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Newsletter of The Wilderness Training Committee

Newsletter

Discover your
**Brave New
World**

The Wilderness Awaits;
Let's Get Started.

PHOTO BY CHERYL MCMURRAY

Welcome.

Wilderness Travel Course Class of 2012

I think we all know the earth wins out in the end. We've seen evidence of ancient civilizations, buried beneath Mother Nature's last word. We've witnessed her untimely reminders, from Mt. St. Helens to the devastating forest fires and hurricanes – to the quick and effortless wrath of Asia's tsunamis. Despite our desire to control everything within our senses, the earth is always in charge. Dams will break, buildings will fall and nature will reclaim herself.

Of course, it's all relative – we're talking centuries, after all. You and I have walked into a long, long work in progress and we'll check out long before it's done.

“Step into the wilderness and you've stepped into a time machine.”

One might look at old city photos and think, “Wow, it sure looked different in those days.” But look in the photo again — at the mountains, the trees, the animals and the sky. For those, nothing's changed. Step into the wilderness and you've stepped into a time machine: everything you see is identical to what your ancestors saw.

A lush forest doesn't mind a fire; the trees will come back in 10, 20, maybe 50 years. But we might not. So we form groups like the Sierra Club to try and preserve that which nature will allow for our lifetimes and our children's lifetimes.

The Wilderness Travel Course is a training arm of the Sierra Club. In it you'll learn that by insulating yourself from the elements you're robbing yourself of the oldest relationship man has. Teddy Roosevelt felt deeply enough to establish the National Parks System. Indeed, the Bible says we're to be stewards of the earth. WTC will teach you the skills to be comfortable and to weather the wilderness. Nature will teach you why those skills can change your life for the better... and for good.

Welcome to WTC, where your eyes will be opened and your feet may be sore (pay attention to the boot lecture to placate your piggies). A good deal of this course will emphasize help over hinder. You'll learn which clothes will warm you, which boots support you and what food will sustain you. You'll learn to look at a map and see paths where there are no roads, to use a direction finding device that requires no batteries, and to release abilities in yourself that know no bounds.

Of course you'll also learn how to dig a snow cave, friction a slab, divine squiggle and take a split. You'll learn to carry more (stuff) while carrying less (weight), that canteens went out with the cavalry and that there is such a thing as too much food. You'll learn to layer, edge, plunge-step and kick-step; you'll learn to get high, but that too high may cause drowsiness, AMS, HAPE or HACE (not a very good time to be operating heavy machinery). You'll learn why the Atkins diet is not a hiking diet and you'll learn that cotton kills.

But the best, life-changing part of WTC? You'll make new friends (yeah, it's one of our sound bites, but it's true). Bonds and carpools will form, and you'll be one with the world's oldest G-rated recreation: you'll walk the earth. Side effects include tree hugging, disdain for “private property” signs and a strengthened heart – physically and emotionally.

There's a reason WTC Newsletter cover photos include people. The Wilderness Travel Course is all about people. It's the portal through which the vague and the oblivious discover what's always been. It's like walking down a street that, for years, you've only driven.

So, walk on. And stop (smell flowers). And welcome nature with open fleece and sticky soles. And know you'll forever look back on WTC as the beginning of some of the best times of your life.

— Edd Ruskowitz, Editor





PHOTO BY MATT HENGST

Good Morning! Orange County WTC instructor Wendy Miller awakens to more than a foot of powder in the Eastern Sierra at Snow Camp, 2011.

HEADLINE DEADLINES

For publication in the Spring 2012 WTC Newsletter: **February 13**

For publication in the Summer 2012 WTC Newsletter: **May 14**

For publication in the Angeles Chapter Schedule #320, July 5 - October 31: **March 10**

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

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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The WTC newsletter is published quarterly for students and staff of the Wilderness Training Committee and is distributed at class sites. It is also available at WildernessTravelCourse.org as a download in PDF format. All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Newsletter Editor, at hikinedd@yahoo.com

WTC Info Line: (310) 967-2029

On the Cover WTC Orange County student Mike DeVore packs in on a graduation-mandated Experience Trip, this one to Pilot Knob in the Eastern Sierra. Photo by Cheryl McMurray.

