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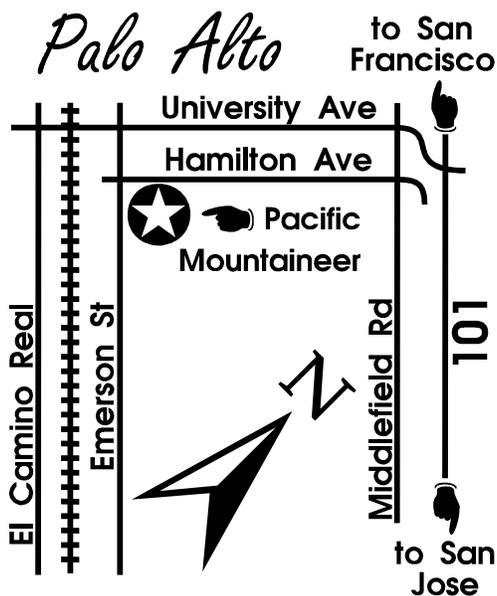
Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Pacific Mountaineer
200 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto

Program:

Skiing Peaks in Western Yosemite

Join Butch Suits for a slide show of several ski trips to Sierra peaks from Yosemite Valley and Badger Pass. Here are clues to the peaks featured: one with "good views," one formerly referred to as "the obelisk," one named after the chief of the Ahwanichi, one with a granite rainbow near the summit, another that always gives you the "thumbs up" signal, and one often wreathed in clouds.



I'm a Seoul Man

Mt. Paegun-dae (836m), February 3, 1996:

While on a two week business trip to Seoul, South Korea, I had the opportunity to summit the highest peak in nearby Mt Puk'an-Sansong National Park. Not having known in advance that there were any peaks to climb I had not brought any cold weather gear with me. So on a bright sunny cold (18 degrees) Saturday morning I hopped the local subway and began to make my way across town attired in running shoes, every t-shirt I had brought on the trip, my soft-sided briefcase (to carry food and water) and my trench coat. After climbing out of the subway near the Sejong Cultural Center I took bus #6 for about 45 minutes out of the heart of the city to the edge of the foothills at the terminus of the line in Uidong.

The terminus for the bus is a few km from the Toson-sa Temple. At this point you can wait for the bus that runs to the temple or walk up. The walk takes about 30 minutes, initially through a group of shops specializing in hiking supplies. There are also a few small restaurants that sell takeaway snacks like fried chicken legs and tempura vegetables. The bus takes around 10 minutes and costs W100 (approximately 800 Won to the dollar). Put your money into the donation box next to the temple when you disembark from the bus.

The terminus for the temple is in a small plaza with a Buddha statue in the center. To the left of this is the entrance to Toson-sa Temple, and directly ahead is an entrance to the national park. Don't take this entrance. Instead, go into the temple grounds, and have a look around the temple. The multi-building complex is very impressive with many rooms in which people perform prayers and the monks(?) who live there go about their business. I went inside several of the buildings to try to build up a little warmth. This proved fruitless though, since one must remove one's shoes before entering the buildings. Upon exiting the buildings one loses all newly acquired warmth through the tedious process of re-finding one's shoes in the stack, as one stands in one's socks in the snow and ice.

Within the temple grounds, to the left and below the main temple complex, is another entrance to the national park (about W400). You can begin your climb here. (You will not be issued a map, and I do not know if any are available. I climbed without one.) The hiking trails are for the most part fairly clear, and there's no real danger of becoming TLI (Temporarily Locationally Impaired). In my particular case a few days earlier there had been the single day largest snowstorm in Seoul in

five years and the resulting dump covered most of the trails. But, since many people had climbed up before me that day the path was manifest. The main thing is to keep bearing right. Within about 30 minutes you should reach the fortifications and the Dragon's Cliff Gate. At this point continue bearing right and climbing upwards until you reach a fork in the path which gives you a choice of ascending either of the two peaks. The path to the right leads to Paegun-dae (the highest peak in the park) and is the best option - it has steel cables embedded in the mountain (ala many European trails).

