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Mt. Whitney Expedition

August 30 to September 3, 2007

LEADER: Gary Noreen

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate **COST:** \$40 per person **TRIP LIMIT:** 12

DESCRIPTION: At 14,496 feet, Mt. Whitney is the highest peak in the contiguous 48 United States. Climbing it is a moderately difficult backpacking trip. Trails are good, and heavily traveled, but the high altitude of the summit can make it hard to breath, and there is a narrow trail along a cliff near the summit. Many hike to the top and back in one day – we are taking three days to get to the top and one more day to return, giving us time to acclimate.

Schedule

- Thursday, August 30 – Drive from JPL to Whitney Portal (220 miles, 4 hours). Stay overnight in group campground (8,365'). Only 2 cars are allowed, so we need to carpool.
- Friday, August 31 – Depart Whitney Portal Campground at 10:00 AM for Outpost Camp (10,364', 3.5 miles)
- Saturday, September 1 – Hike to Trail Camp at 10:00 AM (12,039', 3 miles)
- Sunday, September 2 – Final assault on summit (14,496') beginning at 8:00 AM. Arrive by 2 PM. Return to Trail Camp (4.7 miles round trip) by 5 PM.
- Monday, September 3 – Leave Trail Camp at 10:00 AM; return to Whitney Portal (6.5 miles) by 3 PM.

NOTE: “All Mt. Whitney visitors must pack-out their solid human waste. Packing-out your waste helps maintain wilderness character and protects public health and safety.”

BRING: Backpacking gear and food for 4 day trip. We will discuss details at the pre-trip meeting.

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Noon in 238-543 on Friday, August 24, 2007

*If you have any questions, please call the Trip Leader, Gary Noreen, at (818) 354-6048 (office)
or (818) 653-8264 (cell).*

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

___ Adults and ___ Children (names on back) Enclosed is my check for: _____