



## Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, March 11

**Time:** 8:00 PM

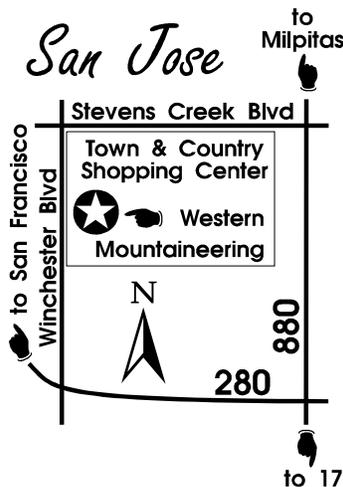
**Program:**

A Snowy Summer in Baffinland

Have you been intrigued by pictures of big wall climbing in Canada's High Arctic? Slides from Bill and Dana Isherwood's sea kayaking adventure off northern Baffin Island last summer show some of the untouched climbing potential this region has to offer. The walls, however, will probably remain untouched if the weather pattern of last summer repeats itself. Come see for yourself the exploration, climbing, and adventuring possibilities of this intriguing landscape."

– Bill Isherwood

**Location:** Western Mountaineering Town & Country Village, San Jose



**Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 3/23/97. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.**

## How to Announce Trips in Scree (please clip and save)

If you want to announce a future trip in Scree/EScree, first decide if it will be an official Sierra Club PCS trip or a private trip without Club insurance. If it's private, send it to the Scree editor via e-mail or US Mail:

Steve Eckert  
1814 Oak Knoll Drive  
Belmont, CA 94002-1753  
pcs\_editor@kaweah.mti.sgi.com

If it's an official PCS trip, send it to the PCS Scheduler via e-mail or US Mail:

Jim Ramaker  
188 Sunwood Meadows Place  
San Jose, CA 95119  
pcs\_scheduler@kaweah.mti.sgi.com

Please submit trip reports in the following format, so your overworked PCS officers don't have to reformat them for you. Include a trip title (or risk having one made up for you), a brief description (50-75 words) that will attract qualified people to sign up on your trip. Include details such as the level of experience required, the group size allowed, the area where the peak is located, or anything else that trip applicants will need to know. Here's a sample trip announcement, somewhat plagiarized from a past Scree:

\*\*\* Ambling up Mt Anywhere  
Peak: Mt. Anywhere (15,760) class 3  
Dates: July 4-7 Thur-Sun  
Map: Bargewater Flats 7.5 min.  
Leader: Joe Organizer 999-999-9999 rokjok@abc.com  
Co-Leader: Jane Realbrains 999-999-9999 rokqueen@xyz.com

This peak is a spectacular sight from the road, but the real attraction of this area lies in the remote, sublime beauty of the peaks, lakes, and views. Some of the most spectacular scenery in the Park is found in this area with its vast sweeping panoramas. Our trip will take us 22 miles into this rugged and remote landscape. Come join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Remember that for some trailheads you can reserve permits 6 months in advance. Some trailheads on the west side have no quota until the end of June, which (along with other interesting notes) is mentioned in a PCS reference file, containing phone numbers, mailing addresses, quota dates, etc. To get this file, and a nicely formatted plain-text copy of the SPS peaks list, just send email to <listserv@lists.sierraclub.org> with one or both of these lines in the message:

GET Ranger.Contacts  
GET Sierra.Peaks-List

Please do us all a favor: As you contact rangers for trailhead info and permits, check these files and see if they're current. If not, send updates to me and we'll all have a better resource to work with. Don't be selfish and use it without improving it!

– Steve Eckert <eckert@netcom.com>

## Guidelines For Leaders And Followers

*Editor's Note: The text below was attached to a memo from Chris MacIntosh, the Loma Prieta Chapter Activities Coordinator. You should note that Item 9 prohibits use of all radios, which would include GPS location finders, HAM and CB emergency radios, cell phones, and avalanche transceivers, in addition to tape players and game cards. Item 7 could be construed to discourage use of butane and propane canister stoves, but is probably aimed at campfires. Other items (such as Item 6 about carpool fees) seem to be more reasonable.*

The following have been adopted by the Activities Committee for outings conducted under Chapter auspices. These guidelines appear from time to time in the centerfold (activities listings) of the *Loma Prietan*. "Trail", "trailhead", and "trip" should be considered generic terms for "route" (if any), "starting or meeting point", and "event".

