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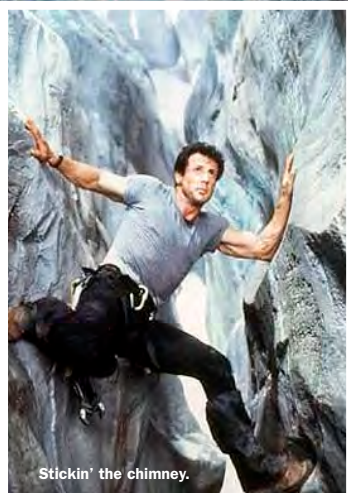
**OC Whitney student
Bethany Crunelle preps
for the PCT with WTC**



PHOTO BY JEFF MESTON

Next Up

Congratulations. You've completed the Course. You're physically equipped and mentally prepared for anything Mother Nature can throw at you. Survivorman? Amateur. Bear Grylls? Wannabe. You're the real deal. You're Sam dragging Frodo and that stupid ring up **Mordor**. You're **Stallone** hanging



from a cliff in... well, Cliff-hanger. You're the Tin Man braving flying monkeys and bushwacking through poppy fields, recalling Steve Schuster explaining in his First Aid lecture how, "Poppies will make you sleep."

No? Okay, I lied. Truth is you'll never complete the Course. Sure, your classes are done and your four outings are over. Soon enough, you'll go home with a WTC patch and a certificate of completion. But before you

can wrap your paws around those prized possessions, there's the matter of Experience Trips – the only qualifier standing between you and said patch.

Scan the Experience Trips in this Newsletter, find one whose description appeals to your abilities, contact the leader and await a reply. Mark your calendar, prepare your body and gear the way you were taught by your dedicated instructors, then take off on an adventure that may well be the first in a lifetime of discovery.

My students are used to me waxing on about how WTC changed my life. I went from playing golf four to five times a week to only

three times in the past 12 years. I discovered the Sierra Nevada and the deserts through WTC. I've never known greater physical challenges nor deeper peace than I've experienced out there (a great deal of that peace comes from just knowing those places will always be there).



Hopefully WTC is only the beginning for you as it was for me. Sign up for the Experience Trips and don't limit yourself to just two. Contact your classmates and plan your own trips (you can even count one as an Experience Trip). Check out the individual Sierra Club outings sections -- the Sierra Peaks Section. Hundred Peaks Section, Desert Peaks Section and many, many others. Sign up for advanced instruction in snow and rock travel. Lead your family and friends into the great outdoors now that you've demystified the wilderness. Or lead more than family and friends and become an official Sierra Club leader (see the blurb on LTC, the Leadership Training Committee).

Our job is done – the spoon feeding is over. We've provided the introduction, the first step. The second one is yours...

You still here?

— Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Editor

Tell Your Story

Just got back from a great experience trip and can't wait to tell everyone about it in 1200 words or less? Well, who doesn't?

First: write a trip report. Second: send it via **email only** with the subject line, "**WTC Trip Report**" to hikinedd@yahoo.com

Your trip report must be 1200 words (good) or less (better) and submitted either in the body of the email or attached as a Word document; no other formats accepted (yeah, I'm lookin' at you, PDF!). We (I) reserve the right to edit trip reports for spelling and length. All photos included with trip reports must be submitted as separate attachments (photos inserted into a Word document will not be used). All photos must conform to the same requirements detailed below.

We'd (I'd) also love to publish photos directly related to WTC instructors, students and activities. Photos must:

1. be of significant resolution and clarity;
2. ideally include and identify name(s) and WTC group affiliation(s) of those in the photo;
3. ideally include name and group affiliation of the photographer;
4. include any other pertinent information regarding the people, event, location, etc. for use in a caption.

Send photo and photo information (above items 1 through 4) via email only with the subject line, "**WTC Photo Submission**" to hikinedd@yahoo.com (using a different subject line only confuses the editor).



BIG SKIES Always a hallmark of our weekend outing in Joshua Tree – even that one year the rain was blowing sideways on Saturday but the sun came out Sunday. Indian Cove is perfect for WTC navigation practice. Photo by OC Whitney student Maria Otramba.

DEADLINE for publication in the Summer 2015 WTC Newsletter: **May 22**

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.

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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WTC Info Line: (310) 967-2029

ON THE COVER 2015 WTC Student Bethany Crunelle preps for her 2,650 mile trek along the Pacific Crest Trail with Orange County's Whitney Group near Pooput Hill during Snow Travel Day. Will this qualify as an experience trip? We'll see come graduation in October. Photo by Jeff Meston.

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FRICTION

MT. STARR KING, YOSEMITE



*West LA WTC instructors and former students Bernie Yoo, Sridhar Gullapalli, Rana Parker, Ban Uong and Katerina Leong trudge up the class two face of the middle dome prior to their climb of Mt. Starr King.
Photo by Tohru Ohnuki, WLA Group 2*



AND SO IT BEGINS Ban Uong (WLA Group 2), Rana Parker (WLA Group 2), Katerina Leong (WLA Group 2), Sridhar Gullapalli (WLA Group 2), Bernie Yoo (WLA Group 4) and Tohru Ohnuki (WLA Group 2)

Mt. Starr King is a fine granite dome, a couple of miles south of Half Dome in Yosemite, with spectacular vistas in all directions: Little Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, the Clark Range of mountains, and so much more. While there are throngs of visitors to Half Dome, very few climb Mt. Starr King. The reason is that it has a cross-country approach of about 6 miles, and the climb to the summit is class 5 in all directions. In other words, it is a technical climb requiring ropes, gear and protection from falling. Joe Spiegel and I climbed to the top of Mt. Starr King the year before, and I was itching for a repeat -- amazing views of Yose, coupled with backcountry adventures involving good food & beverages, great camaraderie, plus nary a soul nearby, sign me up anytime!

