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## General Meeting

**Date:** May 8, 2007  
**Time:** 7:30 pm  
**Where:** Peninsula Conservation Center  
3921 E. Bayshore Rd.  
Palo Alto, CA  
**Program:** "Vintage" slides of climbs past  
**Presenter:** Tim Hult

This show will feature a 1986 ascent of the East Face of Mt. Whitney in glorious analog 35mm slides (yes, these are in color). Come relive the fresh air traverse, the granite staircase, and topping out just as the sun sets over Whitney. Hear the tale of what it's like to get your rope stuck on the crux and your partner doesn't know it and can't hear you. Also shown will be some slides of our 1994 climb of the Ecuadorian volcanoes.

**Directions:** From 101: Exit at San Antonio Road, go east to the first traffic light, turn left and follow Bayshore Rd to the PCC on the corner of Corporation Way. A sign marking the PCC is out front. Park behind.

## Broiled Asparagus Recipe

2 bunches asparagus  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Zest of 1 lemon  
Salt and pepper

Wash, dry, drizzle olive oil on it, toss, salt and pepper. Arrange on a flat shallow baking pan. Broil 3-4 minutes. Turn and broil 2 minutes. Top with lemon zest. Serve hot. Good finger food for PCS meetings. Yum!

## Snow Pack

### Mammoth Snow Tally

There is lots of talk about how little snow fell this year. Mammoth keeps monthly records available at [http://www.mammothmountain.com/site\\_common/lib/pastyears.cfm](http://www.mammothmountain.com/site_common/lib/pastyears.cfm)

### Data of interest from KQED radio

Snowpack is 43% of normal in the Sierra. 2006/2007 was the 4th driest year on record. 2005/2006 was the 5th wettest year on record.

Southern California is the worst hit; 2002/2003 was driest year on record; now 2006/2007 is the driest.

## Gear for Sale

**Gregory Forester Backpack**, circa 2003. A good pack that carries well. 5# 3oz, 4900 in3. In good condition.

Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

### Randonée Ski Equipment

We have many skis and boots available and will sell them very cheaply to PCS members. Some skis have 3-pin touring or Telemark bindings; others have Fritsch (Alpine touring) bindings. Randonée boots (Alpine touring) are men's size 8, 8 ½ and 12.

Louise Wholey ([louisewholey@yahoo.com](mailto:louisewholey@yahoo.com))

## Gear Corner

### Ultralite Jackets

By Frank Martin (PCS Equipment Guru)

#### Lightweight Down Jackets

Coming from an Ultra-Light Backpacking background where every ounce counts there are a lot of things I look for in my insulation layer. For distance thru hikes of 100 to 1000 miles or more weight adds up. To some extent this also applies to Peak Bagging. My jacket is the only insulation layer I carry. For three-season hiking it is used in combination with a UL sleeping bag or quilt. For bagging it is used during rest stops and spending time once at the Summit. Specifically what I am looking for is one jacket that I can use for four season backpacking and use at a 14000' Summit. It is the final line of defense against hypothermia when I am separated from my sleeping bag.. These are not parkas and must be used in combination with a waterproof shell in severe weather.

Before I get into the high \$\$\$ jackets I want to plug a cheap one

Marmot made the Down Sweater for many years. The early ones were made with 600 Down fill, later upgraded to 650 and in the last year (2005) it was 700 fill. I know last year they were on closeout at REI Outlet for \$99.00. They are few to be found from retailers these days but are quite available on Ebay in the \$50.00 to \$60.00 range. I have a medium one that weighs in at 19 oz. It is nylon rip-stop taffeta fabric which is a bombproof fabric. These are great jackets a few ounces heavier but many \$\$\$ less.

A comparison chart of various jackets can be found here. This chart is a few years old and some of the shell fabrics available might be different.

<http://tinyurl.com/kdadn>

If you are a paid subscriber to BPL there are various individual reviews also.

#### Mont-Bell U.L. Down Inner Jacket Mens (2007)

<http://www.winterfix.com/product.php?cid=267&pid=2301283p>

I would not consider this a four season jacket but is a favorite of UL backpackers. This comes in at 6.7 oz. for a size medium for the 2007 model. Previous years are heavier. I would place the North Face Flash in the same category as this jacket. This is great for three season backpacking but limited for anything extreme.

