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Après- WTC

For some students, WTC is merely the beginning.

2011 WTC student Robert
Marsh celebrates on the
summit of Mt. Shasta



Life After WTC

Every year the subhead on the WTC Brochure promises, "Learn New Skills, Make New Friends, Experience New Adventures." The subhead's bookends are more personal and individual, dealing with abilities and memories, expertise and bucket lists. It's the promise in the middle that goes straight through the heart and on to the soul.

Sharing adventures with friends can change your life. When you remember a trip you remember the people.

Some in WTC strengthen the bonds made as students and continue to do trips together well beyond the Experience Trips. Graduation is only the first step to hikes and backpacks with those you met while in WTC.

The Orange County Class of 2011 spawned a group of guys that went from graduation to dayhikes, backpacks and – ultimately – a triumphant summit of Mt. Shasta. On May 27, 2012, utilizing skills honed through WTC and a snow skills course through Sierra Mountaineering International, Robert Marsh, Jeff Atijera, Gabe Dillon and Colin Schworer planned and succeeded in reaching the top together.

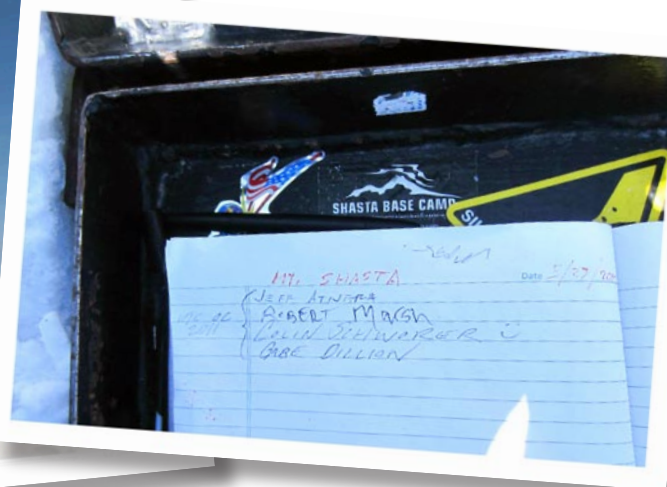
— Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Editor



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2011 WTC Students Robert Marsh, Gabe Dillon, Colin Schworer and Jeff Atijera.



Mt. Shasta Summit Register



MORE LIFE AFTER WTC: AMP class in progress with Dan Richter, Eduardo Dias Brito, Ron Eckelman, John Guilds, Julie McCue, Renee Sylvia and Dora Anderson. See the Outings section in this Newsletter for info. – photo by Matt Hengst

HEADLINE DEADLINES

For publication in the Fall 2012 WTC Newsletter: **September 14**

For publication in the Winter 2013 WTC Newsletter: **December 14**

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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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.

NEW These are trips published for the first time

June 23-24 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET | Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,362'), Newton Drury Pk (10,160')

12 mi rt, 5000' gain. Enjoy the San Jacinto Wilderness on a fairly-strenuous overnight backpack featuring 3 cross-country peaks. Sat am leave from Marion Mtn Trailhead for Little Round Valley, relaxation, happy hour, and dinner. Sun am, x-c navigation and some rock scrambling will put us atop Newton Drury Pk, Jean Pk, and Marion Mtn., then out to the cars. The perfect weekend. Send email or sase with contact info and conditioning to Ldr, Chuck Currier, Asst. Ldr Garen Yegparian

June 30-July 1 | Sat-Sun **NEW**

WTC

ET | Marion Mtn (10,362'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Newton Drury Pk (10,160), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')

12 mi rt, 4500 ft gain. Tram it up to the San Jacinto Wilderness on an overnight backpack visiting San Jacinto Pk and 3 cross-country peaks. Sat a.m. tram ride (\$24 not included), hike in to Tamarack Valley, setup camp and climb San Jacinto Pk. Return to camp for happy hour. Sunday we climb the cross-country peaks before returning to the tram. Send email with contact info and conditioning to Ldr, Dave Scobie, Asst Ldr Homer Tom.

June 30-July 4 | Sat-Wed

Backpacking, Wilderness

Adventures, 20's30'

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

July 13 -15, 2012 | Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, 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, Pat Vaughn

July 21-22 | Sat -Sun NEW WTC, SPS**MT MR Mount Abbot (13,704')**

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

July 21-22 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Gould (13,005'), Mt Rixford (12,887')**

Enjoy a challenging overnight backpack in the Sierra 13 mi rt, 5700' gain. Hike from Onion Valley to below Kearsarge Pass (3.2 mi, 2000') on Sat, then rest and acclimatize. Early start Sun, over Kearsarge Pass to Mt. Rixford, then Mt. Gould (but not summit blocks) and back to camp. Return to the trailhead by sundown. Must be comfortable with strenuous Class 2 hiking at elevation. Send email with contact information, experience and conditioning to Ldr: Bernie Fox. Co-Ldr: Robert Myers.