Permits to access the backcountry were procured, and we headed off for the Aug 29-Sep1 weekend. This was a private trip with friends - we (Tohru Ohnuki, Ban Uong, Rana Parker, Katerina Leong and myself) all met in the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC.) In fact all were from Group 2 in West LA ("... bring on the Godda*n cat...") except for a Group 4 interloper (Bernie Yoo), who offered to carry a rope and was a fun guy to boot! We all had some instruction and experience rock climbing, through the Sierra Club's Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP) and elsewhere.

Friday morning, the six of us caravanned to Yosemite from Los Angeles, and met at the Mono Meadow trailhead at 2 pm. After a last minute check of everyone's personal gear, we distributed the group climbing gear amongst the participants (two 60 meter ropes, an alpine rope, anchors and protection), and off we went into the backcountry. We camped in a nice secluded campsite some distance away from the trail and quite a ways from a running stream as it was a dry year. Friday night was an early night as we were planning to climb the Southeast Face of Starr King the following morning.

On Saturday our 2 mile off trail approach hike included route finding through brush, rocks and trees requiring a good sense of where we were on the map at all times. Our plan was to head to the East side of the three domes, climb the middle dome (2nd class) and then climb the northern dome which was Starr King (2 40 - 50 meter pitches of low fifth class.) Things went as

planned, and soon we were at the base of the two pitch climb, that I recalled from the year past. We noticed a small column of smoke rising from Little Yosemite Valley; this would later become the conflagration that consumed LYV in September of 2014.

Everyone donned their climbing gear (helmet, harness, shoes). Tohru led both pitches and the rest of us followed him up. Since we were a group of six and we had two ropes, we used a modified telepherique method taught in AMP to efficiently get the five followers up to the top of each pitch.

The rock is high quality, steep Sierra granite -- a delight to climb with climbing shoes. However there were only a few places to place protection on each pitch, and thus runout, requiring secure footwork. At the top of the first pitch is a nice ledge where Tohru set up a fixed line so we could all attach ourselves to be secure while waiting to climb the second pitch. The second pitch was really class 4 and easier to climb than the first. Everyone made the two sections quite easily. At the top of the 2nd pitch, we gathered once more, and then scrambled to the summit.

Oh, what great views from the summit along with fantastic weather throughout the weekend. Bernie brought a ham radio to the summit and was able to connect with another ham radio enthusiast in San Francisco! We took our pictures, proudly signed the Sierra Club register (2X for me) and headed down, scrambling to the top of the second pitch. The two ropes we brought were again useful in rappelling both pitches without interruption and by late afternoon we were heading down the west side to catch the trail to our campsites, making it back by dusk.

Happy hour was indeed well received with snacks both sweet and savory along with a flask of Jameson that we just happened to have- we all had a sip from adding to the glow of our successful ascent day. Soon we were off to bed, enjoying our well deserved rest. Sunday was a relaxed hike out, stopping at the Illilouette Creek for a dip and lunch, reaching the trailhead in the early afternoon. Oh, when I can go back please?

— by Sridhar Gullapalli



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. For a full listing see the Chapter's Schedule of Activities at angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities

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.

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. A SASE is rarely requested, but if it is 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 common courtesy that you contact the leaders to let them know of your revised plans, even if you are on the waiting list.

Note: Early sign-up (at least two weeks prior to the event) for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the Leaders Reference Book for more information. Send contact information (including mailing address) and your qualifications to the leader as soon as possible.

March 13-15 | Fri-Sun

Natural Science

TR **Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake**

Join us for two days of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing to learn about animal tracks, winter survival strategies, and geology. Must be comfortable going several miles on skis or snowshoes. This trip satisfies the Environmental Awareness requirement for the I rating. Fee of \$85 includes naturalist instruction, breakfasts and trail lunches, and accommodation at local Sierra Club members' homes on Fri and Sat night. Reserve a place by March 1st by sending SASE and \$85 check payable to Sierra Club Natural Science Section to leaders Ginny (ginnyh@ix.netcom.com) and Jim Heringer (james.heringer@gmail.com), 245 San Miguel Road, Pasadena, CA 91105.

March 21-22 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET **Eagle Mountain #1 (5,320')**

Join us for this 11 mile, 3100' gain weekend outing over rough rocky terrain for a backpack in the remote wilderness of southern Joshua Tree National Park. We will start out from Cottonwood Springs and travel cross-country to our dry campsite at the base of the Eagle Mountains; 3.5 mi, 800' gain

to camp for happy hour. Early Sunday, with day packs, travel on a cross-country 2.5 mi, 1700' gain to summit the highest peak in the Eagle Mountains. After taking in the fantastic views from the top we'll descend by way of a different route back to camp to pack up and return across the desert to our cars. WTC or similar experience required, group size limited. Send e-mail with contact info and recent conditioning to Ldr: Dave Scobie Co-Ldr: Mat Kelliher

March 28-29 | Sat-Sun

WTC, SPS

MT MR **Diamond Peak (13,126')**

Strenuous trip to climb Diamond Peak via the SE slope, "a splendid snow climb" (conditions permitting.) 14 mi rt, 7,000 ft gain. Sat backpack from Baxter Pass trailhead to Summit Meadow, 4.5 mi, 4,000 ft gain. Sun XC snow climb of Diamond Peak, 5 mi rt, 3,000 ft gain, then pack out. Helmet, ice axe and crampons required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Email SC # and contact info, completed Participant Medical Form, and climbing resume with relevant experience to Ldr: Joseph Bell, josephhikes@gmail.com. Asst Ldr: Paul Garry.

March 28 | Sat**LTC****TR Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC. Register for April 11 seminar to be held in Pasadena area. See LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) for registration information. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Fall 2015.

