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September Silliman Success

Scenic summit seduces students to scale steep salient slabs. See additional outings that qualify for experience trips starting on page 4.

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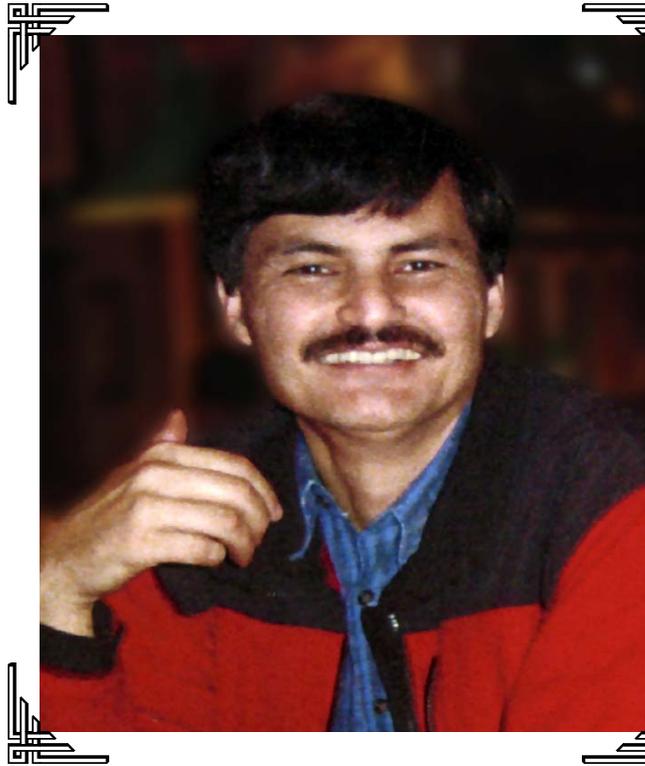
Remembering Gary Embrey

By Adrienne Benedict

I first met Gary seven years ago, when I was a WTC student in West LA, and he was one of the group assistants. Gary was a friendly, gentle, and patient teacher with an offbeat sense of humor. He could, and would, talk to anyone about anything – from politics and history to the identity of the animal that made the tracks we came across on the trail.

Gary was with BMTC from 1985 - 89 and with WTC from 1999 - 2004, which allowed him to combine his loves of teaching, climbing and the outdoors. His love of nature and fighting spirit also led him to become an elected member of EXComm for 2 years where he was instrumental in revising and improving the management of the Angeles Chapter's Outings program.

He enthusiastically encouraged his students and his friends in their outdoor adventures. "Gary was a caring and wonderful friend", recalls Cheryl Gill. "Especially when I would get scared on scary stuff and he would help me along the way. He is one of the reasons that I can even climb the smallest rocky summit to this day."



He was a dedicated recycler and "gear head". Only Gary could combine a soda can, a cat food can, and turkey lacing pins to come up with the perfect ultra-light backpacking stove setup. True to form, he gave them away to all of his friends. He had a generous heart.

Gary, in his own words, was an "intermediate tele skier. Trad lead 5.8 - 5.9 at Tahquitz, Yosemite & Joshua Tree. Instructor SCMA Trad Lead Workshop 2000 - put those cams away, dude, it's only 5.6! Led WI 2 - like pound ins!"

Gary Embrey died February 6, 2006 after a climbing accident on Mt. Baden-Powell. He was 50.

Gary served for two years as an elected member of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. During that time he was instrumental in helping to revise and improve the management of our outings program. He served as the first Chair of the new Outings Management Committee

Graduations

Graduations are currently scheduled for October 21 and 22 at Indian Cove in Joshua Tree National Park. This schedule is subject to change, and additional information will be available in the next WTC newsletter.

Trips Liability Notice

Liability Waiver Notice To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To see a copy of this waiver prior to attending the outing, please see www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms

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.

Headline Deadline

For publication in the Summer 2006 WTC Newsletter:

May 20 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

WTC student Devin Frank finds his way up the friction slabs at Mt Silliman as fellow student Lisa Springer waits her turn. Photo by Gary Novotny.

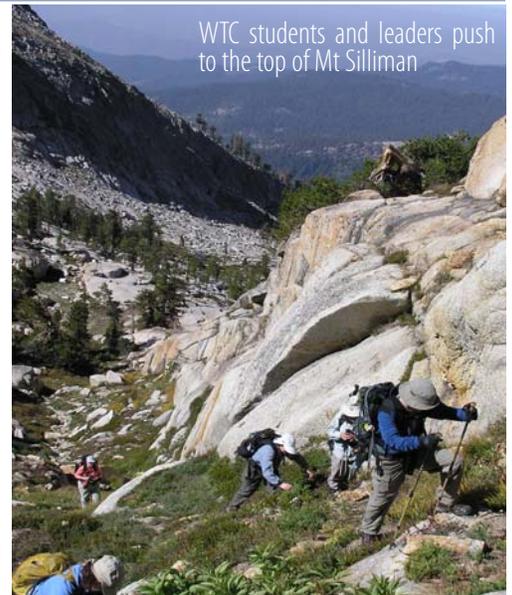
Destination... WTC Adventure!

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

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

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

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



WTC students and leaders push to the top of Mt Silliman

To reserve your place on an outing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilderness Training Committee (WTC)

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

Sierra Peaks Section (SPS)

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

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS)

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

Desert Peaks Section (DPS)

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

Wilderness Adventures Section (WAS)

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

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

Outings

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

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



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



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



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



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

March

Mar 12 / Sun

WTC, 20s & 30s Singles

O / Devil's Punchbowl

Slow-paced 13 mi rt hike, 2700' total gain, nearly half of which is on the return. No tigers. We'll start at South Fork Campground and hike to County Park HQ and visitor center, stopping en route at the Devil's Chair. Spectacular views of the geologic features of the Punchbowl, including the Punchbowl fault crush zone (part of the San Andreas fault system). Return via same route. Meet 8am at Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch, lugsoles, fsp. Rain cancels. Ldr: Melody Anderson, Asst: Bill Jackson.