July 21-23 | Sat-Mon NEW**WTC****ET | Thousand Island Lake/Mt. Davis (12,311')**

Sat relaxed pace backpack 10 mi, 2000" gain via incredibly scenic portion of PCT (High Trail) from Agnew Meadows to camp at Thousand Island Lake (9840') in Ansel Adams Wilderness. Sun class 2 xc route to Mt. Davis via North Glacier Pass, 6 mi rt, 2500' gain. This will be a long, strenuous day, but the views will be well worth it! Mon 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, if any, to Ldrs: Daniel Kinzek (dkinzek@yahoo.com), Melody Anderson (melodygrace1@gmail.com).

July 28 | Sat**Long Beach, WTC****TI O Mt. San Gorgonio (11,499')**

Hike to Mt. San Gorgonio summit via Vivian Creek. 18 mi round trip, 5500' gain. Moderately-paced, but not for beginners. Rendezvous 5:30 am at Mill Creek Ranger Station with minimum 3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, USFS parking permit, \$\$ for pizza afterwards in Redlands. Group size limited by permit. To participate, contact Ldr John H. , or Co-Ldr Kevin Gray 310-294-4908.

July 28-29 | Sat-Sun**WTC, SPS****ET | Basin Mountain (13,240')**

Moderate WTC experience trip to climb to the top of Basin Mountain out of Bishop for wonderful views of the Owens Valley. Sat. backpack on trail 4 mi., 2200' gain to camp at Horton Lake. Sun. class 2 climb to Basin 2.25 mi., 3,200' gain all cross-country, then pack out to cars. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: Paul Garry. Asst: Joseph Bell.

July 28-29 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Cirque Peak (12,900')**

Join us for moderate backpack (13 miles total/3,000' gain) that will include XC exploration, navigation practice and Café Mocha/Lattes. Sat hike 4.5 miles and 1,300' gain via trail, from Horseshoe Meadow to Chicken Spring Lake (11,242). Set-up camp, and then hike, XC 2 miles (1,650' gain) to Cirque Peak. Return to camp (XC 2 miles) for happy hour. Sun AM, begin with Cafe Mocha/Lattes, break camp and hike 4.5 miles back to trailhead. Send hiking resume to tonycebates@yahoo.com. Leader: Tonyce Bates. Asst Ldrs: Rebecca Cummings, Jack Kieffer.

ET WTC Experience Trip**TI 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

August 3-5 | Fri-Sun Long Beach, WTC**ET M Mt. San Gorgonio (11,499'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Little Charlton Pk (10,696')**

Especially planned for WTC students who enjoyed climbing the rock at J-Tree and want to gain more experience on class 3 rock. We will climb Charlton Peak by the mountaineers' route. Fri, comfortably paced trail hike from South Fork to base camp, 6.5 mi, 2600' gain while enjoying our local San Gorgonio Wilderness. Sat, ascend 1600' on Charlton's north side, half of it class 3. Then go on to summit a bonus peak and the two highest peaks in Southern California by 3 miles of cross-country and some trail, 2700' total gain for the day. Hike back to camp, 5 miles on trail. Sun morning return to cars. WTC/equiv. req'd. Send 2 SASE, phone & carpool info, \$1 for materials, and name of Sierra Club leader as reference to Ldr: John H. Asst: Mike Adams.

August 3-5 | Fri-Sun NEW SPS, WTC**ET I Seven Gables (13,080')**

Join us for three days of fun deep in the Sierra and climb the spectacular SPS Mountaineers Peak Seven Gables. Friday we'll hike in from Lake Thomas Edison then join up with the PCT to Upper Bear Creek Meadows (12 mi, 3800'). Saturday we'll summit (4 mi, 3000') and Sunday we'll hike out (12 mi, 1000') Send email with conditioning & experience to Ldr: Matthew Hengst. Asst: Bill Payne

August 4-5 | Sat-Sun NEW SPS, WTC**ET I Three Sisters (10,572')**

Gourmet Backpack! Join Us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend X! Sat backpack 5 mi, 1200 ft gain from Courtright Reservoir to Cliff Lake for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 1.5-mi, 1200' gain to Three Sisters. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Assts: Georgette Rieck, Ed Cottone, Lisa Buckley.