March 28 | Sat**WTC****TI | Quail Mountain (5,813') and Mount Minerva Hoyt (5,405')**

Join us for one of the classic hikes in Joshua Tree NP to Quail Mountain and the recently named peak of Mount Minerva Hoyt. At 5,813', Quail Mtn is Joshua Tree's highest peak. Moderately paced 12 mile RT / 2500' gain hike with predominately xc travel over sandy and rocky terrain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, 3 liters water. Send e-mail with recent experience, conditioning, and contact info to Leader: Justin Bruno, Assistant: Homer Tom

April 4-5 | Sat-Sun**WTC, Crescenta Valley Group****ET | Eagle Mountain #1 (5,359')**

Easy paced but moderately strenuous cross-country scramble to Eagle Mountain in Joshua Tree. The Eagle Mountains mark the transition between Colorado Desert and higher-elevation Mojave Desert ecological zones. Approximately 10 miles and 2400' elevation gain. Saturday we will hike 3 miles off-trail to dry camp area, set up camp and then hike 4 miles round-trip to summit. Return to camp for happy hour and good conversation. Sunday morning will break camp and hike out. 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. Please send an email or sase including name, address, phone number, and recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Karen Buehler Asst: Sharon Moore.

April 4-5 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Quail Mountain (5814'), Samuelson's Rock**

Moderately strenuous 14 mi rt 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mtn, highest point in Joshua Tree NP using mostly cross-country route. Sat easy paced 4 mi to camp, set up, then 6 mi rt to Quail and back to camp for happy hour. We will encounter some rough, rocky section on Quail. Sun, 2 mi rt xc trip to Samuelson's Rock. Bring 10 essentials, minimum 6 liters water (dry camp), boots and layered clothing. email, H&W phones, w/recent experience & conditioning to Ldr: David Meltzer. Asst: Brian Decker

April 11 | Sat**WTC****MT MR Wonderland of Rocks Exploration**

Rock scramble to explore remote canyons looking for arches, domes and other interesting rock formations in the southern portion of the Wonderland of Rocks, 6 mi rt, 1000' gain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldrs: Robert Myers, Virgil Shields, Regge Bulman.

April 11 | Sat**LTC****TR Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar in Pasadena Area. For information, see the LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>). Deadline for receipt of application is March 28. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Fall 2015.

April 11-12 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Quail Mtn (5,813') and Mt Minerva Hoyt (5,405')**

Starting Saturday from the Keys West Backcountry Board, we will enjoy a moderately-paced 4.5 mile hike that includes a mix of dirt road and cross country travel before setting up camp to enjoy happy hour at the base of stunning rock features. An early start on Sunday will take us up a strenuous 2 mile cross country route with 1400' of gain to the summit of Quail Mountain (5813'). From there we will travel to have lunch atop historically-named Mount Minerva Hoyt (5405') before returning to camp. After packing up we will head back to the cars the same way we came for a total day of approximately 8.5 miles. Send email with contact info and hiking resume to Ldr: Jaime Kalenik. Ass't: Will McWhinney

April 11-12 | Sat-Sun**WTC, DPS****MT MR Clark Mtn (7,907'), New York Mtns HP (7,532')**

Join us for a fun spring weekend in the Mojave National Preserve near Primm, NV to climb a couple of classic DPS 3rd Class Peaks. Both peaks are strenuous and involve travel across rocky, thorny, steep, and loose desert terrain. Experience and comfort on exposed Class 3 terrain is required. Saturday's trip to Clark Mtn will be about 2.3 RT miles with 1,900' of gain. After returning from the peak Saturday we'll drive over to the trailhead for the New York Mtns HP to enjoy a hearty and festive DPS Happy Hour & Potluck around a roaring fire and camp out for the night. Sunday we'll head up to the high point of the New York Mtns and while we're up there we'll pick up the nearby New York Mtn for a day's total of about 5.0 RT miles with 2,200' gain. This is a Restricted Mountaineering outing; participants must be current Sierra Club members, and must submit a Sierra Club "Medical Form". Helmet, harness, belay device, and experience with their use is required. Limited group size with priority given to WTC Leaders working towards their M rating. High clearance 4WD vehicles recommended. This is a WTC Outing co-sponsored by DPS. Email Sierra Club number, contact and carpool info, climbing resume, recent experience and conditioning to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Brad Jensen

April 18-19 | Sat-Sun**DPS, WTC, HPS****TI | Pahrump Point (5,740'), Stewart Point (5,265')**

Come join us for a fun springtime weekend of rocky class 2 peak-bagging near Death Valley NP high above the Chicago Valley north-northeast of Shoshone, CA. Feel free to join us for one or both days. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Bill Simpson.

April 18-19 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), 10,000 Ft. Ridge (10,094'), Lake Peak (10,161')**

Early chance to get your WTC experience trip in! Preference given to 2015 WTC students. Enjoy an easy paced, moderately strenuous, 13.5 mi rt. 3350' gain, overnight backpack trip in San Bernardino. We will hike 4.5 miles and set up camp at Fish Creek Saddle, then xc route to summit Grinnell Mtn before dinner. Sunday, take xc to route to 10,000 ft ridge, then xc to Lake Peak. We will head back to camp, gather our gear and return to the trailhead. Peaks are subject to snow conditions. Send email and telephone, hiker's resume, and ride share info to Ldr: Gabriel Lacktman (GLacktman@gmail.com) Asst: Homer Tom

ET | Sentinel Peak (9,634')

Join us for a trip into the Panamint Mountains of western Death Valley to visit the ghost town of Panamint City and climb Sentinel Peak. On Saturday we'll backpack along a stream up Surprise Canyon to Panamint City (6 miles, 4,000'). We'll make camp and explore Panamint City before enjoying a happy hour potluck. Sunday we'll get an early start and hike XC to climb Sentinel Peak (9 miles, 3,400') before breaking camp and packing back down to the trailhead (6 miles). Good conditioning and experience on 2nd class XC talus required. Send e-mail with resume containing recent experience, contact, and rideshare info to Ldr: Crystal Davis (marie.crystal@gmail.com), Assistant: Neal Robbins

April 18-19 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Carey's Castle**

