), contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Karl Blette. Co-Ldr: Bill Jackson.

**September 9-11 / Fri-Sun**

**Sierra Peaks, WTC**

### **I / Joe Devel Pk (13,327')**

From Horseshoe Meadows we'll moderately pack in 11 mi., 1700' gain/1000' loss over Cottonwood Pass to camp at Lower Rock Creek Lake. Sat. climb Joe, 5 mi., 2600', then happy hour and campfire (woohoo!). Sun. pack out. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane.

**September 10-12 / Sat-Mon**

**Sierra Peaks**

### **I / Bloody Mtn. (12,552')**

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

**September 17-18 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / North Maggie Mt (10,234')**

Sat hike in from Hidden Falls (Mt. Home State Forest) through beautiful Sequoia grove to camp along middle fork of Tule River (2 mi. - 900' gain). Climb peak Sat afternoon xc (2.5 mi. 3025' gain) along forested/brushy route to top. Return to trail head. Send email/sase with recent conditioning, experience, ride-share info (WTC students include area/group, and leader) to Ldr: John Cyran. Asst: Ron Campbell.

**September 17-18 / Sat-Sun *NEW!***

**Wilderness Adventures, WTC**

### **I / Mt Morgan (13,748')**

Backpack: Starting at Rock Creek Lake trailhead, backpack 4 mi, 1300' gain to camp at Francis Lake (10,900'). Then dayhike 8 mi, 2800' gain to summit via cl 2 route. Enjoy Happy Hour and group camaraderie Sat evening. Backpack out on Sun. Send 2 sase or email, w/complete contact info and resume of recent backpacking and climbing experience to Ldr: Jason Lynch. Co-Ldr: David Copen.

**September 23-25 / Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

### **I / Mt. Silliman (11,188')**

Fri backpack approx 4 mi, 2000' gain on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2,500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. No tigers please. There will be a permit fee of approx \$3 each collected at the hike. Send esase with contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Cheryl Gill. Co-Ldrs: Janet Yee, Jane Simpson.

## September continued

**September 24-26 / Sat-Mon**

**WTC, Sierra Peaks**

**I / Silver Peak (11,878')**

Join us for a 3-day backpack on the western side of the Sierra north of Lake Thomas Edison. Saturday backpack 5 mi to camp at Devil's Bath Tub Lake with time for fishing and or relaxing. Sun climb peak 10 mi. 4000 gain rt. Mon. retrace our steps back to the cars. Good condition required. Send email or sase with conditioning, experience, phones to Ldr: Greg Roach. Co-Ldr: Mirna Roach.

## October

**October 1-2 / Sat-Sun**

**Sierra Peaks, WTC**

**I / North Maggie Mtn (10,234')**

Join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sierra Peaks Section. Great intro to SPS backpack for recent WTC graduates interested in bagging their first peak in the Western Sierra. Plan on a leisurely start Saturday morning from Hidden Falls campground. Backpack in (2-3 miles) followed by happy hour Saturday night. Sunday morning peak climb (approx. 3 miles, 3000 ft. gain) cross-country. Return to the cars Sunday late afternoon. Send email with experience (including WTC group information) and contact information to Ldr: Jennie Thomas. Asst: Greg Roach.

**Oct 1-2 / Sat-Sun *NEW!***

**Wilderness Adventures, WTC**

**I / Last Chance Backpack to Tahquitz Peak**

This is your last chance to graduate WTC! Sat backpack, 4 mi 1600' gain, from Humber Park in Idyllwild to Tahquitz Valley and set up camp. Then dayhike to the summit of Tahquitz Peak Sat afternoon and return to camp and enjoy a garbage-bag Salad. Sun hike to Skunk Cabbage Meadows and Red Tahquitz Peak, return to camp and pack out. Must carry all the water you need for the weekend. (Sorry!) Send 2 sase (or email), resume of conditioning & experience, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Georgette Rieck. Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch.

**October 8-9 / Sat-Sun**

**WTC**

**I / San Jacinto (10,804'), Cornell (9,721')**

Sat backpack 6 mi, 3300' gain, from Humber Park to Round Valley; climb Cornell to lunch ledge. Sun climb San Jacinto 1700' gain: out. Send 2 sase, resume with recent experience and conditioning, home and work phones and email if preferred to Ldr: Mike Bolde. Asst: Pat Bolde.