These cables were the only thing that enabled me to summit. For the last 800 feet or so the climb is mostly on bare rock and this happened to be covered by various and sundry sheets of ice. Most everyone summiting that day had at least instep crampons on their boots. Many people descending took one look at me in my sneakers and tried their best to convey the sense of danger.

The last ascent to the summit of Paegun-dae is a reasonably stiff climb, and I had to pull myself up hand over hand on the steel cable (alas I had not brought gloves with me, so my palms suffered somewhat during these 30 minutes). Just before reaching the summit two girls came around the corner on their descent and broke out in gales of laughter, pointing at me in my trenchcoat and briefcase and saying, "You English?" I nodded yes and they took their picture standing next to the ridiculous American before continuing their descent still giggling.

The views from the summit are quite impressive: both of the sprawl of Seoul and of the outlying mountainous countryside. I asked a couple of teenage boys to take my hero shot and they invited me to descend with them. One of the other summiteers took pity on me and gave me his glove liners to wear on the way down (the thermometer read six below zero on the summit, but that included wind chill effects). The two boys took great delight in trying out their English with such phrases as, "Do you know Air Jordan?" and "Do you like Sylvester Stallone? He very bad boys." During the hour long skating, sliding, boot skiing descent I was queried as to my personal knowledge of just about every major NBA player as well as many Hollywood stars.

For the descent, bear left at the bottom of the rocky summit and go under an old gate. This path heads straight down to Toson-sa Temple. Or as an alternative, turn left at the summit fortification and descend past a hiker's hut and small camping village before making a right at a fork and climbing back over a small ridge to the entrance to the national park (at the Buddha statue).

In either event there is plenty of food and water (and videotapes of the temple) at the base parking lot. There are many other hiking trails within the park as well as at least 20 summitable peaks (including several that are class 5). I would rate this peak a class 2 in summer, and class 3 in winter.

– Victor Anderson

Starting The Year With A Virgin

I arrived at the trailhead for Moapa on Saturday afternoon at about 2:00 p.m. There were two cars already there but no one was about. Just about dark the Mormon trekkers arrived. We set up the typical DPS type feast in the desert. We debated where the owners of the two cars had gone. We decided, or at least hoped they were backpackers and not dayhikers as it was well after dark at this point.

About 8:00 p.m. after most of the food and much of the sobriety was gone, four weary figures appeared out of the darkness. It was Debbie Bulger & friends. We had never met each other but had seen each others names around. Debbie looked over all of the cooking gear with apparent amazement. She said she had heard about DPS feeds but had never experienced one before. She asked us if there was supposed to be a Burro baking somewhere.

She told us they had just climbed Moapa Peak. They had started at 8:30 a.m. that morning and had just returned. This means they were at it 11-1/2 hours. The DPS Peak guides estimates 6 hours round trip. Vic Henney who had done the peak twice before thought it had taken them about six hours. We asked if they had gotten off route but Debbie said they had followed ducked ledges up to the summit. They declined to join us in favor of camping closer to the highway in order to get an early start in the morning.

Sunday we left for the peak at 7:35 a.m. We followed the tracks of the previous party as they followed the correct route all of the way to the peak with a couple of minor differences. We summited at about 11:00 a.m. and were back to the cars at 2:35 p.m. We could not determine why Debbie's group got back so late. It is still a mystery to us.

Sunday night was New Years Eve. We repeated the previous night's festivities with some slight changes in the menu. A bottle of Champagne appeared sometime during the night to celebrate the New Year. Early Sunday morning the group broke up. Vic & Sue Henney decided to forego their planned peak in Death Valley and Headed for Home. Phil & Evelyn Reher went home to tend to a sick dog. Tom Sumner & I headed for the Virgin mountains to the Southeast.