Mar 17-19 / Fri-Sun

Natural Science

O / Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake

Join us for two days of cross-country skiing, tracking and naturalizing in the spectacular Mammoth-June Lake area. Intermediate ski touring ability required. This trip satisfies the Natural Science requirement for the I-rating. Fee of \$60 includes naturalist instruction, breakfast and trail lunches and accommodation at a local Sierra Club member's home on Fri and Sat night. Reserve a place by March 1st, by sending SASE and \$60 check payable to Sierra Club - Natural Science Section, to leaders: Ginny and Jim Herring.

Mar 18 / Sat

LTC

Leadership Training Seminar

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in April 1 seminar, to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Next seminar: Fall 2006. Registrar: Steve Botan.

Mar 18 / Sat

LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, WTC

M/E / Stony Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff

This intermediate and advanced practice and workshop (in Chatsworth) is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip; to participate you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have some prior basic training/experience on rock. Send sase, email, SC#, H&W phones, climbing resume to Ldr: Ron Hudson. Co-Ldrs: Dan Richter, Patty Rambert.

Mar 19 / Sun

WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / Little Berdoo (5440') and Bernard (5430')

Join us for a great day in Joshua Tree National Park climbing two HPS peaks. WTC students, this is an opportunity to stay in shape for the approaching climbing season. Moderately paced, strenuous hike over varying terrain. We will do both peaks as a

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loop resulting in 12+ miles and 3500' of elevation gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Send email (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: Jennie Thomas. Asst: Ron Campbell.

Mar 25 / Sat

Sierra Peaks, WTC

M / Mt Baldy (10064) Snow Climb

Strenuous 3900' gain, 8 miles. Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe & crampon proficiency. Group size limited. Call leaders for reservation & verification of qualifications. Ldr: Don Croley. Co-Ldr: Tom McDonnell.

Mar 25-26 / Sat-Sun

WTC

I / Eagle Mt # 1 (5320)

11 mi rt, 2400' gain in the remote Eagle Wilderness of southeastern Joshua Tree National Park. We will start at Cottonwood Springs and visit historic Mastodon Mine before traveling xc to our dry campsite at the base of the Eagle Mts; 3.5 mi, 700' gain to camp. From our camp, we will travel xc 2 mi, 1700' gain to summit the highest peak in the Eagle Mts. WTC or similar experience. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Susan Richmond.

April

Apr 1 / Sat

LTC

Leadership Training Seminar

Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! To be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 18. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2006. See ad p xx. Registrar: Steve Botan.

Apr 1 / Sat

Hundred Peaks

I / Sawtooth (5200'), Burnt Peak (5780'), Liebre Mountain (5760')

Easy way to bag all 3 peaks in the Liebre range. The wildflowers to the North should be beautiful. Approximate total hiking with about 9.8 miles and 2500' gain. Meet 8:30 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Leader: Harvey Ganz Co-Leaders: Kent Schwitkis, Marlen Mertz.

Apr 1 / Sat

Hundred Peaks

O / Wilson Ridge Cleanout

San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Deception (5796'), Mount Disappointment (5960'+), Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'), Occidental Peak (5732'), and Mount Wilson (5710'). Gather all the HPS peaks along Wilson Ridge on this classic skyline above Pasadena, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Call

April

or email leader Mon-Thu the week before the hike for trip info. Leader: Tom Hill Co-Leaders: George Wysup, Lilly Fukui

Apr 1 / Sat **Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks I / Slide Peak (7841'), Mill Peak (6670'), Keller Peak (7882') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep)**

15th semi-annual Spring Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with a few more peaks. Moderately paced 10 miles, 2200' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia via Running Springs. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with conditioning and carpool info to Leader: Barry Holchin Co-Leader: Wayne Voltaire

Apr 8-9 / Sat-Sun **I / Carey's Castle Mystery Backpack** WTC

8 mi rt, 1300' gain on xc route in remote Eagle Wilderness of southeastern Joshua Tree National Park. We will backpack 1 mi to dry camp and after setting up camp hike xc 3 miles to Carey's Castle, an intact miner's cabin. Class 2 rock climbing requires WTC or similar experience. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Bill Jackson.

Apr 8-9 / Sat-Sun **I / Indian Cove Navigation** LTC,WTC

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

Apr 8-9 / Sat-Sun **M/E / Indian Cove Rock Checkoff** LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, WTC

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 sase, SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: Dan Richter Co-Ldr: Pat McKusky.

Apr 15 / Sun **M / Strawberry Pk (6164')** WTC

6 mi rt, 2700' gain. Unhurried, short, steep, climb up south-facing Colby Canyon to the 3rd class west ridge of the highest peak in the vicinity. Mildly exposed route, comfort with rock scrambling required. Bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch, lugs/soled boots or shoes. Rain cancels. Meet La Canada rideshare 7 am. Ldr: Will McWhinney. Asst: Marc "RoadKill" Hertz.

Apr 15 / Sat **O / Mount Lowe (5603')** Crescenta Valley, Hundred Peaks

Spend a "taxing day" on this strenuous 13 mile round trip, 3800' gain hike on trails to this historic mountain. Bring the "3 L's" (Liquids, Lunch, Lugs/soles). Well-mannered K-9's welcome. Meet 8 AM at top of Lake Ave at Loma Alta Dr in Altadena. Ldrs: Bob Thompson, Jim Fleming.

Apr 22 / Sat **O / Strawberry Peak (6164'), Mount Lawlor (5957')** Hundred Peaks

The trail from Red Box Gap winds through fast-growing chaparral and is steep in spots, but this trip is well worth it as we visit two dominant Front Range peaks near Pasadena, 8 miles round trip, 2400' gain. Call or email leader Mon-Thu the week before the hike for trip info. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Lilly Fukui.

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Apr 22-23 / Sat-Sun **Wilderness Adventures, WTC**

I / Chuckwalla Bill's Rock House

In the 1930s, Bill Simmons retreated into the rough canyons above Desert Hot Springs and lived for several years in a small cabin made of rocks. Our cross country backpack will attempt to find these ruins in western Joshua Tree National Park. 12 mi, 2000' gain in rugged desert conditions. Participants may need to carry all water for trip. Send sase/email, address, H&W phones, recent backpacking/conditioning to Ldr: Jason Lynch. Asst: David Copen.