Overnight trip in southeastern part of Joshua Tree NP. From Red Butte wash, this will be a moderately paced 9 mile RT /1300' gain trip with predominately cross country travel through sandy canyons and moderately rocky terrain. Trip includes nearby peak 3344T and will return via the same canyon. Bring 10 essentials, food and plenty of water. Camp is dry, 6-8 liters of water recommended. Must be comfortable with xc travel. Send e-mail with recent experience to Ldr: Justin Bruno, Ass't: Bob Draney

April 18-19 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Pinto Mountain (3,983')**

Join us for an early backpack in the Mojave Desert near Twentynine Palms to a peak with panoramic views of the Pinto basin. Late morning start on Saturday as we backpack 3 miles to our campsite. Sunday we'll climb up a wash to the summit and follow an alternate route down via ridgelines to camp and then out to the cars. This all cross-country route has some steep, loose, and rocky sections along the way. We'll keep a steady and relaxed pace for a weekend total of 13 miles and 2,400' gain. Email contact info and recent experience to Ldrs: Brett Smith, Sarah Schuh-Quist

April 22 | Wed**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR Workshop Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP11) – 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 (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

April 25 | Sat**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP11) – 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 (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

April 25-26 | Sat-Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****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

TR | Warren Point Navigation Noodle

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

May 1-4 | Fri-Mon**NS, WAS, LB****TR O Pinnacles National Park Spring Car Camp**

Join us for a car camping and day hiking extravaganza to one of our newest National Parks, which features fascinating geology that about 23 million years ago was located near Lancaster. Talus caves, towering cliffs, and volcanic formations attract bats, condors, and climbers. We'll hike among these wonders while also enjoying oak woodlands, chaparral, riparian areas, spring wildflowers, plus a variety of birds and other animals. Did I mention California Condors? If you need Environmental Awareness credits for your advanced leadership rating, this trip will qualify. Space is limited; RSVP required Leaders: Sharon Moore, Keith Martin

May 2 | Sat**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP11) – 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 (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

May 9 | Sat**LTC, WTC****TR | Navigation: 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, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman

May 9-10 | Sat-Sun**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP11) – 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 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 (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

May 16 | Sat**HPS, WTC****TI | Scodie Mountain (7,294')**

Join us for a cross-country adventure in the Southern Sierra. We'll begin the at Walker Pass Campground on the PCT. Spending most of the day off trail, we'll wind through the beautiful pinyon pine forest to our summit (7 mi, 2300 ft gain).

We'll take a moderate pace to enjoy views of everything from the Sierra to the desert. Be sure to bring your 10 essentials and be prepared with food and water for a full day's hike. This is an HPS Outing co-sponsored by WTC. Email Kristen Lindbergh for trip status and details. Leader: Kristen Lindbergh, Ass't: William Payne

May 16-17 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET | Mt. Waterman area "Son of a Nav-Pack"

Looking for an opportunity to improve your navigation skills? Join us on this cross-country romp to the area around Mt. Waterman. We'll pack in about 3 miles and about 1300' to a dry camp on Saturday. We'll spend Saturday and Sunday exploring the area, practicing navigation, looking for wildflowers and taking in a peak. We'll pack out on Sunday. Bring enough water for two days. Send email with contact information and recent experience to Ann Shields.

May 30-31 | Sat-Sun

DPS, HPS, WTC

TI | New York Butte (10,668'), Pleasant Point (9,690'), Cerro Gordo Peak (9,188')

Join us for a pleasant late spring weekend in the southern Inyo Mountains as we scale a couple of classic DPS peaks as well as a bonus trip up to the summit of one of the Great Basin Peaks Section peaks. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS and WTC. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Bill Simpson.

June 12-14 | Fri-Sun

Natural Science

TR O Nature Knowledge Workshop

Join the Natural Science Section for a weekend of discovery, now in its 44th year. From our streamside camp accommodations in the San Bernardino Mtns. we'll explore our natural surroundings on easy guided walks or moderate hikes led by

our professional naturalists. They will also share their expertise in a variety of natural history topics such as reptiles, birds, plants, mammals, insects, Native Americans, and earth science studies through hands-on and special interest workshops. We will begin with dinner and a program Friday evening and end with lunch Sunday. Fee includes 2 nights lodging in dormitory cabins (bring your own sleeping bag), six full-course meals, and instruction. Tent or car camping is also available. All this and hot showers too! Reservation deadline is May 28th. Visit NSS website, www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss, for reservation form. Send with check, made out to "Sierra Club/NSS", to reservationist Tom Brady: 2769 Fierro Circle, La Crescenta, CA 91214. brady818@gmail.com. Include names of all participants and Email address (or 2 SASEs). \$165 with SC# / \$185 non-member. Participants must be 12 years or older (under 18 must be accompanied by adult). LTC credit available. Leaders: Clifford McLean, Gabriele McLean.

June 13 | Sat

WTC, HPS

TR | Navigation: Heart Bar Peak (8332')

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 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 Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leaders: Jane Simpson, Adrienne Benedict, Ann Pedreschi Shields

June 14 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle

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 Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

Release Your Inner Leader

Leadership Training Seminar April 11, 2015

Take that first step — become a Leader!

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year.

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a **one-day seminar**.

The seminar, offered only twice each year, covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone — including you — has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The application is available for download online where you can pore over more of LTC's upcoming offerings.

Offered just twice a year, the next Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015. Apply by March 28 to guarantee a spot and learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios.

Next class: April 11, 2015

Must register by March 28, 2015

Where: Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena

Time: Arrive at 7:30 a.m., done by 4 pm

Application: angeles2.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar

Cost: \$25

Mail application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646.

