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Newsletter

Experience Counts

With most WTC Experience Trips in the books, students and staff adjust their declination for Graduation

PHOTO BY DAVE CHAPMAN



On Mt. Morrison's summit are
(front row) Mike Rogers,
Dave Chapman, Donna Webster,
Stephanie Smith, Doug Thompson,
(second row) Angelo Lopez, Sandy
Lara, Kathy Rich,
and (back) Neal Robbins

Photo from Neal Robbins

On the Cover West L.A. WTC leader Kathy Rich leads the way up Mt. Morrison with Long Beach leader Neal Robbins and his group of WTC leaders and students in hot pursuit.

OUTINGS

Liability Waiver Notice To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To see a copy of this waiver prior to attending the outing, please see www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms, or contact the outings department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Transportation Notice In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that 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.

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HEADLINE DEADLINES

For publication in the Winter 2011 WTC Newsletter: **November 21**

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For publication in the Angeles Chapter Schedule #319, Mar 1 - Jun 30: **November 9**

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

GRADUATION OCT. 15

Graduation will be held October 15 this year in the local desert. If you've not already received full details, contact your Group Leader for all the information. You'll also want to be sure to get your fully filled-in Student Card to your area Registrar ASAP in time to awarded your certificate and – especially – the patch.



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All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Newsletter Editor, at hikinedd@yahoo.com

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Movin' On, Stayin' On



After serving as WTC Newsletter Editor from 2001 through Spring, 2005 I took a break and went out for a cup of coffee. And a bagel. Coffee's pretty quick so it must've been the bagel that held me up all this time, during which Kay Novotny charged in and saved the day, producing more than five years worth of WTC Newsletters. All of

WTC owes a huge debt of gratitude to Kay for her hundreds of unpaid hours of dedication and sweat.

Now that I've finished my coffee (I gave up on the bagel) I'm ready to dive back into those aforementioned hours of dedication and unpaid sweat... or something like that. And I can use your help. Whether you're a WTC student or on staff, I encourage you to participate in the making of your WTC Newsletter. Submit photos, trip reports, articles, etc. Email it

all to hikinedd@yahoo.com and – who knows? – your item may well grace the pages of our next issue (I'd love to run some fun graduation photos you'll be taking in a couple weeks!).

Now, some of you students may be returning in 2012 as new members of the WTC Staff, and to you I enthusiastically ask, "What are you thinking?!?!" Okay, maybe a little harsh, considering I joined Orange County's staff in 2001 following my student year and have been there ever since; it was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Some students have begun the process of becoming Sierra Club leaders, having developed through WTC the skills and confidence it takes to guide others knowingly and safely on trail and in the wilderness.

To those not returning, I hope you'll be out to WTC Graduation whether you graduate or not. You've made friends through WTC – some of you found romance and even marriage! Graduation is a time to get back together with those friends, regale them with tales of Experience Trips and good ol' WTC gossip.

Why does graduation never fail at fun? Because it's WTC. Now if you'll excuse me, I believe my bagel's ready.

— Edd Ruskowitz



Orange County WTC Instructor Bill Payne
dreaming of bears near Alta Meadow
in Sequoia National Park.

Photos from Linda Robb,
OC Ass't Group Leader

Thousand Island Lake as Banner Peak looms in the Back.
L-R Colleen Flynn, Dwain Roque, Jaime Cyr, Becky Lewis, Kim Nielson, Geri Ulrey, Bob Myers

Photo by Suzanne Dwyer



Orange County student Sarah DeVore immortalizes a candlestick yucca near Quail Mtn in Joshua Tree.

Photo from Scott Kelley



Just because class is over doesn't mean we stop navigating. David Liu captured "lost" participants on Bernie Fox's Eagle Mtn trip.



San Gabriel Valley student Allison Hegan adorns the summit of Mt. Silliman on her Experience Trip in Sequoia National Park.



Orange County students Richard Montgomery, Victor Giongco, and CP Pal en route to Forrester Pass on their 50-mile Kearsarge Pass to Mt. Whitney backpack.

Tohru Ohnuki caught Bernie Yoo on Cornell Peak (above), then headed north to Cal Tech Peak (below) to capture Ange Capece, Fred Schwarzenbach, John Guilds and Joseph Bell returning through Shepherd Pass.