Apr 22-23 / Sat-Sun **I / Quail Mt (5813')** WTC

Easy paced, but moderately strenuous, 14 mile rt, 2400' gain, to the highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery and a visit to historic Johnny Lang Mine. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. WTC or similar experience. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Sarah Myers. Asst: Susan Richmond.

Apr 22-23 / Sat-Sun **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, Ski Mountaineers**

M/E / Sierra Snow Checkoff

Demonstrate your skills to receive an M or E snow checkoff or sharpen snow climbing skills. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior ice axe, crampon, rope training/experience. Eastern Sierra site depending on snow conditions. Email or send 2 sase, SC#, resume of snow climbing/training, H&W phones to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co-Ldr: Randall Danta.

Apr 26 / Wed **O / Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail** Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

7 miles round trip, 3300' gain. A real climb at a moderate pace to the highest point in the city of Los Angeles with views in all directions. Meet at 8:58 AM in the supermarket parking lot on the NE corner of Foothill Blvd and Mt Gleason Rd (Thomas Guide p503-H3) with water, lunch, suitable footwear. Ldrs: Ron Rosien, Rosemary Campbell.

Apr 29 / Sat **O / Basic GPS** LTC

Introduction to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn Nature Center. Start 9AM for GPS theory, receiver functions and operation, use and limitations of various models. How to use with standard coordinate systems and templates on U. S. Geological Survey topographic and other maps. Hands-on practice outside. Recommend you bring a GPS receiver, but not mandatory. Send sase with \$10 fee (check to LTC) to Ldr: Phil Wheeler. Asst: Harry Freimanis.

Apr 29-30 / Sat-Sun **M / Cloudripper (13,525')** WTC, Sierra Peaks

This is intended to be a snow camp and moderate snow climb, requiring ice ax, crampons, helmet and prior experience in their use. Snowshoes may also be needed. Backpack approx 3 mi, 2000' gain to camp at Green Lake (11,100'). Set up snow camp; play; possibly climb The Hunchback. Sun climb Cloudripper, 4 mi, 3000' gain rt. Pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members with appropriate experience. Email amuirman@yahoo.com with experience, expectations, questions. Ldrs: Asher Waxman. Don Croley.

Apr 30 / Sun **I / Carey's Castle** Palos Verdes-South Bay, Long Beach, WTC

Discover secret miner's cabin hidden among boulders in Joshua Tree National Park. Search for lost mine and artifacts. Moderately strenuous 8 mi rt, 1300' gain xc hike across desert, dry streambeds, with class 2 boulder scrambling. Watch for wildflowers. Group limit 15. Send e-mail or SASE, H&W phones, recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Sharon Moore Asst: Karen Cassimatis.

May

May 5-7 / Fri-Sun



Sierra Peaks

M / Mt Barnard (13,990'), Trojan Pk (13,947')

Strenuous trip to two almost 14,000 foot peaks in remote bighorn sheep area. Backpack/ bushwhack up trail-less George Creek with many stream crossings for 5200' to camp on snow. Saturday with ice axe and crampons proceed up 5000'+ to climb both peaks. Sunday pack out. Send climbing experience, conditioning, and \$5 permit fee to hold place to Ldr: Larry Tidball. Asst: Barbee Tidball, Patty Rambert.

May 6 / Sat



WTC

I / Nav 'till it Hertz

Navigation Clinic, Malibu Creek State Park. 5 mi, 300' gain. Use it or Lose it! Spend most of day with Navigation Instructors sharpening your skills with map & compass. Not a checkoff - but you'll be prepared. Send email (or sase) for required materials to Ldr: Marc "Roadkill" Hertz. Assts: Jane Simpson and the rest of the usual suspects.

May 6 / Sat



Hundred Peaks

O / Stonewall Peak (5730'), Oakzanita Peak (5054')

Join us for a couple of hikes at Spring Fling time in San Diego County. Do one or both peaks. Stonewall is 2.5 miles round trip (900') and Oakzanita is 4 miles round trip (1000'). Both hikes are on trail. Meet 10 AM at Paso Picacho State Park day use parking area (fee) off of Hwy 79 (2.7 miles south of Cuyamaca Dam) to climb Stonewall. We will drive between trailheads. If you only want to climb Oakzanita, meet at the Oakzanita trailhead, 5.6 miles south of Paso Picacho State Park on Hwy 79 at 12:00 noon. Ldrs: Pat Arredondo, Virgil Popescu.

May 6 / Sat



Hundred Peaks

I / San Ysidro (6147')

Stop and bag this craggy peak on your way to the Spring Fling. About 4 miles round trip and 1600' gain on road and cross-country. Lugsoles, 2 liters water, lunch. Esase leader for meeting place and time. Ldr: Sandy Sperling Co-Ldr: George Wysup.

May 6 / Sat



Hundred Peaks

O / Sheephead (5896'), Garnet Peak (5880'), Garnet Mountain (5680'), & possibly Stonewall Peak (5730')

Sheephead is 3.5 miles round trip, Garnet Peak 2.5 miles, Garnet Mountain 0.6 miles. Enjoy 3 (maybe 4) easy peaks at HPS Spring Fling. Meet at Foster Lodge at 8:30 AM or call Ldr: Harvey Ganz. Asst: Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis, Pat Vaughn.

May 6-7 / Sat-Sun



Hundred Peaks

The HPS Spring Fling Weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County

Join the HPS for a weekend of fun and peak bagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes suitable for beginners through tigers planned. Socialize after hikes Sat and enjoy potluck dinner. Breakfast Sun morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Overnight stay in the lodge's unisex dorm rooms, on the lodge's beautiful grounds, or in nearby motels. Send sase, \$10 per person for Sat night only/\$20 for Fri and Sat to Reservationist: Winnette Butler.

