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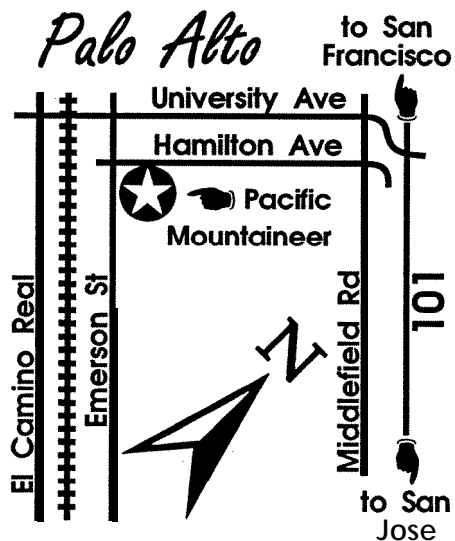
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Next meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 1993
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Pacific Mountaineer
200 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto
Program:

The High Andes of Ecuador

Tim Hult and Kelly Maas will present slides of their recent climbing trip to Ecuador. See how ordinary PCS climbers respond to ridiculously high altitudes in the Andes. The stunning wildlife of the Galapagos Islands will also be featured.



Mountaineering in 5th Century China

*At dawn with staff in hand I climbed the crags,
At dusk I made my camp among the mountains.
Only a few peaks rise as high as this house,
Facing crags, it overlooks winding streams.
In front of its gates a vast-forest stretches,
While boulders lie around its very steps.
Hemmed in by mountains, there seems no way out,
The track gets lost among the thick bamboos.
My visitors can never find their way,
And when they leave, forget the path they took.
The raging torrents rush on through the dusk,
The monkeys clamour shrilly in the night.
Deep in meditation, how can I part from the Truth?
I cherish the Way and never will swerve from it.
My heart is one with the trees of late autumn,
My eyes delight in the buds of early spring.
I dwell with my constant companions and wait for my end,
Content to find peace through accepting the flux of things.
I only regret that there is no kindred soul,
To climb with me this ladder to the clouds in the blue.*

- Hsieh Ling-yun

The following is a list of tentative official PCS trips planned for the 1993 season. It is published here to give you an idea of what's coming up. When a trip becomes a definite "go," we'll publish a full description and contact information in the following pages of the newsletter. Please do not contact the leader until a trip is formally announced.

| DATES | CLASS | TRIP | LEADER/CO-LEADER |
|---------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 22 | 1 | Ridge Winery | Ron Lingelbach |
| June 12,13 | 2 | Kennedy Peak | Noreen Ford/ |
| June 19-21 | 2 | Sierra Conditioning Weekend | John Ingvaldstad |
| July 2-5 | 3 | Black Kaweah | Aaron Schuman/Charles Schafer |
| July 10-11 | 3 | Adams Minarets | ?/Daniel Lord (leader wanted) |
| July. 17,18 | 2 | Mt. Dana | Debbie Benham/Phyllis Olrich |
| July 17,18 | 3 | Whorl Mountain | ?/Jim Ramaker (leader wanted) |
| July 17,18 | 2 | Gayley/Sing | Charles Schafer/ |
| July 24,25 | 2 | Merced Peak | Kai Wiedman/Pete Davison |
| July 26-28 | 2-3 | Convict Lake base camp | Debbie Bulger |
| July 30-Aug 2 | 2-3 | Taboose Pass, Pinchot etc | Debbie Bulger |
| July 31-Aug 1 | 3 | Mt. Whitney | ?/Jim Ramaker (leader wanted) |
| Aug 7-8 | 3 | Tower Peak | ?/Pete Davison (leader wanted) |
| Aug 21,22 | 3 | Echo Peaks | Palmer Dyle/ |
| Aug 21,22 | 2 | Bloody, Morrison | Charles Schafer/ |
| Aug 28,29 | 2 | Conness (car camp) | Judith Yarborough |
| Sept 4-6 | 3 | Middle Palisade | Peter Maxwell/Charles Schafer |
| Setp 4-6 | 3 | Arrow, Pyramid & Window Peaks | Butch Suits |
| Sept 11,12 | 3 | Temple Crag, Gayley | ?/Daniel Lord (leader wanted) |
| Sept 1&19 | 3 | Cleaver Peak | Kai Wiedman/Bob Suzuki |
| Oct 2,3 | 2 | Clouds Rest -> Yosemite | Debbie Benham/ |

Following is a list of tentative private trips. These trips are not insured, sponsored, or supervised by the Sierra Club or the PCS. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS climbers. Again, please do not contact the leader until the trip is formally announced.

| DATES | CLASS | TRIP | LEADER/CO-LEADER |
|-------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| May 8-9 | 5 | Castle Crags | Eugene Miya |
| May 15-16 | ice ax | Lake Tahoe | Eugene Miya |
| May 22-23 | 5 | Domeland Wilderness | Eugene Miya |
| May 29-31 | winter | Mt. Shasta | George Van Garden/ |
| May 29-31 | 2 | Boundary/Montgomery Pks | Kelly Maas/ |
| June 19-21 | 2 | Lost Coast Backpack | Debbie Benham/Judith Yarborough |
| June 26-27 | 3 | Mt. Tyndal | Chris Kramar |
| July 2-5 | 3+ | North Palisade, Mt. Sill | Jim Curl |
| July 24,25 | 4 | Mt. Gardiner | Mike Meredith/Chris Kramar |
| Sept 10-13 | 4 | Starlight/Polemonium | Chris Kramar/Mike Meredith |
| Aug 14,15 | 4 | Unicorn Peak | Brian Boyle |
| A u g 14,15 | 3 | Mt. Lyell | Tim Hult |
| Aug 20-22 | 3 | Mt. Winchell | Jim Curl |

Private trips, cont.

