

# Ski Mountaineers Schedule

2005-2006 Season\_Updated Sept 7, 2006

## 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 Crystal 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).

**Nov 12 Sat SMS, MBC \_O: Thunder and Telegraph Bike-n-Hike:** Conditioning hike and mountain biking in the local mountains, starting at Manker Flats. Explore the terrain to be skied later in the season. Mtn bike 10 mrt, 2400' to top of ski lifts, then hike 3 mrt, 1000' to bag peaks. Mtn bike in good repair, helmet, lugsoles for hiking, lunch and water required. Call/email leaders for meeting time and place. Ldr: Lorene Samoska. Asst: Mike Seiffert.

**Nov 15 Tue SMS \_Monthly Meeting:** Slide Program by Alvin Walter of his Ski Expedition to the North Pole Via Siberia along with some wildlife photos from his Sea Kayaking Expeditions to Antarctica and Norway's Arctic Island -- Spitzbergen. See penguins, leopard seals, walruses and polar bears. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**Dec 18-19 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Mammoth Mt:** Ski leaders weekend. Brush up on skills after the summer and get ready for winter season. Ldr: Andy Fried. Asst: Gerry Holleman.

**Dec 31 Sat SMS \_TI: Local Tour - Angeles Crest or San Gorgonio:** Local ski mountaineering trip near Waterman or San Gorgonio. Advanced skiing ability required, not for beginners. Skins, beacons, probes required. Depending on conditions trip may be rescheduled or cancelled. Send experience, h/w phones, e-mail address to leader. Ldr: Randy Lamm. Asst: Tom Marsh.

**Jan 17 Tue SMS \_Monthly Meeting:** "Wapta Ski Traverse". Jonathan Meagher and Reiner Stenzel will present a slide show of hut-to-hut skiing along the icefields of the Canadian Rockies. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**Jan 21 Sat SMS, MBC \_TI: Mt Cerro Noroeste (Mt Abel, 8280')**: Mtn bike partially snow covered paved road toward Mt. Abel, 18 mi rt max, 2000' gain. When snow coverage is solid, abandon biking and continue XC skiing. Tour the slopes of Mt Abel. Bring light XC skis, attach to daypack during bike ride. Intermediate skiing and biking abilities reqd. (B/T2/E3). Trip may be rescheduled as snow conditions permit. E-mail or call with experience, h/w phones to leader. Ldr: Lorene Samoska. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.  
**\_Sorry, canceled due to poor snow conditions**

**Feb 4-5 Sat-Sun SMS, OCSS, PVSb \_TC/I: Ski Mountaineers at Mammoth/June Mtn:** Practice your telemark/parallel turns on lift-served terrain. Join Andy and Owen as they practice their teaching skills, free ski with other skiers and SMSrs, collaborate with other members to hire local PSIA professionals for group lessons or organize ski touring in local mountains. Something for everyone from advanced beginners to expert. Limited condo space available in

Mammoth (must clean or pay for cleaning) send check for \$105 per person (SMS) to Keith Martin for 2 nights plus lesson (based on a lesson cost of \$60). Half day group lessons approx. \$60 per person through Mammoth Mtn for group of 5. Send check for \$60 (SMS) with ski level to Keith Martin for each lesson or take chances when arrive (pay any cost difference when arrive plus instructor tip). Send email or SASE to Keith if want more info. Ldr: Keith Martin. Assts: Andy Fried, Owen Maloy.

**Feb 10-12 Fri - Sun SMS \_TI: Ostrander Hut (8505'), Buena Vista Peak (9709'), Mt Bruce (9743'):** Ski to Ostrander Hut from Badger Pass by one of 3 routes (Horizon Ridge Trail, Bridalveil Creek Trail, or Merced Ridge Trail 9-10 miles, < 1500 ft gain) and spend 2 nights. Day tour to nearby Buena Vista Peak and possibly Mt Bruce. Ski out. Cost \$60 per person paid prior to trip to Ldr. Dates subject to change due to lottery. Requires backcountry ski experience with a pack and overnight stay. Required metal edged backcountry downhill skis, skins, beacon, shovel, probes. Send experience, contact, ride share info to Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Keith Martin. **\_Sorry, canceled due to leader's injury**

