

Ski Mountaineers Schedule
2007-2008 Season
Updated Feb 27, 2008

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 (a 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).

Click here for a Google Map.

2007-2008 SMS Schedule

Oct 20 Sat 5:00 pm Ski Mountaineers

Annual Potluck: Kick off the 2007-08 ski mountaineering season at the annual Ski Mountaineers Section potluck, gear swap and trip planning meeting. RSVP to Hosts: Lorene Samoska and Mike Seiffert, 701 Craig Ave., La Canada, CA 91011, Phone: 818-952-3665, Email: samsei@earthlink.net

Sep 07 - May 08 Fridays Ski Mountaineers

Private: Conditioning bike ride: Meet every Friday after work at 5.30 p.m. at the Nature Center in Burbank. About 1 hour up the fire road in the Verdugo hills, watch sunset, chat and drink a beer, ride down, go home or to your nightlife activities. Please call the webmaster on Thursday or Friday to confirm the bike ride. Organizer: TBD

Nov 20 Tue Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting.: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. See above for directions.

Dec 1-2 Sat - Sun Ski Mountaineers

O: Mammoth.: Early season chance to brush up skills for the upcoming season. Two days of skiing Mammoth Mountain. Leader: Andy Fried, Asst: Gerry Holleman

Jan 15 Tue Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting.: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. See above for directions.

Jan 18-21 Fri - Mon Wilderness Adventures/Ski Mountaineers

TI: Mammoth Ski : Join us for 3 days of skiing in the Mammoth area. Stay in comfortable condo, ski mountain or join local ski tour. Includes 3 nights comfortable condo, 2 dinners, happy hour, breakfast, \$25 cancellation fee before Dec 15; entire fee non-refundable thereafter without suitable replacement; Send 2 case, phones, \$210 with SC#/\$225 non-member (Ski mountaineers) to Ldr: Tom Marsh Co-Ldr: Randy Lamm

Feb 19 Tue Ski Mountaineers

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Feb 23 Sat OCSS, Ski Mountaineers, Wilderness Adventures

TI: Mt. Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour: Moderately strenuous 4+ mile, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mt Pinos Highway to summit at Condor Point. Possible side trips to Inspiration Point, other destinations, or just playing may add a few miles + a few 100 feet elevation loss & gain. May ski lower on mountain if conditions warrant. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail, or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Send e-mail or phone leader w/ experience level/conditioning for trip details in the 2 weeks before trip. Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

Mar 18 Tue Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting.: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a special program called "Golden Youth - The Adventures of Glen Dawson Growing Up In The Sierra Club" by legendary climber and skier Glen Dawson. Dawson did the first ascent of the "Fresh Air " route and "East Buttress" route on Mt. Whitney in the 1930's. His show is full of great slides of Norman Clyde, ski mountaineering and Ansel Adams pictures. Glen Dawson, now in his 95th year, will be present and in his parlance, is "still able to walk around the block." Newcomers welcome. 7:30pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. See above for directions.

Apr 4-5 Sat-Mon Ski Mountaineers

TI: Onion Valley Ski Tour: Meet Saturday morning for weekend ski at Onion Valley on Sierra Eastside. Camp at Upper Gray and ski Kearsarge and Sardine Canyon. Intermediate and above, climbing skins, metal edge skis, beacon, shovel, etc... Ldr: Tom Marsh, Co-ldr: Randy Lamm.

Apr 15 Tue Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a program featuring Ruth Dyar Mendenhall, a pioneer in women's rock climbing. It will promote her book "Woman on the Rocks", that was released last year. Read an excerpt. Newcomers welcome. 7:30pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. See above for directions.

Apr 25-27 Fri-Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Rock Creek Introductory Ski Tour: Car camp, ski slopes of beautiful Little Lakes Valley and surrounding area. Intro SMS day tours aimed at intermediate or better skiers with some backcountry experience. Metal-edged skis & skins required. Send experience, contact, ride share info to Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Lorene Samoska.

Apr 26-30 Sat-Wed Ski Mountaineers

TI: North Lake Loop Tour: Classic ski tour starting a North Lake, Piute Pass, Alpine Col., Lamarck Col. Layover in Evolution basin. Experience skiing with pack, climbing skins, metal edge skis, beacon, shovel, etc... Ldr: Tom Marsh. Co-ldrs: Helga Zimmerer, Reiner Stenzel.

May 3-4 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: San Joaquin Mtn (11,600): A reliable springtime favorite with great ski terrain and Sierra views. Sat climb and ski peak, just west of June Lk., via Fern Lk., 7 mi rt, 4320' gain. Sat nite car camp. Sun we will ski (Esha Cyn, Tioga Pass, or Blue Couloir) wherever the snow is best. Requires strong intermediate or better bc skiing ability. Email experience, phone, & ride share info to Ldr: Mark Goebel. Asst: Randy Lamm

May 20 Tue Ski Mountaineers

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