

# WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

SUMMER OF '72'



There are many ways of enjoying the natural beauty of the world around us. Wilderness Experience is a club with the purpose of giving you the opportunity to experience some of these. It is designed for both the beginner and the experienced of all age groups. Activities offered are backpacking, summer youth backpack trips, cross country skiing, ski touring, rock climbing, mountaineering, survival courses, river trips, and bicycle tours.

We offer classes for various types of trips with qualified instructors to teach you the basic essentials. There will be beginning trips with these classes to help you put to use what you have learned. We also offer intermediate and advanced trips for the more experienced.

We will occasionally have films, demonstrations, and lectures on various subjects of interest. These will be announced in a newsletter along with any change in schedule, new trips and activities, and any other important or interesting information.

Although non-members may participate, membership will entitle you to enroll in classes at a lower cost, participate in trips at a lower cost, purchase food and purchase or rent equipment at a reduced rate and the use of the club library.

Membership rates are \$15 for single and \$25 for family (children under 18). Membership fee expires one year from the first activity in which you participate.

We hope that you can experience much of what the world has to offer. Through us you have the opportunity to experience the wilderness.

## WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE Summer Schedule

This summer we are offering backpacking, a youth backpack program, rock climbing, mountaineering, survival courses, river trips, and bicycle tours.

The fees are written with a slash between the two figures. The first price is the cost for members. The second price is the cost for non-members. Deposit is used to hold your reservation and the balance is due ten days before the trip begins.

You must supply your own equipment unless the trip states otherwise. In most cases we will supply transportation. If not we will arrange car pools or meet at the trip location. Most trips will meet at L.A. Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley.

### BACKPACKING

Backpacking is walking through a world that has no time; through the real world; the world that is free and undisturbed and you become a part of it, free and natural and you begin to see that this is the way life was meant to be.

In our backpacking program we are offering a cross country backpacking class to teach the backpacking basics and off trail hiking techniques. We have included the John Muir Trail for both the beginner and the experienced. You may do all 220 miles or only the first or second half. We also have four one week backpack trips just for the pleasure of hiking. All trips in this section are in the Sierras and include transportation.

June 24 - July 2 - Cross Country Backpacking Class  
Courtright Reservoir to South Lake. A week of actual backpacking in the Sierras to teach you the essentials of backpacking and off trail hiking. This is for the



enthusiastic beginner and the backpacker who would like to do more than just follow the established trails. We will supply transportation, tents, and instruction.  
Fee: \$35/40 Deposit: \$10

July 6 - 14 - The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne  
From the Tuolumne Meadows we will walk the length of the Tuolumne River to Hetch Hetchy. This is a beautiful area.  
Fee: \$15/20 Deposit: \$5

July 13 - Aug. 13 - John Muir Trail 30 days 220 + miles  
This is for the enthusiastic beginner who wants to learn quickly and the experienced who would like to take one of the most rewarding and challenging trips the Sierras has to offer. There will be two food drops so you won't have to carry a lot of food at one time. We will supply transportation, packs, down sleeping bags, food, tents, leaders and any instruction.  
Fee: \$280/290 Deposit: \$50

If you supply your own pack and bag:  
Fee: \$230/240 Deposit: \$50

July 13 - 28 - John Muir Trail #1  
Same as above but only the first half from Yosemite to South Lake. This half is moderate with one food drop.  
Fee: \$150/160 Deposit: \$30  
If you supply your own pack and bag:  
Fee: \$125/135 Deposit: \$30

July 28 - Aug. 13 - John Muir Trail #2  
Same as above but only the second half from South Lake to Mt. Whitney. This half is more strenuous with no food drops.  
Fee: \$150/160 Deposit: \$30  
If you supply your own pack and bag:  
Fee: \$125/135 Deposit: \$30

Aug. 3 - 11 - Mammoth Lake - Mt. Morrison Exploration  
This trip will be mostly cross-country hiking thru areas

that are seldom visited. The route will be decided by the members of the group.

Fee: \$15/20

Deposit: \$5

Aug. 19 - 27 - Saddlebag Lake to Twin Lakes

One of the most exciting trips in the Sierras. The scenery is wild and rugged, the fishing excellent and the route touches some of the most remote country of Yosemite National Park.

Fee: \$15/20

Deposit: \$5

Aug. 31 - Sept. 8 - Cottonwood Creek to Mineral King

This excellent trans-Sierra route visits the finest fishing lakes and streams of the lower Kern River drainage.

There are severe altitude changes and sixty miles to cover so this trip is recommended for experienced hikers.

Fee: \$15/20

Deposit: \$5

## YOUTH PROGRAM

This program is set up to combine learning with fun. We teach the youth that the wilderness is to be respected but also enjoyed. These trips will include instruction on techniques of backpacking, safety, first aid, survival, and preservation of the natural beauty. Boys and girls ages 10 - 12 will have three five day hikes within their ability and boys and girls ages 13 - 17 will have three seven day hikes that are a little more challenging. The first and last day on the schedule is for transportation and is not counted in the length of the trip. The price includes transportation, tents, food, cooking gear, and qualified leaders. You must bring packs, sleeping bag, and personal items. We have rental equipment available.

