

# Ski Mountaineers Schedule

**2003-2004 Season (Including Summer!)\_Updated Mar 17, 2004**

## Meetings and Programs

SMS meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) from November through May at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. Newcomers are welcome.

**Directions from the north:** Take Golden State Fwy I-5 south. Exit at Los Feliz West. Turn right on Riverside Drive (which turns into Crystal Springs Drive). Turn right into first driveway (about 1mi from Los Feliz). Sign says Pote Field (big baseball/soccer field). Park in the lot and walk through the courtyard.

**Directions from the south:** Take Golden State Fwy I-5 north. Exit Griffith Park. Turn right at stop sign onto Crstal Springs Drive. Turn Right into first driveway, sign reads Pote Field.

**Note:** The auditorium is on the left as you walk through the courtyard. It's usually pretty dark and hard to see the driveway and buildings (a flashlight is one of the Ten Essentials).

## Ski Tour and Other Outings

**Nov 2 Sun \_O: Mt Baden-Powell:** Enjoy this fast-paced conditioning hike on the northeast side of Mt Baden-Powell. Hike through beautiful mixed coniferous forest for a total of 2800' elevation gain and 8 mi rt. Bring lunch and enjoy the views from the 9399' summit. Bring plenty of water. No beginners, please. E-mail or

phone leader. Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Mark Goebel.

**Nov 16 Sun \_O: Conditioning Hike:** Hike a section of the Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail in Ventura County. Appx. 10 mi rt., 2000' gain. E-mail leader week prior to trip for meeting time and place. Send hiking experience and contact information. Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Lorene Samoska

**Nov 27 -30 Thu-Sun \_TI: Mammoth Day Tours:** Day trips in Mammoth including the resort with an end of the day run through Hole in the Wall. Day tours may include Blue Glacier, Mammoth Ridge, Duck Pass; Devil's Slide, San Joaquin, the Sherwins depending on snow conditions. Metal edged skis w skins, avy gear, and backcountry ski experience required. Lodging at the San Diego Ski Club Chalet available. Send e-mail to leader. Include backcountry ski ability, experience, and contact and ride share information. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: TBA.

**Dec 6-7 Sat-Sun \_TI: Leaders Ski Weekend:** Ski Mammoth Lakes area for the weekend. Trip for SMS leaders and prospective leaders. Send e-mail to leader. Ldr: Andy Fried. Asst: Jerry Holleman.

**Dec 25-28 Thu-Sun \_TI: Mammoth and June Lake Day Tours:** Day trips near the Mammoth Lakes and June Lake area that will include San Joaquin via Fern Creek, Mt Carson, Tioga Pass, Convict Canyon. Metal edged skis w skins, avy gear, and backcountry ski experience required. Lodging at the San Diego Ski Club Chalet available. Send e-mail to leader. Include backcountry ski ability, experience, and contact and ride share information. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: TBA

**Jan 11 Sun \_TI: Mt Pinos (8831') and Sawmill Mountain (8818'):** Local ski trip from parking lot at the road's end to Mt Pinos and Sawmill Mountain, 6 miles rt., 1200' gain. If the road is closed at McGil1 campground we will ski from there. Suitable for touring skis. Call or e-mail leader to confirm. Prov Ldr: Jan StAmand. Asst: Tom Marsh.

**Jan 24 Sat \_TI: Introduction to "Skiting":** Learn how to ski with

a traction kite. Prerequisites are some knowledge of flying a stunt kite and intermediate backcountry skiing. Likely location Mt Pinos, depending on wind and snow conditions. Send experience, h&w phones, e-mail address, and questions to leader. Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Leslie Hofherr.

**Feb 1 Sun \_TI: Local Tour:** Intro ski mountaineering tour in local mountains. Check out your gear and enjoy some turns. Metal-edged skis and climbing skins required. Contact leader in the prior week for location, time, and if sufficient snow. Ldr: Mark Goebel. Asst: Kathy Crandall.

**Feb 7 Sat \_TI: Thunder, Telegraph, and Timber:** Ski the 3 T's in the San Gabriel Mountains. Intermediate or better skiing ability required, not for beginners. Metal-edged skis w skins required. Send experience, h&w phones, e-mail address to leader. Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Randy Lamm.

**Feb 7 -8 Sat-Sun \_TI: Baldy Hut:** Baldy Hut for an overnight to ski the chutes and bowls including everything from the Dare to the Bowling Alley. Metal edged skis w skins, avy gear, and backcountry ski experience required. Send e-mail to leader. Include backcountry ski ability, experience, and contact and ride share information. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: TBA.

**Feb 13-16 Fri-Mon \_TI: Silliman-Tablelands-Alta Traverse:** A four-day winter tour through the western Sierra Nevada. Experience in snow camping, backcountry skiing, climbing and stamina required. Short car shuttle from Lodgepole to Wolverton involved. Metal-edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacons, shovels and snow camping gear required. Send e-mail to co-leaders: Reiner Stenzel, Alvin Walter.