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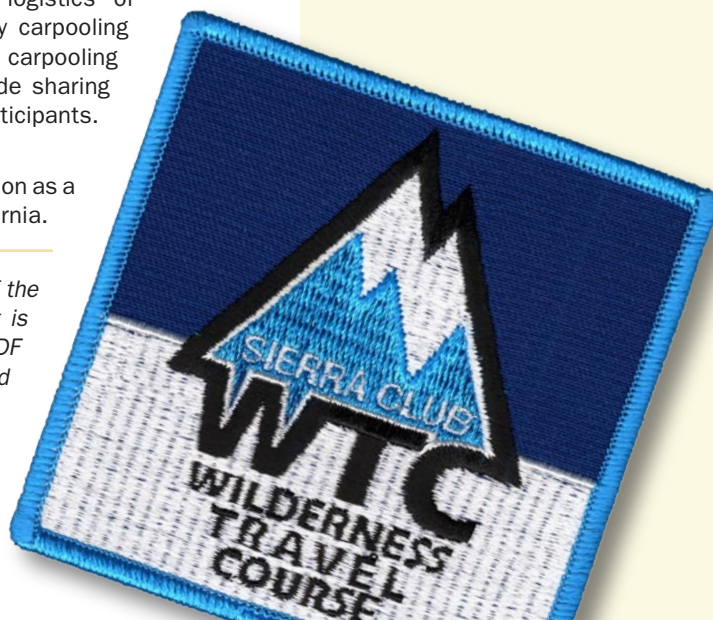
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School of Rock.



PHOTO BY BOB MYERS

WTC's fourth annual Leader

Rock Workshop was held on December 10, 2011, at Indian Cove in perfect weather with record attendance by staff representing all four areas. Led by Tom McDonnell and Bob Myers, the workshop focused on teaching scrambling techniques to students during Navigation and Rock weekend in Joshua Tree. The group climbed Peak 4377' via Gunsight Notch, stopping along the way to discuss problem scenarios distributed to participants before the outing and to discuss issues such as effective spotting techniques. Assisting McDonnell and Myers were M-rated leaders Ron Campbell, Jack Kieffer and Virgil Shields.



TOP PHOTO Virgil Shields and Nicole Baxter nearing the summit of Peak 4377'.

BOTTOM PHOTO Participants (left to right): Nicole Baxter (WLA), Dave Scobie (SGV), Homer Tom (SGV), Sarah Schuh (WLA), Jack Kieffer (LBS B), Bernie Yoo (WLA), Tom McDonnell, Ron Campbell, Ashley Grayden (WLA), Christina Pethe (WLA), Laurent Hoffmann (OC), Dave Evans (OC), Linda Robb (OC), Angela Smith (WLA), Jason Stone (OC), Virgil Shields (WLA), Lisa Miyake (LBSB). Photo by Bob Myers (WLA)



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Welcome to the new Angeles Chapter Online Activities Calendar!

Roll your cursor over an activity name for a short description; click an activity name to learn more (including time).
Click on tabs to view in List, Map, or Calendar format. Click blue headers to sort.

NOTE: We are in the process of transitioning all Chapter outings into this system.
In the meantime, please check out our [Outings System](#) for additional outings and activities.

Enter a location, and we'll show you directions and distances to each activity.

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Date	Activity (click name for full description)	Sponsor	Category	Type	Difficulty	Miles Away	Links
Thu 1/12/12	O: Conditioning Hike on Palos Verdes Peninsula	Palos Verdes Group	Outing	Hike	Strenuous		Map or Directions
Thu 1/12/12	O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes	Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles	Outing	Hike	Moderate		Map or Directions
Thu 1/12/12	O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike	Pasadena Group	Outing	Hike	Moderate		Map or Directions
Thu 1/12/12	O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike	Angeles Chp Hundred Peaks	Outing	Hike	Moderate		Map or Directions
Thu 1/12/12	Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill	Long Beach Group	Outing	Hike	Easy		
Fri 1/13/12	Martin Luther King Ski/Snowshoe Weekend in Wawona	Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr	Outing	Snowshoeing/X-Country Skiing	Moderate		
Fri 1/13/12	Ti: Mammoth Lakes/Backcountry Ski Touring	Angeles Chp Ski Mountaineers	Outing	Skiing/Snowboarding	Moderate		Map or Directions
Fri 1/13/12	O: Pacific Palisades Hike in Topanga State Park To Parker Mesa Overlook	West Los Angeles Group	Outing	Hike	Moderate		Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	CANCELLED -- I: Snowshoe in our local mountains	Angeles Chp Hundred Peaks	Outing	Snowshoeing/X-Country Skiing	Moderate		Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O: Long Beach El Dorado Park Nature Walk	Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles	Outing	Hike	Moderate		Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O: Death Valley Bus Trip	Palos Verdes Group	Outing	Hike			Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O:Hike to Lion Canyon Falls	Sierra Sage of SOC Group	Outing	Hike			
Sat 1/14/12	O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike	Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles	Outing	Hike			