1. It can be unpleasant and dangerous to join a trip for which you are not qualified. If in doubt, discuss your capabilities and experience honestly with the trip leader.
2. If interested in a trip and advance sign-ups are required, contact the leader early.
3. Inform the leader as quickly as possible if you must cancel.
4. The responsibility for getting to the trailhead ON TIME is yours - the leader does not have to wait.
5. The leader may assist in arranging transportation to the trailhead but is not required to do so. The official trip begins and ends at the trailhead unless explicit (and unusual) arrangements to the contrary have been made. The Sierra Club does not arrange or have responsibility for car pools.
6. Car pools are encouraged. Each rider is expected to reimburse the driver at a rate of \$0.05-0.10/mile. If this is not satisfactory, another rate should be negotiated before departure.
7. Gasoline stoves should be used wherever possible for backcountry cooking.
8. Pets are not permitted except on trips where it has been explicitly stated that they are permitted - and then only with the express permission of the leader.
9. Radios (and other electronic entertainment devices) and firearms are not permitted.
10. Smokers should be both safe and courteous. There is to be no smoking on trails. Smoking is permitted only during rest stops where it is safe to do so and in accordance with legal limitations and those established by the leader. Smokers should carry all their cigarette butts out.
11. Impact problems noted during the trip should be brought to the attention of the leader.
12. If the trip passes through private land, respect the owner's rights.
13. Carry out all garbage.

– Loma Prieta Chapter Activities Committee

## 1996 End-of-Year Treasurer's Report

The PCS remains in good financial health, especially considering that we reduced the subscription fee for Scree from \$12 to \$10 in April 1996 (17% decrease). Total expenses for the year were \$1824, total income was \$1743, and our cash balance decreased from \$1504 to \$1423 (down 4%).

Membership increased by 24 (12%), from 196 to 220, compared to a decline of 1 in 1995, thus showing that our outreach efforts and our presence on the Internet are starting to bring membership growth.

The number of hardcopy subscribers decreased from 171 to 159, as the number of online (EScree) members shot up from 25 to 61. An additional 300 or so people subscribe to EScree but are not members of the PCS.

The PCS traditionally calculates its net worth by pretending that the club disbands at the end of the year and refunds pro rata shares of unused subscriptions to its members. Such an analysis shows a required refund of \$857, which when compared to our cash balance of \$1423, leaves the PCS with a net worth of \$566. While still substantial, this is a decline of 24% during the year, from a net worth of \$744 on 12/31/95.

Another way of calculating our financial health yields similar results. Cost of printing and mailing the hardcopy Scree averaged \$.88 per issue during 1996, while on 11/01/96 (latest figures available) we owed a total of 1028 issues to paid subscribers. Thus we had a total liability of \$905 at that time, which suggests a positive net worth of \$518.

Outlook: The number of hardcopy subscribers may continue to decline as more and more members use the Internet, and since well over 90% of the PCS budget relates to the hardcopy Scree, we can expect income and expenses to decline also. On the other hand, maintaining a high-quality hardcopy Scree is essential for attracting new members, for serving non-Internet users, and for reading in bed or sleeping bag.

The cost of printing and mailing 12 issues of the hardcopy Scree averaged \$10.57 per subscriber in 1996, somewhat more than the \$10 subscription fee. This difference, coupled with some non-Scree related expenses listed below, explains the slight decline in our financial position during the year. This decline, combined with slowly rising production costs, and the need for some longer issues in late summer/early fall 1997 to handle the abundance of trip reports at that time, means that the subscription fee will probably need to go back to \$12 by late 1997 in order to preserve our financial health. An alternative is to keep the subscription fee at \$10 by reducing the length of Scree every month in order to cut costs.

That's all I have to report. Detailed figures for the 4th quarter and for the calendar year are below. Believe it or not, being the PCS treasurer has been fun! Thanks and "see you at a meeting, on the net, or in the mountains."

– Jim Ramaker

# 1996 Annual Financial Report (1/01/96 - 12/31/96)

Checkbook balance 1/01/96		\$1504
<b>Expenses</b>		
Print & mail 12 issues of Scree	1681	
Refreshments	63	
Travel money for one slide show	20	
Bank service charges	60	
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Total expenses 1/01-12/31	1824	
<b>Income</b>		
Scree subscriptions	1668	
Refund of bank service charges	36	
Excess food donations	19	
Correct 1995 checkbook error	20	
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Total income 1/01-12/31	1743	
Net loss for year		(81)
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Checkbook balance 12/31/96		1423

- Jim Ramaker

## Shasta Mini-Report

Tim Hult and I went out to test some gear and some techniques, and Sargent's Ridge on Shasta seemed as good a place as any! We camped at the saddle just over 11000' on the ridge, behind a wall of snow blocks cut with my home-brew snow saw. Saturday was dead calm after Friday's wind. Both days were clear, but memories of Kai's many weather problems on this weekend (in years past) kept us worrying.