**Feb 28-29 Sat-Sun PVSBS/SMS/OCCSS \_C: Mammoth Free-Heel Downhill Clinic:** Develop and improve your skills on free-heel equipment. All day clinics appropriate for all levels of skiers taught by professionals at Mammoth Mountain. Appx. 5 per instructor. Cost for instruction only, you need to purchase own lift ticket or use your pass. Find own lodging in Mammoth or join OCCSS/PVSB bus trip (See separate write up.). High quality rentals available in Mammoth.

Send check for \$40 for each day and indicate which day and at what ability level made out to Sierra Club and 2 SASE to Res: Keith Martin. Need early sign up to guarantee group at your level.

**Mar 6 Sat \_TI: Kratka Ridge/Mt. Waterman:** Ski the slopes of Kratka Ridge/Mt. Waterman or possibly Islip to Burnham or lacking Snow move north to White Wing/Negatives in the Obsidian Dome area. Ski Lifts one day at June and backcountry the other day. Experienced skiers. Metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel required. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phone to Ldr: Randy Lamm. Co-Leader: Tom Marsh.

**Mar 6-7 Sat-Sun SMS/SPS \_TI: Olancho Peak:** Ski/snowshoe an SPS emblem peak. Sat from Sageflat via Olancho Pass to basecamp on PCT; Sun summit peak and pack out, snow conditions permitting; 22 mi rt, 6000 ft gain. Backcountry skiing or snow shoeing and snowcamping experience req'd. Skiers need metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacons & shovel. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phone to Prov. Ldr: Jan St. Amand. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**Mar 12-15 Fri-Mon \_TI: Mt Charleston and Wheeler:** Exploratory out-of-state trip to ski near Las Vegas, NV. Car camp and day tours. Backcountry and lift-served skiing by daytime; city adventures by night. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, shovel, and some nuggets. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phones to Prov Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Assts: Reiner Stenzel, Randy Lamm.

**Mar 27-28 Sat-Sun \_TI: Onion Valley Car Camp:** Join us for a weekend of skiing in the Onion Valley area on the slopes of the Eastern Sierra. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon and shovel. Email experience, address, and h/w phones to Ldr: Tom Marsh. Asst: Randy Lamm.

**Apr 2-4 Fri-Sun SMS/SPS \_TI: Mt Mary Austin:** Ski one of the few Sierra peaks named after a lady. Basecamp in Bighorn Sheep territory, Little Onion Valley. Experience in backcountry skiing and climbing required. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, ski crampons, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. E-mail

experience, address, and h/w phones to Ldr: Jim Crouch. Assts: Reiner Stenzel, Tom Marsh.

**Apr 10-11 Sat-Sun \_TI: Mt. Humphreys (Wahoo Gullies):** Car camp on Buttermilk Road. Metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel required. Experienced skiers. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phone to ldr: Ldr: Randy Lamm. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**Apr 16-18 Fri-Sun Orange County Sierra Singles/Ski Mountaineers \_I: Devils Post Pile Intro Ski Camp:** 8 miles 500' gain 1700' loss to camp near Devil's Post Pile on Fri. Tour in San Joaquin valley up towards Iron Mountain on Sat., 1700' gain, 500' loss to return on Sun all off trail. Int xc skills, metal edge skis, backcountry boots, 0 degree bag, shovel, beacon, skins required. Ldr: Keith Martin, Asst: Virgil Talbott

**Apr 20 Tue \_Monthly SMS Meeting:** We meet at 7:30pm at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles (for directions see above). We discuss trips, welcome newcomers, and have occasional program speakers.

**Apr 28- May 2 Wed-Sun \_TI: Tioga Pass, Yosemite High Country:** First stay at Tioga Pass Resort (TPR) as basecamp and do a prov lead tour to Mt. Gibbs followed by an optional backcountry tour to Lyell or Earhardt. Trip is pending availability of reservation and will require fee for TPR of approximately \$260 for two nites (accommodation and food) due by Jan 1, 2004. Trip will be rescheduled, moved, or canceled pending availability at TPR and avalanche conditions. Metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel required. Bring gear for backcountry tour, which is for experienced skiers. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phones to Prov. Ldr: Jonathan Meagher. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**May 1-2 Sat-Sun \_TI: Dunderberg Peak (12,374'):** Sat climb, 2874\_ gain, and ski this prominent peak above Virginia Lakes. Advance skiing skills required along with metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel. Car camp Sat nite. Conditions will determine Sun's tour. E-mail bc ski experience, address, and h/w phone to Ldr: Mark Goebel, Asst. Randy Lamm

**May 8-9 Sat-Sun \_TI: Bishop Pass Ski Pack:** Sat ski with packs from South Lake to Long Lake area for basecamp and explore surrounding slopes. Sunday ski Bishop Pass and nearby bowls and pack out. Approx 12 miles, 2400 ft total. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. Email experience, address, h/w phone numbers to Prov. Ldr: Lorene Samoska, Asst: Tom Marsh.