Unruliness follows West L.A. leader Bob Myers wherever he goes. The production at Joshua Tree features Michael Brumelow, Ann Pedreschi Shields, Virgil Shields, Eric Scheidemantle (co-leader) and Dwain Roque with Adrienne Benedict holding them all up.

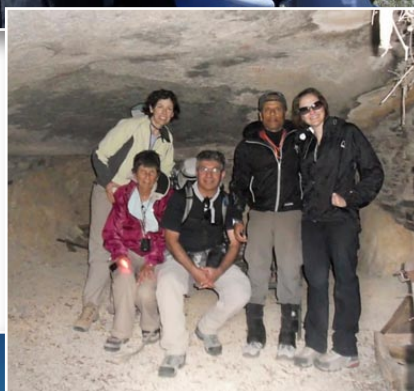
Photo from Bob Myers

Orange County instructor Cheryl McMurray following Michael DeVore, Jeff Atijera, Gabriel Dillon and Jim Montross along the knife edge to the summit of Pilot Knob.

Photo from Cheryl McMurray



Long Beach leader Neal Robbins giving credit where credit's due – signing Anne Kim's all-important Student Card making her an official WTC graduate.

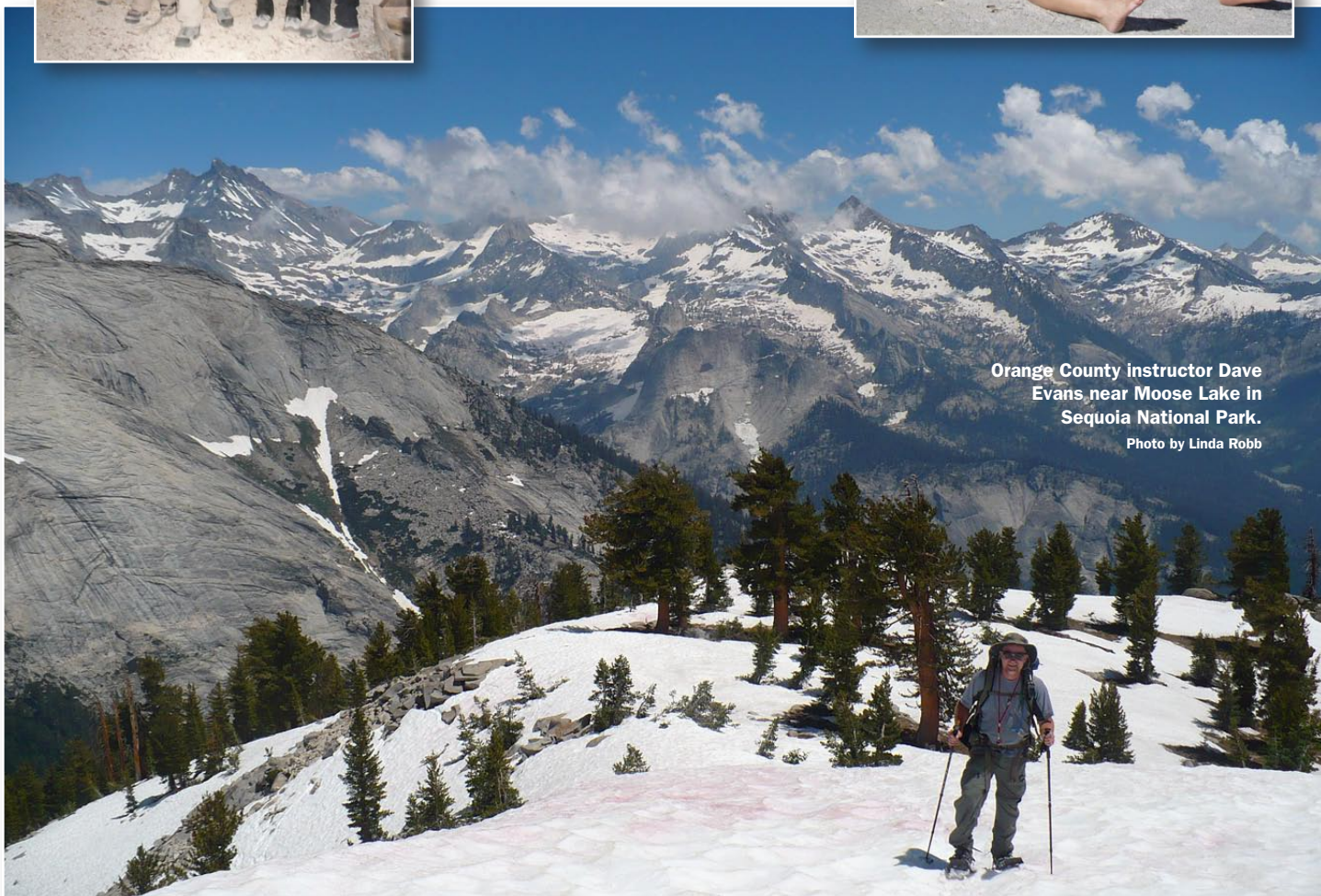


WTC Experience Trip escapees hiding out in Carey's Castle include KC Reid, Penny Good, Zareh Abramian, Wasim Khan, & Toya Corman.

Photo from Wasim Khan

Stephanie Smith and Margaret Carroll workin' on a tan at Peak Lake, Sequoia National Park.

Photo from Neal Robbins



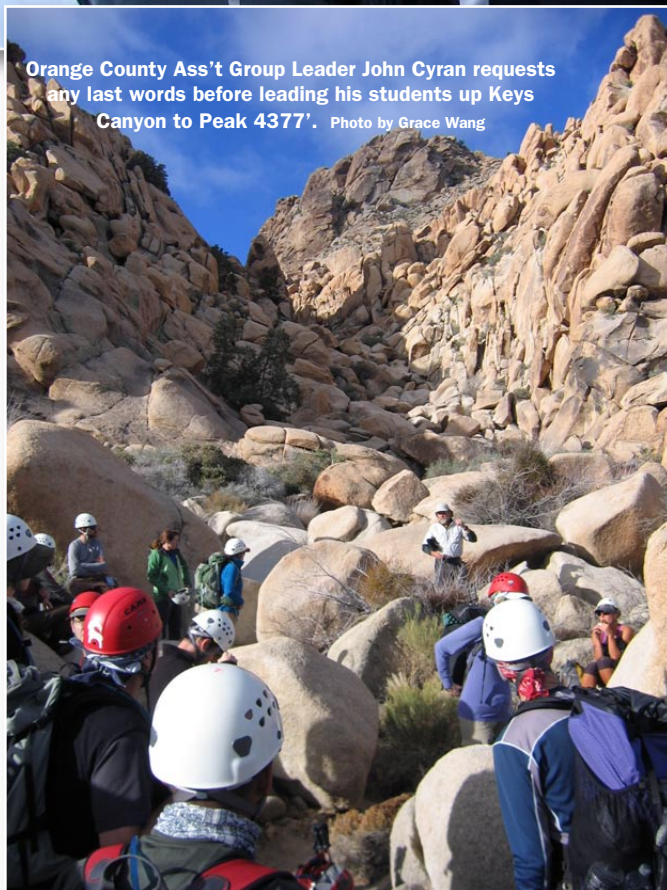
Orange County instructor Dave Evans near Moose Lake in Sequoia National Park.

Photo by Linda Robb

West L.A. student Brandi Church with an iconic WTC photo: the Snow
Camp Snow Table, this one at North Lake.



Orange County Ass't Group Leader John Cyran requests
any last words before leading his students up Keys
Canyon to Peak 4377'. Photo by Grace Wang



Students Rebecca Cummings and Wasim Khan head out
to solve the mystery of Carey's Castle.

Photo from Wasim Khan



Outings

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

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

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

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

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

September 28 | Wed

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

TR Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4)

Basic Safety System: First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

October 1 | Sat

LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks

TR | Beginning Navigation Clinic

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

October 1 | Sat

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4) - Belaying

2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

October 1 | Sat NEW

WTC

TI O WTC Introductory Hike - Crystal Cove from the Top

Approximately 12 mi rt, 1,500 ft elevation gain. Enjoy cool ocean breezes and ocean views as we hike the ridges and hills of Crystal Cove State Park and learn more about the Wilderness Travel Course. Meet 8:30 am at the end of Ridge Park Rd just past the corner of East Coastal Peak. Bring lunch and water. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Ldr: LISA BUCKLEY. Co-Leader: ROSS DOERING.