After about an hours drive we arrived at the recommended trail head marked by an old push-type lawnmower of mysterious origin. (Grass does not grow around here.) This is a straight forward hike. We ran up to the peak and were back at the cars about 11:30 a.m. The DPS peak guide for this peak is incorrect. The gain from the 4WD parking place is about 3800'. The guide says 2200'.

We then headed for the barn. We hit Las Vegas traffic heading back to L.A. The news reporter were making fun of this phenomenon on the radio. It wasn't funny from where I sat behind the wheel. Over two hundred miles of stop-n-go traffic. Never again will I hike near Vegas on a New Years Weekend! I left Vegas at 12:30 a.m. Monday and arrived home in Orange County at 6:05 a.m. the next day. I guess it's true. A Virgin does fetch a high price.

– Charlie Knapke

Official (PCS) Trips

PCS trips must be submitted through the Scheduler (see back cover for details). Trips not submitted to the Scheduler will be listed as **PRIVATE**, without recourse.

Ohlone Wilderness

Peak: Rose Peak class 1 - 3,817'
Date: Apr 6 Sat
Leader: Vreni Rau 510-583-5578
Leader: Cecil Magliocco 408-358-1168
CecilM@ix.netcom.com

Carpets of wildflowers are promised along the one-way 20 mile hike from Livermore to Sunol. 4000+ feet of gain. Call leaders for meeting place and carpool information.

20th Annual Mount Shasta Climb

Peak: Mt Shasta snow/class 2 - 14,161'
Dates: May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend
Leader: Bob Gross 408-241-6149
75013.1420@compuserve.com

OK, it's time to get out of the easy chair and prove that you aren't over the hill. This is an event for climbers and skiers to ascend and descend Northern California's premier volcano by the standard route (Avalanche Gulch). Ice axe and crampons required, and possibly skis or snowshoes. We will be camped on snow at least one night at 10,400' to prepare for an early-morning trip to the summit. Very strenuous. Co-listed with Ski Touring and Sierra Singles.

(taken from the Web) This is a Sierra Club sponsored event. To sign up for this trip, you must furnish your current Sierra Club membership number. You must contact the leader well in advance. He will mail you an information packet (by U.S. mail). After you have read the detailed trip description, you may return a trip application to the leader. Assuming that you have the necessary experience and have jumped through all the right hoops, then you will be contacted prior to the trip. The leader will offer carpool suggestions and suggestions of which other participants you may choose to team up with for tents, stoves, or other gear. Some climbers will do this as a cross-country ski trip from 7000 to 10400, then go to the summit with ice axe and crampons.

Will You Sing, Gale?

Peak: Gale, Sing class 2
Dates: Jul 20-21
Map: Merced Peak 15 min Quad
Leader: Warren Storkman 415-493-8959
Dstorkman@aol.com

We go over Chiquito Pass in Southern Yosemite Park. Call leader for more information.

PubComm Charter Vote

A charter for the Publicity Committee will be voted on as an operating rule at the April PCS meeting. PCS Members at the March meeting approved this text for publication, and the PCS Officers have endorsed it.

The PCS Bylaws require a standing publicity committee (PubComm) "which publishes the Section newsletter and announces meetings". In the recent past, the PubComm has not been explicitly staffed, but we have had a newsletter editor and various assistants producing the Scree. This proposed Operating Rule clarifies the operation of the PubComm.

Operating Rule 9601, Publicity Committee Charter:

The PubComm will have at least a Chair at all times, and this person will be responsible for all PCS publicity, including (within the limitations below) publishing the PCS Newsletter (the Scree) both in hardcopy (ready for printing) and electronic (plain text) formats.

The PCS Chair appoints the PubComm Chair for a one-year term, and the PubComm chair in turn selects the rest of the PubComm members. A PubComm representative will be included in all PCS Officer's meetings.

The goal of the PubComm is to maximize awareness and participation in activities which further the goals of the PCS. Placement and content of promotional materials is at the discretion of the PubComm.