May 7 / Sun



Hundred Peaks

O / Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Middle Peak (5883')

A moderately paced hike in conjunction with HPS Spring Fling in San Diego County, but all conditioned hikers are welcome. We'll do these peaks as a loop trip using a car shuttle for a total of 7.5 miles and 2000' gain on trail and road. Parking fee at trailhead. Meet at 8:30 AM in the Day Use parking lot for Paso Pichacho Park off Hwy 79. Ldrs: Sandy Sperling, Ingeborg Prochazka.

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May 7 / Sun



Hundred Peaks

O / Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Palomar Mtn (6140' - AKA High Point)

Moderate 6 mile round trip, 1600' gain peak at HPS Spring Fling. Meet at 8:30 AM at Foster Lodge or call Ldr: Harvey Ganz. Asst: Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis, Pat Vaughn.

May 7 / Sun



Hundred Peaks

I / Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'), Oakzanita Peak (5054')

A Spring Fling swing through southern San Diego County to pick up three common orphan peaks, moderately paced, 12 miles round trip, 2600' gain. Each peak is a separate trip - do one or all. Paved road driving. Meet leaders at Foster Lodge 9AM for more information. Ldr: Marlen Mertz. Co-Ldrs: George Wysup, Tom Hill.

May 7 / Sun



Hundred Peaks

I / Whale Peak (5349')

9 miles round trip, 2300' gain cross-country with bouldering and lots of cactus in Anza-Borrego State Park. Bring goodies to share, water, lunch, 10 essentials. Esase (preferred) or sase. Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Pat Arredondo.

May 13 / Sat



LTC, WTC

I / Mt Lowe (5603')

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

May 13-14 / Sat-Sun



Hundred Peaks, PVSBG, Natural Science

I / San Ysidro Mountain (6147'), Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar High Point (6140')

Moderately paced, strenuous, cross-country/brush. Day 1: San Ysidro 8 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Car Camp. Day 2: 6 miles 1400' gain and lots of dirt road driving. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Natural Science credit available for LTC candidates. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Co-Ldrs: Barry Holchin & Pat Vaughn. Naturalist: TBD.

May 13-14 / Sat-Sun



LTC, WTC, Desert Peaks

I / Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle

Places we've saved navigation noodle in the Mojave National Preserve. Join us for our annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave, now preserved under the California Desert Protection Act as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. An intermediate x-c navigation dayhike workshop will be conducted out of a carcamp in the pinyon and juniper forests of the Mid Hills. Potluck and social on Sat, also for those arriving early on Fri. Send sase/email to Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Harry Freimanis.

May 13-14 / Sat-Sun



WTC

I / Sam Fink Peak (7339')

Climb peak in the San Jacinto Wilderness named for one of the founders of the Hundred Peaks Section. Sat backpack from Humber Park in Idyllwild to Laws Camp, 5.5mi 1600' gain and 600' loss. Sun hike cross country to Sam Fink Peak, 5mi rt 1600' gain and loss then pack out 4.5 mi, 700' gain and 1600' loss. USFS permit fee TBA. Send email/sase, H&W phones, conditioning, experience, ride share info to Ldr: Taka Ohyama. Asst: Beth Epstein.

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Hundred Peaks

O / Pinyon Ridge (6535'), Circle Mountain (6880+), Gobblers Knob (6955')

Three easy peaks near Wrightwood - the first two peaks begin from pavement, 2.5

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miles 900' gain for each peak, with some steep spots and possible brush encroachment; the final peak is optional since it is one mile round trip, 500' gain and then only if the 3.6 mile dirt road is open. Your high-clearance vehicle welcome! Call or email leader Mon-Thu the week before the hike for trip info. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Lilly Fukui.

May 20-21 / Sat-Sun **LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks M/E / Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice**

For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 SASE or email, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Co-Ldr: Doug Mantle.

May 21 / Sun **LTC, WTC I / Grinnell Ridge Navigation**

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send sase, navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw.

May 24 / Wed **Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O / Mount Hillyer (6200') via Chilao**

6+ miles round trip, 1000' gain. Lunch beyond peak for great view. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Ldrs: Doris Duval, Gabriele Rau.

May 27-29 / Sat-Mon **Sierra Peaks M / Thompson Pk. (13,494), Powell Pt. (13,360')**

Backpack to 5 miles to Baboon Lakes. Sunday climb peak with ice axe and crampons. Monday pack out. Send SASE with experience, Sierra Club #, \$5 permit fee, and conditioning to Leader: Barbee Tidball, Assistant: Larry Tidball.

May 31 / Wed **Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O / Mount Waterman (8036')**

Join us on this lovely shaded trail, 7 miles round trip, 1399' gain. We'll lunch on an overlook and loop past the peak on the return. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare with lunch, water, good footwear and suitable clothing layers. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Ron Rosien.

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Jun 2-4/ Fri-Sun **Natural Science O / Nature Knowledge Workshop**

Join us for Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon naturalizing in the Barton Flats area in the San Bernardino Mtns. Fees (\$138 members/ \$158 non-members) include dormitory cabins and six hearty meals. Reservation information will be available in January 2006. Leader: Liana Argento (lianaargento@hotmail.com 310-370-2950)

Jun 2-4 / Fri-Sun **Sierra Peaks M / Mt Dade (13,600+)', Pipsqueak Spire (13,268'), Bear Creek Spire (13,713')**

Backpack Little Lakes Valley to Treasure Lakes (4 mi, 1000' gain). Climb Dade via Hourglass Couloir (up to 40 degree slope). Traverse Pipsqueak Spire to Bear Creek Spire. Climb Class 3 route. Descend via Cox Col. Ice axe, crampons and helmet required. Send email/sase, H&W phones, SC#, relevant snow and rock experience to Ldr: Steve Curry, Asst: Asher Waxman.

Jun 3 / Sat **Hundred Peaks, WTC O / Baldylocks and the Three T's**

Our third annual hike for Big Bad Wolves only! You know the story: Baldylocks heads out from her Mt. Baldy Village home at the strike of dawn and hikes up 6000' in 6

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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 Grandma's house and a waiting car shuttle. "Only 20 miles and 8000' gain -- this hike was ju-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.

