

**Ski Mountaineers Schedule
2006-2007 Season
Updated May 14, 2007**

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.](#)

2006-2007 SMS Schedule

Oct. 21 Sat SMS

Annual Potluck: Kick off the 2006-07 ski mountaineering season at the annual Ski Mountaineers Section potluck, gear swap and trip planning meeting. 5pm at Andy's. RSVP to Host: Andy Fried.

Nov 4 Sat Ski Mountaineers

O: Mount Waterman Fall Hike: Meet your ski friends and hike to Mt. Waterman to examine slopes to be skied later in the season. Moderate 6 mile rt, 1500' gain. Bring water, lunch, boots, hat, jacket, be prepared for inclement weather. Meet at La Canada rideshare point at 9am. Leader: Lorene Samoska Asst: Michael Seiffert.

Nov 21 Tues Ski Mountaineers

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 Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

Dec. 9 – 10 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 12-15 Fri – Mon 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. Cost includes 3 nights comfortable condo, 2 dinners, Happy Hour, continental breakfast, \$25 cancel fee before 12/15. Entire fee non-refundable after 12/15 without suitable replacement. Send 2 4x9 sase, H&W phones, \$210 check w/SC# (Ski Mountaineers), \$225 non-member to Leader : Tom Marsh. Co-Leaders: Lorene Samoska, Mike Seiffert

Jan 16 Tues Ski Mountaineers

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 Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

Jan 27 Sat OCSS, SMS

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

Feb 9-11 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. Only four spaces won by 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: tbd
Trip took place and is described on
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/ostrander07/ostrander07.htm>.

Feb 20 Tues Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program.

Speaker: Bahram Manahedgi;

Topic: Join us on a presentation of lift-served and back-country skiing in one of the oldest civilization, Iran.

The slide show and video program is about several ski trips to Iran including a recent trip in spring of 2006. Persian tea and cookies will be served.

Newcomers welcome; 7:30pm; Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. Directions above.

Mar 10 Sat ORANGE COUNTY SIERRA SINGLES, SMS

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 8 - 11 Thu - Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Mt. Lyell (13,114'): Join a challenging winter climb of Yosemite's highest peak, traversing the second largest glacier in the Sierra. Must have snow camping skills, comfort on rock and snow and travel in avalanche terrain and a positive attitude. Approach via Rush Creek and Donohue Pass; total 26+ mi, 8400' gain. Please send an email w/ recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel, Asst Ldr: tbd (probably becoming a private trip because of "tbd")

Lyell postponed due to lack of participation; replaced by trip to Twin Peaks on the Silliman Crest, Sequoia N.P., described on
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/twin07/twin07.htm>

Mar 10 Sat OCSS, SMS

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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

March 10-11 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: San Gorgonio Area Snowcamp: Spend two days camping near and skiing the chutes and bowls around San Gorgonio, Mt Jepson, Mt Charlton, Mt Anderson, Mt Shields. The terrain is intermediate to advanced and anyone who is intermediate or better who wants to come to photograph is welcome. Leader: Alvin Walter, Asst Ldr: tbd (probably becoming a private trip because of "tbd")

Mar 20 Tues Ski Mountaineers

Monthly Meeting: Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program.

Speaker: Reiner Stenzel;

Topic: Ski mountaineering in the Western Sierra Nevada: Twin Peaks, Silliman, Tablelands, Ostrander, etc .

Slide show on recent and past trips showing "where the good snow is". Newcomers welcome; 7:30pm; Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. Directions on top of page.

Mar 29 – Apr 1 Thu – Sun SPS, SMS

TMR: Mt. Hale (13,494'), Mt. Young (13,176'): Join us on a challenging winter climb of these classic Sierra peaks. Skis and snowshoes welcome. Must have snow camping skills, experience with ice axe and crampons and travel on avalanche terrain, and a positive attitude. Be prepared for strenuous days and cold nights: total 26+ mi, 8400' gain. Approach via Lone Pine Ck North Fork, Whitney-Russell Pass and Arctic Lake. This is a restricted outing open to all Sierra Club members. Please send an email w/ recent experience and conditioning, SC#, and completed Medical Form to Ldr: JEFF DHUNGANA. Co-Ldr: REINER STENZEL.

Provisional, Education, Conservation, Mountaineering, Restricted Trip canceled by Leader.

April 14 – 15 Sat – Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Sierra Day Tours: Ski to Cloud Ripper and Mt Goode from South Lake. Intermediate to advanced terrain. Leader: Alvin Walter, Asst Ldr: tbd (probably becoming a private trip because of "tbd")

Apr 17 Tues Ski Mountaineers

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Apr 21 – 22 Sat – Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Onion Valley Area ski tours: Ski (hopefully) on corn snow in the Eastern Sierra to Kearsarge Pass and Robinson Basin on day tours and car camp. Intermediate or better downhill skiing ability, metal edge skis with skins. Send expteriene, h/w phones, e-mail & home addresses to Ldr: Mark Goebel. Asst Ldr: Tom Marsh

Apr 21 – 22 Sat – Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Typical destinations are Baldy, Gorgonio, Jacinto, cl 2 Sierra Peaks, White Mtns or Panamints. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst: tbd (probably becoming a private trip because of "tbd")

Apr 27 – 30 Thu – Mon SMS

TI: Middle Fork Bishop Creek: Ski up into drainage and make a base camp. Ski tours to places of interest, possibly including Mt. Wallace. Required metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. E-mail or call with experience, address and home phone to Ldr: Jim Crouch. Asst: Alvin Walter.

May 12 – 13 Sat – 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

May 15 Tues Ski Mountaineers

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May 19 – 20 Sat – Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Typical destinations are Baldy, Gorgonio, Jacinto, cl 2 Sierra Peaks, White Mtns or Panamints. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst: tbd
Trip canceled because of lack of snow

June 2 – 3 Sat – Sun Ski Mountaineers

TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to the Sierra or where the snow conditions are the best. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst: tbd
Trip canceled because of lack of snow