The PubComm Chair has control over the format and content of the newsletter, but accepts advice from the officers and the membership in an effort to meet the PCS's needs.

PubComm activities may include presentation of slide shows promoting the PCS, lobbying Chapter and National entities on issues related to climbing activities, and distribution of PCS information to:

- ◆ internet email lists
- ◆ world wide web sites, including the PCS Page and others
- ◆ hiking and climbing stores
- ◆ other hiking and climbing clubs
- ◆ prospects and members at Sierra Club gatherings

Other PubComm efforts require prior approval from the PCS officers.

(end of Operating Rule 9601)

**A great many people think they are
thinking when they are merely
rearranging their prejudices.
-- William James**

Notes and Requests

Please notify the Editor when your entry should be removed. Old entries may be deleted if not renewed monthly.

Trader Jim

Have used black pile pants (med), want large size. Have used red "CB Thermotech" lined ski pants (size 32), want larger size. Have North Face Tadpole tent fly, want \$20.

– Jim Schollard
415-892-9033.

What a Tangled Web They Weave...

The political directory, viewable at the URL

<http://members.aol.com/LAlawMed/private/Politicians.html>

now contains all publicly available Internet (e-mail and WWW) addresses of California State Senators and Assembly Members, in addition to the politicians mentioned in the last message.

In the future, I plan to index each politician geographically and by District Number. In addition, key Senators and Governors will be added, especially those who sit on environmentally significant committees and those who serve SW and West Coast states. Feedback (especially if constructively critical) is greatly appreciated.

– Lew Amack
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Make Every Minute Count

Maybe I'm the only one, but for some time now I wished I had an easily accessible source for data on sunrise/set and moonrise/set times that I could use for long range planning of hikes. I found one at the URL

<http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/srss.html>

It will even tell you the phase of the moon and percent illumination. Just thought others might find this useful.

– Tony D. Weathers
weathd@mail.auburn.edu (from *rec.backcountry*)

He Sells Snowshoes by the Seashore

I have like-new 30" Tubbs snowshoes for sale or will consider trade for 25".

– Rich Calliger
calliger@infolane.com

The Human Race

Concerned about the fate of the Human Race? We are too! The Loma Prieta Chapter is participating in the Human Race this year for the first time.

The Human Race is a community fundraising event that will take place on May 11, 1996 in San Jose at Cadence Design Systems. The event, which has been raising funds for local non-profit groups for many years, draws participants from all over Silicon Valley and the Peninsula. The Loma Prieta Chapter is looking for people who are interested in walking or running in the Human Race and raising money to support the Sierra Club's conservation efforts and activity programs.

Getting started is easy, just call the Chapter Office at (415) 390-8494 to get a registration form, and then collect pledges from your friends, family members, and co-workers. The fun part is walking or running at the Human Race on May 11th.

The Human Race is a great project for work or school groups to participate in; you can have fun and raise money for a good cause at the same time. For questions or more information, please give us a call.

– Kristi Timmings
Loma Prieta Chapter Coordinator
loma.prieta.chapter@sierraclub.org
415-390-8494

Navigation Class and Field Trip

Interested in going cross-country in the wilderness? Lost your way and took forever to find camp? Which way is north? Find the answers to these and other questions on May 21st, Tuesday evening, 7-9pm, followed by a Navigation Field Trip the first weekend in June. Watch for more information in the May 'Scree'!!

– Debbie Benham

Request for Ranier Partners

I am interested in climbing Mt. Rainier following the 'regular' route of Camp Muir to Ingraham Glacier from June 15-19th.

– Debbie Benham
415/964-0558
dmbenham@aol.com

Unofficial (Private) Trips

Private trips may be submitted directly to the Scree Editor, but are not insured, sponsored, or supervised by the Sierra

Club. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS members, not because they are endorsed by the PCS.