**Oct 8-9 / Sat-Sun *NEW!***

**WTC**

**I / Quail Mtn (5,813')**

Backpack in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Sat hike 5 mi with easy gain to Juniper Flats and set up camp. Continue xc 2 mi hike 1000' gain to the highest peak in the park with stunning view all around and even a chance to see Big Horn Sheep. Dry camp-you must carry all of the water you will need. Sun hike out. Send ESASE, H&W phones, ride share info and recent conditioning/hiking experience to Ldr: Patrick Vaughn. Asst: Bill Jackson.

## Embedded Reporter?

In February and March of this year, WTC Long Beach Group 1 had an L. A. Times correspondent embedded within their group. The correspondent, Geoffrey "Pizza Please" Mohan, was tasked with submitting an article about the WTC experience for the L. A. Times Outdoors section. To read the account of his adventures, and see a video of his trip to snow camp, go to the WTC website and click the link at the bottom of the page.

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# The Gnarly Stuff

**Technically Challenging Trips – typically not suited for WTC students.**

**Strong WTC students with prior mountaineering experience may qualify.**

**August 26-28 / Fri-Sun**

**WTC**

**M / Mt Ritter (13,143'), Banner Pk (12,945')**

Join us for an excellent climb of an SPS Emblem peak, Mount Ritter, together with its neighbor, Banner Peak. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior ice axe and crampon experience. Fri, hike in 6.8 miles, 1300 feet of gain from Agnew meadows to Ediza Lake. Sat, alpine start and climb both Ritter and Banner. Sun pack out via Devil's Postpile. Send sase with \$5 check for permit fee, resume, conditioning, SC# and email address to Ldr: Ed Cottone. Asst: Doug Mantle.

**September 3-5 / Sat-Mon**

**WTC, Sierra Peaks**

**M / Mt. Tyndall (14,018')**

Climb in autumn up a 14'er. Part of the SPS 50th Anniversary Observance. Strenuous 8 mi 4000' gain up Shepard Pass Trail to Anvil Camp on Sat. Sun climb Tyndall via class 3 north rib and back to camp (6 mi rt, 4000' gain). Mon hike out. Recent 3rd class rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send sase/email with SC#, H&W phone, climbing resume, current conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Scott Leavitt. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

**Sept 17-19 / Sat-Mon *NEW!***

**Sierra Peaks, WTC**

**M / Mt Gayley (13,510'), Temple Crag (12,976')**

Sat 5 mi, 2400' gain backpack from Glacier Lodge to base camp west of Willow Lake; Sun climb Gayley 2 mi, 3100' gain via "Yellow Brick Rd"; Mon climb Temple Crag 1.5 mi 2700' gain via SE face and pack out. Send e-mail & SASE, H&W phones, recent conditioning & experience, rideshare info and \$5 check for permit fee made out to 'SPS' to leader. Ldr: Virgil Popescu, Asst: Patty Rambert.

**September 23-25 / Fri-Sun**

**Sierra Peaks, WTC**

**M / Tower Pk (11,755')**

Join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sierra Peaks Section. Northern Sierra Class 3 Mountaineers Peak. Strenuous trip (29 miles RT, 4500' gain) restricted to Sierra Club members. Participants must be comfortable on Class 3 rock. Friday backpack from Leavitt Meadows Trailhead to camp at Tower Lake (13 miles, 2400' gain). Saturday climb peak (2100' gain) and pack out part way for short hike out on Sunday. Send e-mail with experience and recent conditioning to Ldr: John Cheslick. Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert

## Coming Next Issue...

**Beginning next issue**, we will have a new standard feature for the WTC newsletter, called "ETC".

The ETC section will contain a variety of features, including question and answer sessions, garage sales for placing that under-used equipment, and other features.

Our premiere feature for the Fall newsletter will be a question and answer session - "Everything you want to know about becoming a Sierra Club leader, but are afraid to ask."

Gerard Lewis, an assistant leader for West LA Group 2 will be the driving force behind this section.

If you have ideas for features you would like to see, or material which he can use, Please send him an e-mail at [Ahumada@aol.com](mailto:Ahumada@aol.com).