October 1-2 | Sat-Sun NEW

WTC

ET | Carey's Castle

Almost LAST CHANCE Backpack. For you WTC students looking to get your last experience trip before graduation, come explore the boulder turned house of a mysterious desert miner! 1.5 mi from trail to a dry camp, then 6 mi RT 1300' gain to Carey's Castle and back. Happy hour upon our return to camp. Sun packing up camp and back to the cars. Comfort with 2nd class rock scrambling and xc desert hiking a must. Bring 4-6 Liters of water (dry camp) and lug sole boots. Email contact info and current experience/conditioning to Ldr: CHRIS COBB (ChrisLCobb@gmail.com) Asst: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

October 2 | Sun

Hundred Peaks, WTC

TI O Sugarloaf Mountain (9952')

8 miles, 3100' gain round trip. Please join us for this hike after the potluck and fun evening at the Keller Hut HPS Fall Festival. We will meet at the Keller Hut at 7:30 AM and drive over to the Hatchery Road turn off Highway 38. Bring adventure pass, water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, COBY KING, MARLEN MERTZ

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON AN OUTING, follow the instructions listed in the trip description and provide all the information requested by the leader, typically your name, address, home & work phone numbers, WTC leader's name, the name and date of the outing you wish to join, and your experience and physical conditioning. If a SASE is requested, send a 9.5 x 4 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) along with your information.

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

October 7-9 | Fri-Sun *NEW*

WTC

ET | Chumash Wilderness Area & Sawmill Mtn (8818')

Polish up navigation skills and explore pristine pine forest in an area revered by the Chumash Indians as sacred. Counts as WTC experience Trip. 15 mi rt 2800' gain, backpack in Chumash wilderness area and Sawmill Mtn (near Mt. Pinos). Fri, easy-paced 4 mi to camp. Sat, 5 mi moderately strenuous XC to nearby peaks, explore wilderness, summit Sawmill Mtn, then to happy-hour and camp. Sun hike out 6 mi via trail. Minimum 6 liters water (dry camp) required. Email to jfnorthrop@yahoo.com: H&W phone #, w/recent experience & conditioning. Ldr: JARED NORTHRUP. Co-Ldr: ANNE MARIE RICHARDSON

October 8 | Sat

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4)

– Rappelling

3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

October 8-9 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET | “Really Last Chance” Graduation Trip

Easy paced backpacking trip in scenic California desert. We will take exploratory cross-country routes in the Queen Valley area, taking in a peak along the way. Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC requirements on this “really last chance” graduation trip. 9 miles rt, 1000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS.

October 12 | Wed *NEW*

WTC

TI O Revenge of the Stair Hikes #2 of 4

4.5 mi, 2 hr. Find stairs, hills, and architecture outside Griffith Park in the Los Feliz hills. Option to prepare for backpacking by wearing a weighted backpack. Meet 6.30PM at the Coffee Bean, 2081 Hillhurst Ave (90027). Bring water, good spirit, and strong legs! Ldr: SARAH SCHUH Co-Ldr: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

October 15-16 | Sat-Sun

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP4)

Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors: 4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

October 16 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR | Indian Cove Navigation

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

October 22-23 | Sat-Sun

DPS, WTC

MT MR Castle Dome Peak (3788'), Signal Peak (4877')

Mountaineering outing for Sierra Club members only. Climb two sought-after desert peaks in the Kofa Wilderness of SW Arizona. Sat climb class 3 Castle Dome Peak, 6 mi rt, 2100' and then have happy hour back at car camp. Sun hike to Signal Peak, 4 mi rt, 2000'. Helmets and recent 3rd class rock climbing experience required. Send an e-mail with medical form, recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH. Ass't: MIKE ADAMS

October 23 | Sun *NEW*

WTC

TI O Echo Mtn (3207')

Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1400' gain out and back via Sam Merrill Trail. Enjoy great views and learn local history on this rewarding hike. Meet 9.00 AM at trailhead (in Altadena, corner of Lake Ave and N Loma Alta Dr). Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, layered clothes. Heavy rain postpones. Ldr: ASHLEY GRAYDEN (racee75@yahoo.com.au), Asst: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

October 28-30 | Fri

LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

TR C Wilderness First Aid Course

Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Proof of CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. Fee \$210 (full refund through Sept 23). For application send e-mail to Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

