



Schedule of Private Trips

2009-2010 Season

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Definition of Private Trips vs Scheduled Sierra Club Trips

Private trips are non-Sierra Club activities which are not sponsored or administered by the SMS or the Sierra Club.

"Private" does not mean that they are "exclusive" or "closed to the public". In the contrary, friends and newcomers are equally welcome to join, just like on "official" Sierra Club trips.

For "private" trips the Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities, makes no warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities and provides no liability insurance for leaders. The organizers of these trips need not be approved SMS Leaders or even members of the SMS or Sierra Club. There are no official leaders, just friends skiing together without legal responsibilities.

These trips are listed here because they are likely of interest to SMS members who want to go on trips on a short notice or when two rated SC leaders are not available. The latter is a current problem since most long-term SMS members are unwilling to become leaders.

Private trip announcements should be submitted by e-mail to [one](#) or the [other](#) SMS Webmaster.

Private trips are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. All participants are equally responsible for their own safety and that of the group. There is no official "Leader". It is an outing among a group of friends. Everyone is expected to know and follow the basic safety standards that are practiced on SMS trips. Private trips are as safe as Sierra Club trips. The difference is that you are responsible for your own actions rather than delegate your safety to a leader.

List the following information:

Trip Date:

Trip Location:

Trip description:

Meeting place:

Contact person initiating the trip and potential participants with e-mails:

Private Trips

Trip Date: Feb. 5-7, 2010

Trip Location: Baldy Hut

Trip description: Spend the night at hut and ski peaks, chutes & bowls & maybe back side of Baldy. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers.

Meeting place: TBA

Contact person initiating the trip: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Bill Lutz

Trip Date: Apr 3-10, 2010

Trip Location: Sierra High Route

Trip description: Proposed Trans-Sierra ski via the High Route (Shepherd Pass-Wolverton). Skiing, snowcamping, and physical stamina are required qualities. (Great trip! See previous [trip report#1](#) and [trip report#2](#))

Meeting place: TBA

Contact person initiating the trip: Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Co Leader: Bill Lutz.

Trip Date: Apr 17-18, 2010

Trip Location: Mammoth Crest and Blue Couloir

Trip description: Hello All

This is a skier only trip for intermediate or better skiers. See below of more information on the peaks. I have skied the Blue Couloirs and hiked the Mammoth Crest. Both are above 11k and are about 3,000 feet of gain or more. I plan to leave on Friday morning and ski half day at Mammoth Mountain. I also plan to dry camp in the woods near Mammoth and eat out. The campgrounds will not be open at this time. There are showers at the ski resort after skiing and hot springs on the way home. More information will come as the date draws near. Bad weather cancels this trip.

For the Mammoth Crest, we can ski from Twin Lakes and follow the slope up to the broad ridge and on to the summit. The ridge is a wide open slope heading up to the peak. From the peak we can have lunch and then return the way we came. The views are great with Banner, Ritter, and other peaks. Skiing down the many wide chutes into the open bowls and finally through the trees.

For the Blue Couloir, we can ski from Twin Lakes and follow the slope up to the bowls and on to the Pass. The slope is a wide and treed in places, but very skiable. From the Pass we can have lunch and then return the way we came. The views are great of the many peaks in the area.

Bring the Ten Essentials (See link below) Metal edged skis with skins, beacon, shovel, and probes. Tent, sleeping bag and pad for camping. These are required items and if you do not have them we cannot have you along. The life you safe may be ours.

<http://motherlode.sierraclub.org/TheNewTenEssentials.htm>

Directions to the Folsom meeting place

Take Hwy 50 toward Lake Tahoe, exit Prairie City Rd, turn left over the freeway, go about a mile, after Iron Point Rd turn left into the Safeway parking lot. Meet inside the Starbucks coffee house. (Not the Starbucks in the Safeway store) Leaving at Friday morning at 7 am.

Direction to the Trail Head Schats Bakery and Cafe

Let's meet inside Schats Bakery and Cafe in Mammoth Lakes at 7:00 am Saturday. Take the main Mammoth Lakes road (Hwy 203) west and on your left across from the Chevron Station is Schats.

Meeting place: see above

Contact person initiating the trip: Ted Lenzie

Trip Date: May 22-23, 2010

Trip Location: False White

Trip description: Hi Everyone

Hopefully we can get a group together to ski False White Saturday, May 22 and Dana Sunday, May 23. This is of course if Hwy 120 is open to the Park entry gate (Tioga Pass). There are several campgrounds off Hwy 120 heading up toward Tioga Pass. I was thinking of turning into the first campground on the left and getting a site there, however, if that one is full just move up Hwy 120 to the next campground. The below Aspen Creek is the only one with water and

is the first choice. The others do not, but it would be easy enough if that one (Aspen) is full to get water at the Ranger Station or the Mobil Station has public water access. In case people who said they would be there and did not show up at the Aspen CG the back-up plan is to meet at 7 am inside the Mobil Station (Whoa Nellie Deli) at 7:00 am. I will be there Friday afternoon and try to secure some sites. See below for directions.

Directions: From the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 120 on the outskirts of Lee Vining, turn west on Highway 120 and proceed approximately 3.5 miles to Poole Power Plant Road. Turn left and then drive four miles the Aspen campground

Backup Plan

If 120 Tioga Pass is not open what do you all think of skiing Rock Creek (Saturday) and the Mammoth Crest (Sunday)? See below

Rock Creek

If the Tioga Road Hwy 120 is not open to the Park Entry we can meet at the below campground.

Campground Name: Tuff Campground Area: Near Tom's Place and close to Crowley Lake. What it lacks in scenery and shade is made up in the closeness to the highway and area services.

Directions: From Highway 395 at Tom's Place (20 miles north of Bishop), turn right (east) on Rock Creek Road and drive .5 miles to the campground.

Meeting place: see above

Contact person initiating the trip: Ted Lenzie, clubted@gmail.com

TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCOMING WEATHER

Date: June 12, 2010, at 3 PM

Event: Slide Show on Bhutan

Description: Hello Everyone, I will present a slide show on Bhutan at the Playa Vista Library on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 3 PM. This will be the sixth in a series of shows that I have given at this library. A few of my prints will also be exhibited.

I visited Bhutan in 2004 and 2005. The Bhutanese guide and outfitter that we used is a personal friend and we keep in touch. You can save a lot of money by contracting directly with a local company in Bhutan.

I have included a flyer with more information as an attachment to this e-mail. Call me or the library if you want more information.

The library is located near Marina del Rey on Playa Vista Drive, a short distance north of the intersection of Jefferson and Lincoln. Phone Number is 310-437-6680.

The Library hours are Mon, Wed 10-8, Tue,Thur 12-8, Fri,Sat 10-6, Sun close

Meeting place: see above

Contact person initiating the trip: Rich Henke, rich@adventureplus.org, 310-316-5050

Trip Date: Throughout the season

Trip Location: Where the Best Snow is

Trip description: Impromptu climb & ski trips where the best snow is. Contact the leaders for latest infos.

Meeting place: TBA

Contact person initiating the trip: Alvin Walter (awalter@pacbell.net) or Reiner Stenzel

More to come....

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