August 4-5 | Sat-Sun NEW WTC**ET I Big Pine Lakes**

Backpack to explore the upper reaches of Big Pine Creek Basin with great views of some of the Sierra Nevada's high peaks and Palisade Glacier (12,200'). Lakeside camping along the North Fork of Big Pine Creek. From our camp, we will dip our toes into the seven numbered lakes plus two other lakes. Substantial cross-country travel over Class 2 terrain, including the climb of a nearby unnamed peak. 19 mi rt, 4200' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning and experience to Ldrs: Dave Scobie, Homer Tom

August 5 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR I 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 Mule Pack, Sierra Peaks**ET I 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 13-16 | Mon-Thu SPS, WTC**ET I Mount Davis (12,303), Rodgers Peak (12,978), Electra Peak (12,442), Foerster Peak (12,057)**

Backpack to the beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows via the PCT and then x-c over North Glacier Pass. Four days of mountaineering will cover 41 miles and 14,100' gain. Contact leader with resume and current conditioning. Ldr: Rudy Fleck, rudy.fleck@gmail.com; Co-Ldr: Tina Bowman

August 17-19 | Fri-Sun NEW WTC**ET I 20 Lakes Basin Photography / Navigation Backpack**

Spend a weekend photographing and practicing navigation in this gorgeous part of the Hoover Wilderness near Yosemite's eastern entrance. Friday hike or boat from Saddlebag Lake 2.5 miles to camp at one of the lakes and enjoy shared quesadillas; Saturday explore the lakes, find a mine and a hidden lake, approx 5 miles of hiking, followed by happy hour festivities. Sunday, pack out. Send experience and conditioning info to Ldr: Jane Simpson (jsimple@earthlink.net). Co-leader: Adrienne Benedict.

August 18-19 | Sat-Sun WTC, SPS**ET I Mt Stanford (N) (12,383')**

Join us for a relaxed two day jaunt out of Rock Creek. We'll hike in Saturday and set up camp at Hilton Creek Lakes (5 mi, 1200') and spend the afternoon swimming, fishing, and generally lazing about before having a sure to be monumental happy hour. Sunday we'll wake up early and climb nearby Mt Stanford (6 mi, 2500') before packing up and heading for the cars (5 mi, 400') Priority given to WTC students. Ldr: Matthew Hengst Co-ldr: Linda Robb

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August 18-20 | Sat-Mon**Sierra Peaks, WTC****ET | Red Slate Mtn. (13,123')**

SPS Intro Trip geared to WTC Students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, casual and enjoyable with slow to moderate pace. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to Big McGee Lake at 10,472' in 7 mi, 2300' gain. Sun climb class 2 Mountaineers Peak, 6 mi rt, 2700' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun eve. Send SASE with \$5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H,W and Cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst. Mat Kelliler.

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.

August 24-25 | Fri-Sat NEW**WTC****ET | Chocolate Peak (11,682')**

Relaxed pace backpack in the South Lake area of the Eastern Sierra. Fri pack in 3 mi, 1,000' gain on Bishop Pass trail to camp at Long Lake (10,800'), then spend the afternoon relaxing, swimming, fishing. Sat hike on trail and xc 3 mi rt, 900' gain to Chocolate Peak, then return to camp & pack out. 2012 WTC students will be given priority. \$5 for wilderness permit fee. Please send experience, conditioning and WTC info, if any (including year & group leader name) to Ldr: Melody Anderson (Melodygrace1@gmail.com). Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson

August 25-26 | Sat-Sun NEW**WTC****ET | Mt. Silliman (11,188')**

Backpack and Navigation: Enjoy two moderately paced days backpacking and navigating in Sequoia National Park totaling 10 miles of mixed trail and cross country travel with an elevation gain of 4,403 feet. Starting early Saturday morning we will backpack from Lodgepole Campground to Silliman Lake via trail and cross-country travel. Saturday night happy hour and navigation presentation (map, compass and GPS). Sunday it's our cross country climb to the top of Mt. Silliman. Then we will return to Silliman Lake to break camp and hike out to our cars. Perfect for a WTC experience trip. Send email with experience to Leader Paul Warren at pwarren@janusetcie.com . Assistant: Dave Scobie

August 25-26 | Sat-Sun NEW**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 25-26 | Sat-Sun NEW**SPS, WTC****MT MR Mt. Winchell (13,775')**