We got a fairly late start for the peak on Sunday, partly due to wondering if the clouds would deliver the rain storms promised on Tim's radio the night before. Lenticulars were forming just northeast of the peak. We headed up anyway, with the agreement that checking out a new route and getting in some high angle snow practice was the REAL goal, not the peak. At one point I measured a solid 50 degree slope, which would have been more comfortable in hard ice than in the light styrofoam we had to kick into. (A pick-based self arrest would NOT have worked here, but using the shaft sort of like a canoe paddle was quite serviceable.)

The SERIOUS wind started just above Red Banks, where we met two people coming down. They asked us to check up on their partner, who they had STOODIDLY abandoned on the summit plateau. We set a goal of at least topping Misery Hill, but we were being shoved around by the wind. Threading through the wind-formed ice clods got to be too much when we could barely stand up. Just after we donned goggles and turned around to face the wind, we saw the lone climber coming down behind us. At Red Banks, we nervously watched him STOODIDLY glissade with crampons directly above us in a narrow chute. Pick instead of point in the snow, pick aimed at his body, crampon spikes ready to hook and flip him out of control... this earned a good tongue-lashing as we related other incidents like the one reported here by Bob Gross last year. We saw his two partners heading for their tent on Cassaval Ridge later, but never saw him again.

The hike down was uneventful, but it started snowing just as we reached the parking lot. Lightning and rain followed us to Redding as we congratulated ourselves for doing a Fri-Sun weekend instead of a Sat-Mon (which would have seen us at 11000' in a howling snowy storm).

- Steve Eckert

# 1997 Advance Trip List

The trips listed below were proposed at the trip leaders' meeting on Jan. 23. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LEADERS TO SIGN UP FOR THESE TRIPS. The time to sign up is after the trip is formally announced in the Scree, with a full description and a designation as a private or official PCS trip. Many of these trips are contingent on obtaining permits, and plans for some of them will change.

This list is intended to prevent trip scheduling conflicts and to help you plan your summer, NOT to enable people to sign up way in advance. If you are planning a trip, and if you change your plans or can't get a permit, please contact the Scree Editor to keep this list up to date.

Class x-y means the climb is between class x and class y. Class x,y,z applies to multi-peak trips where the peaks vary in difficulty. Some leaders have requested that their names not be listed.

Date	Peak(s)	Class	Leader(s)
Mar 29-20	Argus (Death Valley)	2	Bulger
Apr 2-6	Mt. Whitney	2-3	Van Gorden
Apr 11-13	Lost Coast (No. Cal.)	1	Maas
May 3-4	Mt. Lassen	2	Van Gorden
May 10-11	Mt. Maggie, Mt. Moses	?	Miya
May 17-18	Olancha Peak	2	Schuman
May 24-26	Mt. Shasta	3	Van Gorden
May 30-1	Red Slate, Red & White	3	Suzuki/Mahajan
Jun 6-8	Grand Canyon of Tuolumne	1	Schafer
Jun 14-15	Mt. Harrington	3	Maas
Jun 20-22	Mt. Williamson	3	(withheld)
Jun 21-22	Red Slate couloir	3	Schuman/Schafer
Jun 21-22	Mt. Dade, Mt. Mills	4	Suzuki/Wiedman
Jun 21-23	Silver, Izaak Walton	3	Eckert/Hudson
Jun 28-29	Split Mtn, Mt. Tinemaha	2	Debbie Bulger
Jun 30-31	Mt. Bolton Brown, Mt. Prater	3	Debbie Bulger
Jul 3-8	Goddard, McGee, Emerald, Hermit, etc	2,3,3,5	Suzuki/Eckert/Schafer
Jul 4-6	Minarets	5	(withheld)
Jul 12-13	Mt. Dade	2	(withheld)
Jul 18-20	Mt. Sill	2	Kirkpatrick/Keith
Jul 19-20	Humphreys, Emerson	4	Suzuki/Harris
Jul 19-20	Mt. Clark	3-4	Maas/Schafer
Jul 25-28	Thunderbolt, Norman Clyde	4-5	Harris
Jul 25-27	Kearsarge, University, Indep	3	Schuman
Aug 2-9	Colorado 14ers	3	Van Gorden
Aug 2-3	Matterhorn Pk, Whorl Mtn	2,4	Schafer
Aug 8-10	Mt. Haeckel, Mt. Wallace	3	Kirkpatrick/Keith
Aug 9-10	Virginia Peak, Twin Peaks	3	Bulger
Aug 15-18	Mt. Whitney, Mt. Russell	5/3,3	Schafer/Ramaker
Aug 22-23	Mt. Brewer	3	Kirkpatrick/Keith
Aug 29-1	Dade, Abbot, Bear Cr Spire	2,3,4	Harris
Aug 30-1	Clarence King, Gardner	5	Schafer
Sep 5-7	Banner Peak, Mt. Ritter	3	Harris
Sep 12-14	Mt. Gabb	2	Maxwell
Sep 13-14	Tehipite Dome	3	Suzuki/Schafer
Sep 19-21	Mt. Russell	3	(withheld)
Sep 19-21	Mt. Morrison, Mt. Baldwin	3	Fitzsimmons/Suzuki
Sep 20-21	Koip Peak, Gibbs, Dana	2	Schuman/Magliocco
Oct 4-5	Needham, Sawtooth, Vandever	3	Schuman
Oct 18-19	Koip Peak, Ragged Peak	3	(withheld)