**Feb 11-12 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Mt Baldy Ski Hut Weekend:** Climb or ski to the comfortable Baldy Hut and plan to spend two days skiing the chutes of Baldy Bowl. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**Feb 17-19 Fri - Sun SMS \_TI: Mono Hot Springs:** Rent snowmobile and transport skis and winter camping gear to Mono Hot Springs, Hwy 168. Leisure ski tours by day, followed by soaking in hot springs. Intermediate skiing, swimming and driving abilities reqd. (B/T2/E3/A7/X9). Cost involved. Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**Feb 18 Sat SMS \_TI: San Antonio Ski Loop:** Climb and ski to Thunder Mt, then traverse the ridgeline to Bighorn and ski out Icehouse Canyon. A short car shuttle will be arranged. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: Jim Crouch.

**Feb 21 Tue SMS, SPS, DPS, HPS, LPC \_Annual Joint Meeting:** Meet and make plans with your friends and learn activities

of these groups. Each group will give a presentation of their scope and upcoming plans. The program will include a presentation by Tim McCartney Snape from Australia on walking from the Bay of Bengal to the summit of Everest as well as climbing Gasherbraum IV. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**Feb 25- 26 Sat - Sun SMS \_TI: Chinese Peak (8709'), Red Mountain (9874')**: Sat ski from Hwy 168 near Huntington Lake toward Chinese Pk and to West Lake below Red Mtn (5 miles). Build igloos to spend the night in and tour area. Sun ski Red Mtn via west ridge and possibly climb Chinese Pk on way out. Intermediate level backcountry ski skills and willingness to build and spend the night in an igloo required. Metal edged skis, skins, safety equipment, and snow saw required. Experience in snowcamping required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Leslie Hofherr. Asst. Reiner Stenzel. **\_Sorry, canceled due to leader's injury**

**March 11-12 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Jepson Pk (11,205')**  
**Snowcamp:** Climb and ski to the base of Little Draw Bowl. Set up a snowcamp, then ski the chutes of Jepson and Charlston. Ldr: Alvin Walter. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**March 11-12 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Mt Baldy Ski Hut Weekend:** Climb or ski to the comfortable Baldy Hut and plan to spend two days skiing the chutes of Baldy Bowl. Ldr: Randy Lamm, Assist: Tom Marsh.

**Mar 21 Tue SMS \_Monthly Meeting:** Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**Apr 1-2 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Elderberry Cyn, Onion Valley:** Ski (hopefully) on corn snow in the Eastern Sierra Nevada on two day tours and car camp. Intermediate or better skiing ability, metal edged skis with skins, beacons and probes required. Send experience, h/w phones, e-mail address to Ldr: Randy Lamm, Assist: Tom Marsh.

**Apr 8-9 Sat-Sun SMS \_TC: Mammoth Lakes Ski and Wine Tasting Tour:** Ski the Mountain by day and sample from Andy's vineyard by night from his E(exquisite)-rated Zins, Nebs and

Sangioveses. Repeat, if possible, next day, after aiming for the "Hole in the Wall". Intermediate skiing abilities under all conditions required. Send e-mail with previous similar experience to Ldr: Andy Fried, Assist: Tom Marsh.

**Apr 15-16 Sat-Sun SMS, SPS \_TI: San Joaquin Ridge:** Sat ski from Mammoth Lks along the San Joaquin Ridge toward Two Teats and S.J. Pk. SPS snowshoers welcome. Intermediate skiing abilities reqd. Bring metal-edged skis, skins, poles. Sun ski The Mountain. E-mail or call with experience, h/w phones to leader. Ldr: Barbara Sholle. Asst: David Sholle.

**Apr 18 Tue SMS \_Monthly Meeting:** Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**Apr 13-16 Thur-Sun SMS, SPS \_TI: Mt Lyell:** Ski mountaineering trip to an SPS Emblem peak from Silver Lake. Advanced backcountry skiing and snow camping experience required. Bring skis, skins, beacon, shovel, probes. Send experience, contact, ride share info to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Alvin Walter.