Sat backpack to Sam Mack Meadow 6.5 miles and 3400' gain. Sunday get an early start and head towards the Thunderbolt Glacier to climb Mt Winchell via the east arête. 3.5 miles 2600' gain roundtrip then return to camp, and pack out to the cars. This trip is restricted to Sierra Club members, must have experience on 3rd class rock. Helmets will be required. Send e-mail or SASE with resume, medical form and recent conditioning to Ldr: David Chapman (climberdave11@gmail.com), Asst. Ldr: Neal Robbins

August 31-September 3 | Fri-Mon**BP, 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 1-3 | Sat-Mon NEW**SPS, WTC****MT MR Red Peak (11,699'), Ottoway Peak (11,480'), & Merced Peak (11,726'), Triple Divide Peak (11,611')**

Saturday hike in to Ottoway Lakes from Chiquito Pass (13 mi, 2800') and enjoy a lakeside happy hour. Sunday we'll do a loop grabbing Merced, Ottoway, and Red (6 mi, 3000') with some 3rd class before returning to camp. Strong possibility of adding nearby Triple Divide Peak (4 mi, 2200'). Sunday we'll hike out (13 mi, 1300') WTC students must be fit and provide prerequisites. Send Sierra Club #, medical form, and resume to Ldr: Matthew Hengst Co-Ldr: Jack Kieffer

September 7-9 | Fri-Sun NEW**WTC SPS****ET | Cloudripper (13,525')**

Backpack from Glacier Lodge approx. 6 miles, 3100' gain to camp at Big Pine Lakes, followed by happy hour and sound sleep. Climb Cloudripper Saturday (3 mi./3,000'), then pack out Sunday morning. May visit Sam Mack Meadow and view Palisade Glacier time permitting. Good conditioning a must. \$5 permit fee if confirmed. Email conditioning, experience (including WTC group information if applicable), H&W phones and rideshare info to Leader: Edd Ruskowitz, Co-Leader: John Cyran.

September 7-9 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Mount Stanford (North), (12,838')**

Experience trip for leaders and WTC students. Fri backpack to western most Hilton Lake, 6 mi, 1400'. Sat climb Mount Stanford, 5 mi rt, 2500' then fish. Sun pack out. \$5 permit fee will be collected. Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Co-Ldrs: Linda Campbell, Mike Dillenback.

September 7 - 9 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET M Mount Stanford North, (12,838') and Mt. Morgan North (13,002')**

Introductory M-level outing for WTC Leaders and students proficient on peak 4377' in Joshua Tree or similar. Friday backpack from Rock Creek to western most Hilton Lake, 6 miles & 1400' gain. Saturday climb Mount Stanford, traverse to Mt Morgan, descend 3rd class chute to Davis Lake and return to camp, 9 mile loop & 4200' gain. Helmets required. Sunday pack out 6 miles. World renowned community happy hours both evenings. Send e-mail or SASE with recent experience and conditioning, WTC info, and contact & rideshare info to Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Stephanie Smith

September 14-16 | Fri-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET I Mt. Julius Caesar (13,200')**

SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPS'ers and WTC students. Fri backpack from Pine Creek to Honeymoon Lake (10,600'), 7 mi and 3200' gain. Sat climb Mt Julius Caesar via Italy Pass, 9 mi rt., 2600' gain. Sun pack out. Legendary community happy hours both evenings. Send e-mail or SASE with recent experience. Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: KC Reid

September 15-16 | Sat-Sun NEW**WTC, SPS****ET I Mt Bago (11,870'), Mt Rixford (12,887')**

Join us for two days and two peaks in the SEKI wilderness. Saturday we'll hoof it in over Kearsarge Pass and make camp near Charlotte Lake (7 mi, 1400') before climbing the nearby Mount Bago (2 miles, 1200'). After enjoying the view we'll return to camp for a rollicking happy hour potluck. Sunday leave camp early and enjoy an even more spectacular view from the top of Mount Rixford (3 mi, 2200') before packing out (5 mi, 1200'). Priority given to WTC students. Send conditioning / experience to Ldr: Matthew Hengst Co-Ldr: Wayne Vollaie

September 19-23 | Wed-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET I Mt Pickering (13,474'), Joe Devel Peak (13,327'), Mt Newcomb (13,422'), Mt Chamberlin (13,169') Mt Guyot (12,300')**

Strenuous backpack, including significant x-country travel in the High Sierras. From Horseshoe Meadow, hike 12-miles on trail to Soldier Lakes (10,400'). We'll make camp and from here climb nearby peaks Thursday through Saturday. Thursday Pickering and Joe Devel (9 mi. rt. 3800' gain). Friday Guyot (16 mi, 4,200' gain), Saturday (Chamberlin and Newcomb (5 mi, rt. 2,700' gain). Sunday pack out. E-mail experience, recent conditioning, phone to Ldr: KC Reid. Asst: Jack Kieffer.