Applications and checks are due March 28, 2015

More information: Steve Botan at ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org or call 714-321-1296

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson at AMLeadership@gmail.com

June 20-21 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Silliman (11,188')**

Enjoy two moderately paced days backpacking in Sequoia National Park. We'll leave Saturday morning from Lodgepole campground, hiking 3.5 mi. and 2000 ft. gain (about equal parts on-trail and cross-country) before enjoying a relaxing happy hour at our campsite with splendid views up to Mt. Silliman. Starting fairly early Sunday, we'll travel some class 2 granite friction slabs and grab lunch on the summit after 3.5 mi. and 2,400 ft. gain. Descend and pack up camp, and be back to the trailhead in timely fashion to avoid a late night drive. Comfort with class 2 rock required. Wilderness Travel Course or similar training is encouraged. Our permit limits group size, so please register by sending an email to the Leader with your contact info, conditioning, and experience to reserve your spot. Leader: Gillian Bailey. Ass't: Ann Pedreschi Shields

June 27-28 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Jean Peak (10,670'), Marion Mountain (10,362')**

Moderately paced backpack in the San Jacinto Wilderness, ~12 mi rt, 3,000' gain. We will take the Palm Springs Tram (fee required) early Saturday morning, and hike in on trail approx 2 miles to the Round Valley Campground. After setting up camp, we'll head up to the 2 peaks on Saturday afternoon via cross country travel returning to camp in time for dinner. Sunday morning we will hike out the ~2 miles to the tram station, returning to cars via the tramway. WTC or similar experience strongly preferred. Send email and hiking/backpacking resume to Ldr: Tiffani Bruno (mntntrls@gmail.com) Asst Ldr: Homer Tom

June 27-28 | Sat-Sun**WTC, SPS****ET | Three Sisters (10,612')**

Join us for a leisurely weekend in the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Area of the Sierra National Forest near Fresno, CA. Saturday we'll pack in 4.7 miles and gain 1,200' at a comfortable pace on-trail to our camp at Cliff Lake (9,438'). Sunday we'll cover about 1.5 miles over cross-country terrain while gaining 1,150' to reach the summit of Three Sisters, then return to camp, pack up and head out for a day's total (including the peak) of 7.7 miles with 1,150' gain. Priority given to current WTC students. Permit limits group size and permit fee (\$75) will be split among the group. This is a WTC outing co-sponsored by SPS. Email recent conditioning and experience, contact and vehicle/rideshare information, for trip status and details to mkelliher746@gmail.com. Leader: Mat Kelliher, Co-Leader: Sridhar Gullapalli

July 2-5 | Thu-Sun**Backpacking****ET | Yosemite High Country Backpacking Bus Trip - Young Lakes, Mt. Conness (12,590')**

Join us for a 4-day adventure in Yosemite's high country on this bus backpacking trip for the 4th of July holiday. We will depart the LA area on the 2nd of July on our luxury bus and return on the 5th. We'll leave from Tuolumne Meadows and hike 5 miles with 1200 ft of elevation gain to Young Lakes, set up camp, and enjoy the scenery. The following day, hike cross country, 7 miles round trip, 3000' gain to the southern flank of Mt. Conness

for an exciting class 2 scramble up to the summit. Head back to camp at Young Lakes for Happy Hour and a good night's rest, then pack out Sunday. This trip is suitable for conditioned WTC students, and will count as an experience trip. No beginners. Group size is limited due to permit. Make check payable to Sierra Club for \$250 if you are a current Sierra Club member (include your SC Number) or \$275 for non-members; please include recent conditioning and hiking info, e-mail and contact info. Leader: Sharon Moore Co-Ldrs: Tohru Ohnuki; David Meltzer-Reservationist David Meltzer, 611 E Pine Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245 Phone 310-913-1230

July 2-5 | Thu-Sun**Backpacking****ET | Yosemite High Country Backpack to May Lake and Mt. Hoffmann**

Join us this July 4th weekend on a fun-filled backpack to May Lake, Mt. Hoffmann (class 2 approach) and points nearby in the Yosemite high country. Enjoy the sights and splendor of Yosemite while hiking, climbing and swimming in alpine lakes. Expect a mileage of around 15 miles and an elevation gain of about 2500 ft. Optional side trips will involve additional distance and gain. Hiking pace will be WTC moderate. John Muir speaks of the views from Mt. Hoffmann in "My First Summer in the Sierra" "...what glorious landscapes are about me, new plants, new animals, new crystals, and multitudes of new mountains far higher than Hoffmann, towering in glorious array along the axis of the range, serene, majestic, snow-laden, sundrenched, vast domes and ridges shining below them, forests, lakes, and meadows in the hollows..." With luck, we should also have a wildflower bonanza. This trip is geared towards current WTC students, and will count as an experience trip. Depart the LA area on the 2nd of July aboard our luxury bus (complementary snacks and beverages provided) and return on the 5th. Make check payable to "Backpacking Committee" for \$250 if you are a current Sierra Club member (include your SC number) or \$275 for non-members. Please include recent conditioning and hiking info, contact e-mail & cell number along with the city you live in, to Leader Sridhar Gullapalli (sridhar_gullapalli@yahoo.com) Co-Leader: Sherry Ross.

July 3-5 | Fri-Sun**WTC****I Moose Lake (10,550') and Alta Peak (11,207')**

Spend July 4th backpacking with us in Sequoia National Park! We'll leave Friday from the Wolverton Trailhead (7283 ft.) to camp among the wildflowers at beautiful Alta Meadow (6.5 miles, 2200 ft. gain). Saturday we'll hike cross-country to Moose Lake (7 mi r.t., 2000 ft. gain) to enjoy some spectacular views of the Great Western Divide, and return to our camp at Alta Meadow for a relaxing happy hour. Sunday morning we'll pack up camp and venture up to Alta Peak (5 mi. r.t., 1,900 ft. gain) for a memorable 360 degree view before returning to cars. Moderately paced backpack. Wilderness Travel Course or similar experience is encouraged. Our permit limits group size, so please send an email to the Leader with your contact info, conditioning, and experience to request a spot on this trip. Leader: Gillian Bailey. Ass't: Will McWhinney.