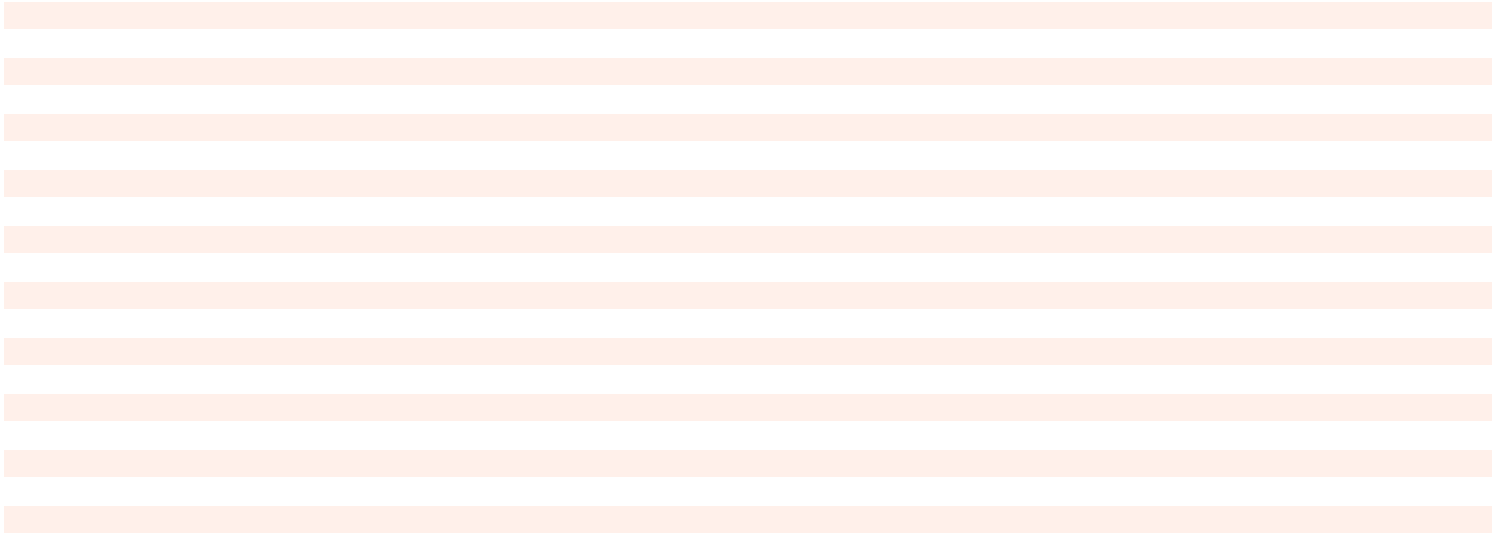
We also always appreciate trip write-ups and photographs from WTC outings, both during class and experience trips. Please send trip write-ups or submissions to:

Kay Novotny, Newsletter Editor, [knovo@comcast.net](mailto:knovo@comcast.net).