October 29-30 | Sat-Sun *NEW*

WTC, HPS

ET | Reeds Meadow (7,700'), Marion Mtn (10,362')

Sat hike Devil Slide trail 4 mi; 1,800' gain to set-up camp near Willow Creek. After lunch hike XC 2.5 mi, 600' gain to explore Reeds Meadow area. Sat Happy Hour. Sun. hike XC 2.5 mi; 2,500' gain to Marion Mtn, returning XC 3.5 mi, 300' gain via Deer Springs to camp and then pack-out. Moderate paced, but strenuous hike. Adventure Pass required. Bring small daypack + 3 liters of water/electrolytes for Sun hike. Send email with Sierra Club #, hiking/conditioning resume, and contact info to Ldr: PHILIP BATES (philipabates@gmail.com) Asst: ROD KIEFFER.

October 30 | Sun

WTC, 20-30 Singles, LB Group

TI O WTC Introductory Hike - Mt Wilson/Manzanita Ridge

Invigorating conditioning hike at a moderate pace. 10-mile r/t, 4000' gain. Leaders will provide an overview of the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC), which begins January '12. Subjects include safe mountain travel, map & compass and wilderness first aid. This is a residential neighborhood so be mindful of parking regulations and resident's quiet enjoyment of their neighborhood. Meet 9 am at trailhead. Mira Monte Ave and Mt Wilson Trail Dr. Take I-210 to Baldwin Ave exit, take Baldwin N to Mira Monte, Right to trailhead. Bring hiking boots, 3 ltrs water, snacks to share. Ldr: DAVID MELTZER, Co-Ldrs: GARY NOVOTNY

November 5-6 | Sat-Sun**WTC, DPS****MR Castle Dome Peak (3788'), Signal Peak (4877')**

Join us for a mountaineering adventure with two peak climbs within the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in SW Arizona. Saturday - climb 3rd class Castle Dome Peak (11S 766643 3664300), 6 mi round-trip, 2,100' gain, before returning to our car camp and dinner under the desert stars. Sunday - climb Signal Peak (11S 771452 3694900), 3.5 mi round-trip, 2,100' gain. This trip is restricted to Sierra Club members with experience with exposed 3rd class rock. Climbing helmet, harness, a belay/rappel device and 3 locking biners required. Send email with Sierra Club#, completed medical form, climbing resume showing experience with 3rd class rock, and contact information to Ldr: JOE HARVEY, Asst. Ldr: RON CAMPBELL

November 12 | Sat**WTC****O Nike Base Rendez-Vous Hike**

WTC Introductory Hike - Westridge Rd to Nike Base; Caballero Cyn to Nike Base. Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this 7 mi rt, 1000 feet gain hike in the Santa Monica Mts. Info will be provided on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. Westsiders Meet 8:00 am end of Westridge Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N 1/4 mi to Westridge Rd, L to end); observe street parking restrictions. Valley-ites meet at Caballero Cyn trailhead on Reseda Blvd. at 8:00 am. (From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd 1.9 mi south across from Braemar County Club); free street parking. Ldrs: ROBERT MYERS, JANE SIMPSON, VIRGIL SHIELDS, ANN SHIELDS.

November 12 | Sat NEW**WTC, DPS****I Sheephole Mtn (4,593')**

Sat 7:00am begin hiking XC 2.5 miles; 2,300' gain from a dirt road near Sheephole Pass to Sheephole Mtn via scenic canyons and ridges. Lunch on the peak, then return XC 2.5 miles to the trailhead by a different route through a canyon. Bring daypack, 4 liters of water/electrolytes and lunch+snacks. The pace will be moderate, but the route is strenuous. Send email with Sierra Club #, hiking/cond resume, and contact info to Ldr: PHILIP BATES (philipabates@gmail.com) Asst: JACK KIEFFER

November 12-13 | Sat-Sun**DPS, WTC****MR Bridge Mountain (7,003')**

Mountaineering outing for Sierra Club members only. Climb sought-after desert peak in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area near Las Vegas. Sat night carcamp off the paved Lovell Canyon Road. Sun climb class 3 Bridge Mtn, 6.5 mi rt, 2700' (incl 850' on the return) and then head home. Helmets and recent 3rd class rock climbing experience required. Send an e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH. Co-Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS.