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OARS

A Better Way To Find Sierra Club Events

The Sierra Club has launched a new web page to help you find Sierra Club events and outings. The new site called OARS lets you look for events and outings as a listing, on a map or on a calendar. Search tools allow you to look for things to do within a certain geographic area, on selected dates, by the type of activity, by the leaders and Sierra Club groups involved.

You can visit the site at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/outings/OARS.asp>. Many events have already been added, and new ones are being added continuously (eventually, this site will list everything found in the Schedule of Activities and the Southern Sierran).



OARS can also be found at the Hundred Peaks Section site (angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp) and the WTC site (<http://www.wildernesstravelcourse.org/outings>)

To have your Sierra Club group's events listed on OARS please contact Melody Anderson at melodygrace1@gmail.com or Susan Heitman at susan.heitman@ca.rr.com.

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

WTC Experience Trip Trips that qualify as WTC experience trips.

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

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

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

January 13-16 | Fri-Mon

WAS, PVSB, LB, OCSS

TI | 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 Xcuntry skiing) to Ldr: KEITH MARTIN, Asst: BETH POWIS MARTIN, Snow Shoe Leaders: SHARON MOORE and SHERRY ROSS.

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. .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 trailhead side. Ldrs: Robert Myers, Sarah Myers Rebensdorf.

January 14 | Sat

WTC

TI | O WTC Introductory Hike

Mt. Wilson/Manzanita Ridge: Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) on this conditioning hike at a moderate pace. It is 10-miles round trip with 4000' of gain so the hike can be difficult for those not in good physical condition. The Leaders will provide an overview of WTC, which begins in January 18, 2012, and introduce such WTC concepts as Leave No Trace and The 10 Essentials. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the trailhead found at Mira Monte Ave and Mt Wilson Trail Dr in Sierra Madre. The trail head is in a residential neighborhood so please keep noise to a minimum and be mindful of parking restrictions. Wear hiking boots, bring 2 to 3 liters of water, and have snacks/lunch for the trail. Rain cancels the hike. Write john.guilds@unionbank.com if more information is required. Ldr: John Guilds; Assistant: Gerard Lewis

January 21 | Sat

WTC

TI | O Bedford Peak

Moderate 7 mi, 1,900' gain in the Santa Ana Mountains. Beautiful views of Baldy, San G, San J and Catalina. Bring 2 liters of water, lunch/snack, sun protection, proper clothing. For those who'd like to arrange a rideshare, meet at 8:30am at the Taco Bell on Jamboree Rd. just south of Chapman Ave. in Orange (trailhead parking is very limited). Otherwise, meet at trailhead at 9am. To trailhead: from Santiago Cyn road turn on to Silverado Cyn road and follow it to the end. (Adventure Pass needed). Ldrs: LYN DIENHART. Assistant: EDD RUSKOWITZ

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

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

January 21 | Sat

WTC

TI O Conditioning Warm-up Hike #1 (Echo Mtn)

Feeling a little slow after the holidays? Come out for a light conditioning hike in the Angeles Forest front range. Break in those new boots or just warm-up for the WTC conditioning hike. 5 mi, 1400 ft gain on the well-maintained trail to Echo Mountain. Combine with the afternoon hike for a bigger workout. Meet at the corner of Lake Ave and Loma Alta Drive in Altadena at 8:00am. Ldr: Amy Smith, Assistant: Dave Scobie

January 21 | Sat

WTC

TI O Conditioning Warm-up Hike #2 (Henninger Flats)

