



# Ski Mountaineers Schedule

2009-2010 Season

Updated Oct 19, 2010

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## Meetings and Programs

Due to lack of attendance monthly SMS meetings are canceled until further notice.

## 2009-2010 SMS Schedule

### Jan 16-17, 2010 Sat - Sun Ski Mountaineers

**TI: San Bernardino Mountains:** Climb & ski from the Valley of the Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains to do some challenging chutes. Leader: Alvin Walter [awalter@pacbell.net](mailto:awalter@pacbell.net), Asst: Ellen Feeney.

### Jan 16-19, 2010 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.

### Jan 23-24, 2010 Sat - Sun Ski Mountaineers

**TI: San Geronio:** San Geronio ski and snowcamp to ski the nearby chutes and bowls on Jepson, Charleton, and San Geronio. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers. Leader: Alvin Walter [awalter@pacbell.net](mailto:awalter@pacbell.net), Asst: Ellen Feeney.

### Feb. 5-7, 2010 Fri-Sun Ski Mountaineers

**Baldy Hut:** (now listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#))

### Feb. 13-14, 2010 Sat - Sun Ski Mountaineers

**TI: San Bernardino Mountains:** Climb & ski from the Valley of the Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains to do some challenging chutes. Leader: Alvin Walter [awalter@pacbell.net](mailto:awalter@pacbell.net), Asst: Ellen Feeney.

### Feb. 20, 2010 Sat Ski Mountaineers

**TI: Pinos-Sawmill-Grouse Ski-Party:** Join a local ski tour with leader's 70'th birthday party on Grouse Mtn. Champagne and cake on the summits. Must be able to SUI. Leader: Reiner Stenzel. Co-Ldr: Tom Marsh.

### Feb. 27, 2010 Sat Ski Mountaineers, Orange County Sierra Singles, 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: Carol Tucker

**Mar 6-7 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers**

**TI: Alice & Kidd:** Climb & ski Mt. Alice & Mt. Kidd out of Big Pine in the Sierra. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers. Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Ellen Feeney.

**Mar 6-8 Sat-Mon Ski Mountaineers**

**TI: Rock Creek Ski:** Join us for 3 days of skiing in the Rock Creek area. Limited number of spaces in yurt with snow camping option. Cost of yurt \$75. Intermediate or better skier, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Send experience, address, e-mail and phone to Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Leader: Reiner Stenzel.

**Apr 3-4 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers**

**TI: Onion Valley Ski:** Join us for 2 days of skiing. Ski Kearsarge Pass on Saturday and Sardine Canyon on Sunday. Car camp at Upper Grey's Meadows. Intermediate or better skier, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Send experience, address, e-mail and phone to Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Leader: Randy Lamm.

**Apr 6 Tue Ski Mountaineers**

**Kurt Wedberg Presentation on his Everest Expedition:** "The SMS is hosting a slide presentation by professional mountain guide, Kurt Wedberg, on Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. This presentation describes Kurt's 2008 Mt. Everest expedition. Kurt's father, John Wedberg, may also be present." Admission free, contact Jim Garvey 310-809-0792.

This event is one of the few opportunities this season for SMS members to get together and catch up on what everyone's been doing with all the snow this season. This will also be a great opportunity to generated interest in the SMS and attract new members. For those of you who know him, Kurt's father, long time SMS'er [John Wedberg](#), may be there. Spread the word and bring your friends along.

**Apr 3-10 Sat-Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**Sierra High Route:** Alvin Walter and Bill Lutz (now listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#))

**April 17-18 Sat-Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**Mammoth Crest and Blue Couloir:** Ted Lenzie (details listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#))

**May 22-23 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers**

**False White:** Ted Lenzie (details listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#))

## **Anytime Ski Mountaineers**

**Where the Best Snow is:** Alvin Walter and Reiner Stenzel (now listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#) )

## **June 12 3 PM Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**Slide Show on Bhutan:** Rich Henke (details listed in [Private Trip Schedule](#) )

## **Sep. 17-18 Fri-Sat Ski Mountaineers**

**O: Mt. Baldy:** Moonlit Friday night walk to the Baldy hut, followed by a late night dinner; Sat. a.m. hike to the peak & return to cars by 3p.m. Meet at the Baldy hut/Manker parking lot @ 8pm, Friday, Sep. 17th, for a provisional hike (for an O rating) w/May Adachi, "leader", & coleader, Mark Goebel. I'm making the dinner, vegetarian, so don't eat too much before we meet; you may have to carry up a dinner item or 2, too. Total miles to peak is 5, & total feet gain is 3,800'. Hut stay is \$15/night/Sierra members; \$20/non (bring cash, or check, payable San Antonio Ski Hut). I've got you covered for a veg dinner, Friday night. But you'll need to BYO drinks, breakfast, & lunch. Reserve to May Adachi @ madachi@teac.com. Maximum # is 20.

## **Oct 30 Sat 5:00 pm Ski Mountaineers**

**Annual SMS Potluck and Halloween Costume Party:** Kick off the 2010-11 ski mountaineering season at the annual Ski Mountaineers Section potluck, gear swap and trip planning meeting. Come with an imaginative Halloween costume. Bring a small contribution to the potluck. A new Mugelnoos will be distributed. All members are encouraged to participate in the board and planning meeting during the evening. All prospective members are welcome to join the fun and meet the real SMS people.