November 12-13 | Sat-Sun NEW**WTC, HPS****I Lake Peak (10,161)/Grinnell Mountain (10,284)/Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094)**

Join us for a pre-Thanksgiving, strenuous backpack (21 miles total/6,000' gain) that will include XC exploration and gourmet happy hour. Sat hike 8 miles and 2,800' gain, via the Lost Creek Trail to Dry Lake (9,065). Set-up camp and enjoy happy hour. Sun AM hike XC 5.5 miles total (2,000' gain) to Grinnell Mountain, Lake Peak and Ten Thousand Foot Ridge. Break camp and hike 8 miles back to TH. Send hiking resume to tonycebates@yahoo.com. Leader: TONYCE BATES; Assistant: VICTORIA OVERBEY.

November 16 | Wed NEW**WTC****O Revenge of the Stair Hikes #3 of 4**

3 mi, 1.5 hr. Stair and hill climb around Elysian Park. Enjoy backpack training in an urban setting - option to wear a weighted backpack. Meet at 6:30 in front of Barragans Mexican Restaurant, 1538 W Sunset Blvd (90026). Bring water, good spirit, and strong legs! Flashlight optional. Ldr: SARAH SCHUH Co-Ldr: DAVE SCOBIE

November 19 | Sat**LTC, WTC****MR Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain**

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

November 19 | Sat NEW**WTC, HPS****I Quail Mountain (5,813')**

Join us for a moderately-paced, 12 mi rt hike with 2800' gain. This XC hike will include a stop at the Lang Mine before hiking to the highest peak in Joshua Tree. Send hiking resume to: tonycebates@yahoo.com Ldr: TONYCE BATES. Ass't: ADRIENNE BENEDICT

November 19-20 | Sat-Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****I Indian Cove Navigation**

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

November 20 | Sun**WTC, 20-30 Singles, LB Group****O WTC Introductory Hike - Echo Mtn, Inspiration Point and Muir Peak (4688')**

Hike the Sam Merrill trail to the historic railway and resort area at Echo Mtn, then up Castle Canyon to Inspiration Point and on to Muir Peak. We will return by the Middle Merrill trail. Trip is a total of 12 miles with 2900 ft of gain. Leaders will provide an overview of the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC), which begins January '12. Subjects include safe mountain travel, map & compass and wilderness first aid. Meet 9:00 am at the North end of Lake Street at the corner of Lake and Loma Alta Street in Alta Dena by the "Gate". This is a residential neighborhood so be mindful of parking regulations and resident's quiet enjoyment of their neighborhood. Bring 2-3 liters of water, lunch, lugsoles, hat and layered clothing. Ldr: DAVID MELTZER, Co-Ldr: GARY NOVOTNY

December 2-4 | Fri-Sun NEW**WTC****M Mojave National Preserve Exploration**

Using the Mid Hills campground in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500' elevation as our base camp, we will explore various parts of the Mojave National Preserve in series of day trips. The trips will involve some rock scrambling and may include climbing a DPS peak on one of the days. Climbing helmets required. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase with conditioning and rock scrambling experience to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst. VIRGIL SHIELDS.

December 3 | Sat NEW**Long Beach, WTC****TI O Mt. San Antonio (10,064')**

Enjoy a moderately-paced hike of Mt. Baldy via ski hut trail, 9 miles round trip, 3800' gain. Look for deer, bighorn sheep. Meet 6:30 am at Long Beach rideshare point with minimum 2 liters water, lunch, lugsoled hiking boots, hat, USFS parking permit, \$\$ for pizza afterwards. Heavy rain or forest closure cancels. Ldr: JOHN HINZ, Asst Ldr: LARRY STERN.

December 10 | Sat**WTC****TR M Leader Rock Workshop**

This staff development workshop is intended to prepare WTC staff to be effective instructors in WTC's rock scrambling instruction. This workshop is open to all staff members; new staff members are strongly encouraged to participate. Early sign-up recommended, since group size is limited. Climbing helmets required. To participate, send name, contact and rideshare info, WTC area, and Class 3 climbing experience to Ldr: TOM MCDONNELL. Asst: ROBERT MYERS.