June 3-5 / Sat-Mon **Sierra Peaks M / Mt Williamson (14,375')**

Climb California's second highest peak via the West face. This will be a strenuous three-day hike and class 3 climb via the Shepherd Pass trail. On Saturday hike from Shepherd's Pass trailhead to camp in the area of Anvil Camp. Attempt the summit Sunday. On Monday hike out. Experience with ice ax and crampons and strong fitness required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send SASE / email with conditioning, experience, SC#, and \$5 permit fee to leader. Space limited due to permit restrictions. Leader: Alex Amies, Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Jun 4 / Sun **Hundred Peaks O / Silver Peak (6756')**

This is the 25th anniversary of the first "first Sunday in June" hike with Stag. Easy hike near Big Bear involves 3 miles round trip and 1000' of gain and is suitable for beginners. Bring water, sturdy boots and something to share on the summit. Possible second peak. Meet 8 AM at Pomona rideshare point. Ldr: Joe Young Asst: Stag Brown

Jun 9-11 / Fri-Sun **LTC, Harwood, WTC C / Wilderness First Aid Course**

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging, meals, practice first aid kit. CPR within previous 2 years required to enroll. Fee \$190 with SC#/\$200 non-member (full refund thru May 5). Contact Ldr: Steve Schuster.

Jun 10-11 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Hundred Peaks I / Newton Drury Pk (10,160'), Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')**

13 mi rt, 4400' gain in San Jacinto Wilderness. Easy paced but strenuous hike up the Marion Mt trail to beautiful Little Round Valley, one of the gems of our local mountains. We will take cross-country routes to Drury and Folly with some boulder hopping to reach the summits. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

Jun 10-12 / Sat-Mon **Sierra Peaks I / Kern Pk (11,510)**

SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 9 mi, 1500' of gain to camp at Redrock Meadows at 8600'. Sun climb class 2 Kern Pk in 8 mi, 3000' gain rt, all cross country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 9 mi, 800' gain (with ups and downs). Send sase, recent conditioning, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: George Wysup.

Jun 16-18 / Fri-Sun **Wilderness Adventures, WTC I / Florence Pk (12,432)**

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced 5 mi 2800' gain backpack to Franklin Lake, set up camp. Sat Climb Florence Peak 5.5 mi rt, 2000' gain return to camp for a gourmet happy hour. Sun leisurely pack out. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Outings Leader Directory

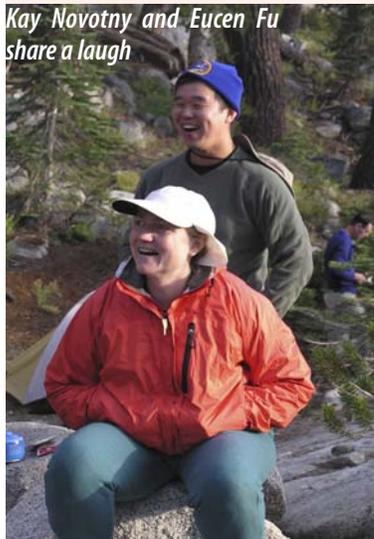
Please see the Outings Leader Directory on page 8 of the WTC Newsletter print version for SASE and contact information.

Preparing for the ascent on Silliman

Photos by Gary Novotny



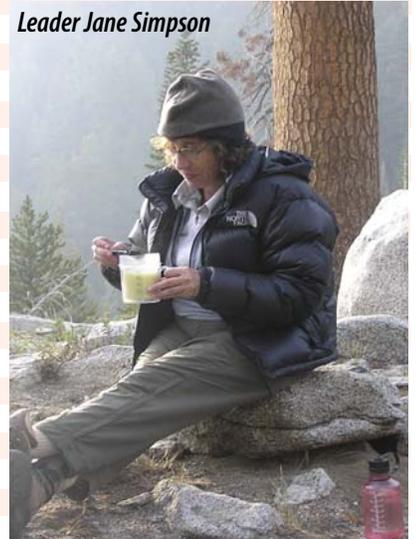
Kay Novotny and Eucen Fu share a laugh



Giant Sequoia



Leader Jane Simpson



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Mt. Silliman Sunset
Photo by Gary Novotny



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Jun 17-18 / Sat-Sun  **Long Beach, WTC**
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 Southern California's 2nd-highest peak. 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 cross country, 2300' gain. WTC or equivalent required. Send 2 sase, phone & carpool info, and name of SC leader as reference to Ldr: John H. Asst: Mike Adams.

Jun 24-25 / Sat-Sun  **Hundred Peaks**
I / Red Tahquitz (8720'), Southwell Pk (7840'), Suicide Rock (7528'), Black Mountain #1 (7772')

Beautiful hikes on trail and cross country in the San Jacinto Wilderness to enjoy views of dense forests and rugged granite cliffs. Saturday: Red Tahquitz and Southwell - 15 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Sunday: Suicide Rock and Black Mountain #1 - 8 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Bring 10 essentials and sturdy lug-sole boots, rain gear, warm clothing. You may car camp or find a motel. Permit limits group size. Send e-mail to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Pat Arredondo.

Jun 28 / W  **Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**
0 / Mount Baden Powell from Vincent Gap

8 miles round trip 2800' gain at a slow to moderate pace. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Ldrs: Doris Duval, Don Siminski.

Jun 30-July 2 / Fri-Sat  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I / San Bernardino Pk (10649'), San Bernardino East Pk (10691'), Anderson Pk (10840+'), Shields Pk (10680+')

Fri long backpack at an easy pace on trail 6 mi 4000' gain to Trail Fork Camp. Sat bag the peaks in an easy 7 mi loop, 1800' total gain with much xc and minor boulder hopping. Also visit 1852 survey monument. Sun easy backpack out. Send sase/email conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Co-Ldr: Pat Vaughn.

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Jul 7-9 / Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I / Mt Davis (12,311')

Fri backpack 8 mi, 2000' gain to camp at picturesque Thousand Island Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness near Mammoth. Sat climb cross country, class 2 route to Mt Davis from southwest of North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2500' gain. Sun pack out. Shuttle fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mountain to Agnew Meadows trailhead required. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Sarah Myers. Asst: Marc "RoadKill" Hertz.

