



# Ski Mountaineers Schedule

2008-2009 Season

Updated Feb 27, 2009

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## 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).

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### Sep 08 - May 09 Wednesdays Ski Mountaineers

**Private: Conditioning bike ride:** Meet every Wednesday after work at 6.00 p.m. at my house on Mt. Washington (central Los Angeles). About 30 minutes bike ride in the lush hills of Mt. Washington (with mountain views incl. Mt. Baldy), meet new ski buddies, watch sunset, then drink a beer at my place and plan upcoming weekend's mountain trip. Please call Heiko on Tuesday or Wednesday to confirm the bike ride Organizer: Heiko Knapp , 310 999 9538

### Oct 4 Sat Ski Mountaineers

**Private: Slide Show:** SMSr Rich Henke is presenting a slide show on Myanmar (Burma) at the Playa Vista Library on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at 3 p.m. This will be the 4th presentation in a series of shows. The library is located near Marina del Rey on 6400 Playa Vista Drive, a short distance north of the intersection of Jefferson and Lincoln. Phone Number is 310-437-6680. More on [Rich's website](#).

### Oct 25 Sat 5:00 pm Ski Mountaineers

**Annual SMS 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](mailto:samsei@earthlink.net)

**Nov 18 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.

**Dec 13-14 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 16-19, 2009 Fri - Mon Ski Mountaineers**

**TI: Mammoth:** Join us for 3 days skiing in the Mammoth Lakes area. Stay in comfortable condo, ski mountain or join local ski tour. Cost includes 3 nights condo, 2 dinners, happy hour and continental breakfast. \$35 cancel fee before 12/15. Entire fee non-refundable after 12/15 without suitable replacement. Send email/sase phones, \$245 with SC#/265 non-member (Ski Mountaineers) to Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Ldr: Randy Lamm.

**Feb 22-25 Sun-Wed Sat Bay Area Sierra Club, Ski Mountaineers**

**I: Pear Lake Ski Hut:** Join us for 4 days and three nights of skiing to famous Pear Lake Ski Hut. Ski in on Sunday morning and out on Wednesday late afternoon. Intermediate or better skier, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Hut fees are \$78 + \$8 donation to Sierra Club. Please call or email with experience and any questions. Upon confirmation, send \$86 to address listed below. Leader: Chris Kerr; Co-Leader: John Kerr. 3960 Waterhouse Road, Oakland, CA 94602, home: 510-482-8322, cell: 510-501-6451, [chrisjkerr@comcast.net](mailto:chrisjkerr@comcast.net)

**Mar 7, 2009 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles, Ski Mountaineers, Wilderness Adventures**

**TI: Mt Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour:** Moderately strenuous 4+ mi, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mt Pinos Hwy to summit at Condor Pt. Possible side trip to Inspiration Pt. Intermediate xc skills required, metal-edged backcountry skis, backcountry boots highly recommended. Send phones, email, experience/conditioning to Leader: Mark Fleming. Co-Ldr: Mark Mitchell.

**Apr 4-5, 2009 Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**TI: Onion Valley Ski:** Join us for 2 days of skiing. Ski Kearsarge Pass on Sat and Sardine Cyn on Sun. Car camp at Upper Grey's Meadows. Intermediate or better skiers, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Contact ldr with phones, email, experience, address to Leaders: Ldr: Tom Marsh. Co-Ldr: Reiner Stenzel.

**May 8-10 Fri-Sun Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**I: Rock Creek 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.

More to come....

## Private Trips

**Trip Date:** Nov 27 (Wed) thru Nov 30 (Sun) 2008

**Trip Location:** San Diego Ski Club Chalet in Mammoth

**Trip description:** Various moderate day tours from the San Diego Ski Club Chalet in Mammoth.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles, CA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Walter awalter@pacbell.net Co Leader: Ellen Feeney.

**Trip Date:** Dec 2008 - Apr 2009

**Trip Location:** Mount Shasta volcano trip

**Trip description:** Let's climb Mount Shasta on a weekend (Fri-Mon) this spring, and ski it one or more times. Let's do the North or East sides rather than the overcrowded gully. At least one more participant needs crevasse rescue skills. Please email me your preferred weekend!

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles, CA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de or 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Dec 12-14, 2008 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Mammoth Crest, Blue Couloir, Red Cones, Tamarack crosscountry area, or Sherwins

**Trip description:** Let's test the new powder on some small ski tours around Mammoth. Average duration: 5 hours, average elevation gain: 800 m (2500 feet). Also good for BC skiing beginners. Stay overnight at hostel outside Mammoth, and let's have a good breakfast at Schat's bakery before starting the tour.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Dec 19, 2008 - Jan 1, 2009 Fri - Thur

**Trip Location:** Mammoth and Tahoe

**Trip description:** I'll be going to Mammoth on Sat Dec 20 and return on Jan 1st. I plan to go to the Tahoe area for 3 days, Tue-Thu 23-25. I like to do an overnight trip to Bradley Hut, weather/condition permitting. I am flexible on dates and plan. When in Mammoth I like to ski the lift in the mornings and cross-country in the afternoons with the exception of powder days. Let me know if you like to join me or have any other idea/suggestion. I have my cell phone with me, but leave a message if no answer. I have access to my e-mail up to Friday afternoon Dec 19. Looking forward to skiing with you.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Bahram Manahedgi (Cell 310 991-0551)

**Trip Date:** Jan 9-11, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Mammoth Crest, Blue Couloir, Red Cones, Tamarack crosscountry area, or Sherwins

**Trip description:** Let's test the new powder on some small ski tours around Mammoth. Average duration: 5 hours, average elevation gain: 800 m (2500 feet). Also good for BC skiing beginners. Stay

overnight at hostel outside Mammoth, and let's have a good breakfast at Schat's bakery before starting the tour.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Jan 16-18, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Mammoth Crest, Blue Couloir, Red Cones, Tamarack crosscountry area, Sherwins, or June Lake area

**Trip description:** Let's test the new powder on some small ski tours around Mammoth. Average duration: 5 hours, average elevation gain: 800 m (2500 feet). (Please consider joining the official SMS trip this same weekend, which I intend to join for the ski touring part. I only put in this ad for those who do not want to buy expensive lift tickets, or would like to do more ski tours. Can also join me for a single day.)