Need a pick-me-up after the holidays? Come out for a light conditioning hike in the Angeles Forest front range. Break in those new boots or just warm-up for the WTC conditioning hike. Combine with the morning hike for a bigger workout. 6 mi, 1400 ft gain on the fire road to Henninger Flats. Meet at the corner of Pinecrest Dr. and Crescent Dr. in Altadena at 1:00pm. Ldr: Brett Smith, Assistant: Dave Scobie

January 29 | Sun

WTC, LTC, HPS

TR I Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes

Ever wonder what it is like to navigate in snow? Find out on this navigation practice as we take a cross-country route to Mt. Pinos (8831'). 4 mi rt, 700' gain. Snowshoes required. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldrs: ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN SHIELDS, JANE SIMPSON

January 29 | Sun

Angeles 20s/30s, WTC

TI O Echo Mtn (3207')

Easy 5 mile round trip, 1400' gain, 2000 calorie hike on the Sam Merrill Trail to historic Mt. Lowe Railway ruins. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the north end of Lake Street, at the corner of Lake and Loma Alta Drive in Altadena by the "Gate". This is a residential neighborhood so be mindful of parking regulations and residents' quiet enjoyment of their neighborhood. Bring 10 essentials, 1-2 liters of water, snacks. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Bernie Yoo. Asst: Regan Lau.

February 11 | Sat

WTC

MT MR Munsen Canyon Exploration

Explore palm groves and lush oases on this rock scramble in a remote desert canyon near Chiriaco Summit, 11 mi rt, 1700' elev. gain/loss. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required. Send SC#, class 3 experience, fitness info, email, and phone to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Regge Bulman.

March 31-April 1 | Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC, DPS, DC

TI I Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve

Join us for our tenth annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave; preserved under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to intermediate xc navigation day-hike workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500 elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldrs: VIRGIL SHIELDS, ANN SHIELDS, ADRIENNE BENEDICT

April 7-8 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET I Quail Mtn (5814')

Easy paced but moderately strenuous cross-country scramble to Quail Mtn providing beautiful panoramic views of the desert. Approximately 12 miles and 1800' elevation gain. This is a dry camp so be sure to bring at least 6 liters of water and something to share for happy hour on Saturday. Trip size is limited. Possible extra navigation practice Sunday in Hidden Valley. Please send an email or sase including name, address, phone number, and recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Leti Puyol Asst: David Meltzer

April 13-15 | Fri-Sun

NS, LTC, LB, PG, VH, DPS

TI I Desert Ecology Workshop

Explore important waterways on the borders of Mojave and Colorado Desert during spring wildflower season. Observe birds and other wildlife, flora, and human impact on the desert. Car camp at Whitewater Preserve near Palm Springs, late hike Fri, various canyon hikes Sat/Sun, potluck & program Sat eve. LTC credit available. \$30 to SC Natural Science Section. Details via E-mail (preferred) or SASE. Send payment, conditioning, contact, and carpool information to Reservationist Judy Anderson. Ldr: SHARON MOORE. Asst Ldrs/Naturalists: SHERRY ROSS, GINNY HERINGER, Asst Ldrs: MEI KWAN, MARGOT LOWE, JUDY ANDERSON. Naturalist: KATHY KEANE.

April 21-22 | Sat-Sun

DPS, HPS, WTC

ET I Sheep Mtn (5141'), Martinez Mtn (6560')

Climb this classic pair of desert peaks in the Santa Rosa Wilderness south of Palm Springs. Sat: backpack to camp near Cactus Springs and climb Sheep (8 mi, 2100' gain). Sun: Climb Martinez and out (12 mi, 3000' gain). Contact ldr with recent conditioning: TINA BOWMAN. Co-ldr: RUDY FLECK

April 21-22 | Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TI 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

April 21-22 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET I Carey's Castle

help us locate a mysterious miner's dwelling in the beautiful and remote southern section of the Eagle Wilderness in Riverside County. Once there, we'll make camp and explore, including a climb to nearby peak 3468', where we'll enjoy expansive views of the area. Hike out Sunday. Must be comfortable with boulder scrambling and carrying all water (dry camp). Moderate pace, 9 miles rt, 1700' total gain for the weekend. Send sase/e-mail, phones, recent hiking and conditioning to Ldr: Rebecca Cummings. Asst: Jack Kieffer.

Looking for Keys
Peak in Joshua
Tree National Park
at WTC Graduation,
2011.