#### Western Mountaineering Flight Jacket \$225

<http://tinyurl.com/dob9s>

This is the lightest and the loftiest - a beautiful piece of equipment with 850 fill, about 12oz large.

The only downside if you are tough on gear this might not be your best choice. The new SMF fabric is fragile. If you get too close to a campfire it will melt. The same goes with a stove flare-up. It is rarely on sale. (Ed note: Memorial Day sale at Mammoth Mountaineering offers 30% off.)

#### Feathered Friend Hyperion \$199

<http://tinyurl.com/yrkh8b>

With the custom Epic Shell this becomes a bombproof and more water-resistant jacket than the WM Flight. This jacket will take abuse and keep you warm. FF sizing is smaller than most. I have an Epic fabric with overstuffed down and weighs 16oz.

#### Nunatak Skaha Plus Hooded Down Sweater \$300 and up and up

[http://www.nunatakusa.com/down\\_sweater\\_skaha\\_hoodie.html](http://www.nunatakusa.com/down_sweater_skaha_hoodie.html)

These are custom-made garments - very pricey but the lightest and the best available. This comes also in a non-hooded version also. This is a great

garment to use with one of their quilts. They do sell some clearance and second off their website. It is worth a look at their website just to see 'cottage industry' gear. These guys make a wide range of gear.

### **GoLite Cumulus Sweater \$199**

[http://www.prolitegear.com/golite\\_cumulus\\_down\\_sweater.html](http://www.prolitegear.com/golite_cumulus_down_sweater.html)

Measured 14ozs for large on the scales at Prolite Gear. I bought one of the early models.

They had serious zipper problems. I finally got around to sending it in for repairs.

They did a decent repair but I later called customer service to discuss the repairs and they sent me a brand new one. I can't complain about their customer service. The newer model is a fine construction. It doesn't look like they are selling them in their present catalogue.

### **PHD Minimus**

[http://www.phdesigns.co.uk/product\\_info.php?cPath=27\\_67&products\\_id=110](http://www.phdesigns.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=27_67&products_id=110)

These are normally very expensive jackets manufactured in U.K. Also you must pay for shipping. They have a very big sale twice a year where they make special jackets at 40% off. The website itself is worth a look as you can custom design your own sleeping bag.

This has excellent quality, premium down the hooded version in large weighs about 15oz. I picked up a hooded version recently to use with my quilt during their last sale.

## **“Fresh” Backpacking Food**

### **By Louise Wholey**

Home dehydrating is the key to having great quality food on trips. While some may think that it is very time-consuming, the actual drying is

unattended; only the cooking takes time. If you regularly eat McDonald's or similar fast food this is not for you, but if you appreciate fresh foods with many micronutrients (not only vitamins and minerals but colors represent many phytonutrients), this is the best dry food you can get.

Many dehydrators are on the market. We use a L'Equip model 528 home dehydrator with regular course and fine granularity as well as fruit leather trays. This device has a high setting of around 150 degrees F to allow drying beef jerky. Many devices do not have a setting that high. If it is not hot enough, the meat will spoil before drying.

The other device that makes a huge difference in convenience for doing your own food is a vacuum sealer. I have a FoodSaver Vac 800 which includes the vacuum unit and the bag slicer in one. It is useful for storing many foods, not just dried ones. Everything keeps longer if vacuum sealed.

## **Recipes**

### **Beef Jerky**

2 pounds London Broil beef (grass-fed for omega 3s)  
1 head of garlic  
1 chunk of ginger (about the same volume as the garlic)  
8 fl oz San-J Tamari Soy Sauce

Skin and mince garlic and ginger. Thinly slice beef; mix garlic and ginger into soy sauce; add beef. Place all ingredients in a plastic bag. Refrigerate for 8 hours. Remove beef and dry for 6-8 hours. Vacuum seal and store in the freezer if not using beef immediately.