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles or Mammoth

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Jan 23-25, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Es-Scha Peak (McGee Creek), Mt. McGee, Rock Creek cirque

**Trip description:** I'm going with a friend and you are welcome to join. Join us for two days of medium-long day tours in the Eastern Sierra. Estimated elevation gain: 1500 m (5000 feet). Peaks indicated are just examples. Climb some high peaks around Little Lakes Valley, and ski out to the car on the snow-covered road in the evening. Probably stay in a budget lodge or motel for two nights.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles, CA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Day tours around Tioga Pass (Gaylor Peak etc.)

**Trip description:** Let's do some powder skiing around Tioga Pass, starting from the waterfalls behind Lee Vining. These can be done perfectly as day tours with about 1200 m (4000 feet) elevation gain or a little bit more depending on which peaks we climb.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Jan 31, Feb 1 (Sat & Sun), 2009 Sat - Sun

**Trip Location:** San Gorgonio Area

**Trip description:** San Gorgonio Area snow camp to ski the bowls and chutes. Suitable for moderate to expert skiers and anyone wanting to shoot photos or make movies.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Co Leader: Ellen Feeney.

**Trip Date:** Feb 6-8, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Koip Peak, Eastern Sierra (day tour)

**Trip description:** Let's ski this mountain (if conditions are safe) with a 1500 m (5000 feet !) long descent from the summit on one day. Start before sunrise. We'll surely spot another great ski mountain for the second day.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Feb 7-8, 2009 Sat - Sun

**Trip Location:** West Baldy,

**Trip description:** Baldy Hut ski loop over West Baldy then along San Antonio ridge and down Good Canyon. We will ski the bowl on Saturday, spend the night at the hut then proceed with the loop on Sunday. We will have to set up a short car shuttle from the bottom of Good Canyon back up to the Baldy trailhead. Suitable for Advanced skiers with a spirit of adventure.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Co Leader: Angel Ocana.

**Trip Date:** Feb 13-15, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Sequoia National Park, Pear Lake Hut area

**Trip description:** Ski about 2 days in the wonderful area around Pear Lake Hut in Sequoia National Park. Climb Matterhorn and other peaks around as day trips (around 3000 feet elevation gain) from a basecamp. Bring your tent and warm sleeping bag, so we can camp in the snow in case the hut is full.

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Mar 7 & 8, 2009 Sat - Sun

**Trip Location:** Mt. Alice

**Trip description:** Climb and ski Mt. Alice from the south and the chutes on Mt. Kidd from the north. These will be done as day trips from the parking area for the Palisades trailhead. Suitable for moderate to expert skiers and anyone wanting to shoot photos or make movies.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net Co Leader: Ellen Feeney.

**Trip Date:** Mar 20-22, 2009 Fri-Sun

**Trip Location:** Yearly Buttermilk ski basecamp

**Trip description:** Let's do medium long day tours (3000-5000 feet) in corn snow, and let's do a campfire in the evening (still allowed at this time of year!). "California skiing"...

**Meeting place:** Los Angeles, CA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Heiko Knapp (heiko.knapp@web.de 310 999 9538)

**Trip Date:** Mar 28 & 29, 2009 Sat - Sun

**Trip Location:** Red Slate

**Trip description:** Climb and ski Red Slate via its classic east facing couloir and/or its more moderate north facing slopes. We will make a base camp on the snow below the peak and make some runs both days. The Convict Lake trailhead will be the meet-up point. Suitable for moderate to expert skiers and anyone wanting to shoot photos.

**Meeting place:** Convict Lake

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Co Leader: Angel Ocana.

**Trip Date:** May 2-9, 2009 Sat - Sat

**Trip Location:** Sierra Ski Tour

**Trip description:** Sierra Ski Tour out of Lake Sabrina to bag some or all of the following peaks: Mt Goddard, Solomons, Black Giant, Warlow, Huxley, Fiske, Hermit, Spencer, Darwin, Mendel. Climbing, skiing, snow camping experience essential.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Alvin Walter, awalter@pacbell.net.

**Note: Due to the Forecast for rain and snow for the next 5 days in the Sierra, I have postponed my week long Sabrina to Goddard and various other peaks trip for one week.**

This weekend I will ski Baden Powell from Vincent Gap on Saturday starting at 7:00am then Burnham and Throop on Sunday starting at 7:00am and using a mountain bike from Vincent Gap to the start of each peak.

**Trip Date:** May 8-10, 2009 Fri - Sun

**Trip Location:** Tioga Pass, Virginia Lks

**Trip description:** Mark Goebel, John Anderson and I are planning to go up to Tioga Pass and Virginia Lks May 8-10. The Tioga Rd opened this Monday on the eastside. If you are available, come join us.

**Meeting place:** TBA

**Contact person initiating the trip:** Bahram Manahedgi, bahram3@earthlink.net

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