# Official (PCS) Trips

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

## Junipero Serra Peak

Peak: Junipero Serra Peak (5900') class 1  
Date: March 8 Sat  
Leader: George Van Gorden 408-779-2320

The murmuring pines, the gnarled oaks, the woven skeletons of chemise, they were on this summit when a Mutsen boy came here and dug a pit from which, set with bait, he would reach out and grab an eagle. We climb to imagine, though whether the boy's grasping hand or the eagle's vainly beating wings . . . 12 miles, 4000' gain, good trail. (near Big Sur)

## Hale-Bopp Comet Viewing

Peak: Argus Peak (6562') class 1  
Dates: March 29-30 Sat-Sun  
Leader: Debbie Bulger 408-457-1036  
Trip Astronomer: Richard Stover

Argus is a non-technical peak on the DPS list. It is rated Class 1, but desert peaks are usually more difficult than Sierra peaks due to rough terrain, thorny vegetation and 30 foot gullies which do not show up on 40 foot contour interval maps. The desert should provide good visibility (no city lights, no trees) for the promised-to-be spectacular Hale-Bopp comet which should be at its peak of brightness.

After a hard drive Friday (try to leave work early) we'll meet north of Ridgecrest early Saturday morning to caravan to the trail head. The climb is rated to take about 6 hours with a 3000 foot elevation gain. That will give us ample after dark time for comet watching. Bring binoculars, lawn chairs, plenty of water and a snack to share. Limited to 10 people.

## Sunol Conditioning Hike

Place: Sunol Regional Park (near Fremont) class 1  
Date: April 5 Sat  
Leader: Cecil Magliocco 408-358-1168  
cecilm@ix.netcom.com  
Co-Leader: Vreni Rau 510-582-5578

Carpets of wildflowers will surround us on this 19-mile hike from Del Valle Regional Park to Sunol Park. Meet at Sunol at 8 a.m., at the first parking lot on the left after the entrance kiosk. We'll shuttle over to Del Valle, hike back to Sunol, then shuttle back to cars at Del Valle. To get to the hike, a carpool will meet in Milpitas -- call for info.

## I Climbed Crag Peak! Almost...

January 25, 1997: This is February's edition of Don't Take Pat's Route. After contemplating for a week about what troubles I could involve myself in during the upcoming weekend I picked up some maps for some extreme southern Sierra destinations like Sorrell Peak and Cross Mountain. After finding out that the impending storm headed elsewhere I decided that I should climb a "real" mountain, Crag Peak.

I left Reedley around 5 am and made Kennedy Meadows by 8:45, this time spotting the Chimney Peak Fire Station sign before I passed it. Canebrake road wasn't in great shape beyond the

campground but the views more than made up for the bumpy ride.