**RSVP to Hosts:** Lorene Samoska and Mike Seiffert, 701 Craig Ave., La Canada, CA 91011, Phone: 818-952-3665, Email: samsei@earthlink.net [Google directions](#)



## **Schedule of Private Trips**

**2009-2010 Season**

**Updated May 13, 2010**

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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:

**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](mailto: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](mailto:awalter@pacbell.net), Co Leader: Bill Lutz.

(Actually, some of Ted Lenzie's trips are Sierra Club trips but sponsored by another Chapter, <http://motherlode.sierraclub.org>. Unfortunately, the Angeles Chapter does not sponsor trips from other Sierra Club Chapters. Thus, they must be listed here as "private" trips.)

## **January 8, Saturday, 2011**

National Winter Trails Day This year one of the National Winter trails Day events are being held at the Carson Pass Snopark south. There will be free guided tours of some of the back-country trails in the area. A Snowpark permit is required per vehicle. Events start at 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Questions contact: Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com See [www.ednsp.org](http://www.ednsp.org)

## **January 15, Saturday**

Open Ski and Snow Shoe Not a Sierra Club Event (2B) Sayles Canyon (Camp Sacramento) Join the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol on a tour up Sayles Canyon. The trip is less than a 2,000 foot gain and 7 miles round trip. Open trips are open to the public and are an opportunity to tour the backcountry with the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol. Blizzard conditions on Hwy 50 cancels. No dogs please. For meeting place, time, and questions contact: the Leader Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com See [www.ednsp.org](http://www.ednsp.org)

## **January 16, Sunday**

Ski (2B). Waterhouse Peak, South Lake Tahoe (Sacramento) About 10 miles and at least 1,800 feet of gain. Limited to 8. Bring the essentials and a required snow shovel. Must have metal edged skis with skins. Must be able to ski an intermediate resort level run or better. Learn about the local geography. Please do not contact me after 7 p.m. the day before. No dogs. Must be in great shape. Leader: Ted Lenzie (916) 985-6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com

## **January 29, Saturday**

Loon Lake Open House Join the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol for an open house at the Loon Lake Chalet for 9:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be snowshoe and ski tours, snow shelter building, avalanche beacon use, demonstrations, and more. The chalet will be open to the public and is a great place to warm up by the fire and have some free coffee, hot chocolate and cookies between events. Questions contact: the Leader Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com See [www.ednsp.org](http://www.ednsp.org)

## **Feb. 5-6 Sat-Sun**

**Baldy Hut ski weekend:** Spend Saturday night in the luxurious comfort of the Baldy Hut and two days skiing the peaks, bowls and chutes around the hut. Contact person: Alvin Walter [awalter@pacbell.net](mailto:awalter@pacbell.net).

## **February 12, Saturday**

Open Ski and Snow Shoe Not a Sierra Club Event (2B) Round Top Lake Loop, Carson Pass Area Join the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol on a tour up Round Top Lake. The trip is less than a 2,000 foot gain and 6 miles round trip. Open trips are open to the public and are an opportunity to tour the backcountry with the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol. Limited to 12. Blizzard conditions on Hwy 50 cancels. No dogs please. Snowpark permit required per vehicle. For meeting place, time, and questions contact: the Leader Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com See [www.ednsp.org](http://www.ednsp.org)

## **February 13, Sunday.**

Ski (2D). Jake's Peak, Lake Tahoe (Sacramento) We will start from Lake Tahoe and head west. About 8 miles and at least 3,100 feet of gain. Limited to 8. Bring the essentials and a snow shovel is required. Must have metal edged skis with skins. Must be able to ski an intermediate resort level run or better. Please do not contact me after 7 p.m. the day before. No dogs. Must be in great shape. Leader: Ted Lenzie (916) 985-6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com

## **March 12-13 Saturday and Sunday**

Ski or Snowshoe Backcountry Snow Camp (5B) Pack into Glacier Point in Yosemite NP. Contact the leader for meeting time/place, camping, and equipment list. Limited to 10. Learn about the local geography. Participants must be in good shape and have done overnight backpack trip. Leader: Ted Lenzie (916) 985-6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com

## **May 21-22, Saturday and Sunday**

Mt Warren and False White or anything with good snow. Back-Country Ski trip.

Both are about 6 miles/3,000 feet of gain. Limited to 12. No dogs. Bring the 10 essentials, skins, metal edged back-country skis, avalanche beacon, probes, and a snow shovel are required. Must be in great shape and be able to ski advanced slopes. Contact me for a trip plan. Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com.

## **May 28-30, Memorial Day Weekend**

Mount Shastina and the Red Banks. Back-Country Ski trip.

These skis are both on Mt Shasta. Shastina is about 7 miles/5,500 feet of gain. Red Banks are about 6 miles/5,500 feet of gain. Limited to 12. No dogs. Bring the 10 essentials, skins, metal edged back-country skis, avalanche beacon, probes, and a snow shovel are required. Camping below the snow line. Must be in great shape and be able to ski advanced slopes. Contact me for a trip plan. Ted Lenzie 916.985.6144 or Clubted@Gmail.com

**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 save 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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