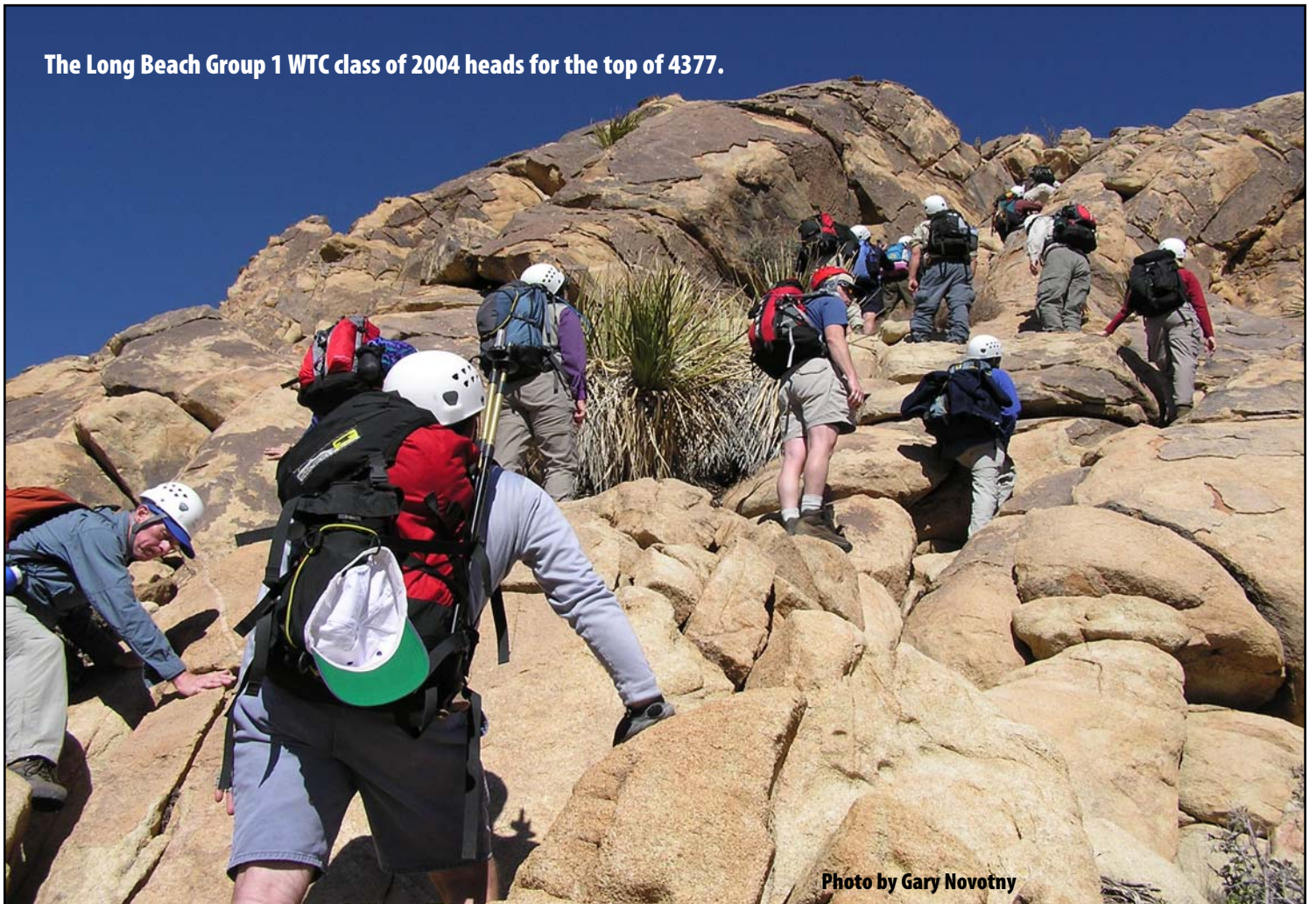


# Outings Leader Directory

Please see the Outings Leader Directory on pages 8-9 of the WTC Newsletter print version for SASE and contact information



The Long Beach Group 1 WTC class of 2004 heads for the top of 4377.







**A successful summit team, led by Kristin Mahaffey and Janet Yee, decorates the top of Quail Mountain, October, 2004. Back (LtoR): Fred, Claire, Lloyd, Yvette, Jesse, Kay, Gary, Alan. Front (L to R): Vince, Kristin, Sharon, Lisa, Lester. Photo by Janet Yee.**

# Outings of Interest

Most WTC students should find these outings within their abilities. Unfortunately, these trips do not qualify for WTC graduation; they're just really, really interesting.

**July 23 / Sat**

**WTC, Desert Peaks**

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

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

**July 30 / Sat**

**Hundred Peaks, WTC**

## **O / Baldylocks and the Three T's**

You know the story: Baldylocks heads out from her Mt. Baldy Village home at the strike of dawn and hikes up 6000' in 6 miles to the top of Mt. Baldy (10,064') where, gazing eastward, she spies Mama T, Papa T and Baby T, aka the Three T's. "A T party!" she exclaims and scrambles over Devil's Backbone, past the ski lift and up Thunder Mt. (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985') and Timber Mt. (8303') before descending Icehouse Canyon to a waiting car shuttle. "Only 20 miles and 8600' gain -- this hike was ju-u-u-u-st right!" This will be a very long and very strenuous hike, paced to complete pre-dark. But if you think this hike is just right, too, email your conditioning, experience and contact info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Asst: Melissa Kane.