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July 10-12 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Moose Lake (10,550')**

Fri. backpack from Wolverton Trailhead (7283') in Sequoia National Park to camp at Alta Meadow (9356', 6.5 mi, 2200' gain) with an abundance of wildflowers and eye-popping scenery. Sat. we go cross-country to Moose Lake and surroundings (7 mi rt, 2000' gain) to enjoy some spectacular views of the Great Western Divide. We'll return to our camp at Alta Meadow in the late afternoon for some lively conversation, relaxation, and happy hour. Sunday morning there will be an optional x-c adventure to Alta Peak (11,204', 2.5 mi rt, 1,900' gain) for a memorable 360 degree view and friendly marmots, then out to the cars. Send experience and conditioning, phone number, info to leader. Ldr Chuck Currier, Ass't. Ldr Bob Dryden

July 11-12 | Sat-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET M Mt. Gould (13,005'), Mt. Rixford (12,890')**

SPS intro climb; preference given to recent WTC students. Join us to get two of first six peaks you need for SPS membership. Sat backpack 3.5 mi, 2200 ft gain to Big Pothole Lake; fabled evening potluck. Sun climb 5 mi, 3100 ft over Kearsarge Pas and then up south slope to Rixford, contour to Gould via c13 summit block and drop back to camp and pack out. Send recent conditioning, carpool info, \$5 for permit payable to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Tom McDonnell

July 11-12 | Sat-Sun**WTC****MT MR University Peak (13,589')**

Two day mountaineering outing on the Eastern Sierras. Saturday backpack from Onion Valley to our campsite (3 mi, 1400'). We will have a leisurely afternoon camped next to a lake followed by a happy hour in the evening. Sunday we will have an early start as we travel cross-country passing alpine lakes to the start of our climb. We will be climbing class 3 terrain on the north face of University Peak (4 mi r/t, 3000'). After our successful climb, we will pack out that same day. Participants must be comfortable on third class terrain and have excellent conditioning. Helmet, harness, and medical form required. Please bring cash for permit fees @ the trail head. Send e-mail with resume containing recent mountaineering experience, contact, and rideshare info to Leader: Jeff Atijera. Ass't: Matt Hengst

July 17-19 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Tom (13,652')**

Climb the most prominent mountain visible from Bishop and the upper Owens Valley. Friday backpack from Pine Creek 4 miles and 3100' gain to Gable Lake. Saturday ascend 7 miles RT and 3250' gain to summit Mt Tom. Late season snow may divert peak to Four Gables (12,720'). Sunday pack out. Send e-mail or SASE, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, and contact info to Ldr: Stephanie Smith, Co-Ldrs: Linda Campbell, Mike Dillenback

July 17-19 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Pilot Knob (12,245')**

WTC experience trip, Eastern Sierra out of North Lake Trailhead. Moderately strenuous trip, good conditioning and high altitude experience a must. Fri Backpack from North Lake Trailhead over Piute Pass @ 7 mi, 2,300' gain to camp near Lower Desolation Lake, Fri. evening happy hour. Sat early start hike to Pilot Knob, @7 mi rt cross country. Must

be comfortable with class 2 rock. Return to camp for some r&r. Sun backpack out to cars. \$5 permit fee required. Send resume, experience and WTC leader name/group to Leader: Kristen Lindbergh. Ass't: Cheryl McMurray.

July 18-19 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Stanford North (12,383')**

Two day backpacking trip out of Rock Creek. Our trek begins Saturday at the Davis Lakes trailhead where we'll hike up to Hilton Lakes (5 mi, 1500'). We'll set-up camp near the lake, chill for the rest of the day, and have an awesome happy hour. Sunday, we will be traveling cross-country to summit Stanford (5 mi r/t, 2500'). Once we return to camp, we'll pack up and pack out that same day. Please bring cash @ trailhead for permit fees. Email leaders with most recent conditioning, backpacking experience, and phone number. Leaders: Katherine Yi, Jeff Atijera

July 18-19 | Sat-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET | Mt. Starr (12,835'), Peak 11,902' Gourmet Backpack!**

Step up your game for Decadent Wilderness Weekend XII. We'll trek 2 mi, 1,000 ft through the howling wilderness to Box Lake. A hardy few will brave the northeast ridge of Peak 11,902 (Lookout Peak). Then the decadent many will break out appetizers, salads, entrees, desserts and wines along with the traditional brass candlesticks, tablecloths and pink flamingos for dinner. After breakfast Sunday, climb Mt. Starr, pack out and look for something delicious to tide us over the long drive home. Send your most outrageous culinary idea and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Assts: Ed Cottone, Georgette Rieck, Lisa Buckley.

July 31-August 2 | Fri-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET | Humphrey Basin - Pilot Knob (12,245')**

Fri relaxed pace backpack 5 mi 2050' gain over Piute Pass to Muriel Lake. Saturday we will hike 10 miles 1700' gain/loss off-trail exploring Humphrey Basin's several lakes and Pilot Knob Peak (12245'). Return to camp for happy hour and good conversation. Sunday morning will break camp and hike out. Trip size is limited. WTC or equivalent required; priority given to 2015 WTC students. \$5 for wilderness permit. Please send an email or sase including name, address, phone number, and recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Karen Buehler Asst: Homer Tom.