Please Pick Homer's Nose

Peak: Homer's Nose snow/class 1 - 9,040'
Dates: April 13-14 Sat-Sun
Contact: Steve Eckert 415-508-0500
eckert@netcom.com
Co-Contact: Bob Suzuki 408-259-0772
bSuzuki@aol.com

If you do only one spring season climb this year, pick this one! Or do it to get ready for the next one. A southwestern Sierra peak, Homer's Nose may involve mixed rock and snow on Salt Creek Ridge, but at least the first part is trail from the South Fork of the Kaweah River. Ice axe and crampons required "just in case", but no extreme conditions are anticipated. Moderately strenuous, but could get tough if the snow conditions are bad.

Williamson, By George

Peak: Mt Williamson snow/class 2 - 14,375'
Dates: April 19-21 Fri-Sun
Contact: Tony Cruz 408-944-2003
cruz@idt.com

It is my intent to climb Mt. Williamson, the second highest peak in the Sierra. This will be my second attempt via the George Creek route, which is technically easy but arduous. If the April 96 attempt fails, then I will try again later in Spring or early summer via Shepherd pass (the George Creek access is closed during most of the year). I am looking for a few good PCRers to join me for a "classic" of the Sierra. The terrain is rated class 2 but is very tough. Knowledge and use of ice axe and crampons will be required. The first day will involve hiking 10 miles from 6,000 plus feet to 11,200. We will need to carry full winter gear, while packing as lightly as is prudent.

Rockhouse Basin Area

Peaks: Crag, Smith, Owens, Pilot, etc
Dates: May 4-6 Sat-Mon
Contact: Bob Suzuki 408-259-0772
bSuzuki@aol.com
Co-Contact: Steve Eckert 415-508-0500
eckert@netcom.com

Bad snow stopped us last winter, but we're back in spring to knock off as many as we can. Crag (knife edge class 3, 9455') and Smith (class 2, 9515') are the main targets, which we'll try to finish by Sunday evening. If we have spare time on Monday, we'll drive toward Isabella Lake and do Owens (class 2, 8475') and Pilot (class 2, 6212').

14'ers, Old and New

Peaks: Barnard, Trojan, Versteeg, Williamson
Dates: May 9-12 Thur-Sun
Contact: Steve Eckert 415-508-0500
eckert@netcom.com

We'll go up George Creek and establish a high camp around 12000', then run a ridge loop to Barnard (now shown as 13,990, but used to be listed as 14,000) and Trojan (13,950), with a possible side trip to Versteeg (13,470). The next day we'll try to bag Williamson (14,375) and hike out. This is a very strenuous ice axe and crampon trip. Even though we'll spend two acclimatizing days pushing camp as high as possible, we should be able to get more peaks than the usual trip up George Creek (so it's worth the pain). This will be an official California Mountaineering Club trip, but the leader is listing it here in case you are interested in joining the CMC. Membership is required for participation.

Crevasse Rescue Practice

Peak: Oak Trees, Rancho San Antonio Park
Date: May 18 Sat
Contact: Kelly Maas 408-279-2054
maas@idt.com

If you're planning a trip to the Cascades or Alaska, or just don't have anything to do on May 18th, come on out for an afternoon of simulated crevasse rescue practice. It's one thing to read about it, but quite another to actually do it. Topics include prusiking (or jumaring if you prefer) and pulley systems. Bring a full pack too for a really authentic experience. Suggested pre-reading is Selters' "Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue" or at least "Freedom of the Hills." Call or email for details.

Shasta

Peak: Mt Shasta snow/class 2 - 14,161'
Dates: May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend
Contact: George Van Gorden 408-779-2320

Climb the Hotlum-Bolam ridge route instead of the same old standard route. Ice axe and crampons required, but the snow difficulty should be moderate.

Tower Peak and Ice Axe Practice

Peak: Tower Peak snow/class 3 - 11,755'
Dates: May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend
Contact: Kelly Maas 408-279-2054
maas@idt.com

The guidebooks consider Tower Peak, on Yosemite's northern border, to be the northern end of the mountaineering-worthy Sierra. On this trip we'll attempt a climb of this 11000 ft peak, and also brush up on our ice axe and crampon skills if time and conditions permit. Co-leader wanted.