Jul 7-9 / Fri-Sun  **WTC**
I / Humphreys Basin Lake Bagging

Friday backpack from North Lake Campground to Piute Lake, 3 mi, 1500' gain, and set up camp. Sat hike with daypacks on trail over Piute Pass, 1000' gain. Students will take turns navigating on cross country lake-to-lake route, including some or all of Cony Lake, Humphreys Lakes, Forsaken Lake, Desolation Lakes, Square Lake, Tomahawk Lake, then return on trail back over pass to camp. Approximately 10 mi, moderate up and down route. Sun hike out. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning and experience to Ldr: Anne Bittner. Asst: Pat Bolde.

Jul 8-9 / Sat-Sun  **WTC, Hundred Peaks**
I / Drury Pk (10,160'), Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')

16 mi rt, 3500' gain in San Jacinto Wilderness. Moderately paced backpack along scenic Fuller Ridge Trail to Little Round Valley Campground. Hike through groves of white fir and enjoy spectacular views over the desert and down into San Geronio Pass 7000' below. Mostly cross country routes to all 3 peaks, with some boulder scrambling to reach the summits. Permit limits group size to 12. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Asst: Jason Lynch.

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Jul 22 / Sat Desert Peaks, WTC I / Charleston Pk (11,915'), Mummy Mtn (11,528')

Our second annual. 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 Fri and/or Sat nights 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: Wayne Vollaire. Asst: Edd Ruskowitz.

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Sat strenuous but moderately-paced backpack from Lodgepole in Sequoia National Park to camp at Silliman Lake and group happy hour, 5 mi 3300' gain. Sun climb the class 2 south slope to the summit (1200' gain) and pack out. This trip involves much cross-country travel and comfort with friction hiking on steep granite slabs is required. Send sase or email with H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpack experience and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson. Co-Ldr: Scott Nelson.

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun WTC I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')

Sat backpack from trailhead at North Lake to camp near Upper Lamarck Lake, approx 2 mi, 1700' gain, explore lake & relax. Sun climb peak by class 1 and 2 route with some scrambling, enjoy views of Evolution Valley, 5 mi rt, 2400' gain, and backpack out. Mail resume w/ recent experience & conditioning, email address, phone, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Sarah Anderson. Asst: Patrick McKusky.

Jul 22-23 / Sat-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Mt Morgan S. (13,748')

A prominent peak along the ridgeline above Rock Creek Lake, Mount Morgan is easy to attain and offers spectacular views. Sat backpack to Francis Lake, 4 mi, 1200' gain. Climb the peak via north ridge Sat pm or Sun am (4.5 mi, 2900' gain). Pack out on Sun. WTC or equivalent required. Send experience, conditioning, H&W phones, email address, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldrs: Helen Qian, Scott Leavitt.

Jul 22-24 / Sat-Mon Sierra Peaks I / Cirque Pk (12,900')

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

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun WTC I / Basin Mtn (13,181')

Fri backpack 4 mi, 2100' gain to camp at Horton Lake. Sat afternoon relax, fish, swim or explore nearby mines, followed by happy hour. Sat cross country climb Basin (5 mi rt, 3200' gain). Sun break camp and pack out. This will be a slow/moderate-paced trip; tigers will not be happy. WTC or equivalent required. Send email (preferred) or sase w/recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Melody Anderson. Asst: Marc Hertz.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun WTC, Sierra Peaks I / Mt Davis (12,311')

Fri backpack along the scenic River Trail from Agnew Meadows near Mammoth Lakes to camp at Thousand Island Lake, 8 mi 2100' gain. Sat climb Davis, class 2 with much talus and scrambling, 6 mi rt, 2400' gain, spectacular views of Ritter, Banner and the

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Minarets. Sun hike out. Send email/sase with experience, conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Beth Epstein. Co-Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke.

Jul 28-30 / Fri-Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced approx 4 mi 2000' gain backpack on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

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Aug 4-6 / Fri-Sun Sierra Peaks, WTC I / Four Gables (12,245) Pilot Knob N. (12,720)

Fri 7 mi, 2,000 gain to camp from North Lake near Bishop. Sat climb both peaks totaling 14 mi rt, 3,000 gain; Sun pack out. Send email (preferably) or sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Sara Danta at s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Ldrs: Darrick and Sara Danta.

Aug 4-6 / Fri-Sun WTC I: Mt Conness (12,590')

Backpack trip to one of the more prominent peaks on the Eastern side of Yosemite National Park. Will serve as an experience trip for WTC students. Fri backpack from Tuolumne Meadows to Young Lakes, 5 mi, 1200 ft gain. Sat climb Conness, 7 mi rt, 3000 ft gain via cross-country route. Sun pack out. Send \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, email address (or SASE), and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Berson. Asst: David Copen.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun Sierra Peaks, WTC I / Mt Johnson (12,871), Mt Gilbert (13,106)

Moderate 11 mi rt, 5220' total gain. Sat backpack to upper Treasure Lake (3 mi, 1700' gain). Set up camp and head out to Johnson (2 mi round trip, 1550' gain). Return to camp for happy hour. Sun, early start to Gilbert (3 mi rt, 2000' gain). Return to camp and leisurely pack out. Send email (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning and experience, H&W phone, rideshare to: Ldr: Greg Mason, e-mail, nosamgatcharter.net Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Aug 5-6 / Sat-Sun WTC I / Four Gables (12,720')

Sat backpack 5.8 mi, 3000' gain from Horton Ck trailhead to Upper Horton Lake. Bring appetizer or dessert to share Sat night. Sun early climb of peak, 2.5 mi rt, 1800' gain, class 2. Return to camp and pack out. Send 2 sase or email (preferred) recent experience and conditioning info, phone and rideshare info to Ldr: Sheryl O'Rourke. Asst: Kristen Mahaffey

Aug 5-7 / 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, 2200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send sase with \$5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Kent Schwitkis.