December 10-11 | Sat-Sun NEW**HPS, LPC, DPS****TI HPS Holiday Party 2010**

Welcome in the holidays with old and new HPS friends. Join this festive hiking and partying weekend in Joshua Tree National Park. Sign up for some outstanding HPS, DPS and Lower Peaks outings in the park. We have reserved group campsites for Friday and Saturday nights at the Sheep Pass Campground, sites 3 and 4. Join us for Holiday potluck on Saturday night. There is a Park entrance fee, but no charge for the campground. No reservations needed, but sign up for individual outings listed on the HPS website and in the HPS Lookout newsletter. For info, contact Marlen Mertz (mbmertz@aol.com)

December 11 | Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR I Warren Pt Navigation**

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

December 11 | Sun**WTC, 20-30 Singles, LB Group****TI O WTC Introductory Hike - Mt Wilson/Manzanita**

Ridge Invigorating conditioning hike at a moderate pace. 10-mile r/t, 4000' gain. Leaders will provide an overview of the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC), which begins January '12. Subjects include safe mountain travel, map & compass and wilderness first aid. This is a residential neighborhood so be mindful of parking regulations and resident's quiet enjoyment of their neighborhood. Meet 9 am at trailhead. Mira Monte Ave and Mt Wilson Trail Dr. Take I-210 to Baldwin Ave exit, take Baldwin N to Mira Monte, Right to trailhead. Bring hiking boots, 3 ltrs water, snacks to share. Ldr: DAVID MELTZER, Co-Ldrs: GARY NOVOTNY

December 14 | Wed NEW**WTC****TI O Revenge of the Stair Hikes #4 of 4**

3.5 mi, 1.5 hrs. Train for the mountains by exploring the secret stairs and steep / hilly streets around Silver Lake reservoir. Meet 6.30PM at The Coffee Table, 2930 Rowena Ave (90039). Bring water, good spirit, and strong legs! Flashlight optional. Ldr: SARAH SCHUH Co-Ldr: ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

December 17 | Sat NEW**WTC, WAS, DPS****TI I Warren Pt (5103') Peak 4610'**

Moderate 6 mi, 1500' gain dayhike to Peak 4610 and Warren Point in the pinion pine and juniper region of the Mojave Desert. Practice navigation and cross-country desert travel in a diverse and complex environment in the cooler winter season. We'll tag seldom-visited Pk 4610 and then do a path-finding ascent of the west face of Warren Pt to the summit. Optional car camping is available at Blackrock Campground by reservation. For meeting time and location, send email or SASE with recent experience, conditioning, mail, H&W phones to: Provisional Ldr. PETER IRELAND. Asst: HARVEY GANZ.

January 7-8 | Sat-Sun NEW**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR I Indian Cove Navigation**

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January 14 | Sat**WTC****TI O Temescal Pk (2126')**

Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this hike to the highest peak in Topanga State Park with spectacular views along the way. Info will be provided on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. 8 mi rt, 1100' gain on fireroad and trail. Meet 9:00 a.m. at Trailer Canyon Trailhead: Approx. 0.5 miles from PCH on Sunset, turn on Palisades Dr. Go to Ver de la Montura. Turn left then a quick right on Michael Lane. Go about .15 mi. to 1800 Block. Park on the trailhead side. Ldrs: ROBERT MYERS, SARAH MYERS REBENS DORF.

January 13-16 | Fri-Mon**WAS, PVSB, LB Group, OCSS****TI I MLK Weekend in Wawona**

Rideshare Fri to stay in a cabin in the Wawona area near Yosemite's south entrance. Join leaders for low intermediate xcuntry ski and snowshoe each day at Badger Pass and other areas. On your own you can downhill or track ski, ice skate or simply explore Yosemite Valley in the winter. Cost includes 3 nights lodging in modern cabin with all amenities (2-4 per bedroom with shared bathrooms and kitchen), 3 continental breakfasts, 3 lunch fixings, Sa and Su group dinner. Send \$290 (Wilderness Adventures - \$40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after 12/12 unless trip is full and suitable replacement found), 2 sase (or 1 sase and email), H&W phones, recent ski experience (if joining Xctry skiing) to Ldr: KEITH MARTIN, Asst: BETH POWIS MARTIN, Snow Shoe Leaders: SHARON MOORE and SHERRY ROSS.

April 21-22 | Sat-Sun NEW**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR I Warren Point Navigation**

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

Outings Leader Directory

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

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