Issue of the Month

Please notify the Chair if you have a suggestion for an issue which should be discussed here.

The results of the last Issue Of The Month survey were not a resounding vote for much of anything (i.e. not many opinions submitted, and those were mixed). But in one last attempt to discern the pulse of the organization, we are getting down to basics, and offer up this month's version.

– Charles Schafer, PCS Chair

Who Are We And What Do We Want From The PCS?

1. Do you attend PCS meetings? Yes / No
2. If no, why not?
 - A. Live too far away, but would like to come.
 - B. Busy on Tuesday nights.
 - C. Meetings are too much rigmarole, and don't like them.
 - D. Other: _____
3. Why do you subscribe to SCREE/ESCREE?
 - A. Want to keep abreast of PCS happenings.
 - B. Want to find out about upcoming trips.
 - C. Like to read about mountaineering in general.
 - D. Other _____
4. Is there anything that you would care to comment about that you think would improve the PCS?

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the four numbered questions, either on a copy of this page or via email, and send it to the Editor as indicated on the back page. Please include your name so we know that you are a PCS Member. This is a survey, not a ballot!

Results of Last Month's Survey

*EDITOR'S NOTE: We had only 5 or so responses until I sent out an email broadcast noting the poor "voter turnout". The note from Charles (above) was written before the second wave of email responses arrived, but we have less than 10% of your opinions even now. **If you did not vote, you cannot complain about the results!** Only 3 non-email responses were received. If a significant number of new votes are received on the old questions, I may run another summary next month.*

1. Should the PCS use subscription fees ONLY for printing the newsletter, and hold fund raisers or ask for additional donations for all other expenses?
 - ♦ YES - 9
 - ♦ NO - 6

2. Should the PCS print a better quality newsletter than the current Scree with photos and offset printing, or should we charge less for subscriptions and keep using a cheap printer like this issue?

- ♦ CHEAPER - 13
- ♦ BETTER - 2

3. What kind of fund raisers would you suggest? (if any)

- ♦ NONE - 8
- ♦ donation hikes listed as fund raisers - 2
- ♦ passing the hat at meetings / request donations
- ♦ Begging for \$\$ when needed, I think.
- ♦ What do we need money for, anyway?
- ♦ calendar, instruction, videos

4. Should we measure success by the number of trips lead, or number of people who summit on those trips, or the number of subscribers, or the number of members? Enter your proposed measure of success here (does not need to be one of the choices above, be we don't want an essay answer to this question):

- ♦ do I climb with pcs members at least a few times a year? - 1
- ♦ the happiness/contentedness of the current subscribers - 2
- ♦ variety of trips - 2
- ♦ # of trips - 5
- ♦ # of subscribers - 1
- ♦ # of members - 2
- ♦ # of people who participate in meetings - 5
- ♦ # of people participating on trips - 7
- ♦ # of injuries or fatalities - 1
- ♦ Success & growth are yuppie predilections. This is allegedly a Sierra Club organization.
- ♦ I don't believe this is a productive inquiry.
- ♦ What's a "good" climb? It's like art--very subjective...and who cares to justify their tastes? Are we losing sight of our goal here? I think perhaps so.
- ♦ Why do we need to measure our success. Isn't the existance of the club success enough?

5. Regardless of your favorite measure of success, is "more" also "better"? Is there an ideal size for the PCS?

- ♦ GROW - 7
- ♦ STAY - 6
- ♦ I can't think how to determine an "ideal size".
- ♦ Let's make it easy for people of like mind to find and join us. Growth will take its own course.