Aug 11-13 / Fri-Sun WTC I / Payne Lake, Peaklet (11,818')

Follow in the footsteps of impressionist painter Edgar Alwin Payne on a backcountry ramble to Payne Lake, near Seventh Lake. Fri backpack to Third Lake via North Big Pine

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Creek, 6 mi, 2723' gain. Sat cross country to Payne Lake and Peaklet 11,818, 3.2 miles, 1000' gain. Happy hour Sat night. Sun optional trip to Middle Palisade Glacier, 3.5 miles, 2000' gain, and pack out. \$5 permit fee per person. Send sase/esase with H&W phone numbers, email and conditioning to: Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Jane Simpson.

Aug 11-13 / Fri-Sun **Wilderness Adventures, WTC** **I / Mt Muah (11,016')**

Fri moderate and enjoyably paced 7 mi, 1000' gain backpack to Ash Meadow. Sat climb class 2 Mt Muah 4 mi, 1500' gain. Return to camp for community happy hour. Sun pack out. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Ann Pedreschi. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Aug 11-13 / 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 1,500'. Saturday climb class 2 route to Mt. Davis from North Glacier Pass in 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain cross country. Sunday pack out via beautiful scenic flowered 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.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')**

Sat backpack from South Lake trailhead to Bishop Lake, 4 mi 1400' gain. Sun climb Mt Agassiz from Bishop Pass, 6 mi rt, 2700' gain, then backpack out 4 mi. Send sase or email, H&W phones, \$5 permit fee, recent conditioning/ and experience and rideshare info to Ldr: Steve Curry. Asst: Anne Marie Richardson.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I / Mt Lamarck (13,417')**

Pack in from North Lake to beautiful Upper Lamarck Lake (4 mi, 2000'); happy hour to ensue. Sun climb Lamarck cross country (5 mi rt, 2500') and 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. Co-Ldr: Melissa Kane.

Aug 12-13 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **M / Temple Crag (12,975'), Mt Gayley (13,510')**

Sat rugged cross-country backpack 5 mi, 3200' gain from Glacier Lodge to camp near Elinore Lake. Climb Temple Crag via SE face, 1.5 mi, 1800' gain. Sun climb Gayley 3.5 mi, 2100' gain via "Yellow Brick Road" and out. Recent class 3 rock, snow experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 check for permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Ed Cottone.

Aug 12-14 / Sat-Mon **WTC** **I / Alta Peak (11204'), Alta Mdw (9200'), Moose Lake (10560'), Pear Lake (9560')**

Join us for a scenic climb of this fine peak and rest at the beautiful meadows and lakes of Sequoia National Park. Moderately paced 22-27 mi rt backpack. We will pack in via the Wolverton/Alta peak trail. Sat hike 11 mi, 4200' gain to Alta Peak and Alta Mdw, stopping at Panther Gap for vistas of the Great Western Divide. Sun pack xc over rock / talus 6 mi, 2100' to Pear Lake. Optional 2.5 mi loop around Moose Lake to eastern shore. Mon 6 mi downhill pack out past two lakes. WTC or equivalent. Send ESASE, H&W phones, ride share info, \$4 for permit fee and recent conditioning/hiking experience. Ldr: Patrick Vaughn, Asst. Leader: Eric Scheidemantle.

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Aug 18-20 / Fri-Sun **WTC** **I / Mt Silliman (11,188')**

Fri Moderate 7 mi, 2600' gain backpack to Twin Lakes (9430') from Lodgepole Campground in Sequoia National Park. Sat begin early for strenuous climb to Mt Silliman, 6 mi rt, 1800' gain. Sun backpack out. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. Camping at Lodgepole on Thursday night recommended. This trip can be combined with a visit to the giant Sequoias. This exquisite adventure qualifies for a WTC experience trip. Send email/sase with hiking/climbing experience to Ldr: Jan de Vries. Asst: Garen Yegparian.

Aug 19-20 / Sat-Sun **WTC, Sierra Peaks** **I / Cloudripper (13,525')**

Gourmet backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend IV. Sat backpack 2.5 mi, 1800' gain to Green Lake for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 4 mi, 2500' gain to Cloudripper. Send email or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Georgette Rieck.

Aug 19-20 / Sat-Sun **Sierra Peaks, WTC** **I / Florence (12,432') Vandever Mtn (11,947')**

Mineral King weekend backpack. Sat 5 mi, 2,400' to camp and another 2,300' and 6 mi rt to Florence; community happy hour. Sun climb Vandever and pack out 11.5 rt and 2,600 gain. Send email (preferably) or sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Sara Danta at s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Ldrs: Darrick & Sara Danta.

Aug 19-21 / Sat-Mon **Sierra Peaks** **I / Mt Bago (11,870')**

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack over Kearsarge Pass to Charlotte Lake at 10,370' in 8.5 mi and 2600' gain. Sat and Sun evenings legendary community happy hours. Sun climb Bago in 2.5 mi and 1500' gain and explore spectacularly scenic surrounding areas. Mon backpack out in 8.5 mi, 1500' gain. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Joe Wankum.

Aug 20 / Sun **WTC, Hundred Peaks** **I / San Rafael Pk (6666')**

Moderately strenuous 10 mi rt, 2400' gain hike in the Sespe Wilderness (Los Padres National Forest). via trail and cross country route to San Rafael Peak. Apart from forest dominated by Jeffrey pines, pinyons and sagebrush, the area contains many fascinating geological formations-including Mutau Flat Rock, a sacred site to the Chumash Indians. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Kathy Rich. Asst: Jane Simpson.

Aug 25-27 / Fri-Sun **Wilderness Adventures, WTC** **I / Mt Langley (14,027')**

Fri backpack from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead to upper Cottonwood Lake, 6 mi, 1200'. Sat climb Mt Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000' of gain. Return to camp for community happy hour. Sun pack out. Tigers may find the pace too slow. Preference given to WTC students. Send esase/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Susan Richmond. Asst: Ann Pedreschi.

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Aug 25-27 / Fri-Sun



WTC

I / Mt Agassiz (13,893')

Friday backpack 3 miles, 1,900' gain from South Lake to Saddlerock Lake. Sat climb Agassiz, 5 mi rt, 2,600' gain for one of the best views of the Sierras and the Palisades, return to camp and celebrate happy hour. Sunday easy packout to trailhead at South Lake. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Gerard Lewis. Co-Ldr: Eric Scheidemantle.