July 31-August 2 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Julius Caesar (13,220')**

Join us for this backpacking trip in the John Muir Wilderness to climb a remote peak. Friday we'll hike in from Pine Creek trailhead passing an abandoned Tungsten mine and Pine Creek Lake along the way. We will establish camp once we reach Honeymoon Lake (6 mi, 3200'). Leisurely lake side camping and happy hour shall ensue. Saturday, we'll travel cross-country to climb Mt Julius Caesar to be rewarded by views of alpine lakes and granite basins. After successfully reaching the summit, we will return to camp (7 mi r/t, 3100') for another round of happy hour. We will pack up and head out Sunday morning. Please bring cash @ trailhead for permit fees (\$51 split among participants). Email leaders with most recent conditioning, backpacking experience, phone number. Leaders: Jeff Atijera, Katherine Yi



WIN, PLACE & SHOW

What's a Snow Travel Day without snowshoe races? Well, it's still Snow Travel, I guess... just not as much fun. In this matchup of Orange County students, Bryan Cogdell breaks out to an early lead with Saeed Fardin and Raymond Yu hot on his heels. Photo by Cheryl McMurray

July 31-August 2 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Cloudripper (13,525')

Join us on this challenging and beautiful experience trip. Backpack from Glacier Lodge to Big Pine Lakes for happy hour and camping (6 mi, 3200 ft). Early rise Sunday to climb xc to Cloudripper, the highest peak in the Inconsolable Range, for amazing views (3 mi, 3000 ft). Return to camp and pack out to cars. Send experience and conditioning info to Ldr Niels Quist. Co-Ldr Sarah Quist

August 2 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR | Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle

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 or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

August 8-9 | Sat-Sun

WTC

ET | Mt. Gould (13,005'), Mt. Rixford (12,887')

Join us for a challenging cross-country backpack trip in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Saturday morning we will begin at Onion

Valley and hike 3.2 miles to below Kearsarge Pass (2000 ft. gain). There we will rest and bask in the beauty of the land. Early Sunday morning we will depart camp and climb over Kearsarge Pass to summit Mt. Rixford, then on to Mt. Gould (but not 3rd class summit block). We plan on returning to the trailhead by sundown the same day. 13 miles total roundtrip with 5700 ft. total elevation gain. Participants must be comfortable with strenuous Class 2 hiking at elevation. Bring 10 essentials and a pleasant demeanor. Nat'l Forest Service Wilderness Permit limits participant number to six participants plus two leaders, so do not delay in expressing your interest to participate. Please send current Hiking Resume with Conditioning and Contact Information to trip leaders: Benjamin Bowes (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com) and Bob Dryden (drydenr@vmcmail.com).

August 8-12 | Sat-Wed

WTC

ET | Evolution Valley, Humphreys Basin, Pilot Knob (12,245'), Mount Lamarck (13,417')

Join us on an unforgettable five day trek through the spectacular backcountry that mountaineering legend R.J. Secor called the Sierra's "Destination Resort". Day 1, depart North Lake and climb over Piute Pass for our first view of the magnificent Humphreys Basin, then descend along Piute Creek to camp at Upper Golden Trout Lake (6.6 mi, 2200' gain). Day 2, hike cross country to climb Pilot Knob for spectacular views of the basin and the peaks of the Glacier Divide, returning to camp for a swim and happy hour (6.6mi, 2400' gain/loss). Day 3, continue descending gradually down Piute Canyon through meadows and pine forest to join the John Muir Trail and then head up the San Joaquin River past John Muir Rock to camp near Aspen Meadow (11 mi, 3300' loss). Day 4, ascend to subalpine Evolution Valley, ringed by rugged peaks named for the pioneers in evolutionary biology. We'll pass through McClure Meadow, then depart from the Muir Trail to camp at Darwin Bench (9.3 miles, 3300' gain). Day 5, climb rocky cross country up Lamarck Col, taking a side trip to bag Mount Lamarck, then a long descent past the Lamarck Lakes to cars (8.5 miles, 2500' gain, 4300' loss). Swim and/or fish every day and enjoy the best the Sierras have to offer, climb some rocks to bag 2 SPS peaks, learn some natural history and get tips on gearing up for lighter and ultralight backpacking from your leaders. Qualifies as WTC experience trip. Totals for the trip, 42 miles, 10400' gain/loss. Leaders: Jim Hagar jhagar1@gmail.com, Sharon Moore justslm@earthlink.net

August 14-16 | Fri-Sun

WTC

ET | Four Gables (12,720')

Glory in a weekend at high altitude surrounded by high peaks and alpine lakes. Hiking on-trail 7.4 miles from North Lake (9,255') and climbing over Piute Pass (11,423'), we will set up camp in Humphreys Basin. Second day will feature a short 4 mile scramble to the summit of Four Gables (class 2) and some exploring with navigation practice on the way back to camp. A nice late start before the 7 mile hike out on the Sunday. Send email with contact info and recent experience to Leader Paul Warren. Co-leader: Melody Anderson.

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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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August 14-16 | Fri-Sun**SPS, WTC****ET | M Matterhorn (12,279'), Whorl (12,033'), Twin Peaks (12,323')**

Join us on this strenuous grand circle tour of Sawtooth Ridge. Fri backpack 12 mi, 3500' gain via Robinson Creek Trail to camp in Piute Canyon. Sat climb Matterhorn (Emblem Peak) 2 mi, 2600' gain by southwest slope, then descend 1 mi by southeast slope to camp in Spiller Creek basin. Optional climb of Twin Peaks 1 mi, 1700' gain. Sun climb Whorl 2 mi, 1400' gain via southeast chute and out 5 mi, 3600' loss via Horse Creek Trail. Recent 3rd class rock experience required. Send email or sase (email preferred) with H&W phones, recent conditioning, climbing resume, rideshare info and \$3 check for permit to Ldr: Ron Campbell. Asst: Phil Bates.

August 15-16 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Cirque Peak (12,900')**

In a lush basin in the High Sierra surrounded by countless alpine lakes and some of the Sierra's tallest peaks sits our worthy objective: Cirque Peak. Experience the quintessential Sierra without the pain and suffering of a long-haul. We will leave Saturday morning from Horseshoe Meadows backpacking a modest 5 miles and 1200 ft gain to Cirque Lake. With our peak towering over us we'll relax lakeside and judge our sure-to-be-epic happy hour competition. Sunday we will embark cross-country to our summit returning over New Army Pass (5 miles 1800 ft gain) and heading out to the cars 5 miles and 100 ft gain. Big group! Slow pace! Plenty of room! Leader: Kristen Lindbergh. Asst: Matt Hengst.