### **Spaghetti for 2**

¼ pound whole grain spaghetti  
1 cup tomato pasta sauce (Muir Glen Tomato Basil)  
1 pound ground beef (grass-fed for omega 3s)  
1 large yellow onion  
1 package Trader Joes wild mushrooms

Dice onion and sauté until caramelized. Add beef. Cook until done, then dry the mix on fine grain tray for 6-8 hours. Spread tomato sauce on fruit leather trays. One jar fills three trays. Dry about 12 hour. For re-hydration, put everything in a pot, boil it, then let it set in a pot cozy for 15 minutes at altitude, or 10 minutes if lower. Other vegetables can be added for variety.

## 2006-2007 PCS Trip Calendar

**May 11-13** – Mt. Shasta

**Leader:** George Van Gordon

**May 19** – Navigation Course \*Bay Area\*

**Leader:** Kelly Maas

**June 2** – Ice Axe/Crampon Practice (Lassen)

**Leader:** Kelly Maas

**June 23-24** – Iron Mtn.

**Leader:** Charles Schafer

**June 30 - July 1** – Mt. Russell

**Leader:** Stephane Mouradian

**June 30 – July 4** – Goddard, Scylla

**Leader:** Tim Hult

**July 2-5** – Thompson 13494 CL2-Powell-Wallace

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**July 6-7** – Langley

**Leader:** Stephane Mouradian

**July ?** – White Mt. (day hike)

**Leader:** Jeff Fisher

**July ?** – Split Mt. (day hike)

**Leader:** Jeff Fisher

**July 12-15** - Mount Williamson 14275, Tyndall 14018

**Leader:** Jeff Fisher

**July 20-24** – Red 11699, Gray 11573, Merced 11726

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**July 27-29** – Mt. Emerson, Pilot Knob

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**July 27-29** – Piute 10541, Petit 10788, Volunteer

**Leader:** Tim Hult

**Aug 4-11** – Tbolt, No Pal, Polomonium, Sill, Starlite

**Leader:** Jeff Fisher

**Aug 10-15** – Big Kaweah, Red Kaweah

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**Aug 10-12** – Giraud

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Aug 11-12** – Tuolumne Meadows (car camp)

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Aug 17-19** – Mystery Peak(s) TBD

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Aug 18-19** – Alta Peak, Mt. Silliman (car camp)

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Aug 24-28** – Agassiz, Cloudripper, Goode, Winchell

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**Aug 31 - Sep 3** – Goat, State, Marion

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**Sept 1-3** – Davis, Electra, Rodgers, Forester

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Sept 21-23** – Virginia, Twin Peaks, Dunderberg

**Leader:** To Be Announced

**Oct 5-7** – East Vidette, West Vidette, Keith, Bradley

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

**Oct 19-21** – University, Kearsage, Gould (car camp)

**Leader:** Lisa Barboza

## PCS Trip Details

### Mount Shasta

Peak: Mount Shasta 14042

Dates: May 11-13, 2007

Maps:

Leader: George Van Gordon (408-779-2320, [vangordeng321@aol.com](mailto:vangordeng321@aol.com))

Co-leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

Trip *may* be full. Route depends upon base access.

### Navigation Course \*Bay Area\*

Peak:

Dates: May 19, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Kelly Maas (([kellylanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellylanda@sbcglobal.net), 408-378-5311)

This is a local session of navigation training using GPS, Compass, and Map as well as one's nose and the stars.

## **Ice Axe/Crampon Practice (Lassen)**

Peak: Mount Lassen 10,457

Dates: June 2, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Kelly Maas ([kellylanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellylanda@sbcglobal.net), 408-378-5311)

Co-leader: Arun Mahajan (650-327-8598, [arun.mahajan@att.net](mailto:arun.mahajan@att.net))

## **Iron Mountain**

Peak: Iron Mountain (11,149, class 2)

Dates: July 23-24, 2007 (Sat. - Sun.)

Maps: Cattle Mountain 7.5

Leader: Charles Schafer ([c\\_g\\_schafer@yahoo.com](mailto:c_g_schafer@yahoo.com), 408-354-1545)

Co-leader: Natalie Guishar ([natalie.guishar@yahoo.com](mailto:natalie.guishar@yahoo.com))

Saturday we'll hike in via the Beck Lakes trail and we'll set up camp. Sunday we'll climb the peak, and hike out. There are several alternate routes, and we'll pick one that is suitable for the skill level of the group.

This region of the Sierra is one of my favorites because of its scenic beauty. This trip is suitable for beginners with backpacking skills who are in reasonably good shape.