**May 8-9 Sat-Sun \_TI: San Joaquin and Carson Peaks:** Ski up Fern Creek and back via The Devil's Slide \_ 4000+ vertical. Experienced ski mountaineers with all ski climbing and safety equipment required. Email experience, address, h/w phone numbers to Ldr: Alvin Walter. Assts: Jim Crouch, Reiner Stenzel.

**May 15-16 Sat-Sun \_TI: Blue Couloir:** Sat ski from Lake Mary road to the Mammoth Crest northwest of Duck Lake. Lunch on top and a fun ski descent out. Approx 10 mi , 2700 ft total. Sun optional local tour. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel. Email experience, address, h/w phone numbers to Prov. Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Gerry Holleman.

**May 18 Tue \_Monthly SMS Meeting:** We meet at 7:30pm at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles (for directions see above). We discuss trips, welcome newcomers, and have occasional program speakers.

**May 15-19 Sat-Fri \_TI: Sierra Crest Tour:** South Lake to Taboose Pass. Backcountry ski tour through the beautiful high country of the Sierra Nevada. Climb and ski peaks and passes, short car shuttle at start/end of trip. Experience in backcountry skiing and climbing required. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, ski crampons, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phones to Ldrs: Reiner Stenzel, Tom Marsh.

**May 28-31 Fri-Mon \_TI: Mineral King Base Camp:** Ski from Silver City to basecamp near Mineral King unless road is open to MK. Then do day tours to nearby peaks and passes. Experience in backcountry skiing and climbing required. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, ski crampons, avy beacon, shovel, and snow

camping gear. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phones to Ldrs: Reiner Stenzel, Randy Lamm.

**June 12-20 Sat-Sun \_TM: Washington Volcanoes:** Sequel to last year's popular Oregon Volcano trip. Ski/climb on Mt Adams, Rainier, Baker and Shuksan. Summit attempts are private. Fly to Seattle, rent car, do day trips, car camping, long days of driving, skiing, and fun. Advanced backcountry ski skills required. E-mail experience, address, and h/w phones to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Alvin Walter.

**Jul 30 - Aug 1 Fri-Sun Sierra Peaks /Ski Mountaineers \_M: Mt Ansel Adams (11,760'), Electra (12,442'):** Climb two remote, beautiful, and not frequently visited peaks in Yosemite N.P. Exploratory trip to consider A. A. for the SPS List. Approach from south with basecamp at Sadler Lke. 30mi, 6000' rt. Good conditioning and cl 3 rock experience required. Send e-mail with climbing experience, current conditioning, phones to Ldrs: REINER STENZEL, MARK GOEBEL.

**Aug 6-8 Fri-Sun Ski Mountaineers, Sierra Peaks \_I: Amelia Earhart (11,982') and Donohue (12,023'):** Climb two fine peaks out of Lyell Cyn. Good conditioning required. Send e-mail with climbing experience, current conditioning, phones to Ldr: LESLIE HOFHERR. Asst. ERIK SIERING

**Sep 10-12 Fri-Sun Sierra Peaks/Ski Mountaineers \_M: Carl Heller (13,225'), Tunnabora (13,563'), Carillon (13,550'):** Ascend north fork of Lone Pine Creek over Russel-Carillon col to camp at Lake Tulainyo. Sat climb Carl Heller and Tunnabora. Sun out via Carillon. Send email (or SASE) w/ H&W phone, email, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: REINER STENZEL. Asst: TBD

**Sep 24-26 Fri-Sun Ski Mountaineers/ Sierra Peaks \_I: Wood, Parker, Koip, Kuna, Blacktop:** Explore the peaks of the Kuna Ridge area and vicinity. Fri from Silver Lke to basecamp at Alger Lks, Sat traverse several peaks, Sun out. Send e-mail with conditioning/experience to Ldr: REINER STENZEL. Asst. TBD

**Oct 1-4 Fri-Mon Sierra Peaks/Ski Mountaineers \_M: North Guard (13,327') and Francis Farquhar (12,893'):** Enjoy High Sierra in the Fall. Friday backpack (6 miles, 5500' up) to Sphinx Lakes for base camp. Climb Saturday and Sunday. N. Guard (rt) is 8 mi/4kft; Farquhar (rt) is 4mi/2kft. Monday, pack out. Send SASE or email (preferred) to leader with class 3 experience, conditioning, your email. Ldr: JIM CROUCH. Asst: REINER STENZEL

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