June 17 - 25 - Bench Valley Loop (13 - 17)

This is a beautiful loop trip from the west side of the

Sierra that will visit areas that few people see.  
Fee: \$65/75 Deposit: \$20

July 1 - 7 - Semi Loop From Silver Lake (10 - 12)  
This is an easy trip with plenty of time for exploring and fishing.  
Fee: \$45/55 Deposit: \$15

July 15 - 23 - Tuolumne Meadows (13 - 17)  
Explore the Tuolumne River north of the Meadows and continue through the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne to Hetch Hetchy. A truly fantastic trip.  
Fee: \$65/75 Deposit: \$20

July 29 - Aug. 4 - Duck Pass to Purple Lake (10 - 12)  
From Lake Mary in the Mammoth Lakes area we will pass a series of lakes and cross Duck Pass. We will then drop down to Duck Lake where there is a lot of fishing.  
Fee: \$45/55 Deposit: \$15

Aug. 12 - 20 - South Lake to North Lake (13 - 17)  
This route crosses the Sierra crest at Bishop Pass and follows part of the Muir Trail.  
Fee: \$65/75 Deposit: \$20

Aug. 26 - Sept. 1 - Palisade Glacier (10 - 12)  
Camping in a soft, green meadow and hiking on a glacier are highlights of this trip.  
Fee: \$45/55 Deposit: \$15

## ROCK CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING

Of all the challenges there are, the natural challenge is the most daring and yet the most rewarding. Whether it be to climb a mountain or cross a pass confronted by snow, ice and rock barriers or scaling a sheer rock wall, the feeling of accomplishment



once you've succeeded is unsurpassed by anything in the world. But you know that you have not conquered nature, you have only become closer to her; you have only gained more respect for her greatness. We offer rock climbing classes, a basic mountaineering trip and an aid climbing seminar.

### Rock Climbing Classes

June 17, 18

July 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30

Aug. 12, 13, 26, 27

Sept. 9, 10, 28, 29

Our rock climbing instructors have had extensive experience and are well qualified to give the beginner a safe and solid introduction to climbing. We also have intermediate and advanced classes to further your climbing ability. Classes are limited to no more than four students per instructor to insure close personal attention to each student. The sessions are held at Stoney Point in Chatsworth from 7:00 A.M. to approximately 4:00 P.M. All you need to bring are boots and a lunch. Price includes one day of instruction and all other equipment.

Fee: \$7.50/20.00

Deposit: \$7.50

### June 25 - July 1 - Advanced Rock Climbing Seminar

This is to instruct the intermediate and advanced rock climber in the techniques used on the walls of Yosemite and larger alpine peaks. With emphasis on student preference this seminar will be aimed towards teaching direct aid, hauling, three man techniques, bivouacs, and solo climbing. Transportation, food, and climbing equipment will be furnished.

Fee: \$115/125

Deposit: \$25

### July 22 - 30 - Basic Mountaineering Trip

Palisade Glacier over Jig Saw Pass back over South Fork Pass. A week of rock climbing, snow and ice climbing, and ice ax instruction for the beginning mountaineer.

Here you will find many small glaciers, snowfields, and ice couloirs along with some of the most magnificent rock

a climber could desire. We will supply transportation, tents, rope, climbing equipment and instruction.

Fee: \$50/60

Deposit: \$15

Sept 3 - 9 - Advanced Rock Climbing Seminar  
Same as the June 25 - July 1 Seminar.

## SURVIVAL

Early man was able to live entirely off the land by skills and knowledge that were partly instinctive and partly learned. As he became civilized he slowly lost his skills and knowledge and survival drifted away from it's true meaning; food and shelter. To teach you the true meaning of survival, the real meaning of food and shelter in its natural state and to show you what life really is, we offer two very thorough survival courses.

July 5 - 15 - Survival for Boys aged 11-16

Eleven days survival in the remote areas of southern Utah. This experience will include treks through canyons and over Pueblo Indian sites. Special emphasis will be placed on primitive survival techniques. Also included will be a one day solo experience. It will offer the young outdoor enthusiast a challenging and rewarding experience that will never be forgotten.

Equipment to bring:

1 wool blanket

1 complete change of clothes

1 pocket knife

1 suitable hiking footwear

1 warm jacket

1 hat or large scarf

Fee: \$95/105

Deposit: \$25

Aug. 3 - 28 - Survival for Men Aged 16 and Older

26 days of rugged living in remote areas of southern Utah. An extended survival program for the older, more rugged enthusiast. This course includes activities in physical conditioning, extended survival training, applied survival living, small group expeditions, and short solo living.



Although physically and mentally challenging, it can prove to be a rewarding experience.