September 22 | Sat NEW**LTC****TR Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for October 6 seminar. Next seminar Spring 2013. Contact: Steve Botan (LTCRegistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

September 21-23 | Fri-Sun NEW**WTC****ET I Twin Lakes / Silliman area Nav Pack Sequoia NP**

Improve your navigation skills, get a peak and get happy on our

6th annual moderately-paced 6.5 mi, 2900' gain backpack to beautiful Twin Lakes. Sat xc explore Silliman Crest area, and climb a no-name peak, 1400' net gain via 6 mi loop. Return to camp for shared treats and gourmet quesadillas. Sun head home. Comfort on class 2 climbing required. No tigers please. Email contact & rideshare info, recent backpacking & conditioning experience to Ldr: Adrienne Benedict. Co-Ldr: Jane Simpson.

September 23 | Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR 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. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Phil Wheeler

September 28-30 | Fri-Sun NEW**WTC****ET M Muah Mtn (11,016') & Cartago Peak (10,480')**

Introductory M-level outing for WTC students proficient on peak 4377' in Joshua Tree or similar. Venture into the Golden Trout Wilderness of the Southern Sierra on this moderately paced 3-day outing. Fri backpack from Horseshoe Meadow to Ash Meadow, 7 miles & 1200' gain. Climb Muah Mtn in-route, 3 miles RT & 1100'. Saturday climb Cartago Pk, 12 miles RT & 1500' gain. Sunday retrace backpack, 7 miles & 800' gain. Legendary community happy hours both evenings. Helmets required. Send e-mail or SASE with recent experience and conditioning to: Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Jack Keiffer

October 3 | Wed NEW**LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS****TR Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP) – Basic Safety System**

First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter. Assistant: Patrick McKusky

October 6 | Sat NEW**LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP) – Belaying**

2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter. Ass't: Patrick McKusky

October 6 | Sat NEW**LTC****TR Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC web page. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is September 22. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2013. Contact: Steve Botan

ET WTC Experience Trip**TI 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

October 13 | Sat *NEW* LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS
TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP)
– Rappelling

3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr Dan Richter. Ass't: Patrick McKusky

October 13-14 | Sat-Sun WTC

ET I “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.

October 20-21 | Sat - Sun *NEW* LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS
TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP)
– 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 e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter. Ass't: Patrick McKusky

October 21 | Sun *NEW* LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
TR I 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. Ass't: Phil Wheeler

November 10 | Sat *NEW* LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
TR I 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. Ass't: Richard Boardman

November 17-18 | Sat-Sun *NEW* LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
TR 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 17-18 | Sat-Sun DPS, WTC
(rescheduled from October 2011)

MT MR Castle Dome Peak, (3,788'), Signal Peak (4,877')

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

December 8 | Sat *NEW* WTC
TR M Leader Rock Workshop

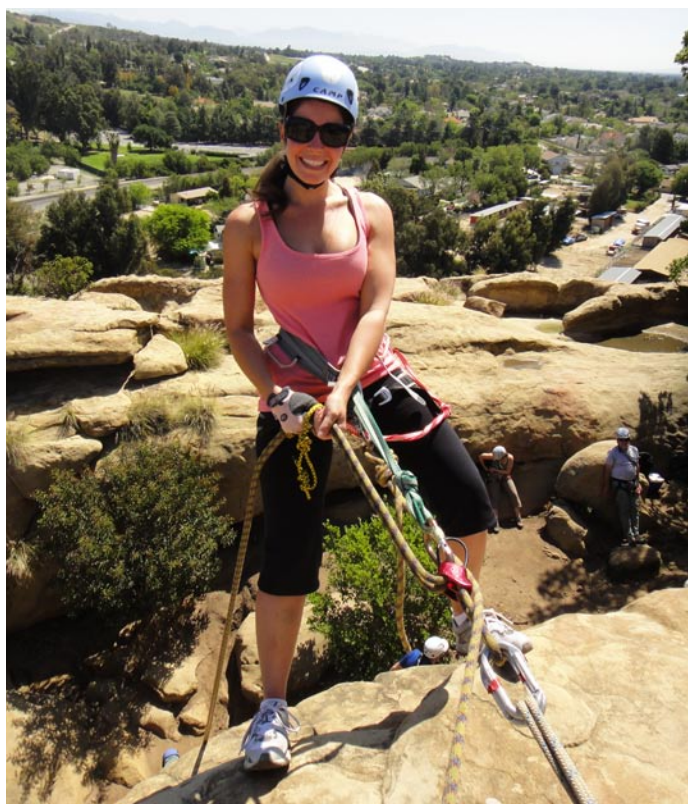
This staff development workshop is intended to prepare WTC staff to be effective instructors in WTC's rock scrambling instruction. This workshop is open to all staff members; new staff members are strongly encouraged to participate. Early sign-up recommended, since group size is limited. Climbing helmets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