PHOTO BY EDD RUSKOWITZ

May 26 | Sat

LTC, WTC, HPS

TI | 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

June 2 | Sat

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TI | Heart Bar Peak (8332')

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile rt, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldrs: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

June 2-3 | Sat-Sun

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 hiking/conditioning resume and contact info to Ldr: Philip Bates (philipabates@gmail.com) Asst: Rod Kieffer

June 3 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TI | Grinnell Ridge Navigation

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

June 16-17 | Sat-Sun

WTC, LB

ET | Southern San Geronio Romp

Enjoy late spring in the high reaches of the San Geronio Wilderness at lesser-used Dobbs trail camp. Cross-country bag of a nearby named or unnamed peak; optional reconnoiter down stream bed to numerous waterfalls. Geared toward WTC students for experience trips. Total distance for the weekend about 17 mi, elevation gain/loss about 5000'. Permit limits group size, WTC students given priority. Send name, contact & conditioning information to leader Sharon Moore. Leaders: SHARON MOORE, SHERRY ROSS

Jun 30-Jul 4 | Sat-Wed

BC, WAS, 20's-30's

ET | Yosemite Adventures Backpacking Trip to Young Lakes and Mt Conness (12,590')

Leave Sat afternoon on our luxury bus for beautiful Yosemite! Start our backpacking adventures in Tuolumne Meadows on Sun for a moderate paced 7 mi, 1700' gain to Young Lakes (10,000') and set up our base camp (Sun-Wed). Mon day hike Mt Conness (12,590'). Tuesday is layover day. Possibly hike Ragged Pk and/or fish (individual CA DFG permit required) or simply kickback in the splendor of Yosemite High Country. Wed pack out to the bus. This trip is permit restricted and will count as a WTC experience trip. Cost \$220 with SC#/\$240 non-member, includes bus, snacks and drinks on the bus, park entrance and permit fees, Wed dinner. Please send check (Sierra Club) cell phone #, email address, SASE, recent backpacking & conditioning experience, WTC group & Leader (if any), to Ldr: Sridhar Gullapalli. Co-ldr: George Denny.

June 30 - July 4 | Sat-Wed

Backpacking Committee

ET | Yosemite Tuolumne Meadows-Mattie Lake -Wildcat Pt (9562') Backpacking Trip

Leave Sat afternoon by bus for a moderate 5-day trip. We will start from Tuolumne Meadows and backpack 6 mi to Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp. Various day hikes on and off trail to Mattie Lake, Wildcat Point, and multiple waterfalls. Elevation gain for the trip is approximately 3,200 ft. Trip will include walking on granite slab, bouldering, and enjoying beautiful Yosemite. This trip is permit restricted. Please mail a check payable to the Sierra Club in the amount of \$220 and a self address stamped envelope, your backpacking and conditioning experience to David Meltzer, 611 E Pine Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245 to complete your reservation. I will forward you a confirmation if you are approved for the trip or on the waitlist. Fee includes bus ride, park entrance and permit fees and Wed dinner. I will forward additional information once approved for the trip. Ldrs: David Meltzer, Sharon Moore

ET WTC Experience Trip

TI Trip of Interest

TR Training Opportunity

MT Mountaineering

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July 13 -15 | Fri-Sun

HPS, WTC

ET | Eight over Ten: Lake Peak (10,161'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284')

Relatively easy 3 day/2 night backpack with strenuous day hiking to reach the peaks at a slow, but steady pace. Travel will be predominantly on trail; however significant XC segments across rocky and forested terrain will be necessary to reach several of the peaks. Friday we'll pack up the Fish Creek Trail to Fish Creek Saddle Camp (3.9 mi, 2,000' gain) where we'll set up camp, and then hike down to Lodgepole Spring (1.5 mi RT, 625' loss/gain) to stock up on water for the weekend. Once back at camp we'll either set off for Lake Peak and 10,000K Ridge (2.75 mi, 950' gain) or head up to the nearby summit of Grinnell Mtn (1.2 mi RT, 480' gain), and then return to camp for Happy Hour and an early night. Saturday will be a strenuous day consisting of 15.3 miles and 5,400' of gain; we'll set off in the morning near first light to get Bighorn, Dragons Head, Jepson, Dobbs, and San Gorgonio and then return to camp where we'll revel in our adventures over a hearty Happy Hour under the nearly moonless night sky. Sunday we'll get a leisurely start to go get the peak(s) we didn't get Friday, then we'll return to camp to pack up and then out. Email leader at mkelliher746@gmail.com with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Group size limited by permit. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING

**August 4-5 | Sat-Sun
(RESCHEDULED)**

WTC, HPS

**ET | Lake Peak (10,161)/Grinnell Mountain (10,284)/
Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094)**

Join us for a 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.

