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BACKPACK SECTION, LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

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Section members and public are invited.

SECTION MEETING

Meetings Resume!

Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:30 PM
(WE'RE MEETING IN THE LIBRARY)

Come to the Backpack Section meeting and share your summer backpacking experiences with us!

Editor's note: I apologize for my tardiness in distributing this newsletter. My schedule and priorities now make it difficult for me to fulfill my responsibilities as volunteer newsletter editor. I've enjoyed this role since April 2004, but it would be in the Section's best interest if someone else took over. Please let me or a Section officer know if you are interested in editing "Living It Up!"— Jean

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Backpack Section (BPS)

<http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/bps/>

Founded January 13, 1956, the BPS is an official activities section of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter, serving San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Benito counties in California. The Section sponsors backpacking trips to wilderness and scenic areas, ranging from easy beginner weekend outings to more rigorous expeditions of up to two weeks, no matter what the season. Most trips are within California and Nevada, mainly in local, state, or national parks, national forests, wilderness areas, and national monuments. All trip leaders are volunteers, and fees for trips are limited to actual costs incurred for expenses, such as group meals and permits.

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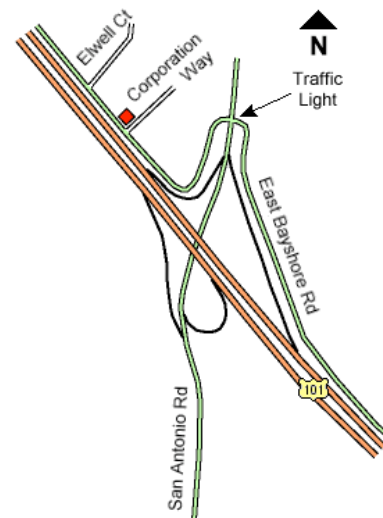
Members and nonmembers are invited to attend Section meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at Acterra in the Peninsula Conservation Center on the second Monday of every month except July and August. The evening's program is followed by a refreshment break, then Section business, conservation issues, trip reports, and discussions of upcoming trips.

Address

Acterra Building
Peregrine Room
(Library in September)
3921 E Bayshore Rd
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Directions

From Highway 101, exit San Antonio Rd (north). At the first traffic light, turn left onto E. Bayshore Rd, and continue 0.2 miles. Acterra is located at the corner of E. Bayshore Rd and Corporation Way.



PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

Submitted by Jean Higham-Sergeant, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

What ideas do you have?

In lieu of begging you to fill the Backpack Section's hard-core sounding volunteer position of programs coordinator, I'm asking instead for your ideas on what we might do for the evening programs at our monthly meetings. Can you or someone you know give a short presentation to a small group of people? Topics of interest are vastly numerous, including:

- Environmental issues
- Slide shows, near and distant trip destinations
- Equipment demonstrations/reviews
- How-to lectures
- Backcountry cooking demonstrations
- Poetry readings, book reviews
- Introductions to other Sierra Club sections and activities
- Photography
- Wildlife
- Wildflower/plant/mineral identification

Please pass along your ideas to any Section officer or appointee, or to Section Chair, Steve Sergeant, at backpack.chair@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org or at (408) 937-8116. 🏔️

TRIP REPORT

Emigrant Wilderness: 6 - 10 August 2007

by Herb Steierman,
<http://www.wildtramper.com>

On my five-day solo tramp into the Emigrant Wilderness, I finally made it to Karls Lake. Two years earlier I had

a similar adventure with this lake as a goal, but with twists and turns of confusing trail junctions, I spent that time enjoying other things. On this trip I started at the Gianelli trailhead, spent the first night at Powell Lake, spent two nights at my favorite campsite of Wire Lake, using the layover day

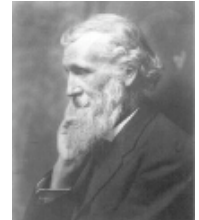
tramping to Karls Lake, and the last night in High-Relief Valley. Read the report, view the pictures, learn what other fisherman said, get directions and GPS locales, and find out what new equipment I liked. It's all at <http://www.wildtramper.com>. 🏔️

JOHN MUIR QUOTE

Muir Quotes Shakespeare

"One touch of nature...makes all the world kin."

*From A Parable of Sauntering
(Quoting William Shakespeare:
Troilus and Cressida, iii. 3.)* 🏔️



ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS

General information

Trip registration

Participants need not be Section members, however, trip leader approval is required. Contact the trip leader to preregister. For by-mail trip registration, send the trip leader two large, self-addressed, stamped envelopes (SASEs) with your name, address, work and home phone numbers, e-mail address, a summary of your back-packing experience, and if specified in the trip description, send a check made out to the trip leader.

Trip ratings

Max Daily Mileage	
Distance in Miles	Rating
0 - 5	1
5 - 7.5	2
7.5 - 10	3
10 - 15	4
15+	5

Up-to-date trip information

All trip information is subject to change. The Section Web site at <http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/bps/> may reflect changes that occur after *LUI!* publication. Contact the trip leader for up-to-date information.

Liability waiver

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. You may review the liability waiver in advance at <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or

contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

The Sierra Club assumes no responsibility of liability for transportation by private vehicle.

Equipment loans

Two bear canisters and some trail maintenance tools are available for loan (deposit required) to Section leaders and members. For details, contact Matt Hahne, Equipment Manager, (408) 749-9968.

Max Daily Elev Gain	
Elevation in Feet	Rating
0 - 1,000	A
1,000 - 2,000	B
2,000 - 3,000	C
3,000 +	D

Additional Criteria	
Description	Code
Cross-country* (Off-trail travel with backpack)	-xc
Lightweight (Fitness/base pack-weight requirements)	-lw

* Any trip may include optional cross-country hikes from camp
NR = not rated (Contact trip leader for information)

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