**Apr 22-30 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI/C: Fairy Meadows Hut, Canada:** Powder skiing in the Northern Selkirk Mtns. Stay a week in comfort in a backcountry lodge, do long day trips with light packs. Powder skiing guaranteed, sunshine not. Guiding, heli transport and lodge cost approx. \$1500 CA \$. Advanced backcountry ski skills required. 25% deposit due by end of Nov. Read an earlier [trip report](#). Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Jonathan Meagher. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

**Apr 22-23 Sat-Sun LTC, SPS, DPS, SMS \_M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff:** Demonstrate your skills to receive an M or E snow checkoff or sharpen snow climbing skills. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior ice axe, crampon, rope training/experience. All restricted trips now require everyone's complete medical info for the National Sierra Club. Eastern Sierra site depending on snow conditions. Email or send 2 sase, SC#, resume of snow climbing/training, H&W phones to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co-Ldr: Randall Danta.



**Apr 29-30 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Rock Creek:** Ski slopes of beautiful Little Lakes Valley and camp near the Treasure Lakes. Intermediate backcountry skiing and snow camping experience required. Bring skis, skins, beacon, shovel, probes. Send experience, contact, ride share info to Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Randy Lamm.

**May 6-7 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: Ski Mountaineers Pk:** Ski the peak on the Thompson Ridge named after our section. Solid experience in backcountry skiing and snowcamping required. Bring metal skis, skins, beacon, shovel, probes. Send experience, contact, ride share to Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Mark Goebel.

**May 13-14 Sat-Sun SMS \_TI: False White, Blue Couloir:** Ski corn snow on two day trips in the Eastern Sierra Nevada and car camp. Intermediate or better backcountry skiing abilities required. Bring metal skis, skins, beacon and shovel. Send experience, contact, ride share to Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Keith Martin.

**May 13-20 Sat -Sat SMS, SPS \_TI: Onion-Boose Trip:** Join a Sierra Crest ski tour from Onion Valley to Taboose Pass. Ski and climb by day, followed by happy hour in camp. Hi route goes via Kearsarge Pass, Dragon/Rae Lks, Baxter Lks, Twin Lks, Pinchot Pass, Lke Marjorie and Taboose Pass for a short car shuttle back to Onion. On the way there are optional ski ascents of such class 2 peaks as Gould, Baxter, Acrodetes, Cedric Wright, Crater, Wynne, Pinchot, Striped. Need advanced backcountry skiing skills, proper ski and snow camping experience, bring good food and the right spirits. Must have skied/climbed with the SMS/Ldrs before the trip. Extended ski pack touring experience req. Trip subject to modifications depending on snow and weather. Send e-mail to Ldrs: Tom Marsh, Reiner Stenzel. **\_Due to a conflict by one leader, the trip cannot be sponsored by the LA Chapter Sierra Club (SMS) but will proceed otherwise.**

**May 16 Tue SMS \_Monthly Meeting:** Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**May 19-22 Fri-Mon SMS \_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 Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Randy Lamm. **\_Due to a conflict by the leader, the trip has been regrettably canceled.**

**May 20-21 Sat -Sun LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, SMS \_M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice:** For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. All restricted trips now require everyone's complete medical info for the National Sierra Club. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 SASE or email, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson Co-ldr: Doug Mantle.

**May 27-30 Sat-Tue SMS \_TI: Sonora Pass Ski Camp:** Ski slopes and bowls around Sonora Pass, car camping overnight. 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: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Lorene Samoska.

**Jun 22-25 Thur-Sun SMS, SPS \_MR: Miter (12,770'), Major General (12,400') and McAdie (13,680'):** Do the three M's out of Rock Creek. We explore new routes and non-listed peaks. From Cottonwood Lks trailhead via New Army Pass to basecamp in Rock Creek. Must be comfortable on high cl 3 rock and proficient with ice axe and crampons. All restricted trips now require everyone's complete medical info for the National Sierra Club. Send e-mail or SASE with experience and conditioning, SC#, phone #'s, \$5 permit fee to Leader: Reiner Stenzel. Asst Ldrs: Asher Waxman, Mark Goebel. **\_Sorry, trip canceled due to no asst. leaders**

Aug 13-21            Sun-Mon            Sierra Peaks, Ski Mountaineers  
MR: Scylla, McDuffie, Three Sirens, Ragged Spur: Spend a week in the Black Divide to climb listed and explore non-listed Sierra peaks. 30 mi, 10,000' rt via Lamarck Col. Restricted to SC members on Mnteers List or equiv. experience with ice axe and ropes. Med form and helmets

requd. Send recent experience and conditioning, carpool info, SC#, and e-mail or sase to Ldrs: Reiner Stenzel, Patty Rambert.  
Trip canceled due to fatal accident of one leader