**July 30 / Sat NEW!**

**WTC**

## **O / Geocache Romp in Griffith Park**

Hold that map, hold that compass and get out your GPS units. Join with us as we search for geocaches in Griffith Park. We plan to cover about 8 - 10 miles on this moderate trek through our country's largest urban park. For information and details contact Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Ann Pedreschi.

**September 9-11 / Fri-Sun**

**Sierra Peaks**

## **I / Trail Pk (11,623'), Wonoga Pk (10,371')**

Leisurely paced ascents of two unlisted peaks with time to reflect on the just under 50 full years since SPS' founding. Camp Fri pm at Tuttle Cr (5120') near Lone Pine with extended happy hour; move Sat am on paved road to Horseshoe Mdw (10,000'). Sat climb mostly Class 1 Trail Pk, on the SPS' first qualifying list, from the Pacific Crest Trail, 8-10 mi rt depending on route options with 1700' gain. Then, a long happy hour. Sun climb easy Class 2 Wonoga from Little Cottonwood Cr, 2 mi rt with 1100' gain. Send sase with H&W phones & email address to Asst Ldr. Ldrs: Gordon Macleod & Barbara Lilley. Asst Ldr: Jerry Keating.

**September 9-12 / Fri-Mon**

**Sierra Peaks**

## **I / Leavitt Peak (11,569'), Stanislaus Peak (11,233'), Blackhawk Mtn (10,247'), Disaster Peak (10,047')**

Spend Grandparents' Day hiking trails and some xc in the Sonora Pass area on this SPS introductory trip. Leavitt 12 miles 3700' gain; Stanislaus 9 miles 2600' gain; Blackhawk 23 miles 6500' gain (early start!); Disaster 7 miles 3600' gain. Car camps between. Climb any or all. Paved hwy driving. Email or sase to George with recent conditioning, contact, and rideshare info Ldrs: George Wysup, Pat Arredondo, Asher Waxman.

**Sep 24 / Sat NEW!**

**WTC**

## **I / Geocache Romp in the Santa Monica Mountains**

Map and compass getting you down? Need gadgets? Get out your GPS units and join with us as we search for geocaches in the Santa Monica Mountains. We plan to cover about 8 - 10 miles on this moderate trek through one of our Southern California treasures that the Sierra Club was instrumental in saving. For information and details contact Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Ann Pedreschi

**October 29 / Sat**

**Outings Management Committee**

## **Chapter Outings Assembly**

All Outings Chairs, Outings Leaders, and outings participants are invited to this conference. Discussions of policies, procedures, and practices. Possible training opportunities. Save the date. Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. For more information see the LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/schedule.html>

**Nov 13 / Sun NEW!**

**20's and 30's Singles, WTC**

## **I / Carey's Castle**

Joshua Tree National Park mystery whose location is a long held secret. Carey's Castle constructed within the outcropping of granite boulders is an old miner's cabin. 8 mi xc, 1275' gain, with class 2 boulder scrambling. Bring water, lug soles and layered clothing. Send sase or email. H&W phones, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: David Meltzer. Co-Ldr: Kristen Mahaffey

**Jan 14-16 / Sat-Mon**

**Nordic Ski Touring, WTC**

## **I / Mountain Home State Forest Ski Tour**

Ski tour and snow camp among the sequoias. Sat ski with overnight packs up unplowed road to Balch County Park, 4 mi., 1300' gain, and set up camp. Sun loop excursion, 10 mi., 400' gain/loss past the Hercules tree, return for group happy hour. Mon ski back to cars. Intermediate cross-country skills and snow camping experience required. Lack of snow cancels. Send email and experience info to Ldr: Maria Roa. Co-Ldr: Anne Bittner

## **Environmental awareness credit opportunities for advanced LTC leader candidates ("I","M","E") include animal tracking, native and edible plants, nature awareness, field ecology courses and trips:**

- Jim Lowery's Earth Skills, 1113 Cougar Ct., Frazier Park, CA 93225; (661) 245-0318; ([www.earthskills.org](http://www.earthskills.org)) for a schedule of classes. Specialties: Animal tracking, native plants, wilderness skills.
- Chris Nyerges' School of Self-Reliance, P.O. Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041; (323) 255-9502; [www.self-reliance.net](http://www.self-reliance.net). Specialties: Native and edible plants.
- Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, CA 91711; (909) 625-8767; ([www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org)). Specialties: Seminars & field trips on California native plants.
- Joshua Tree National Park Association, 74485 National Park Dr., 29 Palms, CA 92277; (760) 367-5525; [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org). Specialties: Field classes on desert ecology, geology.
- Local community college or University extension courses in an earth science or biological discipline



# Training Opportunities

Most WTC students will find these trips within their abilities.