3. Should we try to increase participation within our existing membership, or try to bring in new people?

- ♦ BOTH - 10
- ♦ EXISTING - 2
- ♦ NEW - 1
- ♦ NEITHER - 2

4. Should we have a training program to advance existing members or to attract new and possibly unskilled people?

- ♦ EXISTING - 1
- ♦ BOTH - 14 (over a page of comments were omitted)

Eastern Sierra Permits

The following is a copy of an announcement I received from the Mt. Whitney Ranger District (dated 3/14/96).

— *Bond Shands*

bshands@ix.netcom.com or bshands@worldnet.att.net

At last, the information you've been waiting for! Wilderness reservations will be taken by the Wilderness Reservation Service for the Inyo National Forest starting April 1, 1996.

All quota trails on the Inyo National Forest will be 100% reservable. Reservations will be accepted until two days before entry on the trail. Permits will be mailed to the party leader. If requested, or if the reservation is made within a week of entry, the permit will be sent to the Ranger Station chosen by the reserver. Any unreserved permits will be available starting the day before entry at the ranger station. Permits for non-quota trails will also be reservable.

Mt. Whitney hikers will be required to have a special stamp on their permit to enter the Mt. Whitney Zone no matter what their entry trail is. The zone boundaries are: to the east, just above Lone Pine Lake; to the west, at the outlet of Timberline Lake; and to the north, along the Sequoia N.P. Inyo N.F. boundary to Mt. Russell (on the west side of the boundary line). See zone map for more details. Day hikers will also need a permit to enter the zone. Hikers wishing to hike Mt. Whitney during the full moon without camping will be able to use a day hike permit with a special full moon stamp. Next year an overnight permit will be required. All Whitney permits are reservable.

Reservations will be taken by phone, fax or mail (postmarked no earlier than April 1) at the following:

Wilderness Reservations
P.O. Box 430
Big Pine, CA 93513
(610) 938-1136
Fax & TTY: (619) 938-1137
Hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm 7 days a week.

There will be a toll free "800" number available April 1 for callers in the U.S.A. (888-374-3773)

The reservation service will be located in Big Pine in the office of the Big Pine Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center located at 126 S. Main St. (Hwy 395). They will be open during business hours for walk-in business.

The reservation fee schedule is:

- ◆ Overnight permit (quota trails): \$3.00 per person
- ◆ Mt. Whitney Zone stamp (on overnight permits): \$1.00 per person
- ◆ Mt. Whitney Day hiker: \$2.00 per person
- ◆ Non-quota trails: \$3.00 per person

Payment will be accepted by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover Card and EuroVisa), check or money order. Checks and money orders must be received at least seven days before entry date if reservations are made by phone.

Expect the telephones to be very busy during April. Mailing or faxing applications may be a more certain way of contacting the service. Questions about trail conditions or other details should be directed to the Ranger Station.

(Note: Due to space constraints, only part of Bond's email message is included here. - Ed.)

Red Cross Alternatives

The two organization I've heard very good things about for wilderness first aid training are:

Wilderness Medical Associates
RFD 2 Box 890
Bryant Pond, Maine 04219
Phone: (207) 665-2707
Fax: (207) 665-2747

SOLO - Wilderness & Emergency Medicine
RFD 1 Box 163, Tasker Hill
Conway, NH 03818
Voice: (603) 447-6711
Fax: (603) 447-2310

I know that WMA offers courses all over the country, ranging from weekend first aid courses to 20something day wilderness EMT courses. I'll be taking a 9 day wilderness first responder course from them up in Oregon at the end of April.

Other organizations that I don't know as much about include:

WMI - Wilderness Medicine Institute, Inc.
P.O. Box 9
Pitkin, Colorado 81241
Telephone: (303) 641-3572

Earthbound Medical Rescue
390 N. 12th st.
San Jose, CA 95112
Phone: (408) 275-9542.

Finally, courses are available at both UCSF and Berkeley:

Outdoors Unlimited: 415-476-2078
<http://marlin.ucsf.edu/ou.html>

Cal Adventures: 510-642-4000

— *Jim Waters*
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A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother. Oops!

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Class 1: Walking on a trail.

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Class 4: Requires rope belays.

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