August 5 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

ET | Mt. Pinos Navigation

Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: KIM HOMAN

August 12 - 18 | Sun - Sat

MP, SPS

ET | Thousand Island Lake Mule Pack

Mt Davis (12,303'), Rodgers Peak (12,978'), Electra Peak (12,442'): Trip designed for strong hikers who desire cross-country routes and peakbagging. Start Sun AM from Agnew Meadows (8300') in Mammoth area, hike 9 miles, 2500', to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9850'). These peaks, many lakes, the John Muir Trail, and other trails are accessible from base camp. Mon-Fri climb peaks with leaders, hike near camp,

photo, fish, or relax in camp. Enjoy nightly organized dinners (you'll know exactly what to bring and won't have to guess). Sat hike out. \$325. Mules will carry 50 lbs gear per person. Participants selected will be asked to complete the Participant Medical Form found at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/forms/html>. Note reservation/cancellation policy in Schedule of Activities. To apply, email or phone high altitude and distance conditioning to Co-ldr: Sandy Lara. Co-ldr: Peter Lara.

August 17-19 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Thousand Island Lake/Mt. Davis (12,311')

Fri relaxed pace backpack 10 mi, 1500' gain via incredibly scenic portion of PCT (High Trail) from Agnew Meadows to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9,840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness. Sat class 2 xc route to Mt. Davis via North Glacier Pass, 6 mi rt, 2,500' gain. This will be a long, strenuous day, but the views will be well worth it! Sun pack out via River Trail. WTC or equivalent required; priority given to 2012 WTC students. Shuttle bus fee of \$7 from Mammoth Mtn ski area to trailhead required; \$5 for wilderness permit. Send e-mail (preferred) or SASE with contact info, experience, recent conditioning and WTC group leader info to Ldr: Melody Anderson (melodygrace1@gmail.com), Co-ldr: Dwain Roque

August 24-26 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10344

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



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Just your typical Snow Camp Happy Hour.

August 31 - September 3 | Fri-Mon

BC, LB

ET | Garnet Lake, Peak 10,344, Thousand Island Lake Backpacking Bus Trip

Spend Labor Day weekend among the beautiful lakes and peaks of the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Leave LA area Fri for Mammoth Lakes. Sat hike to base camp at Garnet Lake, 6 mi, 2000' gain. Sun climb 10,344 via class 2 route, then explore Thousand Island Lake basin, 7 mi, 1100' gain. Monday hike out to return home. No turtles, no tigers. Email (preferred) leader with experience and recent conditioning and contact information. Send check for \$220 w/SC#, \$240 w/o, payable to Sierra Club, to confirm participation. Price includes bus, permits, Friday campsite, Monday dinner. No refund after July 31 unless suitable replacement is found. Ldr: SHARON MOORE, Asst: BRUCE MICHAELS

September 23 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

IT | Grinnell Ridge Navigation

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October 13-14 | 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 mile rt, 1000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Ann Pedreschi Shields.



Snow Camp. The culmination of the course and, according to WTC alumni, the overwhelming favorite part of WTC.

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ET WTC Experience Trip

IT Trip of Interest

TR Training Opportunity

MT Mountaineering

WAS Wilderness Adventures Section | **PVSB** Palos Verdes South Bay Group | **LB** Long Beach Group | **OCSS** Orange County Sierra Singles | **SPS** Sierra Peaks Section | **HPS** Hundred Peaks Section | **LPC** Lower Peaks Committee | **WTC** Wilderness Travel Committee | **LTC** Leadership Training Committee | **DC** Desert Committee | **NS** Natural Science | **PG** Pasadena Group | **VH** Verdugo Hills | **BC** Backpacking Committee | **MP** Mule Pack

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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WTC Snow Camp, 2011.

*Orange County's Modjeska
Group blazes a trail through
one of the most prolific
displays of snowfall in
more than a decade.*



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