August 15-17 | Sat-Mon**WTC****ET | Hilton Lakes (10,353')**

Become one with the Sierra Nevada as we trek through the John Muir Wilderness around Hilton Lakes. In this car shuttle trip we start at the Hilton Lakes trailhead (9400') for five miles to a Hilton Lake (10,353'). Day two will be spent wandering cross country to dip our toes in higher lakes. Day three we say farewell and hike eight miles to Hilton Creek trailhead (7175'). Send email with contact info and recent experience to Ldr Homer Tom. Co-Leader: Dave Scobie.

August 21-23 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Thousand Island Lake, Peak 10,344'**

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: Dwain Roque.

August 22-23 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Mt. Bago (11,871')**

Join us for slow/moderate pace backpack over the Kearsarge Pass (11,811') trail to set up camp at Charlotte Lake (10,630') 7.25 mi 2,900' gain. Sunday morning xc to Mt. Bago (11,868') 2.25 mi rt, 1,500' gain, and return to camp, pack up to hike back 7.25 mi 1,600' gain to the cars. Wilderness Permit \$5.00 deposit required for this WTC outing. Send email with contact information, experience, recent conditioning and WTC group leader info to Leader Garry McCoppin. Co-leader: Lisa Buckley.

August 29-30 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Baboon Lakes (10,976')**

Visit the aptly-named Baboon Lakes. Starting Saturday from Lake Sabrina (9,128') we travel on trail and cross country 4.5 miles to the lakes. Afternoon spent exploring the lakes and pondering the name before settling in for happy hour. Sunday morning cross-country constitutional to explore further before hiking out. Send email with contact info and recent experience to Ldr Homer Tom. Co-leader: Niels Quist

September 5-7 | Sat-Mon**WTC****ET | Mt. Williamson (14,375') Backpack**

Mt Williamson (14,375') is the 2nd highest peak in the Sierra's, and an SPS Emblem Peak. Saturday drive George Creek road to the end. Strenuous backpack to camp 4 mi, 4500' gain via George Creek. Sunday climb Williamson along the SE ridge, 6 mi rt, 4,800' gain. Happy hour Sat/Sun nights. Monday pack-up and hike out. \$5 permit fee. Send email with recent high altitude conditioning/experience, and contact info to Ldr: Phil Bates. Asst. Ldr KC Reid, Jason Seieroe

September 12-13 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Cirque Peak (12,906')**

Join us for a moderately paced overnight backpack with spectacular views of the Sierras. 14 miles RT/ 3600' gain. From Horseshoe Meadows we'll have an easy 4.5 mile/1000' gain x/c hike to camp at Cirque Lake where we'll enjoy a happy hour together. Sunday we'll get an early start for a class 2 route to the summit of Cirque Peak (2.5 miles/1900') then return to camp and pack out. Qualifies as a WTC experience trip. Must be comfortable with xc travel. Send e-mail with recent experience, high altitude tolerance, contact and rideshare info to Justin Bruno. Asst: Homer Tom.

September 18-20 | Fri-Sun**WTC****ET | Palisade Glacier (12,250')**

Join us on this trip to visit the largest glacier in the Sierra Nevada, the Palisade Glacier. After hiking in 6 miles and 3000' gain we'll set up our camp for the weekend in the Big Pine Lakes Basin. We'll spend our second day exploring the bottom reaches of the Palisade Glacier in the shadows of 14,000' peaks and if time permits, more of the turquoise colored lakes in the basin. Monday we'll hike out and head home. Weekend totals, 18 miles and 5000' gain/loss. Preference will be given to WTC students. Send email and hiking/backpacking resume to Ldr: Jason Seieroe (jasonseieroe@gmail.com) Asst Ldrs: Phil Bates, KC Reid

September 19-20 | Sat-Sun**WTC****ET | Lamarck Lakes (10,918')**

Spend a weekend at scenic Lamarck Lakes. These two lakes are seldom visited due to the steep climb. Saturday start from North Lake (9,255') and climb 1700' in 2.7 miles to declare Upper Lamarck Lake home. After getting our second wind we will tour cross-country over Class 2 terrain before settling down for happy hour. Hike out Sunday after an exploratory morning hike. Send email with contact info and recent experience to Ldr Homer Tom. Co-leader: Taka Ohyama

September 20 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle**

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 Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

September 26-28 | Sat-Mon WTC**ET | Mammoth Crest Loop (11,250')**

Spend a long relaxing weekend circumnavigating the Mammoth Crest as we explore on/off-trail some of the fantastic back country lakes. This time of the year is usually great for fishing and relaxing in the back-country as the bugs are gone and fish are hungry. Each day we'll have time to fish, explore nearby high points, or just sit back and enjoy the gorgeous views around the lakes. Happy hour and big fish stories nightly. Weekend totals, 14 miles and 3000' gain/loss. Preference will be given to WTC students. Send email and hiking/backpacking resume to Ldr: Jason Seieroe (jasonseieroe@gmail.com) Asst Ldr: Linda Robb, Phil Bates

October 10-11 | 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. 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

November 14-15 | Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Indian Cove Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

November 14 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR M-R 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 Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leader: Jack Kieffer

December 6 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Warren Point Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkoff or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler



It seems like only yesterday they were being taught the ten essentials; it's amazing how fast ten weeks can fly by! As instructors we get to do this every year – the discovery and the bonding, the joy and determination, the confusion and comprehension. I know I'm not alone in knowing how fortunate and proud I am to be part of a new family every year. It's like Groundhog Day, only it's the good kind; the kind you keep hoping you'll wake up to again and again. Now it's time to get after 'em to graduate. Again. —Edd Ruskowitz

Show Your COLORS



Long Beach/South Bay Group 1 proudly displaying their WTC colors wherever they go. Since the bandanas have become impromptu flags, they're no longer something to sneeze at.

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