I was on the PCT at nine and around 9:30 I crossed the well built bridge over the raging South Fork Kern River and then headed northwest across a somewhat forested sage meadow aiming for the saddle between peak 7945 and peak 9395. The brush was absolutely horrendous, I'd never seen as many Live Oaks in my life, and had never even seen one at that elevation. Needless to say it took a while to get through. After a tough climb up the ridge I found my self standing atop a giant outcrop with an impressive view of the ridge I was trying to climb! After struggling to find exactly where I was I headed north to the summit of peak 7945. From here I could see the almost bare summits of Deer Mountain and Olancha Peak. It was now past 11 and I was nowhere near my destination so I hurriedly had lunch and then pressed on.

I then followed the ridge west and up the forested main ridge. Here the snow became really deep and my extra large gaiters weren't extra large enough, for every step I took the snow pushed them up, sometimes above the rim of my boots. After losing an hour trying to step carefully I discovered the root of problem, which a pair of extra pack straps quickly solved.

By now the snow was completely melted and with every step I sunk knee deep into the snow. I finally made it up something, but not Crag peak. To the north were at least two higher crags, possibly more. It was now 1:30 and there was no way I would make any further progress without snow shoes. It was actually getting warm so I headed downslope. The slope was noticeably steep and the trip down to Clover Meadow took well over an hour and a half.

Hiking through the meadow was far more enjoyable than navigating the treacherous slopes of Crag and the wide open views provided much needed relief from the intensive concentration of past hours. When I reached Crag Creek I could see that the ridge that meets up with the crag named on the USFS map was not only snow free, but practically vegetation free as well, contrary to what was shown on the map. After I finished cursing I convinced my self that two peaks were better than one, even if they weren't named, and headed south along the trail.

With all the hard stuff under my belt I put on the cruise control and headed towards the river. While I was thinking about things like where to get gas, homework assignments, why my car's cooling system works too well, and of course how much I despise UC Davis, I made excellent time over the small nameless saddle east of peak 7945. As I dreamt of doing awful things to whomever concocted the quarter system, I missed a turn in a faint spot in the trail and wandered south on a use trail through my old friend the sage meadow.

At 3:45 I was standing on the west bank of the river...looking up at the west face of a small peak. It then hit me that I missed the bridge, and after the panic eased I got a good idea of where I was. Half an hour and over a mile later, I spotted a narrow spot in the river that would be an ideal spot for a bridge. The bridge turned out to be a fallen tree. Again I headed north and a few minutes later found the real bridge. I was back to the trailhead at 5, having completed another rewarding excursion in the High Sierra.

- Pat Ibbetson

# PCS Trip Leaders Wanted

Becoming a PCS trip leader is easier than you probably think. The main requirement is climbing knowledge and experience. Here's what you need to do to become a PCS trip leader:

1. Join the PCS and the Sierra Club if you haven't already.
2. Take a Red Cross-approved first aid class and obtain a Red Cross first aid card.
3. Fill out the "Application for PCS Leadership" below.
4. Submit your completed application to the chair of the PCS Mountaineering Committee:

Tim Hult  
2256 Avenida de los Alumnos  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
Phone: 408-970-0760 (H)  
E-mail: pcs\_mtn\_chair@kaweah.mti.sgi.com

## Application for PCS Leadership

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:

Sierra Club Number:

Are you over age 18? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you a PCS member? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

What class of climb are you applying to lead?

Class 1\_\_\_ Class 2\_\_\_ Class 3\_\_\_ Class 4\_\_\_ Class 5\_\_\_

Are you also applying to lead winter climbing trips? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Attach a photocopy of your Red Cross first aid card.

Please answer the two questions below in order to verify that you have satisfied the requirements for leading the class of climb that you have checked. These requirements are listed following the questions:

1. Summarize your climbing skills, navigational skills, and any other information related to your mountaineering knowledge and experience.

2. List the major peaks you have climbed. For each one, include the class of the climb, the name of the leader (if a PCS climb), and whether you led the climb.

I hereby apply for leadership with the Sierra Club Loma Prieta chapter Peak Climbing Section.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements for PCS Leadership

Class One (walking on trail):

- ◆ At least eighteen years of age. PCS and Sierra Club member
- ◆ Red Cross Multimedia First Aid or approved equivalent. Mountain Medicine course conducted by Red Cross and Sierra Club may be substituted at alternate renewal periods.

Class Two (walking cross-country; using hands for balance):

- ◆ Qualifications for class one
- ◆ Minimum two years mountain experience
- ◆ Demonstrated navigational ability
- ◆ Demonstrated sound judgment, mountaineering competence, and leadership ability on two class two or harder PCS trips or equivalent

Class Three (use of hands for balance while climbing):

- ◆ Qualifications for class two
- ◆ Recent experience with roped climbing, including belaying, rappelling, knot tying, and/or anchor setting
- ◆ Recent experience with ice axe, crampons, self-arrest, and/or ice-axe belay
- ◆ Demonstrated sound judgment, mountaineering competence, and leadership ability on two class three or harder PCS trips or equivalent

Class Four (use of rope for belays):

- ◆ Qualifications for class three
- ◆ Knowledgeable and experienced in roped climbing (including belaying, rappelling, knot tying, and anchor setting) ice axe use (including self-arrest and ice-axe belay), and use of crampons.
- ◆ Demonstrated sound judgment, mountaineering competence, and leadership ability on two class four or harder PCS trips or equivalent

Class Five (technical rock climbing):

- ◆ Qualifications for class four
- ◆ Led at least three routes equal to or harder than climb to be led
- ◆ Knowledgeable and experienced in all aspects of rope management and handling. Proficient with anchor setting, placing of protection for safety, belaying, and rappelling.
- ◆ Demonstrated sound judgment, mountaineering competence, and leadership ability on two class five PCS trips or equivalent

Winter Trips

- ◆ Qualifications for class of climb to be led
- ◆ Two seasons of winter mountaineering, including extensive snow camping
- ◆ Proficiency with skis or snow shoes, ice axe, crampons, and ice axe belays
- ◆ Substantial navigational experience, including white-out and storm conditions
- ◆ Advanced first aid preferred, with an understanding of hypothermia, frostbite, and pulmonary edema
- ◆ Avalanche course
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership on one PCS winter trip as co-leader

# Notes and Requests

## Zoroaster Temple, Grand Canyon

I have a permit for a few slots for a trip to the Grand Canyon in Mid April. The route is the North Ridge on the Zoroaster Temple. This trip requires hiking down to Phantom Ranch and then back up the other side to the Sumner wash off of the Clear Creek Trail. From there it cuts through the Red Wall (fourth class) and then to the top of Sumner Butte. Route then apparently takes fourth class stuff around to the back of the temple and up a crack weakness (5.9) on the ridge.

- a. Trip duration approximately five days
- b. Route is four or five pitches...5.9 wide
- c. Total elevation change is about 20,000 feet...5K down, 5K up, 5K down again, 5K back up
- d. Will require lots of lugging stuff (mostly water) up and down here and there

If you are interested please e-mail me. Be forewarned: I have no idea where the exact route is so there is a large likelihood of failure. If this makes you uncomfortable then please do not call me.

– Rick Booth <rick@itron-ca.com>

## Red Slate Request

I'm looking for a co-leader for Red Slate Mountain on 6/21-22. The qualified individual is already a PCS class 2 leader, and is prepared to take a group from our campsite at the headwaters of Convict Creek up the easy side of Red Slate, while I and one other climber climb the Red Slate ice couloir. There's an opportunity to climb Aggie and Baldwin on the same weekend.

– Aaron Schuman ; 415-933-1901 <schuman@sgi.com>

## More Permit Info

*Editor's Note: All of the information below was scanned from the Angeles Chapter's Sierra Peaks Section newsletter "The Sierra Echo" (Jan-Feb 1997 issue). There may be typographic errors due to the scanner's optical character recognition. Please report errors to Steve Eckert <eckert@netcom.com>. The PCS Binder now contains a more complete version of this article, including individual trailhead quotas plus a separate GIF file containing the permit application form.*

### Inyo National Forest Wilderness Reservation Service

The Inyo National Forest Wilderness Reservation Service (INFWRWS) is a cooperative effort between the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Inyo National Forest and concerned citizens and wilderness enthusiasts of the Eastern Sierra Nevada area. The wilderness permit system provides valuable statistical information on use levels in the wilderness areas of the Eastern Sierra. These statistics are a vital tool used by the Inyo National Forest in developing and evaluating resource management strategies. Requiring visitors to obtain wilderness permits and maintaining quotas on heavily used areas also insures that human impact on the wilderness is maintained at a sustainable level. The INFWRWS was created to insure continued sound management of the valuable and sensitive wilderness resources under the stewardship of the Inyo National Forest despite staffing losses due to Government downsizing and budget cuts. The INFWRWS is sole supported by user fees. By removing the fiscal burden of the

permit system from the Inyo National Forest, more of the limited funding received by the forest can be used in field level activities. It is our hope that these efforts combined with the efforts of our fellow wilderness users will keep our wilderness areas unspoiled and enjoyable in the near and distant future.

Requests are accepted no sooner than 6 months to the day in advance and no later than 2 days before entry date. You can mail your request to INFWRWS, P.O. Box 430, Big Pine Ca. 93513. Or FAX your request to (619) 938 1137. You can call in your request at the following numbers: (619) 938 1136 or (888) 374 3773, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm PST, Monday through Friday from 10/15 to 11/22. After 11/22 our hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 PM PST seven days per week until 9/15. We are closed on government holidays.

### Non-Inyo Wilderness Permit Information

Yosemite requires permits for overnight use year round. Day use permits are not required. Permit reservations may be applied for any time. Permit applications are processed in random order. Your permit application will be processed for any trip 24 weeks to the day before departure up to 2 days before departure. 50% of permits are issued to reservations and 50% the day of entry on a first come first served basis.

For mail in reservations write Wilderness Permit Reservations, Yosemite. P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389. To phone in a reservation call 209/372-0740. When requesting a reservation include dates of entry and exit, trailhead for start and finish, the number of people k stock animals, destination and base camp locations. Give alternate dates, trailheads or base camps, if possible. Advance reservations are \$3.00 per person, make checks out to Yosemite Association, or use a major credit card number with expiration date. For general permit and day use information call 209/372-0310. For trail information call 209/372-0200.

The following areas all have advance permit reservations available. requests should be post marked no earlier than March 1, 1997.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon Park: Wilderness Permit Reservations, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Phone 209/565- 3134. No permit fee is required. If using a packer for west side entry, you will need your own permit, the packer can not issue one for you. There is currently a \$10.00 entrance fee per vehicle into the Park.

Sierra National Forest: Wilderness Reservations, Pineridge Ranger District, P.O. Box 300, Shaver Lake, CA 93664. Phone 209/855-5355. \$3.00 per person permit fee.

Toiyabe National Forest: Bridgeport Ranger District, P.O. Box 595, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Phone 619/932-7070. \$3.00 per person permit fee. The Toiyabe Nat. Forest BBS has a free on-line service with area information, from your modem (settings-8,n, 1 supports up to 28.800bps), dial 619/932- 1234 to get the information you want.

Minarets: Wilderness Reservations, Minarets Ranger Distract. North Fork. CA 93643. Phone 209/877-2218. \$3.00 per person permit fee.

Mariposa: Wilderness Reservations, Mariposa Ranger District, 41969 State Highway 41. Oakhurst, CA 93664. Phone 209/683-4665. \$3.00 per person permit fee.

Stanislaus National Forest - Mokelumne, Carson- Iceberg, Emigrant Wilderness Areas: Stanislaus Nat. Forest, Supervisor s Office, 19777 Greenley Rd. Sonora, CA 05370. Phone 209/532-3671. No fee.

# 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.

## Redwoods & Cascades

Peak: Mt. McAbee class 1  
Date: March 8 Sat  
Contact: Debbie Benham home: 415-964-0558  
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Co-Contact: Judith Dean home: 415-854-9288  
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We'll get a chance to enjoy grand redwoods and thunderous falls on this 12 mile hike at Big Basin State Park. We'll start 9am at park headquarters, climb to the Mt McAbee overlook, then loop round and up to Golden Falls. Carpool point in Palo Alto: Montrose & Middlefield Rd. leaving promptly at 7:30am. Any questions, please feel free to contact leaders.

## Bound for Domeland

Peaks: Taylor, Sirretta, Rockhouse, White, Pilot  
Map: Jenkins - Exploring Southern Sierra East Side  
Dates: March 29-31 Sat-Sun plus Mon  
Contact: Pat Ibbetson pkibbetson@ucdavis.edu  
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Co-Contact: Steve Eckert eckert@netcom.com

Join us for a weekend try at Sirretta Pk (9977), Taylor Dome (8802), Rockhouse Pk (8383), and maybe even White Dome (7600)... followed by an optional day hike up the elusive southern Pilot Knob (6212). We'll be ready for everything from ice axe and crampon climbing to dodging snakes and sweating. A peak bagger's delight, and a good conditioning trip, with plenty of variety. Most peaks are class 2, except White is class 3. The moon will be high at dawn that weekend, and so will we. Don't wait for the summer heat to visit this area!

## Whitney in Early Spring

Peak: Mt. Whitney (14496') snow / class 2  
Dates: April 3-6 Thu-Sun  
Contact: George Van Gorden 408-779-2320

Get high early and stay there all year long. A difficult trip with a requisite of good weather and snow conditions. Snow camping and crampon and ice axe experience required. Snowshoes or skis.

## Lost Coast Backpack

Trip: King Range Beaches & Mountains class 2  
Dates: April 11-13 Fri-Sun  
Contact: Kelly Maas 408-279-2054  
maas@idt.com

Co-Contact: wanted

We'll explore the beach and mountains of the the southern Humboldt coast in the King Range National Conservation Area (near Shelter Cove), sloggng through sand and reaching possibly 4000 ft in elevation. Expect to cover about 10 miles per day at a moderate pace. No real climbing is planned, but backpacking experience is required. Co-leader wanted.

**Take nothing but pictures,  
Leave nothing but footprints,  
Kill nothing but vandals...  
-- Anon**

## Mt. Ritter From The Back Side

Peaks: Ritter (13150'), Banner (12943') class 2, snow  
Dates: July 14-19 Mon-Sat  
Trailhead: Agnew Meadows  
Contact: Alan Ritter 314-225-7600 x5362  
jar@storz.com

Leave Agnew Meadows Monday, 14 July, camp near Thousand Island Lake, then hike over North Glacier Pass and on down to Ritter Lakes on 7/15. Approach is on-trail (10 mi) to 1,000 l., off-trail (2 mi) from there. Secor's western approach is Class 2. If assault on Mt. Ritter succeeds 7/16, we may give neighboring Banner Peak a try 7/17, before hiking back out 7/18-7/19. Ice axe and crampons required. Snow camping possible at 1,000 l. very probable at Ritter Lakes. Reference last summer's trip report:  
<http://reality.sgi.com/csp/pcs/Reports/ritter9606.html>

## Piute Peaks

Peaks: Humphreys (13986), Emerson (13225) class 4,3  
Date: July 19-20 Sat-Sun  
Maps: Mount Tom 7.5' quad, Mt. Darwin 7.5' quad  
Contact: David Harris 415-497-5571  
harrisd@leland.stanford.edu  
Co-Contact: Bob Suzuki 408-259-0772  
bobszk@pacbell.net

Mt. Humphreys is a beautiful flat-topped giant prominent from Bishop. "The easy routes are challenging, the summit is high, and the scenery is outstanding." We'll warm up Saturday on Mt. Emerson, then take the standard route up Humphreys from Piute Pass on Sunday. Ice axe, crampons, and climbing harness required.

## Thundering up the Palisades

Peak: Thunderbolt (14003') class 5  
Date: July 25-26 Fri-Sat  
Maps: North Palisade 7.5' quad  
Contact: David Harris 415-497-5571  
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Co-Contact: John Bees 702-851-0949  
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Friday will be a leisurely approach over Bishop Pass to a camp near Thunderbolt Pass, with the option of a lunchtime jaunt up Agassiz. On Saturday we'll ascend Southwest Chute #2 and puzzle out how to lasso the summit block. One brave soul will lead the block, then ordinary mortals may prussic up after unsuccessfully trying to follow. We'll complete the long day by hiking out that night. Ice axe, crampons, and climbing harness required. Climbing shoes may be helpful. Group limited to six fast, experienced mountaineers.

## Palisades Part Two

Peak: Norman Clyde (13920+') class 3-4  
Date: July 27-28 Sun-Mon  
Maps: Split Mountain 7.5' quad  
Contact: David Harris 415-497-5571  
harrisd@leland.stanford.edu  
Co-Contact: John Bees 702-851-0949  
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After Thunderbolt and a short night of sleep in the desert, we'll attack imposing Norman Clyde from the South Fork of Big Pine Creek. Carrying light packs and bivvy gear, we'll race up to Finger Lake before the Dreaded Mosquitoes of Big Pine Creek eat us alive, then attempt to locate the class 3-4 route up the North-Northeast Ridge. If we stay on route, we may be able to dayhike the peak. If not, we'll plan to bivvy somewhere on the peak and finish Monday morning. Ice axe, crampons, harness required, climbing shoes may be helpful. Group limited to four fast, experienced mountaineers.

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

### In Upcoming Issues:

Trip Reports: Mexican Volcanoes, Southern Sawtooth  
Compendia: Restaurants  
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**Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 3/23/97. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.**



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