## **Mount Russell**

Peak: Mount Russell 14086 (class 3)

Dates: June 30 – July 1, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Stephane Mouradian ([smouradian@hotmail.com](mailto:smouradian@hotmail.com))

Co-leader: Kelly Maas ([kellylanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellylanda@sbcglobal.net), 408-378-5311)

We will take the east ridge route. This trip is suitable for mountaineers experienced with class 3 climbing. The route is known for having some exposure. Saturday: hike to upper boy scout lake. Sunday: summit and hike out. Monday is an optional bad weather day. We have a permit for 6.

## **Thompson, Powell, Wallace**

Peak: Thompson 13480, Powell 13400, Wallace 13377

Dates: July 2-5, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

Co-leader: needed

We're climbing these peaks from the Lake Sabrina trailhead, park cars at South Lake and shuttle down to Lake Sabrina TH. Hike in to Echo Lake, cross over Echo Col and work these peaks from the South side, all CL2. Carpool from Bay Area.

## **Mount Langley**

Peak: Mount Langley 14042

Dates: July 6-7, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Stephane Mouradian ([smouradian@hotmail.com](mailto:smouradian@hotmail.com))

Co-leader: needed

This is a trip suitable for experienced backpackers with limited mountaineering experience, who would like to climb a non technical 14,000' peak. Permit for 8.

The goal is to approach and camp on Friday. Then summit and walk out on Saturday. Sunday is the possible extra bad weather day.

## **Williamson and Tyndall**

Peak: Mount Williamson 14275, Tyndall 14018

Dates: July 12-15, 2007

Maps: Mt Williamson

Leader: Jeff Fisher ([kellylanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellylanda@sbcglobal.net), 408-378-5311)

Co-leader: Louise Wholey ([louisewholey@yahoo.com](mailto:louisewholey@yahoo.com), 408-867-6658)

Meet at the Shepherd Pass TH Thursday morning and hike to the pass (long and hard). Participants must be in excellent physical condition and well-acclimatized. Friday, climb Williamson via class 3 west face. Saturday climb Tyndall or another peak via the class 2 NW ridge. Sunday hike out. Permit for 4, \$5 each.

## **Red, Gray, Merced, Fast and Light**

Peak: Red 11699, Gray 11573, Merced 11726

Dates: July 20-24, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

Co-leader: Louise Wholey ([louisewholey@yahoo.com](mailto:louisewholey@yahoo.com))

We're planning a fun Fast and Light backpacking climbing trip into the south side of Yosemite National Park. We'll leave from Mono Meadows trailhead, backpack to Ottoway Lake, and attempt Red, Gray, and Merced Peaks. These peaks are 2nd class on our routes.

Open to experienced backpackers and climbers, it's a long way in to our first night's camp, about 15 miles. Accordingly, this is a light and fast trip. Carry enough food and gear for 4 days of hiking and climbing in the Clark Range of Yosemite National Park. Plan to be at the TH in the evening of Wednesday July 12 for an early start.

## **White Mountain day hike**

Peak: White Mountain 14246

Dates: July ?, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Jeff Fisher ([jeff\\_fisher\\_5252@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeff_fisher_5252@sbcglobal.net), 408-733-1299)

Co-leader: needed

This is a beginner trip. The hiking is easy but quite high. The drive passes close to Bristlecone Pines.

## **Split Mountain day hike**

Peak: Split Mountain 14058

Dates: July ?, 2007

Maps: Split Mtn

Leader: Jeff Fisher ([jeff\\_fisher\\_5252@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeff_fisher_5252@sbcglobal.net), 408-733-1299)

Co-leader: needed

This is a strenuous day trip from low on the valley floor to over 14000 feet. Participants must be well-acclimatized, fit, and very strong, as well as able to climb class 3 quickly.

## **Piute, Petit, Volunteer**

Peak: Piute 10541, Petit 10788, Volunteer 10497

Dates: July 27, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Tim Hult (408-970-0760)

Leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

This is an exploration of the beautiful wilderness of Northern Yosemite. Hike in from Tuolumne Meadows to reach these CL2 Peaks. We'll attempt these peaks at the height of the climbing season, but be prepared for mosquitoes. Contact Tim Hult or Lisa Barboza.

## **Big Kaweah, Red Kaweah**

Peak: Big Kaweah, Red Kaweah

Dates: August 10-15, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

Co-leader: needed

From Mineral King, hike over Sawtooth Pass to Big Arroyo basin, camp. 15+ mile hike in to camp, 3 days climbing, 1 day to hike out and drive home. Fast and Light climbing trip. Participants must be in good condition and experienced as climbers.

## **Agassiz, Cloudripper, Goode, Winchell**

Peak: Agassiz, Cloudripper, Goode, Winchell

Dates: August 24-28, 2007

Maps:

Leader: Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

Co-leader: needed

From South Lake TH above Bishop, we'll climb over Bishop Pass to the Dusy Basin, make camp in an agreeable spot. Day hike Agassiz, Goode, Winchell, and climb Cloudripper on the way to the cars. This is a 4 day, beginner trip. Participants must be in good condition and fit, ready for a Fast and Light outing.

## Trip Reports

### Spanish Mountain – Try, Try Again

By Charles Schafer

Several years ago, Bob Evans and I decided that Spanish Mountain would make a good early season conditioning climb. So we set a date around mid-May and set out to do the climb via the traditional hike in along the trail that crosses Rancheria Creek (several times) on its way to Spanish Meadow, then on around to the base of Spanish Mtn. Well, it so happened that it was a pretty heavy snow year, so we were expecting snow along the way and some high water in the creeks. We navigated the first few small creeks ok, and then another one by taking our shoes off, but then we came up against Rancheria Creek. This was way beyond what we expected. It was a raging torrent, hungry to chew us up, and this wasn't the only time we had to cross it. We stood there and stared at it – no way to try and wade it, the only possible attack was a narrow tree that was wet and slippery and didn't quite extend all the way across. Then we sat there and stared at it. Then we retreated. So much for Spanish Mountain this time around.

Fast forward to June 2006. It was another pretty heavy snow year, but Bob and I had a plan. We would hike up the 4WD road that climbed up a ridge to the south of the other trail, and ended above and just a bit to the west of Little Spanish Lake. There were no creeks crossing the road, so there would be no flooded streams to bother us, even though it also meant a dry hike in. Once we got to the lake, we figured we'd catch the trail and then continue along it.

On our hike in, everything went according to plan. There was a bit of route finding when the road got buried in the snow, but we had waypoints so there wasn't any real problem. Once we got to Little Spanish Lake, however, we couldn't find the trail. There was still enough snow that the trail was well obscured. Given that the easy hike along the trail was not an option, we decided that we might just as well take a cross country route that was much

more direct, and which positioned us much better for our hike back out.

So, the next morning we headed up a ridge that starts just to the west of Little Spanish Lake and heads directly south, leading up to Rogers Ridge. The ridge was easy hiking for the most part, and near the top we crossed over and climbed a bit of rock to get onto the top. So far so good, but here came the part I was worried about, the traverse east along the south side of the ridge. It didn't appear steep on the map, but I could envision hours of boulder hopping.

Not so. It turned out that the south side of the ridge was a walk in the park, mostly on dirt with a few rock bands here and there and some boulders strewn about. And since it was south facing, most of the snow was melted off. In no time at all we reached Spanish Mountain. There was a bit of a descent, then we hiked up moderately angled snow slopes to the summit. I have no idea what it would be like to climb without the snow, since it was completely covered. But there probably wouldn't be much difficulty, given the angle.

After sunning ourselves a bit we headed on out. We retraced our steps back to the ridge that we ascended from Little Spanish Lake, picked up our camping gear from where we stashed it, and then continued on in pretty much a straight line for the saddle below where the 4WD road ended. After a short hike up we headed in the general direction of the road and found it a short while later, once the snow started thinning out.

The moral of the story? Spanish Mountain is a good early season hike, you just have to stay away from the creeks. (And the 4WD road may be a better route anyway.)

### *Wilderness First Aid*

*Not only is this good for leaders; it is good for every peak climber. The upcoming class in May is fully booked. The next class is in February. Other sources of training are Foster Calm, [www.fostercalm.com](http://www.fostercalm.com), and NOLS Wilderness Medicine Institute, [wmi.nols.edu](http://wmi.nols.edu).*

## Spanish Needle and Sawtooth Peak (S)

April 6-8, 2007

By Louise Wholey

Attempting to climb all of the SPS peaks (not me!) leads one to some unusual and interesting places. Names like Spanish Needle (aka Spinach Noodle) and Sawtooth Peak inspire interest. Their location near Walker Pass just off the PCT further titulated my fancy. Alas Lisa Barbosa and Brian Roach were willing to pick Jim Wholey and I up at an airport in Bakersfield and wedge all of us into Brian's 4WD Suzuki with big bags on top.

Our intense weekend began at the Paradise Cove restaurant near Lake Isabella for a fine dinner - recommended by PCT thru-hikers. These people *do* know how to eat when they are off the trail! At the Chimney Creek BLM Campground we were greeted by numerous signs about Uranium contamination of the water. No problem; we had brought 9 gallons of our own. We later learned that radiation is not an issue despite the signs about too many micro-curies, but the chemical toxicity on the liver by ingesting uranium over a long period of time could be a hazard.

Our first target was Spanish Needle. While there are numerous routes to get close to the peak, Brian saw a great opportunity to exercise the 4WD feature of Suzie, so we trundled across Chimney Creek and up through the relatively flat valley. Eventually boulders stopped Suzie, but she had lots of fun along the way. We hiked to the PCT at the end of the valley and side-hilled off trail to the southern most needle. The third class friction slabs took us to the summit (well-described on climber.org). My new very comfortable Keen hiking boots bought the day before the trip lost all of the stitching on the right side. REI took them back but not before one more peak. The waterproof breathable liner blocked the dirt.

The campground was very nice for enjoying our dinner with a fine bottle of wine. It seemed lonely but on our after dinner stroll we did encounter another site with a couple of people. They use this campground regularly for the isolation. They had

two big dogs which were quite apprehensive about our visiting their campsite. Finally their "Mom" said "They are normally very friendly. I think it is the hats." We took off our hats and the dogs stopped muttering their unimpressive growls and wagged over to us. Amazing! Our hats had frightened them. We discussed the water, which they have drunk; it is used by all the local animals, even the 5-legged ones glowing in the dark!

The next day was an uneventful climb of Sawtooth. We simply hiked up the PCT to the high point and went cross-country over some steep ugly side-hilling to the peak. Had we climbed higher on the ridge, travel would have been more pleasant. By the top the early overcast had cleared leaving wonderful views. For descent we stayed more on the crest of the ridge back to our starting point on the PCT. The drive back to Bakersfield down the Kern River canyon was delightful. The bright green hillsides were populated with yellow fiddlers plus some orange poppies.

## Backcountry Etiquette

**On our recent trip to climb Spanish Needle I was appalled at how much toilet paper had been left on the route. It is an easy matter to carry used paper out of the wilderness to dump in an appropriate place. The only people who would have been on this route would have been SPS peak-baggers, so I was quite shocked at how such people could have been ignorant of the impact of leaving TP. In the desert it would take in excess of a hundred years for the paper to degrade. Even in wetter areas it takes a long time. I once encountered a ranger named Goldy from Teton National Park who said he spent his summer picking up toilet paper that hikers had left. It does not work to bury it, especially just under a rock. Most times it cannot be burned; thorough burning is nearly impossible; the remains must be carried out. Please be considerate of those who follow who would like a pristine wilderness experience. A plastic bag, especially freezer quality for the wary, works great!**



## Private Trips

Private trips are not insured, sponsored, or supervised by the Sierra Club. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS members. Private trips may be submitted directly to the editor.

**May 4-7** – Williamson via George Creek

**Contact:** Lee Kenyon

**Alternate contact:** Lisa Barboza ([pcs-vice@att.net](mailto:pcs-vice@att.net))

"Any enthusiastic Sierra mountaineer should climb up George Creek at least once," R.J. Secor wrote in High Sierra: Peaks, Passes, and Trails. "It is one of the classic bushwhacks of the High Sierra." George Creek provides access to some of California's giants: Mt. Williamson (14,375'), Mt. Barnard (13,990'), and Trojan Peak (13,950'). Located within the California Bighorn Sheep Zoological Area, the area is only open only from Dec 15 - Jan 1 and from April 15 - May 15.