December 9 | Sun *NEW* 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

January 5-6, 2013 | Sat-Sun *NEW* LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
TR 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



About to go over the edge is Renee Sylvia at AMP (Advanced Mountaineering Program). See the schedule in these pages for info.

photo by Matt Hengst

AMPd up

Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP), a series of four sessions covering the Basic Safety System, Belaying, Rappelling, and Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors, is an excellent avenue to advanced proficiency in mountaineering. Sign up early – this is one of the Angeles Chapter's most popular offerings. Check the schedule in this Newsletter for dates and more info.

2011 WTC OC student Eric Anderson on the ropes above Indian Cove's Amphitheater at Joshua Tree National Park participating in the Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP).

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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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Romancing the Patch

Congratulations — you're a third of the way to graduation! Your next step is to complete your two experience outings (see pages 4 through 10 for qualifying outings). Then comes the hardest part of the entire course: surviving graduation weekend!

1. Two experience outings must be completed to fulfill course requirements for graduation. At least one of the two outings must be a scheduled Sierra Club outing. The second may be a Sierra Club outing or a private outing. Both outings must be overnight backpacking trips that include substantial cross-country travel. At least one of the two outings must include a peak climb.

2. A peak-climb outing that does not succeed in reaching the summit, due to weather or other safety-related reasons, may count as an experience outing provided that most of the climb was completed and substantial off-trail terrain was encountered.

3. There is no requirement to obtain prior approval for a private outing. As long as the outing meets the requirements simply go on the outing, complete the non-scheduled experience outing record form and send it, along with your Student Record Card (after all other requirements are completed), to the registrar for your area. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope (sase) if you wish to be notified that your card was received.

4. WTC graduation is scheduled for October, 2012. More information will be mailed to students and staff .



ANGELES CHAPTER

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 transferring 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. [Use this feature](#) Or [search by map](#)

609 activities shown [Customize these results](#)

Date	Activity (click name for full description)	Sponsor	Category	Type	Difficulty	How Many
Thu 1/12/12	O. Conditioning Hike on Palos Verdes Peninsula	Palos Verdes Group	Outing	Hike	Strenuous	
Thu 1/12/12	O. In-line Conditioning Hikes	Angeles Cnp Orange City Singles	Outing	Hike	Moderate	
Thu 1/12/12	O. Henninger Park Conditioning Hike	Pasadena Group	Outing	Hike	Moderate	
Thu 1/12/12	O. Henninger Park Conditioning Hike	Angeles Cnp Hundred Peaks	Outing	Hike	Moderate	
Thu 1/12/12	Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill	Long Beach Group	Outing	Hike	Easy	
Fri 1/13/12	Martin Luther King Day Snowshoe Weekend in Whittier	Angeles Cnp Wilderness Advent	Outing	Snowshoeing/X-Country Skiing	Moderate	
Fri 1/13/12	Ti. Mammoth Lakes Backcountry Ski Javina	Angeles Cnp 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	CANCELED - J. Snowshoe in our local mountains	Angeles Cnp Hundred Peaks	Outing	Snowshoeing/X-Country Skiing	Moderate	Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O. Loma Beach El Dorado Park Nature Walk	Angeles Cnp Orange City Singles	Outing	Hike	Moderate	Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O. Death Valley Bus Trip	Palos Verdes Group	Outing	Hike	Easy	Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O. Hike to Lion Canyon Falls	Sierra Sage of SOG Group	Outing	Hike	Moderate	Map or Directions
Sat 1/14/12	O. Palos Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike	Angeles Cnp Orange City Singles	Outing	Hike	Moderate	Map or Directions

Legend: Outing Club support event Social event Activist event Multiple events (map only)

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.

OARS

A Better Way To Find Sierra Club Events

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.