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WTC

I / Mt Langley (14,026')

Experience the southernmost 14'er and enjoy great views of the south Sierra. From Horseshoe Meadow we'll moderately pack in 6 mi, 1200' gain to upper Cottonwood Lake. Early Sun climb Langley, 7 mi rt, 3000', then backpack out 6 mi. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Melissa Kane. Co-Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz.

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Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Split Mtn, (14,058')

Climb another 14'er in the fall. Sat backpack up to Red Lake, approx 5 mi, 3700' gain. Sun climb the peak via the north slope, some steep class 3 along the way, approximately 10 mi rt, 3600' gain. Mon pack out. Send email or sase with resume, conditioning, contact and rideshare info to Ldrs: Scott Leavitt, Helen Qian

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Julius Caesar (13,200')

Labor Day weekend will find us packing out of Bishop to Honeymoon Lake Sat (5.7 mi, 3200'), then ascend the glorious viewing perch that is Julius Caesar Sun (6.6 mi rt, 2700') and pack out Mon. Et tu? Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: Edd Ruskowitz. Co-Ldr: John Cyran.

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC

I / Blue Lake and Sunset Lake Trek

Sat enjoy a moderate backpack from the Lake Sabrina trailhead to camp at scenic Blue Lake, 4.5 mi 1300' gain. Explore and practice navigation, happy hour after. Sun cross country trek to Sunset Lake (11,464') via Baboon Lakes, 6 mi rt, 1200' gain. Great fishing opportunities. Mon pack out. Send sase/esase, \$5 permit fee, H&W phones, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Kay Novotny. Asst: Susan Richmond.

Sep 2-4 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Langley (14,026')

Relatively relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Late Sat morning pack in to Long Lake from Cottonwood Lakes Trailhead, 7 mi, 1500' gain (1200' net). Summit on Sun, 8 mi rt with 3600' gain (2900' net), followed by celebratory happy hour. Relaxed hike out to reach trailhead early afternoon Mon. Send 2 sase/1 sase & email, conditioning, recent experience, & altitude experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldr: Gary Bickel, Asst: Wayne Vollaire.

Sep 9-10 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Mt Morgan (South) (13,748')

Sat backpack 2.5 mi 1200' gain from Rock Creek Lake to Francis Lake, set up camp. Sat day hike to Tamarack Lakes, 6 mi route 1000' gain, to view more wildflowers. Sun climb peak, 2900' gain, then pack out. WTC or equivalent necessary. Send SASE, or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning to Ldr: Ed Morente. Asst: Tom McDonnell.

Sep 9-10 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Sierra Peaks

I / Alta Pk (11,204')

Introductory SPS climb. Easy paced trip. Sat backpack in via Wolverton /Alta Peak trail in Sequoia NP 5 miles with 2000' gain. If time permits, explore Alta Meadow. Sat night shared pot luck salad before dinner. Sun climb peak via cross country route 5 mi

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rt with 2500' gain. Return to camp and pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase with H&W phones, backpacking resume, and rideshare info to Ldr: Cheryl Gill. Co-Ldr: Greg DeHoogh.

Sep 9-11 / 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 backpack 8 mi, 2600' gain to Dorothy Lake. Sun climb Bloody in 4 mi rt, 2400' of gain, mostly cross country. Mon backpack out 8 mi, 2600' of loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, conditioning and high altitude experience, H, Cell & Work phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Keith Martin.

Sep 9-11 / Sat-Mon



WTC, Sierra Peaks

M / Matterhorn Pk (12,279'), Twin Pks (12,323'), Whorl Mtn (12,033')

Sat backpack 5 mi, 3600' gain to camp near Horse Creek. Sun climb Matterhorn 1 mi, 1600' gain by southeast slope. Optional climb of Twin Peaks 1 mi, 1700' gain. Mon climb Whorl 2 mi, 1400' gain via southeast chute and out. Recent class 3 rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$3 check for permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Virgil Shields.

Sep 9-11 / Sat-Mon



WTC

I / Iron Mtn (11, 149')

Visit two lakes, Minaret Falls, Devil's Postpile and see, but not touch, a glacier all on one trip! Moderately paced 6 mi, 1300' gain from Devil's to Anona Lake on Sat. Sun. climb class 2 Iron, skirting south end of glacier, 6mi, 2050' gain xc over possible snow. Mon pack out different route 8 mi on Becks Lake trail, passing Minaret Falls before returning to Devil's. Send sase, H&W phones, ride share info, \$6 for permit fee and recent conditioning/hiking experience to, Leader: Eric Scheidemantle, Assist. Leader: Patrick Vaughn

Sep 22-24 / Fri-Sun



WTC

I / Mt Silliman (11,188')

Fri backpack 4 mi, 2000' gain on a use trail from Lodgepole, Sequoia NP to Silliman Lake area. Sat climb peak for incredible views of the Great Western Divide, 4 mi rt, 2500' gain and return to camp for group happy hour. Sun pack out. Comfort on class 2 granite slab required. There will be a permit fee of approx \$3 each collected at the hike. Send sase/esase with contact and rideshare info, recent backpacking and conditioning experience to Ldr: Gary Novotny. Asst: Mike Adams.

October, November

Oct 14-15 / Sat-Sun



WTC, Hundred Peaks

I / Quail Mtn (5813')

Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mi rt, 1800' gain, to the highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery and learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC graduation requirements. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ted Slap.

Nov 4 / Sat



LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C / Intro to Wilderness First Aid

Runs from 8 am to 5:30 pm Saturday. Fee includes instruction, notes, lunch and snacks. Existing leader rating or proof of previous CPR course required to enroll. Fee \$50 (full refund through Oct 1). For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster

Nov 5 / Sun



LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C / Wilderness First Aid Refresher

Runs from 8 am to 5:30 pm Sunday. Fee includes instruction, notes, lunch and snacks. Wilderness first aid course of at least 24 hours within previous 8 years required to enroll. Fee \$50 (full refund through Oct 7). For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster .