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## Next General Meeting

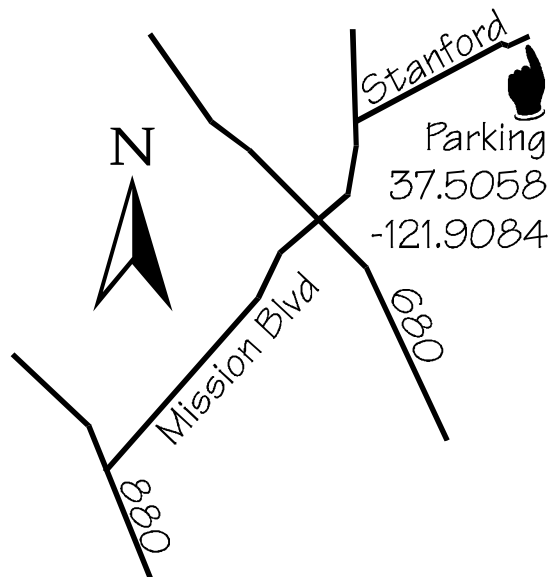
**Date:** Tuesday, April 13

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Program:** Mission Peak Climb

**Location:** Stanford Avenue, Fremont  
Rather than see slides of peaks at PCS meetings, lets go climb one instead!

**Directions:** Take 880 to Mission Blvd exit. Go under 680, about 1.5 miles, to the 3rd light. Just beyond Paseo Padre (the 3rd light), turn right on Stanford Avenue at the sign that says "Mission Peak Regional Preserve".



**Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 4/25/99 Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.**

## The NEW Climber.Org Roster

This year we are introducing the Climber.Org roster, which will be on the web but not in the Scree. All climbers (PCS members or not) can send a picture with your recognizable face and your name PLUS whatever contact information you want (email, web, phone, snail mail), the area and types of peaks you like to climb, etc. (preferably via email) to:

**Aaron Schuman / [roster@climber.org](mailto:roster@climber.org)  
223 Hbrizon Avenue, Muntain View, CA 94043**

We'll have a gallery of faces & names, exclusively from info sent to [roster@climber.org](mailto:roster@climber.org), with links that point to the contact information you supplied. Don't send it if you don't want it on the web! The PCS roster will be pointed to by a separate link, but ya gotta send yer mug and stuff if ya wanna be in pictures. (Ever have one of those trips where you know the first name but not the last name? Trying to identify who that was to your left in the hero shot? The loudmouth? This is the place to look!) More details later!

## 1999 PCS Roster Update

The 1999 PCS Roster will be published in the May Scree and on the PCS website, with only the information PCS members wish to release. You are not automatically in the PCS Roster unless you are receiving the hardcopy Scree - email and web readers MUST contact the PCS Treasurer (Dee Booth) to become PCS members (it's FREE):

**Dee Booth / [pcs-treasurer@climber.org](mailto:pcs-treasurer@climber.org)  
237 San Miteo Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030**

Whether or not you are on the email broadcast, you can list your email in the roster. Please provide all information in the form below so that we can update old information and maintain the best possible roster. For the safety of our members, your street address will not be printed when the roster is published in the Scree/EScree, and you can choose whether to release your telephone number(s) at the bottom of the form. You must contact the Treasurer if you wish to have your email info listed (just subscribing to the email list is not enough). Remember we publish the roster so that other PCS members can reach you when coordinating trips, or to return gear that you left in their cars, so the more information the better!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Home Phone (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone (or enter "none"):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sierra Club Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include phone number when publishing the roster? Y/N** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

### Mt Diablo by the North Side

Peak: Eagle Peak(2359), North Peak(3557), Mt. Diablo(3849) Class-

Maps: Clayton USGS 7.5'

Date: April 11 (Sun)

Leaders Arun Mahajan. arun@tollbridgetech.com (h) 650-327-8598, (w) 408-585-2114,

Co-leader: Ahmad Zandi. ahmad@zandi.com 408-255-4233 home, 408-616-5783 work.

Dayhike this beautiful east bay peak and two of it's surrogate summits, Eagle Peak and North Peak by the North Side. Carpool from Cubberley School parking lot at the junction of Middlefield Road and Montrose in Palo Alto at 7am. The hike is a little less than 15 miles round trip and has 4000+ feet of gain. Cross-listed with the Day Hiking Section.

### Black Diamond

Peaks: Diamond Pk (13,126) and Black Mtn (13,289)

Dates: April 16-18 (Fri-Sun)

Map: Kearsarge Peak 7.5' topo

Leader: Steve Eckert

Co-Leader: Aaron Schuman / 650-968-9184 / aaron\_schuman@yahoo.com

NOTE: Co-leader will take applications and maintain the trip roster.

Spring fever? Ditch those downhill skis and strap on snowshoes or backcountry skis for a fine bowl between two high peaks. Black is closed much of the year to protect bighorn sheep, so you will find few names in the register (if we can dig it out!).

Hopefully we can drive to 6000' for this spring ascent, then bag both peaks on the second day. If not, we'll spend part of the second day moving packs and do one peak each on the second and third days. Ice axe and crampons required - submit resume of recent experience and a \$10 deposit (refundable less any permit fees at the trailhead) with your Sierra Club membership number (this is a restricted mountaineering trip) to secure a spot.

### San Gorgonio

Peak: San Gorgonio (11,000) San Bernadino County

Dates: May 2

Contact: George Van Gorden 408 779 2320

We'll meet at the Forest Falls trailhead early on Sunday morning and return in the late afternoon, probably between 5 and 6 PM, just in time for the last flight out of lala land although you'll hardly know you were there. The hike is 14 miles round trip and over 5000 feet. The country is spectacular, high desert to Sierra forest to wind-blown high plateau.

### Williamson and Tyndall

Peaks: Mt. Williamson (14,375) class-2, Mt. Tyndall (14,018) class-2

Dates: June 11-13 (Fri-Mon)

Map: Mt. Williamson 7.5' topo

Leader: Kelly Maas kelly.maas@idt.com 408- 279-2054

Coleader: Ron Karpel ronny@luxsonor.com 650-594-0211

Mt. Williamson is the second highest peak in California, we will climb it from Shepherd Pass via the standard Bolton Brown Route. Mt. Tyndall is right there near Shepherd Pass which is as good a

reason as any to climb it. This is an MOC approved trip. Participant must be current sierra club members, must be experienced with snow climbing and the safe use of ice axe and crampons, including self arrest. Participants must be in top physical condition. Friday, we will pack in from the trailhead at Symmes Creek to the top of Shepherd Pass (11-mile, 7,000') and setup camp. Saturday we will climb Williamson and return to the camp. Sunday we will climb Tyndall and pack out to the trailhead. Because of the early date, we expect to run into last winter's snow pack.

### Rolls Merriam

Peaks: Royce (13280), Merriam (13103), class 2/snow

Dates: June 19-20 (Sat-Sun)

Maps: Mt Abbot 15' topo  
Mt Hilgard 7.5' topo  
Mount Tom 7.5' topo

Leader: Steve Eckert, eckert@climber.org

By June much of the approach should be on trail, but the saddle between these two peaks is steep and there is a permanent snowfield.

We'll take crampons and ice axes for the summit but hope for dry camping at Pine Creek Pass. About a 4000' / 7 mile pack in, and about a 3000' / 6 mile summit hike means we'll be able to pack out the second day... but it will be strenuous. Views of Bear Creek Spire, Seven Gables, and Humphreys will reward our efforts. Submit resume of recent experience and a \$10 deposit (refundable less any permit fees at the trailhead) with your Sierra Club membership number (this is a restricted mountaineering trip) to secure a spot.

Trip is limited to 6 people because there is no co-leader.

### Mt Goethe

Peaks: Goethe (13264), Emerson (13204) class 1-3

Dates: June 19-20 Sat-Sun

Maps: Goddard 15 min.

Leader: Aaron Schuman aaron\_schuman@yahoo.com H 650-968-9184, W 650-943-7532

Details: <http://sj.znet.com/~cynthiam/goethe.html>

Saturday, pack from North Lake (9200) to our campsite at Muriel Lake (11423). Climb Mount Goethe for the view into Evolution Valley. Sunday, as we hike out, we'll drop our packs near Piute Lake for a side trip to Mount Emerson. This trip will be strenuous but only of moderate technical difficulty. .

### Motherland of the Crows

Peaks: Big, Black & Red Kaweah, Triple Divide, etc; class 2 to class 3

Dates: July 17-25, Sat-Sun

Maps: Mineral King, Triple Divide & Whitney 15 min.

Leaders: Charles Schafer cgschafer@lucent.com H 408-354-1545, W 408-324-6003  
Aaron Schuman aaron\_schuman@yahoo.com H 650-968-9184, W 650-943-7532

Details: <http://sj.znet.com/~cynthiam/crows.html>

Famed for its isolation, feted for its jagged crags, feared for its loose rubble, the Kaweah Peaks Ridge stands apart as one of the least known climbing areas in the Sierra Nevada. Join us for a challenging, arduous week in the land named by the Yokut Indians as "The Motherland of the Crows". (\$10 sign-up fee, refundable at trailhead, less cost of permit).

## Pilot Knockout

Coming over Walker Pass, it stands steeply over the Kern Valley, a monolith, easily recognized from a distance, a guiding landmark.

Its 6200 foot low elevation summit and its southern arid setting make it a unique climbing experience among Sierra Nevada destinations.

It is Pilot Knob.

On February 28, 1999, we went to see how it looked up there. The party consisted of Arun Mahajan, Dee Booth, Pat Ibbetson, John Zazzara and yours truly, Aaron Schuman.

There is no public access to the area. Earlier groups have climbed it, with permission, from the property of Ben Rudnick, on Doyle Ranch Road. But based on Don Peterson's earlier scouting, we decided to enter from the White Blanket Ranch (2700'). This choice saved us three miles of boulder hopping in each direction.

To get to our starting point, we found Call Box 178-659 on highway 178, a couple of miles east of the village of Onyx. Opposite the call box, a gate is closed by not locked. About a half mile in on the driveway, there are two trailers in disrepair. This is the White Blanket Ranch, home to Josephine, Frank and their daughter.

They are friendly and gave us permission to cross their land. Josephine didn't ask for money, but we gave her five bucks because we wanted to make sure that hikers would continue to be welcome there in the future. If you follow our directions, please remember to also follow our example and tip the ranchers. Josephine asked that we write her in advance, at PO Box 376, Onyx CA.

I've heard rumors that the USFS is planning to create public access to the south end of the Domelands Wilderness via the Bloomfield Ranch, but they expect to need a couple of years to implement it.

We walked across Josephine's bridge over the Kern River, crossed a low ridge, and entered the canyon that descends steeply from the peak. We hiked westward up the canyon all the way to where it arises near the summit. It is a brushy drainage, filled with yuccas, greasewood, sage and prickly pear. Many tumbled boulders and polished slabs blocked our way, incongruous remnants of a long-gone fluvial age. There certainly isn't any surface water there now.

At the summit ridge we scrambled for a couple hundred feet over class 2 rocks to the top, concluding with a squeeze up "Skinny Hiker's Chute." We rested on the acme, gazed out over the abyss, and admired the view of the Domelands all the way to the crest and the snowy summit of Olancha Peak.

Our ascent took four hours, and our descent took three, making altogether a moderate Sunday, and a pleasant encounter with a different side of the Sierra Nevada.

• *Aaron Schuman*

## Black Mountain

March 1999

Another candidate for the WIMP ( Winter, Inyo, Mono, Peak ) List, and yes, yet another Black Mountain. This is the peak due east of the Owens Valley Radio Observatory, at the southern end of the White Mountains. I was joined by Toy, Joe Kelsey, and

Paul Horton, a friend of Joes visiting from Wyoming. Paul, as it turns out, has secretly climbed Moapa, Castle Dome, Bridge Mtn, and just did Telescope. We turned off the Westgard Pass road toward White Mountain. 0.4 miles past the kiosk, currently unmanned, we turned left on an unmarked dirt road. After 0.7 miles there was a bad patch and we parked. Part of the idea was to get exercise. We followed the road south and then more west. A fork to the right we decided was in the wrong direction. After a few miles, the road appeared to be descending to the west, so we took off straight toward the peak. After a quarter mile, we were back on the road, which had apparently made a big descending switchback. The road wound up and around, finally revealing its true purpose at a mine in the south flank of our peak. From the mine we contoured up and right to the broad east ridge, mostly snowy. The summit was marked by a 4 x 4 in a cairn; we found no register, but did leave one. It had been flurrying all day, and now began to snow more seriously. We did a direct descent back to a saddle a little west of the mine to avoid snow. Steep, loose, reminded me of the San Gabriels. Round trip stats: 9 miles, 1700 feet, 4 hrs 20 min.

As it turned out, the only bad spot in the road was right where we parked, and it was only 50 yards long. All the rest looked like easy 2wd with snow patches. The earth is soft in that area and it looked like it would only take about 20 minutes with a shovel to make the bad patch easy. If one drove all the way to the mine, 0.5 miles, 500 feet.

There should be a great view across the valley of the Sierra, although we cannot say.

• *Eric and Lori Beck*

## Roundtop Rondo

March 21, 1999

It is getting to be quite a ritual for some of us in the PCS to celebrate the two major events of the world around this time of the year by doing a climb of Roundtop Mountain (10381 ft). The first event being the arrival of the spring with it's attendant good weather. The second being the Dandelion Weekend that is celebrated with much fanfare almost nowhere else in the world except in the bustling town of Jackson, California.

We gathered at the Carson Pass sno-park in the chilly morning of Sunday, the 21st of March, cursing the weather service for having floated the vile rumor that it would be a sunny day, when all we could see in the sky were the clouds.

Clad in multiple layers of clothing, some on skis and some on snowshoes, we set out through the forest, following the ski tracks over undulating terrain. It was a strong group and we made good time getting to the ridge above Lake Winnemucca. The wicked wind that came our way, kicking up the snow and lashing our faces with it, also blew the clouds over the summit making it nearly invisible.

As we came to the final saddle, by now wearing crampons, the weather seemed to have worsened and we debated the possibility of turning around. While we were so debating, there came a lull in the wind and we decided to make the most of it and made a push for the summit that seemed to be only a couple of hundred feet higher. Now the top snow layer was calf deep and then as we reached the final section there was a thin layer of ice over the rocks. The chink of the crampon spikes going through the thin ice and hitting the rock made us dearly wish that we had rental crampons instead!

Regardless, we all summited and headed down quickly without spending any time at the summit as once again the clouds had started doing their swirling bit. After a short break at the point where we had left our snowshoes, we headed out to the cars and were back at 2:30 pm. Yet another successful PCS climb of Roundtop, this time in just a little over five hours in foul weather.

The peak climbers who participated in this trip were: George Van Gorden (leader), Peter Maxwell, Brian Wachter, Greg+Gina+Marie Hanson, Dee Booth, Ahmad Zandi, Ted Raczek, Alex Keith, Mike McDermitt, Larry Cetti and some fellow they found hanging out at the parking who volunteered to write the trip report, Arun Mahajan.

• *Arun Mahajan*

### **Peter Maxwell Adds:**

Two things you didn't mention:

1. Some of our thoughts drifted to the South Col on Everest, as we were huddled on the saddle waiting for the weather to lift.
2. The skiers left the snowshoes in the (snow) dust on the return.

## **Training For Snow Climbing**

Let me share a "wake-up" experience that I had while self arresting on skis with a pack.

On Shasta I was dropping down from the ridge into the bowl that was the old ski lift area. I had a 40+ pound pack on my back. I caught an edge in the wet corn snow, and started sliding down the hill feet first, on my left side. I tried to self arrest several times with my right ski pole by holding the spiked end in my left hand and the handle end in my right hand, and digging into the snow by my left hip. The spike would hold in the snow, and I would swing around so that my pack was facing down hill (because that pack was my heaviest part). Once the pack was facing downhill, my pack would pull me downhill, which released the weight I had on the spike on my uphill side, and it would pull loose, and I would start sliding downhill again.

After repeating this 3 or so times and losing the plant each time my pack swung downhill, I decided to just try something else. I reached my right hand over my body to the left side, and dug the handle of the ski pole into the snow just above my left hip. This held, and I stopped sliding.

It was okay that I slid like this on the slope where I was; it wasn't too steep to be dangerous and there was a safe runoff. But if I were in more dangerous terrain, I could have been in serious trouble. Anyway, the lessons I learned from this are:

1. Self-arresting with a pack is very different from arresting without a pack. I had always practiced without a pack.
2. Getting into a stable position with your weight over the plant point is important.
3. Arresting with ski-poles and skis on is a very different experience from arresting with ice axe and no skis; if you are on your side/back, the skis limit your ability to fully turn over into the classic self arrest position on your stomach. Arresting by reaching your downhill hand over to the uphill side helps get your upper body (if not your legs) into that stable position.

• *Tom Morrow <tmorrow@us.oracle.com>*

## **Permits And Quotas And Bears (Oh, My!)**

I've just finished a major update of the RangerContacts.txt file. It contains mailing addresses, phone numbers, web addresses, permit season and cost and pickup information, basically everything I know about contacting the gatekeepers for access to the backcountry. If you didn't know already, as of May some area codes are changing. I researched it a bit, and I hope I've got them all right. Please help make this a useful resource for everyone - send me corrections and additions. The file is on the web at

<http://www.climber.org/eckert/RangerContacts.txt>

I also added several pages of text to the food storage locker page, based on some rare text obtained from a ranger last fall. Better than the short one-line notes you see on several websites, this file has paragraphs describing how to find some of the boxes. Some also have GPS coordinates. Send me anything you have that will help nail down where these bear boxes are (maps, text, GPS waypoints) so we can avoid attacks like the one in Center Basin last year:

<http://www.climber.org/eckert/BearBoxes.htm>

In the ranger contacts file you will find corrections to the permit sheets recently published by the CMC (the California one) and the SPS in their newsletters. I incorporated some information from those valuable sources, but in cross-checking I found errors.

In the bear boxes file you will find boxes not listed on any website or ranger station list I've seen. That's why I'm so interested in field reports from people who walk by one... the rangers seem to have forgotten where they are.

• *Steve Eckert <eckert@climber.org>*

## **Blind Spring Hill**

Another addition to the WIMP ( Winter, Inyo, Mono, Peak ) List. Yes, I Know, technically it is now spring. This is the peak SW of Benton. From Benton we ( Lori, Toy, and Joe Kelsey ) drove west on 120 to Benton Hot Springs. We drove south on Yellowjacket road for 1.1 miles, initially paved, then excellent dirt to a poor dirt road leading east toward our peak. We drove 100 yards and parked. The road meandered across the flat and immediately deteriorated into undriveability. It contoured, climbing, toward the SE, across the west slope of our mountain. There are two amazing retaining walls, one 18 feet high along this section.

The road turned east into a basin surrounded by round hills with old mines and tailings everywhere. Toward the SE looked the highest and after a bit we were on the summit. The Inyo NF map shows a cluster of five named summits in this area. The view of the White Mountains is terrific.

Round trip stats: 5 miles, 1500 feet, 2hrs 30 min

• *Eric and Lori Beck*

## Unofficial 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 PCSmembers.

### Southern Sierra Day Hikes

Peaks: Spanish Needle, 7,851 ft  
Sawtooth Peak, 8,000 ft  
Rockhouse Peak, 8,383 ft

Dates: April 2-4

Contacts: Bob Suzuki (408) 259-0772 (H)  
(510) 657-7555 (W)  
Rich Leiker (510) 792-4816 (H)  
(408) 453-4253 (W) after 4pm

Shake off that winter rust for an early season trip into the southern Sierra. We'll be climbing each peak as a day hike and car camping at night.

### Breaking in Lassen

Peaks: Mt. Lassen (10457) snow, Brokeoff Mt (9235) snow

Dates: Apr 3-4 (Sat-Sun)

Map: Lassen Peak, Reading Peak 7.5' topo

Leaders: Ron Karpel, ronny@luxsonor.com(H)  
650-594-0211  
Nancy Fitzsimmons  
Pkclimber@aol.com(H)408-957-9681

Also known as Lawson's Peak, Mount Joseph, Mount Saint Jose, Snow Mountain, and quite a few other names, Mt Lassen is an easy summer hike, but in the winter it makes a challenging goal. Saturday, we will ski or snowshoe the 14 mile 3,500' round trip from Sulphur Works to the top of Lassen Peak. Sunday, we will ski or snowshoe the closer, lower, but challenging Borkeoff Mountain.

This is not a beginner's trip. Ice axe and crampons as well as experience in using them are require.

### Yosemite Valley Peak Climb

Peak: Grizzly Peak, Sierra Point, Mt. Broderick, Liberty Cap, and Eagle Peak.

Date: April 24-25

Contact: George Sinclair 650-941-2160;  
geosinc@aol.com

Spend the weekend climbing some "peaks" about Yosemite Valley, including Grizzly Peak, Sierra Point, Mt. Broderick, Liberty Cap, and Eagle Peak. Some climbs will involve class 4 climbing.

### Mount Shasta

Peak: Mt Shasta class-2 (14,161ft. - 4,317 meters), snow

Maps: Mount Shasta USGS 7.5'

Dates: May 1-2 (Sat-Sun)

Leaders: Ron Karpel <ronny@luxsonor.com> (H)650-594-0211  
Nancy Fitzsimmons <Pkclimber@aol.com> (H)408-957-9681

Early May on Mount Shasta promises superb snow conditions. From Bunny Flat to the summit is about 6 mile and 7000' elevation gain. This is a 2 day trip with camping on the snow on Saturday night. Saturday, we will ski or snowshoe the Avalanche Gulch or

the Green Butte route depending on conditions. Sunday we will summit and return to the trailhead. Crampons and ice axe required for the summit.

Optional, bring a rope and climbing harness and join us practice glacier travel and crevasse rescue techniques in preparation for Rainier. If you like extreme skiing, from the top of Shasta suppose to be a hell of a run, and early may should be a good time.

### Bear Mountain

Peak: Bear Mountain (2640 ft) Class 1

Date: May 8 (Saturday)

Contacts: Richard Vassar richard.vassar@lmco.com  
650-354-5113 (W) or 650-949-4485 (H) and  
Bob Suzuki bobszk@bigfoot.com  
510-657-7555 (W) or 408-259-0772 (H).

Mississippi Lake from Henry Coe Park HQ Sat 6E. Stretch your legs and enjoy the beautiful backcountry of Henry Coe State Park. We'll hike to China Hole, through the Narrows and along Willow Ridge Trail to Mississippi Lake. After lunch at Mississippi Lake the return trip should provide beautiful views out over the undeveloped Orestimba Wilderness. Expect about 26 miles with 4500 ft. of elevation gain. Bring plenty of water or a means of water purification. Carpool 6:30 AM Cottle Rd. and 280 Park & Ride or meet at Henry Coe Park HQ at 7:30 AM. Hike is co-listed with the Day Hiking Section, where it is an official, approved hike.

### The Doodad

Peak: The Doodad (11600'+) Class 4

Dates: May 15-16

Contact: Jim Curl <jimcurl@juno.com>  
415-585-1380

Scanning along the skyline of the Sawtooth Ridge, one can't help but feel affected by the alpine character of the area. The dark rock, precipitous and beautifully serrated, pocketed with glaciers, along with a blanket of snow in the foreground, makes this one of the most attractive regions of the Sierra. But just west of Matterhorn Peak, sandwiched between the Dragtooth and the Three Teeth, one's eye is caught by a rather odd protuberance, an ungainly wart of stone sticking up embarrassingly from the ridge top -- it's The Doodad.

Climbing it is not a popular goal. Attaining its summit will not garner any fame. More likely, admitting that you've climbed it will cause your friends to smirk. But its unique qualities, even if scorned, are precisely what makes climbing it so attractive.

### Mt Tinemaha

Peak: Mt Tinemaha (12,561) Class 2 / snow

Dates: May 15-16 (Sat-Sun) (weather may delay by a week)

Map: Big Pine 15' topo

Contact: Steve Eckert <eckert@climber.org>  
650-508-0500

Tired of every trip requiring lots of experience? Want to get out in the spring snow, but don't have a long resume? This is the trip you've been waiting for! We'll pack from about 6500 to about 10500', a pretty long day, starting on trail and probably finishing on snow.

It's not steep and I don't expect ice axes will be required. The peak itself probably WILL require an ice axe, but won't be hard climbing (Secor rates it Class 1 in the summer).

Only 2000' of gain on summit day leaves us some time to review ice axe and snow travel techniques, but THIS IS NOT A CLASS. I'll be happy to share what I know and to discuss what you know, and I'll even watch if you want to practice, but you should have

taken a class or read Freedom of the Hills or had some experience with the axe before you come.

Sign up at your own risk. See required waiver at:  
<http://www.climber.org/eckert/LiabilityWaiver.pdf>

If you've never climbed with me before you should check out  
<http://www.climber.org/eckert/ClimberExpectations-SRE.txt>

Anyone with a 4WD vehicle willing to give me a ride goes to the head of the waiting list! (It's about 2 miles more each way without 4WD.)

### Escalante Canyons

Dates: May 21-30

Contact: Marj Ottenberg & Bob Wallace, 408-867-4576

See why Escalante River is worthy of Monument status! Car-camping off Hwy 12 on Hogback Ridge, between Escalante and Boulder; day-hikes exploring slot canyons and slick rock between road and river, with a waterfall, arches, natural bridges, maybe petroglyphs. Central commissary breakfasts & dinners, you bring lunches. Marj plans, purchase, packs food; all help cook. Cost: \$75 up front (we pay, too); surplus after food and planning costs goes to Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (or returned, if you're hard-up). We've been sending \$200-300/year. Meet at Petrified Forest State Park near Escalante (showers, trails, swimming) on Sat., May 21. Well trained dogs OK. We bring ours. If interested, give a call. We've led 12 trips in Utah's redrock country. Limit 12. Call by April 26 to reserve space.

### Beginner Snow Climbing

Peak: Tahoe area, peaks TBD

Date: May 15-16 (Sat-Sun)

Contacts: Kelly Maas (H) (408) 279-2054, [maas@idt.com](mailto:maas@idt.com)  
Charles Schafer (W) (408) 324-6003  
[cgschafer@lucent.com](mailto:cgschafer@lucent.com)

This snow climbing trip is targeted at beginners who want to get more comfortable on snow, and learn and practice ice axe use, including self arrest. If conditions permit, we will also practice with crampons. No ice axe or crampon experience is required. We will be car camping somewhere in the Tahoe area, with exact peaks still to be determined

### Near the Dome Lands

Peaks: N. Maggie (10,235'), Moses (9,331'), Taylor (8,774'), Sirretta (9,977'), and Rockhouse (8,383')

Maps: Mineral King, Kernville, and Lamont Peak topos, Class: 2-3

Dates: May 22-24 (Sat-Sun with Mon option)

Contact: Bob Suzuki, day: 510-657-7555 After: 8pm:  
408-259-0772, [bobszk@bigfoot.com](mailto:bobszk@bigfoot.com)  
Rich Leiker, Before 2pm: 510-792-4816,  
After: 3pm: 408-453-4253  
[leiker@san-jose.tt.slb.com](mailto:leiker@san-jose.tt.slb.com)

This will be a repeat of Steve Eckert's Oct '97 trip, "Moses' Rockhouse," to climb 5 peaks in Sequoia NF. Saturday will be the strenuous day, 11+ miles with 6,500' gain and bushwacking, as we try for N Maggie and Moses Mtns. Sunday will be easier with separate climbs of Taylor and Sirretta. For those interested there will also be a Monday attempt on Rockhouse Pk.

### Crevasse Rescue Practice

Location: Rancho San Antonio Park, Hwy 280

Date: May 23 (Sun), 2pm

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You can read all you want about crevasse rescue but there's nothing like practicing it. Join me for an afternoon of practice without venturing far from home, but first I strongly advise reading "Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue" by Andy Selters, or at least the appropriate chapter in "Freedom of the Hills". Meet at the bathrooms at the lower parking lot to the right a 2pm. Bring your crevasse rescue paraphernalia (harness, prussiks or ascenders, slings, biners, pulleys, etc.), book, windbreaker, and come ready for a few hours of fun. Realism is encouraged. Note: if you're making prussiks for the first time, cut the pieces very long to allow for adjustment. Also, at least one other person will need to bring a rope and an ice axe.

### Mt. Stanford & Mt. Morgan

Peaks: Mt. Stanford (N) and Mt. Morgan (N) (Class 3, Snow)

Dates: May 29 thru 31, Sat thru Mon

Maps: Mt. Abbot and Convict Lake 7.5'

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Come join us for an interesting traverse of Mts. Morgan and Stanford.

Saturday we will hike in to our base camp at Davis Lake, on the eastern side of Mt. Stanford. Sunday we will climb Mt. Stanford, traverse across to Mt. Morgan, then descend back to our camp. Monday we hike out. That is, unless conditions dictate that we do it differently, in which case we will do it differently (a lot depends on the state of the snowpack).

You must be proficient with ice axe and crampons, since we are expecting there to be plenty of snow. You will probably need snowshoes or skis, and snow shovels and avalanche transceivers may be de rigueur, again depending upon the snowpack. This should be a fairly strenuous trip; just how strenuous will, again, depend on the conditions.

### Shasta

Peak: Shasta (14,162)

Dates: May 29-31

Contact: George Van Gorden, 408 779 2320

We will climb Shasta from the north side via the Bolam Glacier. We will be roped and experience in glacier travel is required. Two nights camping at about 9500 feet.

### Broad Peak Expedition!

Peak: Broad Peak 26,400 ft

Dates: June-July 1999

Contact: Tom Masterson  
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We are a Boulder based group seeking to add 3-4 more members to our June-July 1999 expedition to attempt the standard route on Broad Peak.

This is a non-commercial, non-guided, non-profit expedition! Price-wise, it is a great deal: Land costs should be about \$3800, plus airfare of 1200-1500. We want to put together a Colorado-based team, so that we can climb together this winter & spring, get to know each other and get used to climbing with each other. Experience climbing over 20,000 ft very helpful. For more information call Tom Masterson at 303 499-6363 or Mike Marsh at 303 499 3395.

### **Taboose: Climb-O-Rama '99**

Peaks: Wynne, Pinchot, Pyramid, Striped, Goodale, Cardinal, Ruskin, Pinchot, Marion, State, Prater, Observation  
Dates: July 3-11 (Sat-Sun, July 4th week)  
Leaders: Steve Eckert, eckert@climber.org  
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We're planning another Climb-O-Rama for peakbaggers who just can't live with only one peak per day. This year's trip features fewer campsites (we hope to spend two nights in the same place several times) and more seldom visited peaks (probably including some first ascents of the year) and you get at least one peak every day, but the first one.