Mount Shasta Memorial

Date: May 29-31(Sat.-Mon.)
Leader: George Van Gorden
Home: (408) 779-2320

Climb Mt. Shasta over Memorial Day weekend from the east side on what we hope will be a fairly unfrequented route on the Wintun Ridge. This is a non-technical route, which should be fairly easy. Co-leader wanted.



Boundary Pk. (13,140') Montgomery Pk. (13,441') Class 2

Date: May 29-31
Leader: Kelly Maas
Phone: (408) 279-2054 (H)

These peaks form the northern end of the White Mountains. Boundary is the highest peak in Nevada, and Montgomery is only 1/2 mile away in California. We'll car camp at the end of a dirt road, with a day hike to the summits. This is not an official trip so that we can bring ice axes in case of snow covered slopes. However, the climbing should be easy.

Lost Coast Backpack

Date: June 19-21
Leaders: Debbie Benham
(415) 964-0558
Judith Yarborough
(415) 854-9288

Hike along a rugged section of the coast in a little used area near Humboldt State Park. We'll hike from north to south with a car shuttle to return us to our starting place.

North Palisade Class 3+ Mt. Sill Class 2-3

Date: July 2-5
Leader: Jim Curl
Work: (408) 4526506
Home: (408) 371-0760

Climb two of the prettiest and highest peaks in the Sierras. The hike in from South Lake is about 10 miles long, first up to Bishop Pass, and then cross-country over Thunderbolt Pass (class 2) into the Palisade Basin. Mt. Sill is easy but involves a fair amount of cross-country on the approach. The Le Conte route on North Palisade features some wonderful class 3 climbing as well as a move or two of class 4. The presence of snow should make the climbing easier, but I will

carry rope to ensure that we safely surmount this very short section. Technical rock climbing experience is not required, but this is not an easy route. An ascent of Mt. Agassiz on the hike out is a possibility.



Graduation on Mt. Lyell Class 3

Date: August 14-15
Leader: Tim Hult
Phone: (408) 970-0760
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Come celebrate the end of Tim's academic career with the ascent of one of Yosemite's most sought-after peaks. Permit is for 5 people only and a waiting list will be used. The hike in is a long one through the scenic Lyell canyon (about 10 miles) and the return will take place immediately after the climb on Sunday. Participants must be in good shape, able to carry themselves on snow and ice using crampons and an ice axe (prior experience a must); be capable of scrambling over moderate class 3 rock and move fast and light. I will not be bringing a rope for protection. *Nut for beginners!!!*

Trip Reports

Ostrander Haute April 8, 1993

3 PM: Decided to go to Ostrander via Horizon Ridge. Arrived at the crest late in the day. Perfect timing to enjoy a wonderful evening view of Half Dome, which was turning a lovely red color. Also in view were Liberty Cap, Mt. Starr King, and vistas of the Clark Range in the far distance.

10 PM: After dinner we bivied down to watch a full moon come up over the Clark

Range. Much too bright for good star and constellation viewing.

1 AM: Coyotes visited us – just wanting some dinner, thank you! No amount of arm waving or shouting frightened them off. Finally had to resort to a true “natural” weapons system – snow balls. Did the trick. They had no idea what snow balls were.

10 AM. - We sauntered into Ostrander the next mid-morning to claim our bunks. And went for an afternoon ski on Horse Ridge, ending up at Edson Lake.

7 PM: Cooked supper outside, too many stoves and no fresh air monoxide inside Ostrander. Ended the day by having a wonderful evening discussion with the ranger.

About the history of Ostrander, where the stones came from, how long it took to build it and the people who actually built it,

10 PM: Spend the night in a stuffy, smelly, noisy dorm? No. We dragged our warm sleeping bags outside for a good night's sleep. So quiet and peaceful. Stars so wonderful.

-Ray Stafford

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Permit Available

I have a permit for the Larmark Lakes trailhead out of North Lake near Bishop that I cannot use. This trail leads to Larmark Col and class 3 routes on Mts. Darwin and Mendel. The permit is for 4 people entering on Friday July 23. Contact Jim Curl @ (408) 452-6506.

Found

Someone left a stuff sack at the April meeting. Was it you? If so, contact Kelly Maas and identify the contents. (See back of Scree for phone number.)

Note

Due to a family emergency, the Scree is short and sweet this month.

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PCS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. See Scree for meeting location and program information.

The following trip classifications are to assist you in choosing trips for which you are qualified. No simple rating system can anticipate all possible conditions:

- Class 1: Walking on a trail.
- Class 2: Walking cross-country, using hands for balance.
- Class 3:** Requires use of hands for climbing. A rope may be used occasionally.
- Class 4: Requires rope belays.
- Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Scree articles and contributions must be received by the editor no later than noon on the last Tuesday of the month: email 3 1/2" diskettes (Mac or DOS), fax, or U.S. mail okay. Black and white photos welcome.

Deadline for the next issue is May 25!



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