The schedule here is for 4 days, but could be compressed into 3 or 3 1/2. Whether to hike out or even drive back on Sunday rather than Monday is TBD among participants.

Fri May 4:

After picking up the wilderness permit, hike/bushwhack up George Creek. Since the last mile of the road to George Creek is in terrible condition, we'll walk the last mile unless someone volunteers a 4WD. I plan to car camp late Thursday night at a location TBD to aid in acclimatization.

Sat May 5:

Climb Mt. Barnard, then traverse to Trojan Peak - or climb Trojan Peak, then traverse to Mt. Barnard.

Sun May 6:

Climb Mt. Williamson via the Southeast Ridge.

Mon May 7:

Hike / bushwhack out via George Creek, drive home.

Qualifications: experienced in ice axe, crampons, helmet required. Carpools from LA and from South Bay Area.

**May 19-20** – Mt. Tinemahah (12,561)

**Contact:** Charles Schafer ([c\\_g\\_schafer@yahoo.com](mailto:c_g_schafer@yahoo.com), 408-354-1545)

**Alternate contact:** Louise Wholey

([louisewholey@yahoo.com](mailto:louisewholey@yahoo.com), 408-867-6658)

Trailhead is at ~6500 ft. We will use 4WD for the last part of the rough road to the TH. A 5 mile trail climbs steeply to camp at Red Lake (10,459 ft). Sun am climb peak via class 2 south bowl. Summit offers great views of Split. Good early season conditioning climb. Ice axe and crampons *may* be required, depending on spring weather. Hike out Sun pm. Group size limited to 5. Permit fee \$5 each.

**June 8-10** – Ritter

**Contact:** Bob Suzuki ([SuzukiR@sd-star.com](mailto:SuzukiR@sd-star.com), 408-678-3541)

**Alternate contact:** Linda Sun

([lindasun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindasun@sbcglobal.net))

Saturday hike in and camp near Lake Ediza, Sunday climb Ritter via SE glacier, class 3. Snow climbing likely; ice axe

and crampons needed. Hike out Sunday or Monday; depends on how the group feels. Group size limited to 6.

**June 29 - July 1** – Darwin/Mendel/Lamarck

Class 3-4 rock, snow. Permit on request.

**June 30 to July 8** – Goddard Canyon & Ionian Basin

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This is a full week trip, Sat - Sun, Jun 30 - Jul 8. Our climbing goals include Mt. Goddard, E, 13,568; Scylla, 12,956; and others in the area. Expect class 2 climbing; plan on bringing an ice axe.

Day 1: From Florence Lake landing, up Blayne Meadow Trail to Goddard Canyon. Day 2: To Martha Lake and Mt. Goodard.

Day 3 -4: To Ionian Basin, Scylla and Charybdis. Days 5 - 7 flexible (e.g., Evolution Valley peaks; possible early exit).

Days 8 and 9: out.

**Jul 7-8** – Hoffman, Tuolumne Peak, Dana

Class 2-3. May be official trip. Details supplied later.

**Jul 21-23** – Bear Creek Spire

Northeast Ridge. Class 4, rope. Permit on request.

**Jul 28-30** – Star King, Clark

Class 4-5. Permit on request.

**Aug 4-6** – Thumb, Disappointment

Class 3-4 rock, snow, rope. Permit on request.

**Aug 18-26** – Wind Rivers

Class 3-4. Details at <http://www.climber.org/trips/#706>.

**Sept 1-3** – Gardner & Cotter

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Details supplied later.

**Aug 31 - Sept 3** – LeConte/Corcoran

Class 3. Permit on request.

**Sept 15** – Tower

Class 3. May be official trip. Details supplied later.

**October 2007** – Nepal around Annapurna

**Contact:** Warren Storkman (650-493-8959, [dstorkman@aol.com](mailto:dstorkman@aol.com))

Details supplied later.

**Mid-January 2008** – Kilimanjaro - Tanzania

**Contact:** Warren Storkman (650-493-8959, [dstorkman@aol.com](mailto:dstorkman@aol.com))

Climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Take an optional safari. Inquiries are welcome.

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## Climbing Classifications

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, rope may be used.

Class 4: Requires rope belays.

Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday, May 27th. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.



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