It's a 9 day trip but all the peaks except Observation fit into an 8 day schedule (spare day for weather!) with no day over 12 miles and only one day over 5000'. You can skip a peak now and then to relax, or skip entire days by leaving the group and joining us later. Send \$10 (payable to Steve Eckert and refunded less permit fees if you show up at the trailhead) with any requests you have for peaks we forgot (be prepared to lead or solo). Tell us as much as you can about your skill and conditioning. We'll collect names and decide in a month or so about the exact schedule and trip roster. In addition, we'll need a signed copy of this liability waiver: <http://www.climber.org/eckert/LiabilityWaiver.pdf>

Editor's Note: This trip is full. However, a waiting list is being kept so send in your name anyway.

### **Lucky Sevens: Mt. Ritter Annual Pilgrimage**

Peaks: Mt. Ritter (13,150'), Banner Peak (12,900')  
Dates: July 26-31, 1999  
Contact: Alan Ritter  
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(314) 225-7600, x5362  
(7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.CST)

Reference: <http://www.climber.org/pcs/Feature/Ritter1998/>

Not being one to give up easily, I will make a lucky seventh attempt at my namesake peak this summer. Trailhead date is Monday, 26 July, at Agnew Meadows. We will hike in via the Shadow Creek trail and camp near/above Ediza Lake (9,200'). From there, the climb will follow the same route as last year (sans route-finding error!), via the Southeast Glacier and on to the summit of Ritter. Summit day will involve about 3,500' of gain, almost all class 2, perhaps a little low class 3 snow, depending on conditions. Ice axe and crampons will be required. Time, weather, and energy permitting, we will attempt neighboring Banner Peak (12,900') one of the following days. Plan to return to Mammoth on Friday, 30 July or Saturday, 31 July.

### **Yosemite: Petit, Piute, Volunteer**

Peaks: Petit, Piute, Volunteer Class 2  
Dates: Sep 4-6 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day weekend  
Contact: Steve Eckert <eckert@climber.org>

A one-way walk through northeastern Yosemite should provide some of the best early fall scenery available. Hopefully the mosquitoes will be dead or dying, and hopefully it won't have snowed yet. The plan is to enter at Saddlebag, exit at Twin Lakes (requires car shuttle). There is a bit of cross-country travel at the beginning and some 2nd class near the peaks, but basically it's a lot of trail walking (15 miles/day) with an average of about 4000' of gain per day. To avoid a dawn-to-dusk sort of trip we'll need to move fairly quickly, but skipping one or two of the peaks or adding a fourth day could provide an easier trip if desired.

### **Clarence King & Gardiner**

Peaks: Clarence King and Gardiner.  
Dates: Sept 3-6  
Contact: Rick Booth at 408-354-7291 or  
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Pack in from Onion Valley over Kearsarge Pass and Glenn Pass into Rae lakes and eventually into Sixty Lakes Basin. Estimated distance is 10 miles. This is kind of a chug.

Clarence King has a fifth class summit block requiring a few moves of about 5.4. Gardiner has a longish fourth class summit ridge.

Requirements: Both peaks require rope and modest rock climbing skills. You should know me or my wife or know someone who knows us. This is a private trip.

### **Nepal October 1999**

Peak: Chulu West  
Date: October 1999  
Contact: Warren Storkman  
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Climb or Trek, We'll combine both for the ultimate adventure.

The trekking peak is Chulu West 21,750 ft. (6630 m). Its rating classifies it as moderate -difficult. Chulu West is on the Annapurna circuit, north of the village of Braga. After the climb we pass over the Thorung La Pass (17,700 ft)

Our walk down to beautiful Muktinath brings us to a Hindu religious setting. You'll see many older Indians from India who made this arduous journey. Most of the older people consider this visit the fulfillment of their religious life.

Before reaching Jomson Airport There will be a side trip to Kagbeni, A village that lost its way in time.

### **The Coming Millennium Celebration**

Peak: Kilimanjaro 19,340 Uhuru Peak.  
Date: Jan 12, 2000  
Contact: Warren Storkman  
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Visit Africa for a walk-up of one of the seven continental summits. We'll leave San Francisco January 12th 2000 arriving in Arusha, Tanzania. This special package of 4 hotel nights plus 6 nights on the mountain is around \$1000 1998 prices. The prices should hold for 2000.

The standard package is for 2 hotel and 4 hut nights.

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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.

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