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At Base Camp

UP ROPE Dictionary of Rock Climbing

Climber. An individual who can tie a bowline, tie a figure-8, and tie his (her) shoes; knows how to belay; frequently found near the bottom, half-way up, or at the top of cliffs.

Day Trip. An excursion to a local cliff where short (usually 100 feet or less) top-roped climbs are rigged. Attended by Climbers of all skill levels.

Trip Leader. A climber who is believed by other climbers to be able to set-up and manage top-roped climbs safely. Can follow directions to a climbing area that he (she) has never been to before; writes down names for trip report; brings the garbage bags; selects the beer-joint for after.

Work trip. An excursion to a climbing area or Nelson House where climbers expend some energy in fixing up the place and then climb (or hike) the next day. In WV, bring your own beer.

Lead Climbers. Two climbers who have enough experience with their own ability and the other's ability

to trust each other in an activity that is at the same time very lonely and very shared; know how to set up belay anchors, use protection, manage ropes, and expect the unexpected.

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A proposal for revision of the by-laws is being prepared and will be presented to the MS members for final approval or disapproval at the November MS meeting. The push for change comes from the feeling of dismay which overcomes anyone reading our current version. Many aspects of the operation of our Section are ambiguous to the point of chaos. For starters, we don't really know who the members are and we don't have a fixed procedure for people to become members. (How about, if your mother was one then...) The only honest answer to the question "How do I join the MS?" is "We don't know."

Extensive revisions will be proposed in the sections of the by-laws concerning membership, officers' duties, committees, and meetings.

A draft of the proposed changes will be distributed at the October MS

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