Equipment to bring:

1 wool blanket

1 pocket knife

1 warm jacket

Fee: \$250/260

2 complete changes of clothes

1 suitable hiking footwear

1 hat or large scarf

Deposit: \$50

## RIVER TRIPS

A river is nature's trail through the wilderness. Discover new beauty as nature takes you on her own tour of her canyons, forests, and wild life. These trips will be in four or five man rubber rafts and will include life jackets, hearty breakfasts, trail lunches, hot dinners and experienced guides. At campsites you will have the opportunity to explore the land where in both trips there are remnants of past history.

### Sept. 2 - 3 - Stanislaus

Through the wilderness area of California's Gold Rush country at the foothills of the Sierras, the Stanislaus provides an exciting introduction to white water. Traces of Gold Rush days, Indian artifacts and Sierra wildlife make this trip a weekend you won't forget.

Fee: \$40/45

Deposit: \$10

### Sept. 4 - 8 - Rogue River

The Rogue River in Oregon flows through the rocky canyon of the Siskiyou National Forest towards the sea. The Rogue offers white water as well as warm pools for swimming. The area bears traces of pre-historic dwellers, the Indian wars, French fur traders, abandoned mines, and Zane Gray's cabin and is abundant in wild life. This is ideal for a family trip.

Fee: \$140/150

Deposit: \$30

## BICYCLE TOURS

Traveling in the open, aware of the sun and air and the land around you, using the strength of your body, leaving behind only a disturbed flow of air; this is bicycling.

Our three one day tours will meet at the starting point of each trip.

June 18 - Hidden Valley

Tour from Lake Sherwood through Hidden Valley.

Free - members only.

July 9 - Solvang

We will tour the area around Solvang and spend some time visiting the shops of this little Dutch town.

Free - members only.

Aug. 6 - Santa Barbara

We will take the bicycle route along the coast and travel through Hope Ranch.

Free - members only.

Aug. 20 - Sept. 1 - Eugene, Oregon to San Francisco

This trip is for those who want to do something big. Price will include all food, cooking, transportation and a truck to follow the entire trip in case of bicycle failure. The truck will carry food, extra gear and tools, and will stop at each campsite to prepare meals for the group.

Fee: \$95/105

Deposit: \$25

## LEADERS

### David Johnson

A graduate of Brigham Young University and a credentialed junior high school teacher. David is an experienced survivalist and has taught survival classes at B.Y.U. for many years.

### David Parry

A graduate of Brigham Young University in the department of youth leadership. He has been expedition director for B.Y.U.'s youth survival program for two years and has also actively instructed several adult survival programs.

### Paul Jablon

Paul has a B.A. in Physical Education and Health Education from S.F.V.S.C. and is working on a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling. He has taught P.E. and Health classes at University High School and Mt. Vernon Junior High. He has had five years backpacking experience and was camp supervisor and instructor for the Sierra Ski and Pack Club where he taught skiing, backpacking and horseback riding.

### Richard DeBernardis

With a B.A. in Psychology from U.C.L.A., Richard is working on his M.A. in Psychology and Education. He is a teacher at Montebello Intermediate School and has had much experience working with handicapped children. He was head counselor of the Sierra Ski and Pack Club and is experienced in skiing, cross country skiing, and backpacking.

### Bill and Terry Truckenmiller

With five years backpacking experience each, Bill and Terry have traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Bill has rock climbing experience and has worked with handicapped children while Terry has worked as a camp counselor for two years. Working together they make excellent leaders for our co-ed youth trips.

### Jim Thomsen

Jim is a member of the U.C.L.A. Mountaineers and has eight years backpacking and five years rock climbing experience.



He has worked in mountaineering stores for four years and is our equipment expert. He has traveled throughout the United States and has lead trips in Mexico and the Sierras.

#### Greg Thomsen

Greg has traveled throughout the world with climbing in the Alps, Japan, Bulgaria, and Nepal with an expedition to Mt. Everest. He has local experience climbing at Yosemite, the Needles and Tahquitz and has made a number of first accents in the Sierras. With five years of backpacking, Greg has been leading our backpacking trips and teaching our rock climbing classes.

#### Greg Bender

Greg has done much climbing at Tahquitz, Suicide Rock and made the first accent of the Looking glass route on the Whitney Butte. He has also done many first accents in Yosemite and the Needles. Greg teaches our rock climbing classes and with extensive backpacking experience in the Sierras has lead many of our youth trips.



To help us offer you the kind of program you would like, please complete the following:

I would like to see in your schedule:

- More backpacking trips
- More youth trips
- More river trips
- More one day bicycle tours
- More extended bicycle tours
- Weekend bicycle tours
- Mexico skin diving trips
- Sailing trips
- Horseback riding

International trips to:

- Mexico
- Canada
- Iceland
- South America
- Nepal
- Africa
- Other

Classes in:

- Bicycle techniques and maintenance
- Sailing
- Skin diving
- Making your own backpacking equipment

If there are any other programs or trips you would like to see in our schedule or if you have any suggestions please write them below:




## CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

If for any reason we must cancel a program we shall refund your entire deposit. If you must cancel a reservation we will refund your full deposit if we are notified 15 days before the beginning of the trip. If cancellation must be made after this date your money will be refunded only if we have a waiting list.

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