**September 17 / Sat *NEW!***

**LTC**

## **Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in Oct 1 seminar. Next seminar: Spring 2006. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc>. No registration after this date or at the door. Registrar: Steve Botan.

**September 25 / Sun**

**LTC, WTC**

## **I/M/E / 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. To receive homework assignment, send sase, navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, and H&W phones to Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst: Bob Bradshaw.

**Oct 1 / Sat *NEW!***

**LTC**

## **Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! Griffith Park, Los Angeles County. See application on LTC web site: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc> Deadline for application submittal is Sep 24 prior to seminar date. No registration at the door. Registrar: Steve Botan.

**Oct 1 / Sat *NEW!***

**LTC, WTC**

## **I / Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic**

5 mi, 500' gain. Spend the day one on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert leaders will attend; many "I" rated leaders started here in the past. Recent no-shows require a \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with check made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman

**Oct 22 / Sat**

**LTC, WTC**

## **I / Sheep Pass Navigation**

Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw.

**Nov 5 / Sat *NEW!***

**LTC, Harwood, WTC**

## **C / Wilderness First Aid Introduction**

1-day course introducing basic topics of wilderness first aid. Not offered to meet I/M/E wilderness first aid training requirement. A current Angeles Chapter leader rating or a previous CPR course. Fee (\$50) includes lunch and snacks. For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster. See <http://home.mindspring.com/~sks.wfac/>

**November 6 / Sun**

**LTC, Harwood, WTC**

## **C / Wilderness First Aid Course Refresher**

1-day course suitable as a refresher. Not offered to meet I/M/E wilderness first aid training requirement. A previous wilderness first aid training course of at least 24 hours within eight years is a prerequisite. Fee (\$50) includes lunch and snacks. For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster. See <http://home.mindspring.com/~sks.wfac/>

**Nov 12-13 / Sat-Sun**

**LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, WTC**

## **M/E / Indian Cove Rock Checkoff**

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. At Joshua Tree National Park. Practice and instruction available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training on rock. Send 2 sases, SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: Dan Richter. Co-Ldr: Pat McKusky.

**Nov 12-13 / Sat-Sun**

**LTC, WTC**

## **I / Indian Cove Navigation**

Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

**Feb 11 / Sat**

**Angeles Chapter**

## **This is the date of our annual Volunteer Training Workshop.**

New members of management committees are among the primary beneficiaries of this program, but all members benefit from the variety of training and informational sessions included in the workshop. Help strengthen our chapter and plan to attend this event. If you have any questions, would like to participate in the Workshop, or help organize it, contact Garen Yegparian at 818/563-3918 or by email at [yeghpairiank@earthlink.net](mailto:yeghpairiank@earthlink.net).

## **Free CPR and First Aid**

Thanks to a grant from the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation (FACF), the Leadership Training Committee is again offering free CPR and First Aid Training in 2005. The one-day class satisfies the CPR requirement for an "O" level leadership rating, as well as the Sierra Club's National Leader Standards for 1st aid currency. It also satisfies National Parks leader requirement for CPR.

Please note: This is not a Wilderness 1st Aid course and it does not count toward the Sierra Club WFA requirement for I, M or E ratings, nor for the Sierra Club WFA refresher. However, this course does fulfill the CPR component of the Sierra Club "O" leadership rating, National Leader Standards for 1st aid currency and National Parks requirements.

The 2005 class schedule will be conducted on Saturdays on the following dates:

**July 16 – Los Angeles**

**September 17 – Los Angeles**

**September 17 – Orange County**

**November 5 – Los Angeles**

**November 12 – Orange County**

The Los Angeles classes will be held at the Los Angeles American Red Cross offices at 2700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. The Orange County classes will be held at a residence in Newport Beach, on the Balboa peninsula.

For all the details, including information on how to sign up for free CPR and First Aid Training go to [www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc) and click on the "Free CPR & First Aid Classes" link.



Long Beach Group 1 WTC traverses rock in Joshua Tree NP



Photo by Gary Novotny